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NIGHT SCENES IN A CAR.

He Was Snubbed by the Lordly Conductor, Annoyed by the Unsalted Train Boy, and Took a Philosophical Feep at the Hogs.

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WHAT CHANCE IS THERE FOR BREAKFAST?" On some railroads (not all) I have been made to feel by the manner of the conductor that I was a tramp, or a felon, or at all events a person not worthy eivil treat-ment. I have on some occasions been obliged to ask myself, "Am I a prisoner on this car en route for state prison, or am I a passenger? What evil have I done this man in charge that causes him to assume toward me this abrupt speech and crusty bearing? Have I transgressed any .of the company's rules in asking him a question with regard to the route?

I said to the conductor recently on boarding a train late at night, "What are the chances for breakfast to-morrow morn

He took a long time to answer, for he was punching and re-punching my ticket, evidently endeavoring with a leisurely in-dustry to make a sieve of it or a piece of paper edging for a lady's underskirt. I appreciated in him this care, scrutiny and industry, held myself devoid of further in-terrogative speech and waited. At last, when I had commenced thinking that my inquiry had shot clean over the head of the great man and not hit him in the ear at all, he said in a nonchalant manner, "Good?" He meant that the chances for my get-

ting breakfast were good. Now this great mogul knew perfectly well that I wanted to know the hour and the place where the train stopped to allow the passengers to get breakfast. Had I been the president of the road he would have given me these necessary details in his most voluminous and grammatical English, and with many flourishes and side shows of unnecessary information to boot. But as I was only a passenger and an in-fliction he thought it well, possibly, to teach me to make my inquiries in a plainer and more concise manner. I had asked him a crab sided question. He gave me a crab sided answer. He was practicing the Mosaic law, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." I had asked what the chances were for breakfast. He had told me they were good. He was correct. I

was answered. It might be a good thing for the direct tors to ride incog. on some roads, assuming for the time the position of the humble passenger, and observe the bearing of some of these magnates of the hour toward them. Happily not all conductors so conduct themselves, and the conductor who tries to please rises in office sooner than he who does not. On a recent trip, at a late and drowsy hour I was aroused by the new conductor of that section saying, "Gimme yer ticket!" I was a felon again going to state's prison. The gentleman did not face me. He stood almost back to me, holding his outstretched palm behind him for my ticket. He seemed desirous to economize the front view of his person. Now this is a small thing to complain of, isn't it? Do you expect the conductor to kneel before you and remark, "My liege lord, will you be so kind and condescend-

office of targets, he took our money with a lofty contempt, he talked at us with the brakeman and at last, when fatigued, he placed his form on one seat and his heels on the back of another and slumbered. 1 happened to sit inside of this creature, his slim legs interposing a barrier betwixt me and the sisles. When I attempted to pass out the legs of this nuisance did not remove themselves at all obligingly to give me passage. His weak eyes opened with an amazed expression, as if saying. "Why in thunder can't you keep still until I've finished my nap!"

I rode in that car all night because we were passing through a hot country and I had rather sit by an open car window and dose and dream than get into the upper berth of a close sleeper. I was enter-tained during the night by the con-quest and usurpation of seats by some of the passengers. Unlocking the seats they would throw one back vis-avis one man thus being enabled to stretch his legs, occupying four seats. Three men in this way confiscated twelve seats. One woman for herself and children occupied eight seats. As passengers dropped in at the way stations during the night they would wander hopelessly along the aisle, but not a sleeper budged. Nor did a conductor trouble himself to give the scatless seats. About 3 in the morning a rough, harum scarum chap en tered with a bulging, cheap valise as large as a small trunk. He sized up the sleepers, gave it up as a bad job, and curied up on the coal box, remarking, "Well, this will about do for me." The conductor punched his ticket, and offered no aid to give him a sent. But the top of the coal box refused



HAD TO SLEEP ON THE FLOOR to make him an easy bed. So he got off. fished a great dingy overcoat from his va-

lise, laid it down on the car floor near the stove, and went to bed on the overcoat. He looked as he slept there as if he had tumbled down in a drunken fit. But he didn't care for appearances. Conductors came and went, looked at his ticket stuck in his hat band, and still he slumbered on, and so did the monopolizers of seats about him. I admired that man for his pluck and independence of public opinion, but had I been the conductor it seems to me that I should have made it my business to have made one or two men take up with fewer seats and not allow a seatless man to lie like a drunk on the car floor. In the early morn the gallinipper train boy walked through the car,

at the man curled up on the floor. But the sun rose at last as usual, warming alike the just and unjust, and when the train stopped

A Foregone Conclusion. Husband-What are you going to do

Mary? Wife-I am going to drive a nail into the wall on which to hang this picture. Husband-That is to say, you are going to put your thumb up at suction. Wife-At auction? Husband-Yes: or in other words, your Husband-Yes; or in other words, your thumb is to come under the hammer .--Boston Courier.



Jinks-Waiter, bring me a gun! Waiter-One gun for one. Powder and thot for two.-Munsey's Weekly.

Not for Flies. A patrolman whose beat is in the "Kain-

tuck" district passed a house the other day where a fly screen in the front window did not fill the space by at least three inches on the side, and calling to a woman in the yard he asked. 'Madam, was that fly screen placed in

the window to keep out flies?" "Flies?" she repeated, in a tone of contempt. "No, sah Dat screen is in dar to keep out robbers, an' de feller who squeezes in has got to be powerful lean an' thin."-Detroit Free Press.

A Gratifying Indorsement.

"John, Charles, William!" cried the boys' mother, "where are those peaches I left here?"

"In our midst," returned the boys, and when the doctor called that night the mother knew that her little darlings had spoken truthfully as well as with a grammatical accuracy that is not universal.-New York Sun.

He Was Frightened.

"Ob, no, let's not go!" exclaimed the little boy as his nurse proposed going on board a yacht, and then the youngster "Why, Willie, what in the world is the matter?"

"I just h-h-heard one m-m-man tell an other to set the s-s-spanker."-Providence Ladies - and - Children's - Hair - Cutting Journal

His Little Scheme.

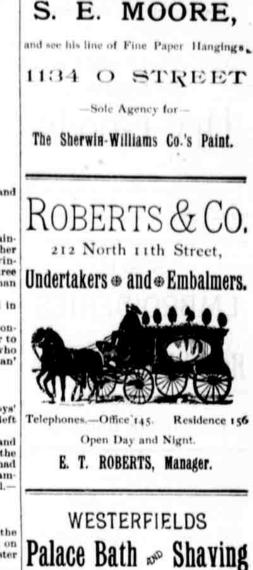
Cholly-Fweddy, old boy, what's this I heah? Have you weally and twuly been sued by a nahsty bahbah foh a shaving billy

Fweddy-Don't you fwet, ole chappie. A lot of beastly cads, you know, say I cawn't waise a beahd. Bah Jove, they've got to take it back now!-Chicago Tribune.

Kindness to the Canary. "The canary seems to be uneasy," said

the young man. "Yes," replied the young lady, "He al-

ways acts that way if the room isn't-erand shot glances of contempt and derision or two longer.-Chicago Times.



NOWS' THE TIME

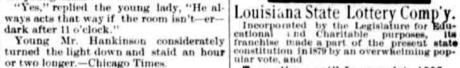
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THE NEWSBOY IN REPOSE

ing toward your humble servant, who thus abases himself, as to produce your paper warrant for transit of person and baggage on this road?"

No, I don't. I won't speak here for myself at all, but I express the feelings of a good many people when I say that their impressions of a road and a country are sometimes largely colored for good or ill by the demeanor toward them of the employes of the railroad companies. They feel for the time a certain dependence on these employes. Some are from home for the first time in their lives. Some are sad at leaving home and friends. Some are affected by the loneliness of being in a crowd all strange to them. In these states of mind the curt, abrupt and sometimes boorish demeanor of the man in charge falls like a blow, and makes the clouds darker than ever. On the other hand, the kindly bearing and civil demeanor, though 1134 N Street not half a dozen words are spoken, go far toward making people's hearts lighter and creating a pleasant impression, and this indirectly may have something to do with that railroad's prosperity.

One train was largely ruled by the train boy. It was a precious, undersized, stunted thing between boy and man, evidently city bred, with the lively assurance and su-preme self conceitof dense ignorance. This gallinipper seemed to own the train. He sung, he whistled, he danced, he gave us selections from McGinty and the variety amusement halls, he patronized us while he sold us peanuts, he chucked books in paper covers at us as if we were filling the

at a breakfast station we got out and paid 75 cents each for what we could, by dint of reaching and scratching and imploring fellow passengers for bread and milk, get from a table from which the waiters had either fied or been swept off the face of the earth by a pestilence. PRENTICE MULFORD.

A Queer Sort of Carriage.

What is said to be the queerest vehicle

that ever came from the carriage maker's is the property of Dr. Thurmond, of Atlanta, Ga., and cost him \$500. The doctor believes in having things just as he wants them. Recently he went to a carriage builder, who drew a plan for a vehicle like fer5' a large wheelbarrow with a canopy top. A gentleman who saw the picture said it was just the thing, if the horse could be

found to work with his head toward the buggy and tail at the ends of the shaft, so that he could be led by the man sitting inside, thus pushing the buggy instead of pulling it. The plan pleased the doctor, and he ordered the vehicle made. It was finished the other day, and a wonderful looking affair it is. It is nineteen feet long from the hig velocipede wheel behind to the end of the shafts in front.

Dr. Thurmond carried it home and gave it a trial. It worked all right except that there was too much of a twisty motion about it, and the doctor decided to add two little wheels to the front of the vehicle They do not work on a pivot like the rollers on a center table. If the horse turns to the right the little wheels will flop quickly to the right, while the big wheel behind turns slowly and majestically in the same direction. The only harness to be used on the horse is the wooden collar and a very wide bellyband, to which the shafts are fastened.

The Value of the Colophon.

One of the most interesting papers read before the International Conference of Li brarians at its last session was that of Dr. Garnett, of the British Museum, on colo phons, or private symbols affixed to books by the printers issuing them. Colophons, or attestations of the execution of a book occurring at the end of a volume were, he said, much older than title pages, and for a time supplied the place of the title page, which was unknown until about 1476 and not generally used until 1490. The delay in the application of so obvicus an idea as the title page was very singular, but might be regarded as fortunate, inasmuch as the colophon, though less practical than the title page, was often more communicative. Early colophons frequently gave interest ing information respecting the book and the printer which could not well have found

An English Fat Boy.

The London Lancet, an English medical publication, tells of an extraordinary child recently brought to the notice of scientific people. He is now between 5 and 6 years of age, and is of the following dimensions: Height, 4 feet; weight, 117 pounds; circumference of abdomen, 4215 inches; chest, 37 inches; neck, 14 inches; head, 2255 inches; thigh, 23 inches; arm, 115 inches; fore-arm, 10% inches. He is very healthy, eats all day long, and is fairly intelligent. The parents and their sther children are of ordintry size.

A Matter for Congratulation.

'Ab, Mr. Lammee, allow me to congratulate you. Your son I understand is engaged, and to a very fine lady." "Fine! Magnificent! And he loves her devotedly. She's worth \$100,000, but Adolph is that fond of her I believe he would have taken her if she wasn't worth more than 890,000."-Fliegende Blaetter.

Wanted It Natural.

A man, with a head as destitute of hair as a watermelon, entered a druggist's and said he wanted a bottle of hair restorer. "What kind of hair restorer do you pre-

"I'll take a bottle of red hair restorer. That was the color of my hair when I was a boy."-Judy.

A Delicate Suggestion.

"I think these kissing games are such foolish things," he said, petulantly, as they left the children's party and strolled out on the lawn.

"Yes," she answered, "kissing is always ery foolish when anyone is looking on."-New York Herald.

A Pleasant Composition.

Maid (to mistress, who is going abroad) Shall I put any music in the trunk for our state room!

Mistress (thinking of mal de mer)-Yes, put in that composition by Heave, "When the Swallows Upward Fly."-Cincinnati Commercial.

A Matter on Economy.

Travers -- How much are these fancy ests?

Clerk-\$12, sir. Travers-Then just let me have a dress tie. I will skip the afternoon tea and take in the evening reception.-Clothier and

Furnisher.

Not Necessarily.

"Glad to make your acquaintance, Mr. Valentine. I suppose-ha! ha!-you were horn on St. Valentine's day." "That doesn't follow-any more than that you were born on the 1st day of April,

sir."-Chicago Tribune.

Only One Hitch.

Will-Did everything go off smoothly at our marriage, Bill? Bill-Yes, there was only one hitch. Will-Ab, what was that? Bill-The tying of the knot, of course.

Under False Colors.

Robinson-Did you see Travers yesterlay I met him on the street and he look d toe shabby for any use. Jagway-Yes. He told me he was going

isher.

ess are you doing in that bath tub? Why, oan, you'll kill yourself. 'But didn't you tell me to take the pills

She Holds the Purse Strings. Will-You have a treasure in your wife,

Bill-I have more than that. I have a

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Literal.

Physician-What in the name of good

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o call on his doctor.-Clothier and Fur-