

WHEN DALTON WENT EAST

By JAMES ALLISON

Dalton entered Mrs. Murray's purchases in the daybook and then went back to his desk and the letter.

He drew it from the pigeonhole of imitation walnut and turned it slowly from side to side as if he were trying to match the pale gray tint from his scant ribbon stock.

Not that he had received many such missives. There were just four in all, and he knew them by heart.

Frank Dalton, Esq., President School Board District No. 11, Sahuache County, Colo.

Dear Sir—Replying to your favor of the 23d, stating that your board had acted favorably on my application for the Twiggins school and would allow the salary which I asked, permit me to say that I feel that I owe you many apologies.

The most urgent reason for my desiring to secure a position this summer in Colorado was an incipient throat trouble which has annoyed me for the past year.

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