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THE 4:15 EXPRESS.

BY AMELIA B. EDWARDS.

The events which I am about to relate took place between nine and ten years ago. Sebastopol had fallen in the early spring; the Peace of Paris had been con-cluded since March; our commercial relations with the Russian Empire were but recently renewed; and I, returning home after my first northward journey since the war, was well pleased with the prospect of spending the month of December under the hospitable and thoroughly English roof of my excellent friend, Jonathan Jelf, Esq , of Dumbleton Manor, Clayborough, East Anglia.

was a foggy afternoon, singularly warm for the fourth of December, and I had arranged to leave London by the 4:15 express. The early darkness of winter had already closed in; the lamps were lighted in the carriages; a clinging damp dimmed the wisdows, adhered to the door handles, and pervaded all the atmosphere; while the gas-jets at the neighboring book-stand diffused a luminous haze that only served to make the sleom of the terminous more visible. Having arrived some seven minutes before the starting of the train, and, by the counivance of the guard, taken sole posed my travelling lamp, made myself parundisturbed enjoyment of a book and a cigar. Great, therefore, was my disapintment when at the last woment, a gentleman hurrying along the platform, glanced into my carriace, opened the locked door with a private key, and

"It struck me at the first glance that I had seen him before, -a tall, spare man, thin lipped, light eyed, with an ungraceful stoop in the shoulders, and scant grey hair, worn somewhat long upon the collar. He carried a light waterproof coat, an umbrelia, and a large brown japanned tain of the safety of his purse or pecket-book; laid his umbrella in the netting overhead; apread the waterproof across whis knees and exchanged his hat for a travelling cap of some Scotch material By this time the train was moving out of down, I repeated in the liveliest tone the station, and into the faint grey of the I could assume. That is a heavy

I now recognized my companion. I 'A heavy sum to carry here,' replied Mr. Dwarrihouse, pointing significantly myself. His name was Dwerrihouse; he was a lawyer by profession; and, if I ... My good sir, have I not been telling was not greatly mistaken, was first cousin you so for the last half hour?" said Mr. to the wife of my host. I knew also that Dwerrihouse, teaily. he was a man emisently well to do, both has to be paid over at half-past eight

as regarded his professional and private o'clock this evening, at the office of Sir means. The Jells entertained him with Thomas' solicitors, on completion of the that sort of observant courtesy which deed of sale.' falls to the lot of the rich relation; the But how will you get across by night butler, albeit somewhat surly to the seventy-five thousand pounds in your general, treated him with deference. I pecket? thought, observing him by the vague Mrs. Jelf's cousin looked all the worse for the three years' wear and tear which remember to have observed before. The anxious lines, too, about his mouth were dell's property.' deepened, and there was a cavernous, hollow look about the cheeks and temples which seemed to speak of sickness or serrow. He had glanced at me as he night?" came in, but without any gleam of recognition in his face. Now he glanced again,

he did so for the third or fourth time, I ventured to address him. 'Mr. John Dwerrihouse, I think ? 'That is my name,' he replied. 'I had the pleasure of meeting you

Dumbleton about three years ago. Mr. Dwerrihouse bowed. 'I thought I knew your face,' he said.

But your name, I regret to say-'Langford-William Langford. I have known Jonathan Jelf since we were boys together at Merchant Tailors, and I generally spend a few weeks at Dumbleton in the shooting season. I suppose we are

bound for the same destination?' 'Just so. I am in the habit of looking arrive.' forward to this visit as to the brightest three weeks in all the year.' 'It is a pleasant house,' said Mr.

'The pleasantest I know.'

mas week with them,' pursued Mr. we already at Blackwater?' Dwerrihouse, after a moment's pause.

the issue of this business which I have in window, I could see the station, some less than an hour, and pulled up before

plated improvement Mr. Dwerrihouse smiled complacent-

direct railway communication with the metropolia to become an important cen-tre of commerce. This branch was my own idea. I brought the project before the board, and have myself superintended the execution of it up to the present

You are an East Anglian director, I

presume ? 'My interest in the company,' replied Mr. Dwerrihouse, 'is three-fold. I am's director; I am a considerable shareholder ; and, as a head of the firm of Dwerrihouse, Dwerrihouse & Craik, I am the and prepared to be gone.

"Many thanks, Mr. Langford, for your company's principal solicitor.

Loquecious, self-important, full of his pet project; and apparently unable to talk on any other subject, Mr. Dwerrihouse then went on to tell me of the opone squire; the impracticability of another; the indignation of the rector whose glebe was threatened; the culpable indifference of the Stockbridge townspeople, who could not be brought to see that their most vital interests hinged upon a junction with the Great East Ang. lian line; in spite of the local newspaper; and the unheard-of difficulties attending the Common question, were each and all laid before me with a circumstantiality that gossessed the deepest interest for my excellent follow-traveller, but none whatever for myself. From these, to my despair, he went on to more intricate masters ; to the approximate expenses of construction per mile; to the estimate sent in by different contractors to the probable traffic returns of the new line : to the provisional clauses of the new Act. as enumerated in Schedule D of the company's last half yearly report; and so on, and on, and on, till my head ached, and

Seventy-five thousand pounds, cash down? Seventy-five thousand pounds, cash

n your person?' I exclaim

That money

children made much of him; and the old from Blackwater to Stockbridge, with

"To Stockbridge?' echoed the lawyer. mixture of lamplight and twilight, that 'I find I have made myself very imperfeetly understood. I thought I had explained how this train only carries us as had gone over his head since out last far as Mallingford,—the first stage, as it meeting. He was very pale, and had a were, of our journey, and hew our restless light in his eye that I did not route from Blackwater to Mallingford lies entirely through Sir Thomas Lid-

'I beg your pardon,' I stammere 'I fear my thoughts were wandering. So you only go as far as Mallingford to-

'Precisely. I shall get conveyance from the 'Blackwater Arms.' And as I fancied, somewhat doubtfully. When you?

'Oh. Jelf sends a trap to meet me a Clayborough. Can I be the bearer of any message from you?' 'You may say, if you please, Mr.

Langford, that I wished I could have been your companion all the way, and that I will come over if possible before Christmas.

'Nothing more ?' that she need not burn the hall down in be obliged if she will order the blue-

flagration on the occasion of your last yet, for my life, I could not help pondervisit ta Dumbleton?

pause while Mr. Dwerrihouse was speak- dapperest of East Anglian grooms. T cannot tell. It must depend upon ing, and, on putting my head out of the We did the nine miles in something the issue of this business which I have in hand. You have heard, perhaps that we are about to construct a branch line from Blackwater to Stockbridge.'

I explained that I had been for some months away from England and had scarcely ascertained our position, in the gravel, a hearty grasp was on my less than an hour, and pulled up before the lodge gates just as the church clock was striking half past seven. A couple another train before us blocking the way, was striking half past seven. A couple another train before us blocking the way, and the warm glow of minutes more, and the warm glow of the lighted hall was flooding out upon the lighted hall was flooding out upon the gravel, a hearty grasp was on my was striking half past seven. A couple another train before us blocking the way, and the warm glow of the lighted hall was flooding out upon the gravel, a hearty grasp was on my was striking half past seven. A couple and the guard was making use of the delay to collect the Blackwater tickets. I had scarcely ascertained our position, the gravel, a hearty grasp was on my was striking half past seven. A couple and the guard was making use of the delay to collect the Blackwater tickets. I had scarcely ascertained our position, the gravel, a hearty grasp was on my window, I could see the station, some less than an hour, and pulled up before the clock for hearty served. A couple and the gravel are the clock was striking half past seven. A couple and the gravel are the clock of the lodge gates just as the church clock was the church clock was the lodge gates just as the church clock and receive free, a costly by and receive free, a costly by the lodge gates just as the church clock was the church clock was triking half past seven. A couple and the gravel are the clock was triking half past seven. A couple and the gravel are the clock was the church clock w

when the ruddy-faced official appeared at hand, and a clear, jovial voice was bidour carriage-door .. barrages bas beer

Tickets, sir ! said he.

at my fellow-traveller, and disappeared.

'They never do, ' replied Mr. Dwerrihouse. They all know me; and. of house. Adieu! Mrs. Jelf will will be

Blackwater ! Blackwater ! cried the porter, running along the platform before us, as we glided into the station. Mr. Dwerrihouse pulled out his deedbox, put his travelling cap in his pocket, ed his hat, took down his umbrella.

society,' he said, with lold-fashioned courtesy. I wish you a good evening. Without a rival for efficacy or painless 'Good evening,' I replied putting out my hand.

bosition he had encountered and the obstacles he had overcome in the cause of the Stockbridge branch. I was enterthe Stockbridge branch. I was entertained with a multitude of local details

But he either did not see it, or did sarely its loss would be felt in future ages as keenly as its value is now appreciated by all in this. Try Putnam's his hat, stepped out upon the platform. Painless Corn Extractor. Sure and safe:
Having done this, he moved always N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, proprieand local grievances. The rapacity of

proof coat, and was made of dark proof coat, and was made of dark morosco leather, with a silver monogram upon the side, I sprang out of the carriage just as the guard came up the carriage just as the guard came up to leck me in.

'Is there one minute to spare?'

Tathere one minute to spare?'

Tathere one minute to spare?'

plied the guard. "You must be quicked I dashed along the platform as fast as V. Seeing is believing. Read the test

I however, new him distinctly, movdeed-box, which at last he placed under the seat. This done, he felt carefully my attention flagged, and my eyes kept in his breast pocket, as if to make cortain of the safety of his purse or pocket to keep them open. At length I was friend, that the presently to keep them open. At length I was book; laid his umbrella in the netting constant of the waterward the waterward the waterward arrows the waterward arrows the waterward the waterward arrows the waterward the waterwar drew back somewhat from the seved, and stood aside in excussion to be successful. I made straight for the spot where they were wailing. These, was a wind gas jet just above their heads, and the light fell full upon their faces. I leaw both distinctly,—the face of Mr. Dwershouse and the face of his companion, b Running, breathless, eager as I was, getting of experience, accomplishes the object. ning, breathless, eager as I was, getting Thow recombsed my companion.

In construction of the properties of in a close cut shit of Scotche tweed. was now within a few yards of them. rsn against a atout gentleman. I was thinking well of Gro. Kers, Manager Ontario Bank, nearly knocked down by a baggage truck, -I stumled over a carget bag, -I gained

the spot just as the driver's whistle warned me to return ; 10 1 To my utter stupefaction they were no

'I saw no gentlemen, sir, sir," replied the man.

The whistle shrilled out again. The guard, far up the platform, held up his arms, and shouted to me to 'come on !' 'If you're going on by this train,

sir,' said the porter, 'you must run for I did run for it, just gained the carriage as the train began to move, was shoved in by the guard, and left,

breathless and bewildered, with Mr. Dwerrihouse's cigar case still in my It was the strangest disappearance in

the world. It was like a transformation trick in a pantomine. They were there one moment, -- palpably there, talking Mr. Dwerrihouse smiled grimly. with the gaslight full upon their faces; 'Well,' he said, 'you may tell my cousin and the next moment they were gone. There was no door near, -no window, my honor this time, and that I shall no staircase. It was a mere slip of barren platform, tapestried with big room chimney to be swept before I advertisements. Could anything be more mysterious?

That sounds tragic. Had you a con- It was not worth thinking about; and ing, wondering, turning it over and over 'Something like it. There had been in my mind, and racking my brains for no fire lighted in my bedroom since the a solution to the enigma. I thought of spring, the flue was foul, and the rooks it all the way from Blackwater to Clay-The best and kindest fellow in the had built in it; so when I went up to berough. I thought of it all the way dress for dinner, I found the room full from Clayborough to Dumblecon, as I 'They have invited me to spend Christ- of smoke and the chimney on fire. Are rattled along the smooth highway in a trim dog cart drawn by a -plendid black The train had gradually come to a mare, and driven by the silentest and East street Grain Depot, opposite Town Hall,

ding me 'Welcome to Dumbleton.'
'And now, my dear fellow,' and my Mr. Dwerrihouse smiled complacently.

'It will be an improvement,' he said;
'a great improvement. Stockbridge is a
flourishing town, and needs but a more
direct railway communication with the be. By the way, you will meet some 'He did not ask for yours,' I said, with soquaintances. The Biddulphs are coming, and Prendergrast (Prendergast, of the Skirmishers) is staying in the expecting you in the drawing room."

(CONTINUED.) And perhaps in the distant future when And perhaps in the distant reture when the ages have grown old, and more with slaw and failing steps down the corridors of time—When the adjuncts and appliances that now make life edurable are forgutten, how gladly will the people hail the re-discovery of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, the great and only agree non corn cure of this age. Good evening, I replied putting out action, certain is every case and yet perfectly harmless to every other part,
But he either did not see it, or did savely its loss would be felt in future

Leaning forward to watch him out of will give as good milk or butter as corn will give as good milk or butter as corn meal and good wheat bran. There may proved to be a cigar case. It had fallenge be others which will produce these prono doubt from the pocket of his water decrease, but the quality will be in-

Is there one minute to spare, who swan't that a waste of powder? said travelled down with me from town, has an Trishman to a kentuckian, who had dropped his cigar case,—he is not yet just brought a cron to the ground with his rifle. from a large tree. Why so? his rifle. from a large tree. Why so? out of the station; and schulf, sir, ren aked the hunter. Sure the fall would

my feet could carry me. It was a large monials in the pamphlet on Dr. Van station, and Mr. Dwertheuse had by, Buren's Kidney Cure, then buy a bottle and relieve yourself of all those distressing pains. Your Druggest can tell you further end.

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