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modation, that Holmes and his wife thought they would not sleep in Chicago, but would engage berths in a Pullman car and go straight on by the next train to St. Paul's, *en route* for Winnipeg.

Well, this was a transformation scene—Evans deciding to give up Canada, and Holmes and his ... bride coming back to it !

"And what is going to become of Evans?" said Morgan.

"Why, Evans is going to be married, and to settle in London or near it. I hear he is about to write a book."

Morgan again expressed his astonishment.

"He always said," added Holmes, "that a great many men came out to Canada because they were tired of nineteenth-century civilization—wearing dress clothes in the evening, and directly a morning suit grew comfortably fitted to one's shape having to give it away because your friends tell you it is shabby, and all that. He said women might stand these sort of things, but it was not every man who could, so I suppose he has found a wife to agree with him. He can, at any rate in London, leave his wife to do all the visiting, and devote himself to books. The want of them and of English newspapers he always