

ADVENTURE OF AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

By VIRGINIA CHAMPLIN, FROM THE PAGES OF JACQUES NORMAND.

In our little circle of friends there was general astonishment when we learned of the approaching marriage of Valentine and the Parisian.

"I have hardly time," he said, "I have a hundred things to do. But if you will walk along with me."

"The story is very simple," said Valentine, "and devoid of commonplace."

"In the month of February I set out for Paris to attend the carnival festival. I have a horror of travelling at night."

"I followed her. I could admire at my ease an elegant figure, well defined by a long beaver cloak."

"I entered with the stream of hatless, breathless, rumpled travellers. In short, I was one of that file essentially grotesque and painful, as regards human grace and beauty, that pours out from an express train to feed itself in a hurry."

"I seated myself and hastily swallowed the courses served me, and my lady traveller took some soup at a separate table."

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a Frenchman is. He can't be alone with a pretty woman on a long journey without feeling some emotion.

"Why, you are crazy, sir; you are crazy." "The rug—or I shall jump."

"Do not disturb myself about me, madam, I am not chaffing, and even if I were cold, it would be only a just punishment for my unpardonable stupidity."

"Because she appeared to me charming." She smiled; and the ice was broken; the ice of the conversation, it must be understood, for otherwise I was shivering.

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