

covered plains, sweeping down upon us with cruel intensity. The cars are most comfortable in ordinary cold weather. There are double glasses to the windows, and a stove at each end of every car; but now the cold and the wind seemed to come in everywhere. In vain did the car attendants and brakemen poke and throw coal on the stoves; it was impossible to raise the temperature. So cold was it that, even when standing close to the stoves, it was almost impossible to keep warm; and only one or two passengers at a time could get near each stove. The stoves appear to have been too much boxed up to give out much heat; but probably this has been done as a precaution against fire in case of the cars upsetting. A little before daylight the engine was uncoupled, and went forward for water, leaving the train standing on the track for hours. There are engine tanks, with a sort of "windmill" arrangement for raising the water, at intervals along the line in crossing the plains; and small and solitary landmarks they seemed in the wide expanse of prairie.

On the open plains the wind had swept the