

THE OBSTRUCTED TRACK.

On a crisp night in October, the wind rustled the leaves in the woods that surrounded Viola Vathek's house.

Above the fair girl who looked out of a small dormitory window, shone countless stars; she might have seen Boots and Orion, had she looked up, but that night the worlds of heaven had no attraction for her.

She was listening to a strange sound borne from the west by the nocturnal breeze that chilled her cheek. I might have said with propriety, a succession of sounds, for it seemed as if a number of persons were cording wood or moving heavy timber not far away. Save this noise, the night was quiet, and she heard without interruption from the window of her boudoir.

'I believe it is in Gwynne's Cut,' she said, at last to herself. Perhaps some villian is obstructing the track for devilish purposes. The Red Bird will soon be due, and this is Ed's trip down.'

Her face grew a trifle paler as she spoke, and a moment later she stood before the ancient wall sweeper in one of the rooms.

The moonbeams stealing in at the window, fell on the face of the dial and told Viola that it was twelve o'clock.

'Twelve!' she murmured. 'What! twelve o'clock, and he whistles to me at half past! My heavens! what if the track is obstructed in the cut!'

With the last word on her lips, she turned and soon left the house.

At the gate she paused a moment and listened. The sounds were still to be heard, and she believe that they emanated from a spot in the cut near the cattle-guard. Then she started forward again and crossed the meadow that lay between her and her destination.

The stars looked down upon a little object that glittered like silver in Viola's hand. It was a revolver, and her fingers held it firmly. Once or twice she glanced at it as if to satisfy herself that it was there. Then she looked up again with an air of determination.

She was the belle of the country she inhabited. Her father was dead, and with her widowed mother and a little brother of twelve, she dwelt in the humble house won by the sweat of her father's brow.

A railway station called Beaumont, was the only settlement near, and it was six miles from her home. She seldom went thither, for there was no society there, and she could enjoy herself better at home.

The track of iron was the making of Beaumont, for the road was new, and towns were springing up all around the line. Viola could see the cars from her window, and often had she sat there until the flaming head-light of the midnight express had appeared and disappeared. An opening in the woods enabled her to see the head-light for a moment, and then the lighted windows of the cars.

Did the engineer know that she was watching—that his engine gave two shrill shrieks as it neared the opening—two shrieks that seemed to say, 'Viola! Viola!' She always smiled when she hears the sounds, and with a smile lingering on her face, or a flush, she would listen to the rumbling of the train as it died away beyond the cramped boundaries of uncommercial Beaumont.

The brace of shrieks, loud and shrill, told her who drove that engine toward the great city on the Mississippi's banks. They recalled the day, one year since, when the first engine she had ever seen stopped at Beaumont, scarcely a station then.

The engineer was young and handsome, and when he saw her examining the great driving wheels, and looking with wonderment upon the mighty beauties of his iron pet, he leaped to the ground.

'A pretty piece of machinery,' said he to her, 'and she goes like a bird.' She blushed when she caught his eye, and the sound of his voice thrilled her.

Overcoming her timidity, he helped her into his cosy apartment on the engine, and explained to her the wondrous mechanism of this beautiful monster. Then he said good-bye and she saw the train move off, and his hat waving from the engine was the last thing she saw as the train darted around the curve.

A week later she found herself at the station talking to him again. Their meeting seemed purely accidental, and no doubt it was such; but I am sure the meetings that followed it were not. By and by Ed. Gordon, the engineer, carried a picture over his heart, and on Viola's bureau lay the photographic semblance of his face.

Thus the acquaintance at the station during the Red Bird's trial trip over the new road, had ripened into love, and two midnight shrieks told her he was safe and driving his engine toward the river metropolis.

To be continued.

Prince Edward Island. IN CHANCERY.

SILAS BARNARD,
Executor of the last Will and Testament
of James Coles, deceased, Complainant.

—AND—
THOMAS REILLY,
CATHERINE REILLY and
MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian,
Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit by His Honor the Vice Chancellor, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, instant, A. D. 1878, there will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February next, A. D. 1879, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Supreme Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County—

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NEIL McLEOD,
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