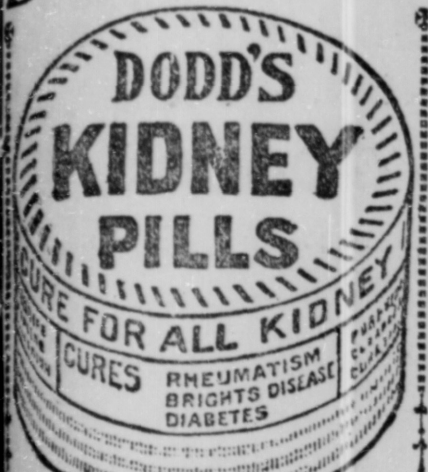


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"Some drummer got left at the union depot, I guess. Serve him right if we didn't wait on him."

"Don't you fool yourself!" The young man's manner of speech was distressingly idiomatic, not to say vague.



"If you don't pull out before he gets here, I'm a dead man."

at times. "That's Mr. John Bostwick. If you don't pull out before he gets here, I'm a dead man. Do you save?"

The conductor laughed, and rejoined with what appeared to be intended for rough pleasantry: "Oh, come off! What are you giving me?"

I had not noticed that the young man had offered to give him anything, but he ignored the inquiry and burst out: "Facts, by Jove! Cold facts! I tell you my blood will be on your head if you wait till that carriage gets here!"

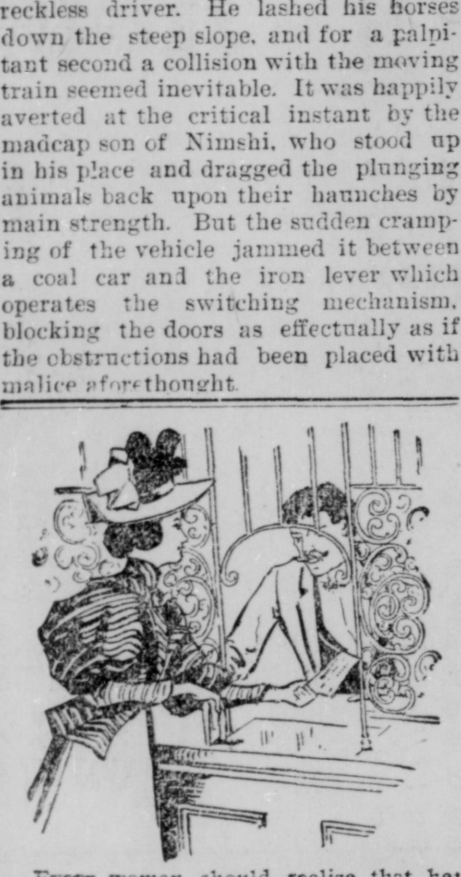
"Pshaw! D'y'e mean it, honest? What you been doing to the master mechanic? 'Nother one of your fool pranks, I bet you."

The chaise was in plain view by this time, and it presented the unusual spectacle of a square shouldered gentleman with a fierce military mustache and a very red face leaning far out of the carriage window and gesticulating violently. The young man saw, winced and made answer of mingled plea and protest.

"Pranks nothing! It's business this time, I tell you. Give like the signal, quick, before it's too late. Miss Bestwick's mixed up in it, and"—

The conductor's hand shot above his head and hung there fluttering like a misshapen flag. There was an answering clangor from the bell and a hissing of steam and the wheels began to revolve. The young scapegrace and his new made confederate sprang aboard, and I gave my attention to the oncoming carriage.

The cabman was certainly a most reckless driver. He lashed his horses down the steep slope, and for a palpitant second a collision with the moving train seemed inevitable. It was happily averted at the critical instant by the madcap son of Nimshi, who stood up in his place and dragged the plunging animals back upon their haunches by main strength. But the sudden cramping of the vehicle jammed it between a coal car and the iron lever which operates the switching mechanism, blocking the doors as effectually as if the obstructions had been placed with malice aforethought.



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When I sank back into my seat with a sigh of mingled regret and relief the young man had rejoined his companion, who, thanks to the drawn shade and closed window, had apparently neither seen nor heard aught of the exciting episode.

"Are we safe, Alan?" she queried, her voice a-tremble with trepidation.

"Safe as a church. Didn't you see him?"

"I saw nothing, but I thought I heard some one shouting." Then, with a gasp of sudden and dismayed realization: "Oh, it's my father, and he's hurt! I know he is! Stop the train, Alan! Stop it, I say! I'm going back!"

"Oh, sit down! For pity's sake, sit down, Eleanor. Don't you see everybody's catching on?" This in an agonized whisper. "He isn't hurt, I tell you. Not at all. That was the driver you heard yelling at his horses."

"Are you sure you're telling me the truth?"

"Of course I am. Didn't I see it? The fellow drove down between the switch stand and a coal car, and your father couldn't get either door open. He wasn't hurt an atom, but he acted as if he was a good deal disappointed."

"Disappointed! You may depend upon it, he is simply furious. I'm awfully afraid he'll do something desperate yet."

"I don't see but what he will have to if he stops us now. He can't get to Lavarock ahead of us, and 15 minutes after we arrive you'll be Mrs. Roderick."

She went silent at that, as what modest young woman would not? But after a little she plucked up courage to ask about the details. Her companion explained.

"After I left you at the house I went down town and wired Hardwicke, the agent at Lavarock, telling him there would be a couple on this train to be married in the hotel parlor on arrival. He is to arrange with the county clerk to keep his office open so that I can get the license, and to have the minister ready. I can drive to the courthouse and back in ten minutes, and we can have it all over with while the passengers are at supper and be ready to go west on No. 5."

"It's very dreadful, Alan," she murmured. "So pitifully different from one's ideal wedding."

"That's so"—cheerfully—"there isn't any ideal to spare for a fact. But we can't help that. If we hadn't made the dash, your father would have packed you off to Ohio between two days, wouldn't he?"

"He said he would, and I'm afraid he meant it. And yet he has always been very good to me, Alan, before—before this, you know."

"I know; but he meant business this time. And that isn't all. After I had my little seizure with him this morning—when I asked him outright if we mightn't be married like other people—he abused me like a sheep thief; said he'd write to the general manager and have me discharged, though he didn't mention upon what grounds he would demand it."

"But how could he do that?"

"I give it up. There is nothing on record against me, I believe, except that I've had the audacity to fall in love with you after he had quarreled with my father. But I couldn't help either the one or the other."

"No, indeed. But I hope you didn't quarrel with him."

"Didn't I? I told him to go ahead and write his letter if he wanted to; that I guess I could stand the publicity if he could."

"Alan! You didn't tell me that."

"No, it didn't seem judicious."

"Perhaps I mightn't have consented if you had."

"Oh, yes, you would."

"Why would I?"

"Because you—love me."

In good truth I could not obtain my own consent to listen any longer. Moreover, the notes of the wood dove, feathered or human, are not particularly edifying in the ears of one who has long eschewed all thoughts of domestic joys, and I betook myself with my book to the deserted smoking compartment.

Here I was left in peace until after the train had passed the first telegraph station, but it was no sooner under way again than the conductor entered, followed closely by my young scapegrace. They sat down in the opposite seat, ignoring my presence as if I had been something more or less than a human being.

"What is it, Tom?" demanded the young man anxiously.

"Oh, you're in for it up to your necks, you two! I have orders to dishonor your passes and put you both off at the next station," said the conductor, with what I understood to be mock solemnity.

Roderick nodded appreciatively. "I thought that would be the first thing he would do. That's why I bought regular tickets. We're patrons of the company, just like other people, and I dare you to put us off!"

The conductor's laugh shook the windows.

"That's what I wired 'em," he said. "But that ain't the worst of it. Your don't want to be father-in-law's out with a wild engine chasing us, and he's got special orders giving him right of way over everything north and south."

I could not deny myself a glance at the young man's face over the top of my book. It was a striking and instructive study in dismay.

"Be Jove Tom that's a horse of an-

other color! He'll overhaul us as sure as fate. What am I going to do?"

The big man shrugged. "Can't you drop off at Alcantro or Syracuse and have it done before Bosty catches up?"

"No; that's the dickens of it; that's what we're running away for. We've got to get out of the state. Miss Bostwick lacks just three months of being legally of age."

"Oh! I see. That makes it bad. What's the old man got against you anyway, Rod?"

"Nothing against me. It's my father. Three or four years ago, when father was running the 291, they had a pretty spiteful tiff and father quit and went over to the East and West. Since that time the master mechanic has had no use for any of us."

"Who was to blame?"

"I never knew. They're both rather peppery, and I guess it was six of one and a half dozen of the other. But that doesn't help me out of my bucket of hot water. What am I going to do? That's what I'd like to know."

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