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## CHAPTER FIRST

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GOOD managers are made from messenger boys, brakemen, wipers and telegraphers; just as brave admirals are produced in due time by planting a cadet in a naval school. From two branches of the service come the best equipped men in the railroad world—from the motive-power department and from the train service. This one came from the mechanical department, and he spent his official life trying to conceal the fact—striving to be just to all his employees and to show no partiality towards the department from whence he sprang—but always failing.

“These men will not strike,” he contended: “The brains of the train are in the engine.” “O, I don’t think,” Mr. Josler, the general superintendent, would say; and if you fol-