

"What's the latest about going home, Gadget?"

"Nothing."

"Come on, now, tell us the latest telegram."

"I'll watch it. Last time I told you the news you would not believe it and it came straight, too. I'll carefully watch telling you any more news."

A loud shout from outside: "Fweddy! Fweddy! Here is the Johannesburg express, and there are girls on it too. Hurry up!"

A wild rush over the sides of the car; the train pulls up, stops for a moment or two, and then steams off. The boys scatter over the veldt; some to play quoits; others to talk to the Royal Irish; the cars are deserted, and the excitement of the day is over.

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Professor Macoun, the learned and widely-known Canadian naturalist, writes as follows to Mr. MacSwain in regard to the papers on birds which have