TOWSE AND TOMMY.

THE STORY OF A PARTING AND A MEETING.

BY PRANCES A. SCHNEIDER.

was haunted by the thought that

"Towse," he said in co low a voice that he himself could scarcely hear it. The dog stopped capering and stood rigid, his ears

thrust forward and every muscle in his little body tense.

"Why, Bljou, what's the matter?" asked

'Towse' -a little louder this time-and

It was four years since the night Tommy | Dossibly it might be Towse.

Jaidwin's father had brought "Towse" home | Tommy walked a mile next day to look at the house where the golden-haired girl Baldwin's father had brought "Towee" home in his pocket-a tiny, bright-eyed puppyand set him down triumphantly on the floor of the cluttered tenement room where they lived telling him to "Go ter de boy." Towse, with wonderful discrimination, waddled unsteadily and with many little whining grunts straight into Tommy's arms, stretched out longingly to receive him, and Baldwin said:

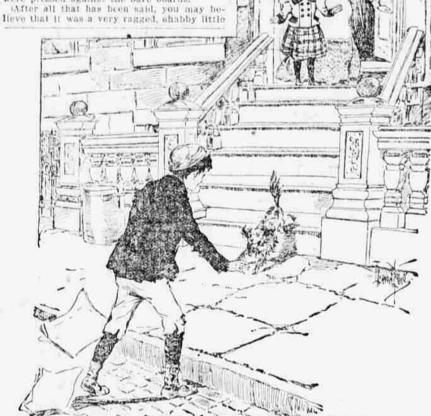
"Well, there's yer master, dorg, Tommy, street how, where they was half across the grown arms, street how, was half across the street how, was the many down nearer. He was the many draw nearer. He was trembling, and his eyes were as big as saucers. "En he has do white spot on his breast, it's him." He was half across the began cunting trains the dense ignorance and wonderful curiosity of the mountainers from

"Well, there's yer master, dorg. Tommy, he's yorn, lad," and he and his wife laughed at the boy's delight.

And Towse grew and waxed stronger and more beautiful every day, and he was the joy and pride of Tommy's heart and the envy of every other child in the tenement. Thoroughbred to the backbone was Towse, having oughbred to the backlione was Towse, having only one flaw on the whole of his glossy liver-cotored little body—a white star on his breast, and this it was that had caused his presentation to Towney's father. presentation to Tommy's father,

Presentation to Tommy's father,
Four years! A great deal can happen in that time, and a great deal did happen to Tommy Baidwin. His hard-working, kind-hearted father was blown into eternity in an was sitting on the sidewalk talking to explosion at the factory where he was em- Towse time to keep a home for Towse and Tommy, followed a year later.

For two years Tommy had lived on the streets. Selling papers sometimes, or runring errands. But always and ever accompanied by Towse, whose glossy coat began to show signs of wear and tear and neglect, If Tommy had two pieces of bread, Towse was sure to have one and a half. If there was straw in the barrel or wagon in which they s'ep., it was disposed under the spaniel s thin little body, and Tommy's meager ribs were pressed against the bare boards. After all that has been said, you may be-



TOWSE TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO A BROWN STREAK.

pair that walked and trotted in close company toward the upper part of the city one winter morning. The snow was falling, and the air keen and frosty. Icicles clung to the long hair about Towse's weary legs; and he named frequently to hite away the soor saused frequently to bite away the snow that packed hard under his feet. "Come on. Towse," said Tommy at last, "you an' me' got ter do some snow cleanin' dis mornin'; so Towse pulled himself together and the two

Tommy worked like a small steam engine that day, while Towse sat on the curbstone and shivered and watched wistfully. The boy had gone to an area door to return the shovel end broom and had left Towse in the street. He was gone longer than usual, waiting for a piece of cake the cook had promised him, and when he returned Towse was nowhere to be

"Towse," he called, "don't do do hidin' act, but come 'ere an' see wot I got. Some cake, Towse, cake,"

But no Towse came scampering to him with a glad little whine. "Towse!" this time Tommy's voice was louder and there was a bewildered ring in it. as he looked soprehensively go and down the street "Towse, Towse-Towse!" the anxious voice went ringing away between the tall houses and down to the end of the short street, where it struck the wall of a chusch and came bounding back again. But Towse did not respond. Again and again be called with quivering lips. He can hither and thither like a thing possessed. He forgot he was hungry and cold and at last sat down on a curbstone and gave himself to to despair. Deep as his anguish was, it would have been ten times deeper could he bave beheld his beloved Towse at that moment, his head muffled in a dirty red handkevchief, kicking and clawing and struggling to free timself from the arms of an ill-favored man who was hurrying away with him.



"YER KIN KEEP DE DORG."

his cellar and wept and stretched out his loving Towes crept into them and nestled close to his side. And this was how Towse was lost.

Soring had come. Towns, poor little regiont, liked to sit in the big square and watch the trees and grass growing greener and greener. There was a cretty little gir of 10 who often walked there with her father To this little maiden Tommy's heart went out. She was so lovely, so fair, so sweet! so everything, that Tommy in his short weetched life had never known. One day the

"He's my dorg," explained Tommy, joy At this moment her father appeared "What's the matter, Belle?" he asked Why, Bijou, come here."
But the dog drew nearer to Tommy and

the little girl, who was growing more and more tearful, said huskily: "He says that Bijou is his dog-

"An' he is my dorg, an' nobody can't say he ain't," exclaimed Tommy defiantly, "Come into the house," said the gentle-man, "and we'll talk the matter over. We shall have a crowd around us if we stay

The oddly assorted party filed in through the area door, Towse keeping close Tommy and abjuring his little mistress. was Tommy he loved-Tommy whose ragged heels he stuck to, and Tommy upon whom his great wistful eyes were fastened. "And now," said the gentleman, you tell me what all this means?"

And Tommy, disconcerted by his sur-roundings, began hesitatingly at first, till forgetting his embarrassment in his love for Towse and the remembrance of his own sorrows, he waxed eloquent.
"'An' w'en I lost him," he concluded,
"I des couldn't stan' It, an' I've been

he's all I got," and Towse and he embraced fervently.
While he told the story Tommy's eyes

which were very clear and truthful, looked from father to daughter, and his arms hugged Towse. 'We can't doubt you," said the gentle

man, 'can we, Belle?"
"N-no, papa-but will I have to give up Bijou?" 'I hope not, dear. I bought Bijou one

from the fellow who no doubt stole him from you, Tommy. He was a forlorn little object then, but he looks well now; and my little girl is as fend of him as you

"She can't be-he ain't all she's got," in terpolated Tommy-"Ani, I'm going to propose," continued

Me, sell Towse-me? Wen I des foun nim! Not by a long shot. Der ain't no money nor nothin' would pay me for him." The little girl sobbed aloud, and Towse, noting the unusual sound, pricked up his ars and trotted over to her, stretching his brown nose up to lick her cheek. The boy watched this demonstration wistfully. He was thinking of the desolation that would fill her heart, when Towse should go out

with him to return no more.
"Yer reel fond of him, sin't yer," address ing the child. 'He's the dearest little dog that ever was and I love him-and please, please don't take

Again the wistful look came into Tommy' eyes. He called Towse softly, who ran to him like a flash; and he sat down on the floor and bowed his shaggy head over the dog's brown body—how soft and sliky it was: and the white star on his breast—how white. Never had Tommy seen him look as he did now. He remembered the day he was lost. What a draggled, matted little creature he had looked, sitting on the curbstone, shiver-ing and whimpering with cold and hunger. They had been best companions. Towse and he, and nobody and nothing had filled the gap in Tommy's life after he had lost him. The crust he shared with Towse was truly sweeter for the sharing; but crusts were scarce with Tommy. And the pretty golden-haired girlhe glanced up and caught her tearful eyes fixed upon him. For a moment longer he sat with Towse's soft head pressed against his

goes home every night to a neat little room at the top of the house where Towse lives, so I conclude that Belle's father, who is a swift runner, overtook our hero on the day he gave up his claim to Towse, and led hir back to comfort and fortune.

BEATING THE RAILROADS.

In the Early Days People Were Suspictons, but Conning Also. Walter Hutchings, a prominent member he Conductors' association, which met in St. Louis recently, and balls from Hagerstown Md., has been a passenger conductor on the lived with the spaniel who looked like Towse. Norfolk & Western road for nineteen years and ran the first train that cassed over this was lingering on the opposite side of the

> conderful curiosity of the mountaineers from cidents," said Mr. Hutchings to a Globe Democrat reporter, "I remember one day or old jady was a passenger on my train and had to watch her, the same as all other mountaineers, to see that she got off at the proper destination. I took up her ticket as I passed through the train, and se we were pulling into Bentonville, Va., I asked her if that was not her station. She replied: 'Yes, his is my station, but a feller came through here and got my ticket and I den't know whether it is safe to get off without my ticket or not.' She believed that she ought to have her ticket before getting off. I assured her that it was the habit of the man who run the train to take the tickets. For several years, when the mountaineers got abserd a train, they would invariably knock at the door of a coach to see if it were coper for them to enter. The men would re we their bats on entering a coach, just as if they were visiting at a neighbor's house While this was so exhibition of their igne rance, it was also croof of their gentility a home. They are kind-hearted and generous "One day a young woman going to Natural Bridge wanted to pay her fare in costage stances. I told her that as it was a holiday he company would not accept stamps. She her unwrapped a small bundle of paper and ook out a new \$1 bill. But she did not want to give me the bill until I had first given her the change, as she was fearful that I might june off the train with her money. Crowds of mountaineers used to stand at the stations nd look with awe at the locomotive. I have from heard thour remark: The way the ngine is panting, it must be tired. The really regarded a locomotive as a sort coni-human being. Many a time I have se case engers sitting inside a ceach shove their their strongs a pane of glass in a close window when they started to tell their friends goodbye at a station. The glass was clear and many of them never had glass windows at home, anyway, and so hey never thought that any glass was before them." "One day, going east out of Erie, Pa., on the Pennsylvania road," said A. B. Bedell.

> formerly a Pennsylvania conductor, "I ran acress a man and h's family of a wife and three children. He handed me a letter properly signed and stamped by the lowe Central company's officials, saying that he was a passenger conductor. In those da such a letter would pass a man free, ar I told him it was as good as gold, and the he and his family could ride with me. felt sorry for him, because he had a crip pled son in his arms, and I paid for the family's dinner at an eating station. When we stopped at the summit of the mountain the man asked me to arrange for him to ride on the engine down the mountain While the train stopped at the summit this traveler happened to say that he was in a tailroad wreck a short time before, and said that one of the bull wheels on the cugine broke in two, and that the roll between the two bull wheels was broken.
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> "Well, that man never rode on the engine down the manneyer lated by the head of the manneyer lated." down the mountain. I told him he would have to pay full fare for himself and family from that place on east. I said to him 'Any man who will call a driving wheel a bull wheel, and who will call the driving shaft the rod between the two wheels, but a conductor.' He then confessed that he was a clerk in a dry goods store and but he had obtained the railway letter from a clerk in the rollroad superintendent's office at his home. If the man had kept his

> mouth shut I woul over have been th as passenger conductors in order to get a free ride can be caught by simple tricks. Another time a passenger told me he was a conductor. I handed him my book and told him to write his name. He stood up and placed the book against the windowoane in order to write his name. I tole him he could pay his fare; that no can fuctor would place a book agains: a window to do any writing but would steady himsel and eatch the motion of the train, and hold the book in his hand while writing." Conductor Ferguson of the Beston & Maine

> slim Yankee, with a keen plack eye, and is a horn humorist.
> "Two men and one woman and all well tressed boarded my train one day at Portand. Me., and were going to Boston," edil of Ferguson. "They told me a sad stor Mr. Ferguson. "They told me a sad story about just having buried their father, and said they were returning home from the trueral, but that they had only \$4.50 in cash. The fare for the three wes \$7.50. I felt sorry, of course. As they appeared to be all right I told them to keep their money to pay for their lunch, and to give me their address and these said these said the said to the said the sa ne their address, and they could send the ares to me when they were back home They were delighted and were profuse in thanks, and the woman shed tears. Well never heard from them.

wrote a letter to them, saying I thought Mr. Ferguson is sometimes bothered with klokers," as is every other posteriger conor. One day a man boarded his train immediately began damning the road nd every official of the company,

fuctor Ferguson naturally defended the Oh, well, you are a conductor working this road, erid, of course, you would defend it, but what you say to me goes nto one car and out at the other." "Certainly. Nothing to stop it." retorted

onductor Ferguson.
Sometimes the "kickers" have cause for trowling. T. E. Haley of St. Joe. Mo., was rains, and this is his story: day I had a mixed train made of

long freight, with a single passenger coach sitched to the caboose. A dude, dressel in the latest fishion, was the only passenger n the coach. The brokemen and I not near he stove warming our shins, and listening o the dude's denunciation of the roid. verything seemed to be wrong, according to ils ideas. Suddenly there came one of hose suspicious surges of the freight train which to an experienced railroad man told f danger. The brakeman and I lost no time running to the rear end of the coach. The backeman jumped off on one side and I imposed off on the other. The dude came behind us, and jumped straight out toward a'f dozen somersau'ts in the air and fell n a heap on the ground. By this time the freight cars were scattered all over the right of way, and one end of the passenger coach was hoisted into the sir at an angle 7 90 degrees. The near dude bleeding, his other torn into shred. Immed up from the round, looked at the debris and then registered another 'kick' by soking in an angry tone: 'Now, what the devil is the matter?' "

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The eastern shore produces more table delicacies than any other region of equal area; and it is claimed that a family may there enjoy the luxuries of life cheaper independence.

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procent of all accusation of being leather. most remerkable, for the curlier contributors than elsewhere and that the really poor man can live on the peninsula for less than anywhere else, save, perhaps, in parts of Asia.

The poorest inhabitants of the peninsula are with no sign of anxiety on the part of the cult to discover, indeed, in what their driver. And he halls his lounging comrades on the pivement with a guffaw that can be heard a mile; the voices of the ill-clad but happy group sound mellow and sweet and the thousend words instead of "the sheet." good-natured, as they chaff each other. These volces are the very expression of the happy-tovenings in courting the words he has writgo-lucky, idle, easy, careless life of these ten during the day and charging for their
people, too indolent to sound all the syllables of their words. Yet they are beppy, to
see and hear them one would think there one engaged in this occupation, which, howfor the gathering. If has been estimated by was no tomorrow, nothing to be done in the ever interesting, strikes one as monotonous, those familiar with the country and upon world, and no such thing as care upon earth. Byron, who was full of fads, had an ob-

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