RAILWAY GUARD'S STORY.

single line to work on. That is neces-

sarily ticklish, but it'll be all right to-

"Thanks. Well, good day: I shall

trust you to win my bet for me, and

will drop in later this week with your

ed him cordially, and ne went on. I

laughed very heartily in my glee. That

£25 was as good as mine. We should have won in any ease; but now-you

may be sure I was in earnest when I

spoke to our driver and stoker the next

day. They, like me, felt a warm glow

of satisfaction at the prospect, and we

were none the less pleased at our final

"Amid a storm of cheers from the

many spectators on the platform that

night, we set out from King's Cross

here for Aberdeen. Our train consist-

ed of the engine and tender-our very best, I need scarcely say with five

oaches and the guard's van. The ex-

et number of passengers I can hardly

give, but I should say there were about

thirty-two. I had, of course, a full list

of all stoppages, times and likely con-

full steam. We passed through Peters-

brough at the rate of seventy-two

miles an hour, about a minute before

we were nominally due. On through

Trantham, Doneaster and Selby, till we

time table by about two and a haif

For the first time there was no

stoppage at York and we rushed along

toward Newcastle, through Darlington

and Duran. As you know, we always

felt uncertain about this piece of road

etween York and Newcastle, the traf-

fic is so heavy; but on this occasion.

to my great delight, there was not the

speed, and you may to sure it was

with mutual congratulation and smil-

ing faces that the driver and myself

saw, as we drew up at Newcastle plat-

form for a ten minutes' stay, that we

were actually five minutes before any

"Well, to shorten my tale, all went

bridge over the Tay bridge and through

Dundee, until we began to get within

measurable distance of Aberdeen, I

found, on referring to my watch, that now, just before entering on this piece

of single line which I have previously

spoken of, we were about fifteen min-

was going well, our speed being now

"We entered on this last portion of

our journey and had gone about a

couple of miles, when I fancied I felt

a slight slackening of our speed. Be-

fore another mile had been covered

this was more plainly evident, and

when I heard those portentious whis-

tles of the engine I knew that the sig-

nals were against us. It was most an-

noying to be thus pulled up-almost at

"Whatever could the signal man be

thinking of? His instructions had been

very strict. Our train gradually slack-

at that wretched signal. As no notice

was taken of our repeated whistling, I

was about to go forward myself to the

signal box to see what was the matter.

ward him. He protested, in reply to

my angry query, that he signaled the

line as being clear for the last half

hour, but I assured him that the sig-

nal was against us. He promised to

see to it, and inquire into this awkward

affair, and we resumed our journey,

"But though we dashed into Aber-

deen with much puffing of the engine

at least four minutes before our an-

not been for that unexplained contre-

There was, of course, an immediate

it was found, on examination, that the

signalman was not to blame, as the

ing seen a gentlemanly fellow walking

near the line the day before, and tak-

ing a stroll that way later in the even-

ing, but he was not at all sure he could

recognize him again. Doubtless the

company might have offered a high

failed to elucidate the whereabouts of

"It certainly struck me as rather

curious on my return south, a day or

two afterwards, that I had no call or

ing me for having led him astray, even

speak-for the next day or two at

It was about a fortnight or so later

"'Dear Mr. James-Thanks to your

that I received a letter from New York.

ticklish' portion of your line to Aber-

een, we were enabled to carry out our

plan successfully. You see that we had

bet that the London & Northwestern

would win, not the Great Northern, and

so took steps to win our wager. You will

packing your line, won't you? also that

Co., eh? I am sorry you lost your promised reward-ha! ha!-but there

re three £5 notes inclosed as a sola-

est thanks. You will pardon my last

piece of advice. Mr. James-don't an-to strangers. Good bye. My future

address will be unknown, as the mon-

Yours truly. J. B. "Who J. H. was nobody ever knew

-London Tid-Bits.

y which I won will keep me for some

, of coure, we said nothing about it

the company. But it taught me a

sson, I can tell you, and ever since-

ah, there is the whistle, and off she goes on her long journey to the north

The next train is mine. Good night,

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Among the new English inventions are

steel cycle fitting; sections of

tium, one for each of you, with my

bout belonging to the firm of B-&

excuse the little fib I told you as to

letter from my former visitor, denounc-

in ignorance. I must say I felt both ashamed and humbled-half afraid, so

the prospect of meeting him.

I opened it and read as follows:

nformation as to which was the

victory was not ours.

so to do.

soon attaining good speed again.

ed until it came to a dead stor

utes before our expected time.

nearly eighty miles an hour.

the very last lap, so to speak,

record time for this journey.

arrived at York still in front of our

"We were not long in getting up

ingencies already made out.

orders, before setting out, from one of

"We shook hands warmly; I thank-

morrow stockt

our chief officials:

'Do your best.

We were on the platform at King's and Montrose, where we have only a Cross. The evening train for Aberdeen was drawn up, ready for its world famous journey. Everyone was eagerly waiting for the whistle which betokened the time for departure. This was the train that had run so well in that renowned race of last year, which had thrilled all the British nation.

'A fine train, sir," I said to a guard of another late train, who stood by me, contemplating, like myself, the busy scene, and whom I knew slightly. 'Aye, sir, it is a fine train, this one Talk about excitement. Why, I could tell you a regular story about it, that night as we can from King's Cross here

to Newcastle without a stop. That was something like a run, wasn't it?" "It was, indeed; and if it is not troubling you too much I'd like to hear your story just while we are waiting to see the train pull off."

"Very well, sir. Let's sit down on this seat here. We shall be less dis-We did so, and my friend commenced

his tale. 'I was the guard of this train on that particular night, sir. Our usual course was to run to York without a stop, then on to Berwick, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. Where we did stop it was the least possible time we could. Three nights before though we had gone a

miles an hour, the other company had beaten us by about five minutes. But this night all our officials not only hoped, but had made all preparations both for beating the London and Northwestern, and also breaking the record. We had orders that it was to be done, if at all possible, at any cost; hence we were all, for the two preceding days, in a state of intense excite-

large part of the distance at eighty

"I was sitting at home the day before the eventful run was to take purce, smoking my pipe and thinking deeply, when I was aroused by a sharp knock at the door. On mening it, I found a tall, fair haired gentleman of them 39, who asked smilingly if Mr. James-that's my name-was at home. and if he could see him.

I informed him of my identity and invited him in. Having offered him a chair I asked him what might be his He smiled affably as he said; Well, Mr. James, I'm afraid you don't often get visitors on my errand. You are, I believe, to be the guard on the Great Northern Express to Aberdeen tomorrow night?

'That is so.' I replied, watching him keenly and awaiting his-next inquiry. Well, I have learned-by what means I need not say-what, probably, most of you on the line think is quite a secret, viz., that there is to be very determined attempt by your train tomorrow night to beat the record, as well as the other company's train. I am not seeking information as to this since you will see that I know it. But I thought it as well to call and ask your private opinion of the chances of success, if you would not be averse to giv-ing me it on the q. t. You see, I am well known man in the racing world. You have doubtless heard of B-& Co?

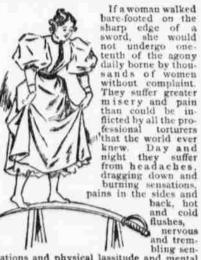
be smiled again "Exactly. Well, we have the offer of a bet of £500 to £300 that your train does not beat the London and Northwestern tomorrow night. I am, of course, inclined to accept the bet, but thought it wise just to drop in and ask your opinion first (on the strict q. t.) as to the chances of your success. You may be sure that if you win for us our firm will not forget you and the driver and stoker. I recon a "pony" would be very welcome, wouldn't it. for yourself, and a "tenner" for each of the others?"

My mouth watered, Twenty-five pounds so easily earned didn't come some down my way every week.

You can depend on us tomorrow night, sir,' said I. 'We shall have all in readiness and shall certainly do the trick. Why, bless you, though it's strictly private, we are going to run to Newcastle without a stop."
"He had a drink of whiskey with me

and then he rose to go. 'Oh, by the by, said he, before leaving 'there's no risk of your having to stop on the way, I suppose? I mean for feelish passengers who might get nervous at the speed and pull the communication cord, or anything of that sort? And there is no part of the rail to be blockd, as there was a few nights ago at

Darlington, I suppose?'
'No, I think both contingencies are very unlikely, the latter especially. The company has arranged all that for tonight. The only awkward piece of line is that between Arbreath



ations and physical lassitude and mental despondency. The whole body is tortured with pain and the entire nervous system is racked. If they consult the average ob-scure physician, he will attribute their bad feelings to stomach, liver, kidney, heart or nervous trouble. If, by accident, he hits upon the right cause, he will insist upon the disgusting examinations and local treat ment so embarrassing to a sensitive, mod-

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AN INCIDENT AT THE CITY HOSPITAL.

A Woman's Life Barely Saved by a Critical Operation-Her Health Destroyed.

There was a hurry call for the ambulance of the City Hospital. In the course of an hour a very sick young woman was brought in on a stretcher. She was pale as death and evidently suffering keen agony. There was a hasty exam ination and a consultation. In less than a quarter of an hour the poor creatis was on the operating table to undergo the operation called ovariotomy. There was no time for the usual

had burst before removal, she would have died almost instantly! That young woman had had warnings enough in the terrible pains, the burning sensation, the swelling low down on her left side. No one advised her, so she suffered tortures and nearly lost her life. I wish I had met her months before, so I could have told her of the virtues of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. As it

is now, she is a wreck of a woman. Oh, my sisters, if you will not tell a doctor your troubles, do tell them to a woman who stands ever ready to relieve you! Write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., confide freely to her all your troubles, and she will advise you free of charge; and if you have any of the above symptoms take the advice of Miss Agnes Tracy, who speaks from experience and says: 'For three years I had suffered with inflamma-

was so badly affected that I had to sleep with pillows under my side, and then the pain was so great it was impossible to rest. Every month I was in bed for two or three days. I took seven bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and am entirely cured. Ithink

tion of the left ovary, which caused dreadful pains.

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into all manner of sockets and functions and then perfectly calibrated, thus secut ng interchangeability and avoidance of erain. Another invention is a scorcher chainless cycle, the driving wheel (in place of sprocket) being as large as the ground wheels, equal to 150 gear. The sear wheel tire carries the axles of eight mall rubber-tired wheels, alternating en ach side-total 16. This, coupled with he power put forth by the unders on the slightest need for a diminution of edal, causes each small wheel fat that astant touching the ground, to slip from laimed that speed can be made a mile a onto, The invention certainly seems be a step in advance so far as speed, weight, is concerned. The average well to Edinburgh, over the Forth rider prefers a light bicycle and average

A LITERARY LIGHT.



Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins, the author of "The Prisoner of Zenda," proves, on the closer acquaintance which his visit to this country is now yielding, no attractive as a man than as a writer, when I saw the signal man waving a His public readings from his own works white light. We advanced slowly toest satisfaction; and in the busy cours of friendly dining through which he has been put since he landed he has shown himself the kindliest and most unassuming of guests of honor.

Mr. Hawkins is now 34 years old. He

began life as a lawyer, and in 1892 he made a vigorous but unsuccessful canvass or a Liberal seat in parliament. waiting for clients he began to write stories. He made his way but slowly at first; he had been writing four or fly years before he achieved a pronounce success in "the Prisoner of Zenda pointed time, we were too late. That miserable stoppage on the single line "The Dolly Dialegues" followed and con-firmed his popularity. It is an interest-ing fact that while he is visiting in this had 'killed us,' and we found that the London and Northwestern train had country an American magazine will be gin publication of a sequel to the story which was his great success. McCiure's beaten us by three minutes. Had it temps a short time before we should Mugazine for December will contain the opening chapters of "Rupert of Henthave beaten them easily. As it was, we broke the record, but the glory of gau," a new Zenda novel which continue the history of the love of Rudolf Ras-sendyll and Princess Flavia. They were extremely onguging people as they pre-sented themselves in "The Prisoner e quiry into the cause of the delay, and Zenda"; but those who have had the privilege of reading the new story say that they are still more engaging in it, signal wires had been tampered with during the early morning, since the and that the series of adventures through which it carries them is one to keep read-ers sitting up all night. The story has passing of the last train northward, an hour or so before. Hence the signal would not work when the lever was friend, Charles Dana Gibson, pulled. The signalman recollected hav-

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

From the New York Press. The more a man sees of women the more he likes little girls. reward for any information, but as all efforts of Scotland Yard detectives an opera by Wagner. the gentleman, it seemed of little use

ever have tobacco heart.

When a girl lies down on a divan with lot of cushions on it she loses all her

"Two or three very continuous properties." hairpins; when a man does it he loses ail the change out of his pocket.

man miserable; if she doesn't commit sui-ride, she goes off and gets married. A baby can keep a man awake all night and it's all right, but if a man keeps the baby awake ten minutes all the women folk in the house call him a brute. When the average man is getting mar-

ied he gets 'mest as nervous as he does when he watches for the bulletins of a A man will generally find at the basis and immediate success." of his wife's good opinion of the man next door the fact that she once saw him out in the front yard helping his wife water

About the time a woman begins to quit lying about her age she begins to lie about her daughter's. A man never has any money. Before he gets married he spends it, and after he gets married his wife does. Lot's wife probably wouldn't have looked back if Lot hadn't kept hollering

t her not to.

A widow is the only one who appre dates that what a man cast is just as mportant to him as what a woman wear s to her.

A woman is never as nice to her second rusband, and a man is never as mean to his second wife.

The most successful ministers are those

who always notice when a woman isn't a The average man doesn't suffer near such when he has the yellow jaundice a when his wife has a pink tea.

Women are born to hart the thing they ove most; even a little girl likes a doll lest that will cry when she plaches it. best that will cry when she pinches it.
When a mun grows up and falls in love
he never feels the thrills he did when he
was a boy and first put perfumery on his handkerchief. A woman's idea of diplomacy is being

nice to the coal man in the spring.

old-drawn stret are pressed and punched FIDDELED HIS WAY TO VICTOR The welfare, much less the Independ-An Election District Was Carried at

an Informal Dance.

preparation. Her left ovary was on

the point of bursting: when it was re-

moved, it literally disintegrated. If it

From the Detroit Free Press. "Never scorn any of your honorable attainments," counseled the old judge. who has been on the bench in his district for a third of a century. "I heeded this advice in my own case or I'd not be where I now am, and where I'm liable to stay as long as I'm in the order him, as it were, with trementous harness. The first time I was nomivelocity on to the next small wheel. It is nated I was with the minority party and had little hope of election. The highest flight of my ambition was to make a good showing. In the river district along the docks there was a dense population, and as the voters there went, so went the district. I was told there was no chance of making any inroads there, but I wanted to satisfy myself by personal inquiry. I happened there on the night of a little dance at the house of a rough lyst influential giant among the river men. and dropped in to have a talk with some of those present. My opponent had been invited, but sent his regrets. My reception was a chilling one, and I was figuring on getting away as gracefully as possible, when it was discovered that the fiddler was prematurely under the influence of refreshments and could not play. A canvass of the invited guests showed that no one could supply the vital accomplishment to the festivities, and the entertainment began to assume the appearance of a dismal failure.

"Perhaps I can help you out, gentlemen.' I volunteered with inward blings, for I had not touched fiddle since I used to saw away in the kitchen at the old farm home.

"In no time they had me on top of a barrel, fiddle, bow and rosin in my hands. Their enthusiasm was an inspiration, for it meant votes. Merrily and vigorously I rendered such classies as 'Money Musk,' 'We Kent the Pig in the Parlor' and 'O'Reilly's Reel, while the dancers shook the house and shouted approval. 'More power to his elbow,' and 'It's him as will be the nixt jidge,' was the music that I heard on every hand till I gave the 'Home, Sweet Home' at 4 in the morning, I went in with a whoop, and have been going in ever since."

STORY OF A FAMOUS POEM. Written, Then Stowed Away in a Desk for Three Years.

From the Philadelphia Press. Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe, who Curfew Must Not Ring To-Night," lives in a pretty frame cottage at Pacific Beach, near San Diego, Cal. When asked recently to tell how she came to write the poem that has made her famous, she replied:

"I cannot remember when I did not write poetry. I have done it ever since was a child. My mother did not ap prove of my writing. One day after school I went to my room. I had been studying the historic period of the seem, and the incident impressed itself so strongly on my mind that I felt impelled to write about it. I was about half way through when my mother come in, saying a young friend had come to spend the afternoon and take The average man would just as lief listen to the steam radiator pipes as 10 out: "Oh, mother, can't she wait a an opera by Wagner.

Hitle while?" My mother, thinking I If most men had to kiss their wives ev-ery time they sucked a c'gar they would metic, said she would amuse my friend was solving a hard problem in arithuntil I could leave. At last I finished

"Two or three years later I wanted a poem for publication in a Detroit A girl is always bound to make some paper to which I had been in the habit of contributing short poems gratuitous-ly. I was unable at the time to write as usual, and, on looking over my pa pers found this one, which I decided to send, though doubting its acceptance, as it was so long. A day or two later I received a note from the editor complimenting my last contribution highly, and prophesying for it great

> HONEY IN AN ANCIENT HOUSE. Workmen Demolishing an Old Residence Find Many Bees.

From the Boston Transcript. Workmen have discovered a large quantity of honey in the walls of the old Hawes house at Yarmouthport. The house has sheltered many generations of Cape Cod people. The house is



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now undergoing demolition. Though it was supposed that the house had not been occupied for some time, there was a sound of smothered groans when the work of tearing away began. When an opening had been made in the walls the occupants proceeded to drive away the intruders and used their weapons of defence to such effect that the worken were forced to retreat.

The sleepy bees that had sought the quiet of the slumbering walls had been unceremoniously aroused from their sleepy existence. There were myriads of them and they had made a quite a hive between the walls. The work was abandoned until the cooler weather, when the honey will be removed. Onwhole side of the building is solidly packed with the honey and it is expected that hundreds of pounds will be taken out.

JAPAN AND HAWAIL.

Whatever May be Said to the Contrary the Japanese Are Not an Emigrating People.

From Harper's Magazine, This is a delicate subject, I know, but I cannot refrain from saying that Americans especially should appreciate the solicitude which Japan feels in the welfare of her subjects in foreign countries. The Japanese government has never permitted the establishment of anything like a "coolie" system among her people. If they go abroad, it desires that they shall go as men, and not as numbers, and it asks and expects for them the same treatment and the same protection as are accorded to other strangers. Whatsoever may be said to the contrary, the Japanese are not an emigrating people; but, to provide for all contingencies, an nigration law has been enacted, carefully framed, to protect the emigrant, and to prevent him from going to countries where he would not be welcome Japanese emigration to Hawall involves this among other questions. That emigration was instituted upon the solicitation of Hawaii under the strictly guarded stipulations of a special treaty once of Hawaii, has never been endangered by the operations of that treaty. On the contrary, Japanese immigration was zealously promoted and encouraged in the islands until political contingencies rendered another policy advisable. Japan did not seek he treaty, but her prople have been induced to resort to Hawali undo the guarantees it provides, and certainly no one with any sense of Justice can now blame her for endeavoring to conserve their rights.

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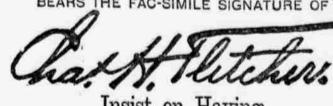
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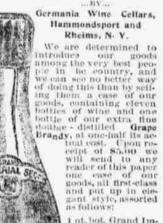
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