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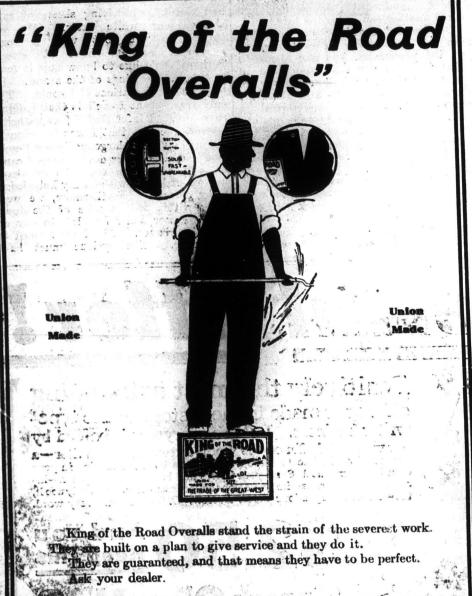
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I had, before long.

"It was morning, as near as I could gather—a bleak, chilly, cloudy morning. was drenched to the skin with aqueous matter and I felt a pressing need of something of a spirituou nature. I felt my bones cautiously. They were sore, but they seemed to be whole, so I raised myself from my first premium couch and limped toward the burg. I struck the main ceet and was approaching the hotel when I heard a yell behind me. I looked back and sa the tomatocolored Turk who'd indulged in gayety with me during the meteorological pre-liminaries, as the Professor would have called 'em. He had been engreed in conversation with an admiring group of jays on the other side of the street I guess the cyclone didn't think he was worth picking up. As soon as he saw me he yelled: "That's one of 'em! -- one of the fellows that started the cyclone! Stop him!"

"I wouldn't have bet on myself for place in a foot-race a minute before, but I certainly missed everything but the high places when that ... ob came pounding down the street behin me. I had a picture of myself held in suspension from one of to tall telegraph poles that were hizzing by me so fast they had

avoided it, and I don't blame it. I wished straight along until I almost ran into the train.

and flipped.
"As I clambered up, I saw my redwhiskered friend parting along within ten yards of me, losing ground, but game, and with a thrill of joy and gratitude I reached for a couple of chunks of that coal and turned loose. One chunk took him on the jaw and knocked him backwards, and the other landed neatly in the abdominal region and doubled him forward. It was the loveliest thing ever seen.

"Within five minutes was raining hard again, and I had no umbrella; the coal was the lumpest, hardest kind of anthracite ever blasted out of a mine, and I was sore enough before I sat on it; I was hungry and sore athirst; at any moment an unsympathetic brakie might come along and boot me into sudden contact with the right-of-way; but the thought of that beautiful double shot filled me with a glow of happiness that was a dead ringer for ecctasy.

"It soaked out in t.me, though. travelled on that coal-car clear into Omaha, and it rained every holy minute of the time. It was midnight when I dropped off at the yards and made my way to my friend Michael O'Carroll's place. Mike was standing behind the mahogany when I floated in on the



Reflections in Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg.

the aspect of a picket-fence—and that | bosom of the stream that ran from my helped me. A half a brick that came hurtling by my ear helped me some more.

"I hadn't any clear idea of where I was going until I heard a bell jingling ahead of me and saw a long train of coal-car running along the railroad track at the crossing at about twelve miles an hour. My relentless pr rsucrs whooped triumph. They thought they had me blocked, but I knew better. I kept

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garments, my teeth chattering. "Mix me a hot one Mike, and I'll take ore at normal temperature while you're doing it, to save time," I says, reaching for the bottle with one hand and for the cheese sandw ches with the

"F'r Hivin's sake!" says Mike, his eyes bulging. 'Where have yez been?" "Rainmaking," I says, with my mouth full, backing up against the stove, which by good luc!: he'd lit.

Ye've struck yer gait, Jimsey," says Mike.. "Ye're a howlin' success at it." "You don't know how successful I have been," I said. "This is only a small sample."

"I got into a dry wardrobe that Michael furnished me, and went down to my regular abiding-place. The next morning I met another old friend who had a good mail-order proposition, and I gave science the shake, for the time being, for conservetive commercial rake-off of ninety-eight per cent. of ret receipts. I worried about the Professor for quite a while, until I read a newspaper account of where he'd sued the grange for the amount of our contract, and recover d. Then I saw that I need never worry about him."

## Hardly Truthful

Sages assembled in the general store were discussing the veracity of old Si Perkins when Uncle Bill Abbott ambled in. "What do you think about it, Uncle Bill?" they asked him. "Would

you call Si Perkins a liar?" "Wall," answered Uncle Bill slowly, as he thoughtfully studied the ceiling, "I don't know as I'd go so far as to call him a liar exactly, but I do know this much: when feedin' time comes, in order to get any response from his hogs, he has to get somebody else to call 'em for him,

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