

A CHANCE DELAY.

By Lady Johnson.

The mid-day express was on the point of departure from Paddington...

It was only the leave-taking between a girl and a frail-looking woman...

A last hasty embrace, the door slammed vigorously, a glimpse of tear-filled eyes...

The thick fog, growing whiter but not less dense as they left behind the city smoke...

At last an undesired glance, having assured him that her face was dry-eyed and composed...

Nearly two hours elapsed before the train slackened speed at Lyme Tree Junction...

"We are late, I am afraid I have missed my train," she said...

"Do you think there will be a train soon?" she inquired...

"I have been more fortunate than I expected," he announced...

"Pray do not think of it. I am not very hungry," she said...

"I shall not confide any more of my fears to you, Captain Cleveland, for I see you turn everything into a joke..."

"I understand you are trying to cheer me up, and make me look at the amusing side of it..."

"I hope we may meet again, Miss Errington, interrupting her expressions of gratitude..."

"I am glad," said Phyllis, with an unmistakable accent of relief...

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Behring Sea Settlement.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6.—President Cleveland's recommendation to Congress to pay \$425,000, practically in full settlement of the claims of Canadian sealers against the United States...

When it was unduly announced some months ago that that amount would be paid, it was understood to be merely for claims presented to the Paris tribunal arising out of the seizures in Behring Sea, during 1888, 1887 and 1889, there having been some in 1888. About 400,000 was the amount of claims on this account.

Canadian sealers fully expected to extract one of the number, Baltimore, prospective profits through the exclusion under the motus vivendi, especially for 1891, the first year of the arrangement. England advanced \$200,000 as indemnity for the claims of 1892 and 1893, which will be pressed against the Canadian and British Governments amount to considerably more than \$500,000.

Teacher—Who was it that supported the world on his shoulders? Bright Pupil—It was Atlas, ma'am. Teacher—And who supported Atlas? Bright Pupil—The book don't say; but I guess his wife supported him.

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after Monday the 1st October, 1904, the trains of this Railway will run daily (except on days specified) as follows:

WILL LEAVE HALIFAX: Express for Moncton, Campbellton and Halifax... Express for St. John... Express for St. John... Express for Halifax... Accommodation for St. John...

All trains are run by Eastern Standard Time. D. POTTINGER, General Manager, Moncton, N. B., 4th, October, 1904.

Salisbury and Harvey Railway Company.

TIME TABLE NO. 31. In effect Monday, Oct. 18th, 1904. Trains will be discontinued excepted by 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Leave Harvey... Leave Hillsboro... Arrive Hillsboro... Leave Hillsboro... Leave Albert... Arrive Albert...

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Class Houses. One of the promised novelties of the next great exposition will be a glass house. The building will have a skeleton frame of iron, on which will be fastened glass posts, making a double wall. The roof will be of tinted glass, and cornices, foundation, door-step and window sills will be of thick slabs of glass. Imitations of all sorts of building material will be possible in the new houses, and the tops of pillars and mouldings will be stamped in arabesque and flowers. By improved methods, glass tubing and pipes are made that have a resistance equal to cast-iron. When these pipes can be used for conveying water, we will be sure of much better quality of this article than at present, as no peculiarities of soil can corrode them, and the water will acquire no unusual taste.

Musical Instruments of Aluminum. The use of aluminum is becoming common. In Austria-Hungary a short time ago the metal was introduced into army. The band of the Third Regiment of Infantry (the Archduke Charles' regiment) has used it in the manufacture of drums, discarding the old-fashioned brass metal. The instruments have a neat appearance and are much lighter, and according to experts, their timbre is more melodious. The regimental bands in garrison at Vienna have also received the aluminum "cash." It is stated that this newly improved drum will shortly be supplied to the whole of the bands in the Austrian army. Perhaps the near future the trombone and all other instruments now wholly made of brass will give way to aluminum.

A well-dressed Hindu woman wears but one piece of cloth; this is six or eight yards in length, and a yard and a quarter wide. It is wrapped in loosely in some directions, and stuck in in here and there to keep it in place; all this accomplished, our East Indian sister is neatly and becomingly dressed without use of pin, button, hook or string.

"Caroling" addressing her sister, "do you hear? Miss Errington does not seem to confess that this gentleman was her traveling companion?"

"Miss Caroline, rather pin; but less stern than her stronger-minded sister, ventured to put in a word for the culprit."

"Perhaps [it was someone you knew, my dear, a friend to whom your mother had confided you?"]

"No," in a steadfast voice, "I had never seen him before. We were in the same carriage from Paddington; the train was late at Lyme Tree Junction, so we had three hours to wait."

"Am I right?" demanded Miss Fenton, severely, "in supposing you spent those hours in the society of an utter stranger?"

"Yes," answered Phyllis, her eyes filling under her interlocutor's gaze. "But, please, let me explain. When I found there was not another train until evening I felt very nervous. You see it was the first time I had traveled alone, and—this gentleman, seeing my uneasiness, told me he was also coming from Paddington, and that he had only one waiting room, so I could scarcely have avoided him."

Miss Fenton shook her head incredulously, while her sister remonstrated. "But, my dear, one can always, without discourtesy, make it evident that one does not desire a promiscuous acquaintanceship."

"The girl looked up at her. 'I am very sorry if I have done wrong, and—and,' flushing hotly, 'I must tell you, for I would rather you knew everything, that I had not brought home anything to eat, and there was no refreshment room, and so he went out and brought me some luncheon from the confectioner's.'"

[TO BE CONTINUED.] A Hideous Relic of the Past. The old-time South American Indians were head hunters in every sense of the word, and their manner of preserving the relics of battle would make an Egyptian embalmer sick with envy. They cut off the heads of all vanquished foes and then removed the flesh, bones and brain by some last process. The materials used in embalming these uncanny relics (fluids of what not) had the effect of shrinking the head until the intellectual portion of the brain would not be larger than a lemon. One of these shriveled embalmed heads is now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The hair is still as black and glossy as when worn by the original owner of the head four or five hundred years ago, and the lips, mouth, nose and eyes are all perfect, although reduced in size proportionate to the shrunken head. The curators of the museum value it at \$5000.

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