THRILLING ADVENTURE The following adventure, although happening some time ago, has never appeared in print. The hero, a resident of Cincinnati, for by that title he deserves to be known, was a messenger in the employ of the Adams Express Comyany, and running on the O. & M. Railroad, between Cincinnati and St. Louis. One intensely cold night in widwinter, in 1866, the express train from Cincinnati reached East St. Louis several hours late. The magnificent bridge over the Mississippi had not been constructed, and passengers and freight had to be transferred by ferry boat. At the time re- all lung troubles. Don't waste time ferred to the river was frozen over, and teams passed over without difficulty or danger in the daytime. But at night, owing to the treacherous air holes in the ice, no transfer could be made. The messenger, when he reached East St. Louis, had \$90,000 in currency with him, and had been instructed to deliver it to the St. Louis office that night, the east side of the river not being regarded as very safe at that time. A little after 10 o'clock at night, equipped with a lantern and carrying his valuable burden with him the messenger started across the river. The mercury was below zero, and the wind blowing a gale added to the discomfort. There was a mile of ice be tween him and his destination, with hundreds of invisible air-holes to look out for and avoid, but he counted upon making the shore in half an hour at most. He made good progress for the first half of the distance, when a slip on the ice and a fall extinguished the lantern. In such a wind a match could not be made to burn, and there was left no other course but to retrace his steps or push on. He chose the latter, because he could be guided by the street lamps in the city. Getting down upon his hands and knees, he commenced his journey anew. Every few feet he would encounter a dangerous place, aud must crawl around it, sometimes a distance of only a few feet and often several rods. Not a single foot of the distance could be traveled upright. Many times he felt discouraged and tempted to give up. After a while he felt himself slowly freezing to death as he recognized the symptoms, and he felt a sort of joy that he could at least die a painless death after the suffering he had been enduring. But he pushed on in spite of the drowsiness that was rapidly overcoming him. At length he reached the shore, when he for the first time thought of a new danger in the rough characters that belong on the river front. Thus stimulated he tried to make his way up town. Fortunately he run across a policeman, who literally dragged him to the express office. He was able only to hand the package to the receiving clerk, and sank to the floor insensible. He had been two hours in making the distance, and more than two-thirds of that time had been spent in crawling over the ice. He recovered, but his shortened, stubby fingers of both hands, tell in part the story of the terrible suffering of

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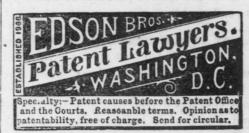
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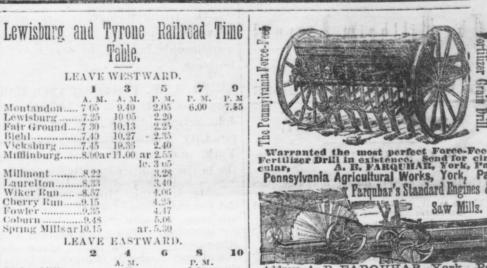
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