

THE SUNBEAM.

Down it came dancing, dancing,
Straight from the land of light,
In through a poor attic window,

And to a far-off country,
Washed by refreshing streams,
Guided his slumbering spirit

IN A COTTON-CAR

By ALBERT W. TOLMAN.

THE long freight-shed was
filled with goods of every
description. Through the
open doors on one side you

edges, and counting in an undertone
as he made his tally.
"Sixteen—seventeen—eighteen—" His

Down the steps from the office at the
upper end of the shed came a billing
clerk, with a small brown note book

The last number was never finished,
but died away in a muffled cry of sur-
prise and consternation; for the twen-
tieth bale was not there!

"Here's a job of blind checking for
you, Dan! Go down to track five with
this cotton book, and count the bales

When the car was being loaded at
Memphis, there had been found in the
shipment one bale considerably broader

The interior was filled with cotton
bales, each weighing about five hun-
dred pounds. They were covered with

The change of position had a very
unexpected result. All the contents of
his pockets poured down upon the

The task of counting the cotton was
a responsible one, and Foreman Car-
ruth had put his best man on the job.

He tried to push first one bale and
then the other a little farther away, to
gain more room, but all to no avail.

With a strong jerk Harrigan broke
the seal of the eighth car, showed the
floor open just enough to allow his body

By this time it had dawned upon
Harrigan that he was in a very serious
dilemma. The blood had flowed into

backward. His knees were almost on
the top of the bale; another effort, and
he would be safely out of his predicament.

Harrigan at last realized that his
life was actually in peril. If he could
not get out now, when his strength

A heavy, painful drowsiness was
creeping over the freight handler, a
strange, dull apathy that frightened

Again he felt blindly along the bale
in front of him, and thrust his fingers
into the spaces between it and the ad-
jacent bales on each side.

The second finger, too, on his right
hand had been severely sprained, and
the nail split down to the quick, so

One of the cars that was run down
toward a Sixth avenue elevated train
Wednesday morning had apparently

Women and men tried in vain to lift
one or two of the windows, but failed.
The guards did not seem to care much

In one of his delightful books Dr.
Jespoff remarks that whereas coun-
try people look up, Londoners look

The Gunpowder Wizard of Japan.

WHILE the whole world is
filled with amazement, and
even consternation, at the
victorious arms of Japan

As all the world knows, every nation
has its own pet rifle for the army, and
its peculiar theories about naval ord-
nance also.

But his studies in the home village
were necessarily limited for want of
books; and now on arrival in the great,

It was at this stage of his career
that Shimose turned his thoughts to
invention, and naturally enough, he

It was while employed in the Govern-
ment Printing Works that Shimose
turned his attention to naval and mil-
itary implements of all kinds, offensive

But like all high explosives, the stuff
was extremely capricious and delicate,
and the slightest excess of moisture

disatisfied with her service powder,
and began to make inquiries about the
American "moshite," French "mell-
nite," and the "hopit" of Germany.

"To the writer, who met him recently
in Sasebo, the great naval arsenal of
Japan, the doctor declared modestly

"I have seen Shimose heap coals of
fire on a stack of it, bang it with all
his force with an iron mallet, and even

"Alaska is not a bad place when you
get used to it," said a miner who spent
the last seven years in one of the big

Paris.—So great was the impression
which a fascinating Spanish dancer
made on a lion, while she was paying

A dusky damsel of Nanqualand
flitted her swain. A wife out there has
a certain financial value, and in a

STEALING LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

A Law Known as the Forest-Reserve Act Plays an Important Part in These Gigantic Frauds.

A law that plays an important part
in the land frauds is known as the
forest reserve act, by which there may

The "school" lands are frequently
worthless. In Oregon and California,
for example, where the greater part

Adversity is the first path to truth.
—Byron.
No legacy is so rich as honesty.
—Shakespeare.

SECRET DEVOTION IS THE VERY ESSENCE,
EVIDENCE AND BAROMETER OF VITAL AND
EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION.—Spurgeon.

What harm can happen to him who
knows that God does everything, and
who loves beforehand everything that

He who walks through life with an
even temper and a gentle patience,
patient with himself, patient with

The earliest auction sale known was
held at Oxford, England, February 28,
1680, for the disposal of a lot of books.

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