THE GHOST THAT JIM SAW.

(Kansas Pacific Railway.)

1873.

"Why, as to that," said the engineer,
"Ghosts ain't things we are apt to fear;
Spirits don't fool with levers much,
And throttle-valves don't take to such;
And as for Jim—
What happened to him
Was one-half fact and t'other half whim!

Running one night on the line, he saw
A house—as plain as the moral law—
Just by the moonlit bank, and thence
Came a drunken man with no more sense
Than to drop on the rail,
Flat as a flail,
As Jim drove by with the midnight mail.

Down went the patents. Steam reversed,
Too late! for there came a 'thud.' Jim cursed,
As his fireman, there in the cab with him,
Kinder stared in the face of Jim,
And says, 'What now?'
Says Jim, 'What now!
've just run over a man—that's how!'

The fireman stared at Jim. They ran
Back, but they never found house nor man,—
Nary a shadow within a mile,
Jim turned pale, but he tried to smile—
Then on he tore,
Ten mile or more,
In quicker time than he'd made afore.

Would you believe it!—the very next night
Up rose that house in the moonlight white;
Out comes the chap and drops as before,
Down goes the brakes, and the rest encore—
And so, in fact,
Each night that act
Occurred, till folks swore Jim was cracked.

Humph! Let me see; it's a year now, most,
That I met Jim, east, and says, 'How's your ghost?'
'Gone,' says Jim, 'and more, it's plain
That ghost don't trouble me again;
I thought I shook
That ghost when I took
A place on an Eastern line—but look:

What should I meet the first trip out,
But that very house that we talked about,
And that self-same man! "Well," says I, "I guess
It's time to stop this yer foolishness."
So I crammed on steam,
When there came a scream
From my fireman—and it broke my dream—

"You've killed somebody!" Says I, "Not much;
I've been thar often and thar ain't no such,
And now I'll prove it." Back we ran,
And—darn my skin!—but thar *was a man*
On the rail, dead,
Smashed in the head—
Now I call that meanness. That's all Jim said."

—*Bret Harte, written for the New York Times.*

READY-MONEY MORTIBOY

A MATTER-OF-FACT STORY.

CHAPTER XLIX.

Mrs. Heathcote is heiress to all. The gigantic estate of the Mortiboys, little impaired by Dick's lavish expenditure, is hers, to have and to hold. The fact has been communicated to her officially by Mr. Battiscombe. No will had been made. No frittering away of a great property by miserable bequests; nothing left to collateral branches of the family; Ghrimes and the Mellishes out of it altogether. All Mrs. Heathcote's.

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"We shall, of course," she said to her daughter, "go to London to live. Your father must give up his vulgar habits."

"My father has no vulgar habits," said Grace, always rebellious.

"Grace, don't contradict. Is it, or is it not, vulgar to smoke pipes after dinner?" No answer being given to this clincher, she went on. "We shall dine at half-past seven; go into society; balls, I suppose, every night; we shall be presented at court, of course; your father will give up his poky farm, and we shall buy an estate somewhere. Ghrimes will go on managing the bank, though I must say the salary he draws seems ridi-

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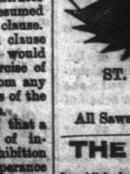

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