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It was a hot summer alternoon, and the mest absolate quict reigned over the little railroad station at nover the little railroad station at Northern New curve which was shaded on the west the mest still railroad station at over the little railroad station at Parkerstown, up in Northern New England, on these sweltering July days. Not even the customary loafers were around, and only at train time was there any show of life. No new due at 5 20, see, Mr. Tramps, how your little

it until then, as the sensational riter says, "all was as quiet as scheme comes out." She reached the office and looked

e grave. Nixie was the station agent's and the train left Stratford at 5.08. aughter and only child. She Well, eight minutes was more than Nixie was the station agents daughter and only child. She was 15, although so small she look-ed some three years younger, and was as quiet as a monse-"not much zip to her," as the contry. Never before was there so impatient folks said. In spite of the current opinion, however, she had, except the small portion of time which the little country town set apart for the school season, spont nearly all of her time in the ticket office with her father, picking up letter by letter and word by word, the sounds of the Morse instrument; and flashly one day she astonished her father

e Moree instrument; and using a cone, two, turee, rour, uver c day she astonished her fathen taking a telegram by sound, stroke an agony to the girl. Ving him a "neat" copy. Meanwhile the agent at Stratford From that day Nixie was incould not operate at ali, and the boy From that day Nixie was in-could not operate at all, and the boy who could and was served as general the indulgent father often said the indulgent father often said the key could run that office jest as cell a. he could himsel? which, considering that Mr. Markham was considered by the boys "a plug perator," might be called a doub il compliment to Nixie.

the compliment to Nixie. Well, on this particular afternoon e sre talking about, the aforesaid plag" samtered isto the depot the trouble enthroned on his "Nick, I'm summoned on a jury "Nick, I'm summoned on a jury ternoon. It's too late to get any-dy bere, even sposing there was she heard the approaching train ternoon. It's too late to get any-dy bere, even sposing there was she heard the approaching train ternoon. It's too late to get any-ternoon. It's too late too get anycompliment to Nixie.

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