

lands sprouts of winter wheat were faintly showing. The train was travelling steadily and faster than its regular schedule; it evidently was running as a special, some other train taking the ordinary traffic; it halted now only at the largest cities. In the morning it crossed into Minnesota; and in the late afternoon, slowing, it rolled into some large city which Eaton knew must be Minneapolis or St. Paul. All day he had listened for sounds in the Santoine car, but had heard nothing; the routine which had been established to take care of him had gone on through the day, and he had seen no one but Connery and the negro, and his questions to them had been unanswered.

The car here was uncoupled from the train and picked up by a switch engine; as dusk fell, Eaton, peering out of his window, could see that they had been left lying in the railroad yards; and about midnight, awakening in his berth, he realized that the car was still motionless. He could account for this stoppage in their progress only by some change in the condition of Santoine. Was Santoine sinking, so that they no longer dared to travel? Was he, perhaps—dead?

No sounds came to him from the car to confirm Eaton in any conclusion; there was nothing to be learned from any one outside the car. A solitary man, burly and alert, paced quietly back and forth below Eaton's window. He was a guard stationed to prevent any escape while the car was motionless in the yard.

Eaton lay for a long time, listening for other sounds and wondering what was occurring—or had occurred—at the other end of his car. Toward morning he fell asleep.

(To be continued.)

FROM JEST TO EARNEST.

The Lyonian, a little journal published by the boys at Harrow School, in England, puts the war into propositions of Euclid, as follows:

"A subaltern is one who has position but no magnitude.

"A Turkish communique lies equally on any point.

"An obtuse officer is one more stupid than a superior officer, but less so than two Staff officers.

"A trench is that which has length, breadth, and stickiness.

"Two officers in mufti from Brixton and Mayfair respectively cannot be in the same circle, and if they meet will cut one another.

"A soldier equal to a Tommy is equal to anything.

"An observer and a pilot who are in the same line meet in the same plane.

"An 'old dug-out' is often a plain figure with a Sam Browne belt round its circumference.

"If things are double the price of the same thing obtainable elsewhere, it is a War Office contract."

WIT AND WISDOM.

Thirst for knowledge does not leave that dark-brown taste.

People who harp on one string may not be angels—they may be harpies.

It's comparatively easy to win love, but the trick is to hold it.

Things move so fast nowadays that after a man says, "It can't be done," he turns around to see somebody doing it.

It may be possible that some widows wear those black veils to hide their satisfaction.

The letter carrier's whistle may properly be described as a postal note.

Attempting the impossible is the effort of a man to paint a town red with water colours.

The most ignorant man in the world is the fellow who knows it all.

During courtship the young chap reads poetry to the girl, but during wedlock she reads the riot act to him.

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