

THE train was reported half an under the foot of the curtain, blinding

hour late. We closed the cab windows and dropped the cur-tain. Harry put the blower the temperature. I tried to invent a on a quarter of a turn to carry off the gas. We lighted our pipes, cocked our heels on the boller butt and listened in to remember that engineers seldom comfort to the howling blast without. have a chance to get square.

As I sat and puffed on my fragrant old brierwood my gaze became riveted on brake rod of the head car and gone the only thing visible, the steam gauge, like a spectral face suspended in the back to the caboose. Long before I got back the lamp was transformed into a soothing hum of the blower, the to hit hard enough to smash anything. warmth and sense of coziness, combined with the hypnotic effect of my fixed and the hypnotic effect of my fixed ar hanging to this one by the link and the car hanging to this one by the link and the leaves to rail agree the steam. If the hearty welcome we had already re-ed with the hypnotic effect of my fixed ar hanging to this one by the link and the leaves the link and the hypnotic effect of my fixed ar hanging to this one by the link and the leaves the link and the hypnotic effect of my fixed ar hanging to this one by the link and the leaves the link and the hypnotic effect of my fixed the center of the uniform blackness. The miniature leeberg, but I didn't happen tze, set me to dreaming. Tomorrow would be Christ, and pin. We got it up in the tender after awhile and coupled it. I called the flag, and Davis, nearly frozen, elimbed aboard. He said there was no flag out, Something had to be done and quick. gaze, set me to dreaming. moor little heart a flutter at the pros- the tail lights being in plain sight from pect of a visit from that dreaded in- the yard, and he commenced to criticise tor general, her mother-in-law, had my solution of the recent difficulty, saying I should have backed the whole rold B b had nearly wrecked his train down into the yard and demandconderful patience by his ed the services of a pusher. There futile, and I had "figgered" on the runs didn't seem to me to be the time to llsor a month to make sure of being ten to switch shanty railroading, so I wheels and machinery. It had drifted wounded finger and dressed it with this the greatest Christmas shut him and drove him back to his was. For a wonder, I had doghouse. By the time they got the in valu. Everything had drawhead back into its place in the exactly as I had hoped it car and we got away from the siding voald. I would get home early enough we had been four hours coming a little for Christmas dinner and late enough over four miles-a magnificent beginto preclude the possibility of being sent ning truly.

"Our turkey 'll be cold, Alec," Harry again before the next day. whing wreath of blue smoke float- remarked jokingly after we had startis the face of the gauge arrest- ed again.

ed the selfish course of my thoughts "Frozen," I replied slowly. ad directed them to the boy on the I couldn't get them going over twelve her side of the cab. Harry Mervin miles an hour, and from that we ran hid been on the road only a couple of down to about the speed of a slow months, most of which time he had walk. She didn't steam very freely, been firing for me. He was bright, which was to be expected. The weathdeasant and willing. It now occurred er would have chilled a boiler jacketed to me that I rather liked him, but that with a foot of asbestus. She kept call-I knew absolutely nothing about him. ing for more water, so I was not sur-It wasn't so very many years ago that prised when while oiling I discovered was a strange boy on this same road her flues to be leaking badly. After nyself, and this was Christmas eve. I that I never passed a water plug, and made a pretense of getting a light for the plump vision of my Christmas turmy pipe at the gauge lamp and leaned key faded in inverse geometrical ratio to my progress.

Where are you going to spend Daylight showed us a white Christ-Christmas, Harry?" I shouled above mas with a vengeance. The storm was the noise of the gale and the slatting

of the curtain. The fire glowed brightly in the bowl of his pipe once, twice, before he an-swered. He leaned against the boller on his side so that I could barely discern his features in the dim light and

replied cheerlessly: Oh, in the board'n' house, I guess. Where else? They're agoin' to have roast turkey an' cranberry sauce an' plum pudd'n', I hear."

I soon knew his story-a stepmother hree months after his own mother's ath and, I mentally added, a redheaded stepson. He had picked up a general idea of firing while beating his way on here from Wisconsin, and, haping to arrive at our roundhouse ust as a man was urgently needed. he caught on.

"They're callin' us," he concluded, and giving the bellrope a ferk, he ed down to hook up his fire. When I got coupled up and he stepped up in the cab again, I said: "We expect to have a little time at

our house tomorrow. Harry, and I

and the engine clock, less than two feet which so often intervenes on behalf of wafted through the open door from the

p and the helpless led us stumbling and half kitchen. frozen to the back door of the house. What a Farmer Belknap had essayed a trip railroaders!

on the sitting room lounge when, like to the minute. no time on the engine. Seeing me looking at my watch, Har-ry asked me if it was broken. I told him it was, "That's nothing," said he, "So's the record." I tried to grin, but just then she plumped into a cut at the foot of a slight grade that was filled twarm feet daen when they opened the inner twarm feet daen when they ope I had no longer any need to worry

about following trains. I was anchored dragged us inside. The next thing I saw was brown coal. We wouldn't freeze, and there was water enough for a long siege ex- where Harry was manfully attacking toes under the hospitable mahogany of her bathing suit. The house is then cept for those leaky flues. Engineers when snowbound must keep their engines alive that trains may proceed the moment the road is Otherwise avanuate many was marting with each of buckwheat cakes which is stack of buckwheat cakes which is stack of buckwheat cakes which is the four is the moment is the moment of the moment of the moment seated opposite Harry. Suste double seated opposite Harry. Suste double is the four is the moment of the moment of the moment of the moment seated opposite Harry. Suste double seated opposite Harry is a stack to buck at it new is the very merri-est Christmas I ever spent, and I know the little house, and the bather enters opened. Otherwise expensive delays banked her mother at the griddle, and Sne and Harry do. will occur from thawing out, watering and firing up dead engines in most in-convenient places. My great problem we sent the level of the buckwheat four barrel down as though the bot-tom had fallen out of it. The famine

was how to get water into the boiler. relieved, we cleaned up a bit, and the A Sort of Temporary Paralysis That

Something had to be done, and quick-ly, for the water was leaking out of her be done, and quick-ly, for the water was leaking out of her la be done, and quick-ly her dog were went there and nobody had ever fallen into it before, he hadn't every minute, and I had only two gauges in her when I stopped. We got the spare scoop shovel and sank a shaft through the snow on the lee side of the spare scoop shovel and sank a shaft her. Then we cleared the snow away that we didn't start the day before. from under her and all about the Mrs. Belknap and Susie soaked out my a natural arch over her by this time, some of the soothing salve homemade so that it was quite warm down there. for father when he cut his foot with Harry brought down the hammer, the ax.

some wrenches and the torch and re- The warmth, light and comfort of ported barely one gauge of water in the cozy parlor, not to mention the conthe boller. It was time indeed to hur- genial company, contrasted so strongly with the bitter gale and the dirty,

It was an awkward place to work, cheerless cab that we found it impossi-and the smoke from the torch nearly ble to combat the urgent invitation of destroyed its usefulness. I took down the side rods that I might have but That night we slept on feathers bethe side rods that I might have but one pair of wheels to turn. I thereby tween blankets, and as I drowsed off I reduced the amount of friction to be remember Harry droning a lot of rapovercome by the use of steam, which was water, the article I was interested urous twaddle in my ear about sweet Susie Belknap. In the morning the storm had mod-

I pounded my thumb and cut off a joint of my left forefinger as the last erated somewhat, and I began to worry about the engine. Should anything end of the last side rod unexpectedly happen to her in my absence the cold, slipped clear. Harry chewed me a tobacco poultice and tied it on with a piece of rag torn from his jumper. We stances. We each took on another big shouts of his fellows of the approacheft the rods in the snow, gave the rails and tires a good oiling and hur-ried up into the cab. There was a flut-

ter of water in the bottom gauge cock, so I slipped and pumped her until she threw water out of the stack. The water was squirting out of four ieaky flues in a way that would soon iet us to shoveling snow into the tank. thought I heard a suspicious smack, but I won't swear to that. Still, these peculiar trance at one time or earthc

tressing and dull tools, I made five away and forgot the coffee! taper flue plugs out of a plece of coal board. Harry covered the fire with without much trouble. The curtain large number of them as well as other large number of them as well as other large number of them as well as other Ine coal and snow and put on the without much trouble. The curtain blower to carry off the smoke and gas. had caught fire from the furnace door I threw the coal boards in on the and broken every pane of glass in the banked fire and crawled in with my cab, rendering it uninhabitable. The

where, but the experience I went were both fire and water in her, so I through in that hot firebox, perched | didn't much care.

by bolling water, and, in spite of the kept my engine alive, my stomach was

were the tightest flues in her. "Twas a good job and well done. The perration congealed on my face the instant I stuck it out of the firebox door, and before my feet were out there were

Shorily after this that Providence odors of coffee and plum pudding were

What a sight for tired and hungry to the barn to look after his stock, and "We waited for you, pal Pa, we waited for you" should boisterous the regular after dinner map, leaving the Bob, and so they had. Katie had worn learing up to her buxom daughter, a path through the snow to the switch Amer The old lady had just dozed off tower and had timed our arrival home seaside door. Susie was the first to identify us my cap 1 would see a girlish figure American. Instead of the ordinary as human beings, and together they wave a white cloth from the back dressing rooms, Ostend was the firs plazza. Harry was promoted the fol- place to use the little individual houses The next thing I saw was brown lowing spring, and the next Christmas on wheels, into which the intending eyed Susie bustling about the table, Katle and I and Bob stretched out our bather goes to disrobe and don his or

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occur every year on the various rall- his way. The bathing costumes see road systems throughout the country at Ostend are noted for their scantl are not in every case due, as is gen- ness, the striking peculiarity of which erally supposed by the public, to neg- however, lies in the fact that the suits the workers themselves," said a New have any skirts attached to them, e York physician and surgeon employed erybody-men, women and children by the New York Central railroad. "The fact is, the hearing of these men in time becomes affected owing the bath houses being identically the same instant stooping position which for both men and women.

This I might describe more clearly as a temporary sort of paralysis which af-

fects simultaneously both the mind few seconds, but those few seconds ed visitor coolly mean life or death when a fast train is approaching. "A rail layer who may be in perfect my trunk stay at the depot and to physical condition is not proof against notify me of the first train I can take the powerful fascination as he gazes home. So sorry I can't stay longer.' along the rails and sees an engine Chicago Record-Herald. with its row of cars coming toward fishy eye of the master mechanic would him at express speed. Although he has fail to discern extenuating circum- been warned by the lookout and the

tank of homemade sausage and pan- ing danger, he will pay no heed, but cakes and felt fit for the deed of our stand spellbound for an instant. And dead? that instant's delay is generally fatal.

In spite of my sore finger, its clumsy redheaded fellows-hang him, he came during their careers on the track. And mals are also subject to 'engine trance,' particularly dogs and cats, and that no animals that are killed on the railroad." -New York Times.

Unknowable Russia.

Those who are permitted to speak the open truth in Russia may be counted n the fingers of one hand, and then half of them will be left unused. Why these people are tolerated is one of the Washington Star. ecrets of state. Outside of these only hose who write works of fiction, which products of Russia are out on cold storage. It is the coldest part of the country and honest people are sent there when the country becomes too hot for them. When the innocent tourist asks, "Where are your honest people?" Siberia is pointed out to him. If he asks more questions, he is himself sent there. The government objects to questions on genral principles. Russia refuses to be C.M Interviewed.-B. G. Richards in Reader Magazine. An Underground Confession

BATHING AT OSTEND.

The Contrast Between Belgian and American Beach Customs.

• the little house, and the bather enters the water without having to prome nade over the sand. At the end of the bath the bather mounts the steps into his little house and, calling the drive again, has his dressing room hauled up carelessness on the part of worn by the women rarely, if ever

they are obliged to assume in laying the rails, putting the bolts in, etc., and great animation, and when the bathers renders them often oblivious to engage, as they frequently do, in a approaching trains, notwithstanding game resembling basket ball, played with a large inflated rubber ball, the ve lookout men near at hand. An- mingling of varicolored bathing suits other fact which is accountable in and the darting hither and thither of the bathers at play, now on the beach rall layers is what is known among and again in the water, is a sight nevthe men themselves as 'engine trance.' er to be forgotten. Leslie's Weekly.

Wilkesbar Plym'th F Cutting It Short. fects simultaneously both the mind and body. The 'stroke' lasts only a hostess who had received an unexpect "No longer than I can help," was the crisp reply. "I have telephoned to have escopeck Espy Ferr

Call For Sympathy. First Bachelor-I wish I could write a decent letter of condolence Second Bachelor-Some one you know First Bachelor -- No-engaged. -- Detroit Free Press.

Easily Explained. Lock Have "Strange that after reaching the top of the ladder he should fall so sudden-tr" 1y.' "There was a woman at the bottom ock Hay of It."-Life.

Alert. "A farmer ought to read a great deal, just the same as any other business man." "Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel, larrisburg

"it keeps me so busy posting up on railroad rates and the tariff that I'm Philadelph sometimes afraid I won't have time to Washingt raise the stuff to send to market."ewistow

he majority of the people cannot and A Bad Breath do not read, are permitted to speak of things as they are. When they exceed A bad breath means a bad the limits of Russlan decency and stomach, a bad digestion, a speak too openly, they are given a trip bad liver. Ayer's Pills are

THE LABOR AGITATOR.	LACKAWANNA RAILROAD.
Some of the Qualities He Must Pos-	- BLOOMSBURG DIVISION WEST.
sess to Be Successful. Strikes contribute but slightly to the	A. M. A. M. A. M. P. M New York
equipment of the successful labor agi- tator. The agitator must be thorough-	Scrantonar 617 P. M. 150 630
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labor movement and be capable of pre- senting its aims and aspirations in an	Scranton
attractive and convincing manner. He	Scrantonlv 16.85 *10.10 +1.55 *6.55 Bellevue
must possess the ability to think rapid- ly and to express his views and opin-	Lackawanna 650 1094 910 850
ions clearly and forcibly. But, withal,	Duryea 6 53 10 28 2 13 6 53 Pittston 6 58 10 38 2 17 6 57 Susquebanna Ave 7 01 10 37 2 19 6 59
he must inspire those whom he would lead with absolute faith in his honesty.	West Pittston 7 05 10 41 2 23 7 02 Wyoming 7 10 10 46 2 27 7 07 Forty Fort 2 31 2 31
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most difficult tasks performed by the labor agitators are their "agitations"	Hicks Ferry
in the interest of peace, their efforts to prevent strikes. The man who is al-	Berwick
ways in favor of a strike as soon as	Willow Grove
one is suggested or who is constantly on the search for n casus belli soon	Bloomsburg
finds his influence as a leader gone	Catawissa 9.02 12.20 4.15 8.45
"The Story of a Labor Agitator," by Joseph R. Buchanan.	Danville
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the other members of the house," re- marked the newly elected legislator's	Danvine
close friend. "They say you have your price."	Bloomsburg
"That's a lie," declared the new mem-	Lime Ridge
ber. "I thought so."	Berwick
"Yes. I haven't got it yet, but I have	Hicks Ferry
hopes."-Philadelphia Catholic Stand- ard and Times.	Hunlock's
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plugs and a hammer. over a miniature volcano, surrounded blower, inhaling smoke and sulpharous fumes, would have been invaluable to Dante when seeking local color. I drove the dry plugs tightly. They ab sorbed molsture and swelled until they

a economizing.

The storm was about over. I had

I had to speak twice, a little snappy 01, 41, 42of a leg. There are few rall layers who have "There are few rall layers who have I had to speak twice, a little sharply or, if not, it results in the amputation Mr. Belknap told us a better road

plugs and a hammer. I had forgotten that it was hot any-

ould like to have you come up and take dinner with us.' ke dinner with us." "Thank you, Alec," he replied. "I still raging with undiminished fury, the sandlike snow continuing its end- and I was never so hungry in my life less horizontal drive.

maximum of freight train speed, twen-ty miles per hour. I would arrive home by 9 o'clock in the morning, but it was whirling snow, seeking information. I sat and dozed miserably in the cor-variable of the solution of the contract of the second state of the second

It was a hard pull out of Tabor's out ahead to protect us when crossed my position and became aware of an Junction. When the yardmaster hap-pened to be feeling just right, he would I carried the man out half a mile, hind a train and give her a shove for half or three-quarters of a mile, but Davis was no crony of his, so we didn't ext is not a trace of anything of train 19, and the reported the caboose deserted and the reported the caboose deserted and the her ported the cabose deserted and ther po

the when she slipped—for I should need like a polar bear towing a string of full again, and we shivered and dozed again' to stan' it?" •Il the sand I had before I got home-until she nearly stalled. That wouldn't I had lost nearly a gauge of water I hour through the longest night to, so I gave her a bare taste and through the leaky flues while lying eaned out to hear the gratifying there. A broomstick inspection showed munch of it under the wheels. Harry gripped my shoulder and the nearest water plug was five miles

"Merry Christmas!"

I wished him the same and many of He was muffled up in all the old rags them and noticed that it was just 12 by the engine clock. She hadn't slipped was a perambulating mountain of the windows, was disguised by the engine clock. She hadn't slipped was a perambulating mountain of since I gave her the sand, but was puffing along with suspicious freedom, for mad as I had been all night. we were not up the grade yet. I told

train and see if the caboose were coming. He went off growling, but he a man all the way up from the hind went, which was the main thing. From the back of the tender he gave me waller round in this snow." what I expected and dreaded, a signal that the train had broken in two. I hold everything on the eastbound track whistled the flag back to protect the till I got back from the Selden water

rear and kept on. I took the cars I had plug. As we pulled over the swite to the mext siding, four miles away. I Harry should had two more cars than the siding would hold. I backed them all in hard against the stop block. Then I cut the two head cars off, pulled them out of threw him a kiss and yelled, "Turkey the switch and backed down the main track with them until the engine was behind the two head cars in the siding. I had the brakeman cut these two off. and 1 "stoked" them out on the main track ahead of the engine. I ran ahead

until the two cars behind the engine were over the switch. I backed them snow drifted in behind her again. We in on the siding, leaving the other two out on the main track. Then I came out with the engine and went back after the rest of the train. I had a four mile back up in the teeth of the blizzard. I couldn't see a

thing and never knew where I was. I didn't dare go fast, for I expected ev-ery minute to hit the train, and I could clock: not force myself to go slow enough to stop without punching a hole in a news- I looked at my watch-11:37. We

I gave him a bucket of fire

before. Harry asked me if there was rails when I got my orders to "run as an extra, keeping out of the way of all Seventeen would be due in half an "any cold tapioca puddin' in the cup-bour. There wasn't time to get to the board." I told him there must be grub radis when I got my orders to "run as an extra, keeping out of the way of all regular trains." But Davis, the con-ductor, said he had a nice, light run-ning train, the cars all loaded with whiskbrooms and straw hats. I was glad enough to hear it, for there were 175 miles of iron, slippery with the heavy falling snow, between old 18's pilot and home. If I averaged the pilot and home. If I averaged the whistling for the switch as soon as death to the partially disabled.

I ever knew.

a bad night, and I should never be able to keep them going at that gait, so I promised myself not to kick if I fetails before he could understand instead of the right. This occurred at fetails before he could understand instead of the right. This occurred at got home by noon, a very liberal al- that I wanted to carry the brakeman stated intervals, like pile driving. Tiring of the monotony, I sought to change

The reappearance of the cab win-

didn't get it. It was a fearful night. The gale howled and the snow drove horizontal-and fussing I got the train backed **a** fussing I got the train backed **b** fusting I got f ly, like a sand blast. The wind was on over, and we closed the cab tight and This merry Christman the fireman's side, which made it pos-sible for me to look out, but all I could the kiln dried boarding house sand-over It scon became dark. We showsee was an impenetrable white screen, made visible in one small spot by the headlight. I had been easing the throt-came puffing along, almost noiselessly,

> less than six inches in the tank, and away. Again I worked the whistle cord. After awhile Davis came ahead.

snow and ice. He was mad at last, as "Gosh almighty." he roared, so loud

the brakeman to go back on top of the that I heard him above the noise of the gale. "Couldn't the fireman get down an' open the switch 'thout callin

> end? Mebbe you think it's fun to We must have food at any cost. I I told him to cut the engine off and ordinary story and a half farmhouse here we lay. It was invisible through

"Hey, Davis! Davis looked up, squinting con nto the teeth of the storm. Harry The conductor's reply was inaudibl but we knew what it was, the most common expression in railroad use When we got back from the v plug, 21, the mail, was waiting until she got so far ahead that the

loaded the tender at the Bolton coal platform, piling on top big lumps that couldn't blow away. My watch drop ped out of my pocket on the shovel.] threw it into the tender, and Harry tossed a heavy lump on top of it. After

"Is that all 'tis-10:15?"

was shaved, even. swered cheerily. "Where was you?" This merry Christmas to which I

What house?" over. It soon became dark. We shov-

"Well, it's a wonder you wouldn't told .- London Chronicle. ask us over. How'd you s'pose we was

> "I expected you over every minute, an' when you didn't come I thought

Where'd you go?"

dows notified me of the approaching "Down to Belknap's." dawn. What a dismal sight! Our usu-"Belknap's? Gosh! Wha'd you go wiped we face a reasonably ally neat cab was thickly begrimed with coal dust. Every bolthead and times as fur as 'tis up to mother's." "Oh, it is? Well, I'm mighty glad bit of iron in the cab itself, as well as the windows, was disguised by the I've found that out anyway!" They dug us out, and I slammed it to smith, Jack Frost. To the artistic sense old 18 for dear life. I knew passenger of the well fed and comfortably clad it train 19 was somewhere behind me, would have been beautiful; to my dulland I wanted to get by the only switch ed mind it was emblematic only of the there was between me and home withbiting cold that raged without. Harry, out sidetracking for her. I got by it all ied in a hard knot, was snoring soundright, and while bucking a little pile of ly in his corner. I had him spread the coupled to our caboose

We went in the rest of the way flying. It was thirty hours after Christmas dinner time when we stepped off her at the ash track, but I told Harry of? , but we knew its approxito come on up to the house and we'd ite direction. We left everything in

pick the bones anyway. ie best order possible and started, the When we turned the corner, there was the house all lit up, and as we I shall never forget that trip, flounir of blind mice, if I live to be a and mother and Katie, who had be indred. Three minutes after leaving come as thick as thieves, and little Bob shouted a chorus of merry Christmases at us

he necessity. Harry being younger o keep him in sight. We fell into an Fortunately it was dready nearly full of snow; so, barring a few bruises, we received so injuries and we were too deep in it to get out. lrift fallen from top heaviness, burying evel sufficiently to enable us to crawl lish of cranberry sauce, while delicious | thousand.

Women are growing quite embarrassingly frank about the basis and the rown of their charms. On Saturday

afternoon a pretty young married won comfortably filled, and my mind was an, with her five-year-old son-so much easy. I lit my pipe and was dozing off we could infer-jumped into a first to the endless hum of Harry's eulogies class carriage on the underground. Aftof Susie Belknap when I was rudely or her came three friends, two girls and recalled to railroad realities by the a man. "Yes, I'd never be without my animated snowball vainly striving to voice of Davis shouting. The snow- wig," said the pretty woman. "It isn' pened to be reeing just right, he would let one of the switch engines get in be-hind a train and give her a shove for to burn fonce rails or anything he ded-we all looked for Celia's nod "Where the deuce have you been all "Why, the other Sunday we were summer?" I asked petulantly, for he lunching at Wimbledon, one of those

had been comfortably housed and fed; damp, muggy days. Margaret was there-with her fringe all over her eyes. "Over here to the house," he an- Mine was all right, and yet Margaret bas a maid and I haven't. I've worn wig for three years, and I don't care

"Why, my mother-in-law's; jest back who knows it." The rest of us-strangers-held our breath till the tale was

Peril In the Handkerchief.

It is in fact a grave sanitary qu don whether the handkerchief does mebbe you'd ruther stay by the engine. lo more harm than good as it is dinarity used. When we assume the healthy nose does not need to

way down there fur? Why, it's four proposition as to the danger of th andkerchief as a disease propagato Most of nasal catarris are of an in fectious character, notably those of

Contrary to a general law of asepsi the handkerchief saturated with dis ase germs, instead of being promptly washed, is stowed for hours in th pocket, with a result that can be easily imagined. Is it any wonder then that now that had fallen on the track catarrhs are constantly fostered by a since the plow passed she came up and system of auto-infection?-Medical Rec

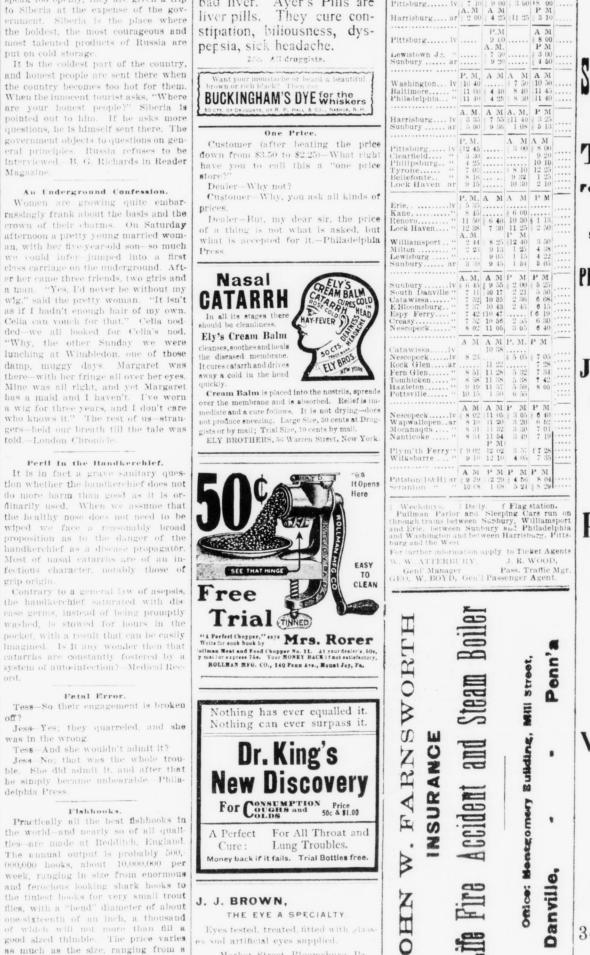
> Fatal Error. Tess-So their engagement is broken

Jess Yes; they quarreled, and she

was in the wrong. Tess-And she wouldn't admit it? was the house all lit up, and as we Jess-No; that was the whole trou-stamped the snow off our feet in the ble. She did admit it, and after that entry the dining room door flew open he simply became unbearable. Philadelphia Press.

Fishhooks.

Practically all the best fishbooks in the world-and nearly so of all qualitles-are made at Redditch, England rasted sadly with our begrimed over-clothes, was pulled out full length in The annual output is probably 500. 000,000 hooks, about 10,000,000 per s drumsticks held defiantly aloft, lay week, ranging in size from enormous the great brown turkey, with not a brack in his glossy skin. He was supnorted on one side by a massive dome files, with a "bend" diameter of about mashed potatoes, whose generous one-sixteenth of an inch, a thousand te expanse was mottled here and of which will not more than fill \mathbf{a} here by little dabs of delicious golden good sized thimble. The price varies butter. Delicate, feathery fronds of es much as the size, ranging from a few pence to two or three pounds per



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