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The Railroad Switchman

CY WARMAN, FAMOUS AUTHOR OF RAILROAD TALES WRITES ABOUT HIM.

RAILROAD TALES WRITES ABOUT HIM. The duties of the switchman to-day are different from the duties of the switch-man of yesterday. The switchman of yesterday was a tough proposition. Peace troubled his mind. Twenty years ago if there was not a switchman's strike in Buffalo, there were two in Pueblo. Mem-bers of other organizations used to regard the switchman in the light of a common disturbance. Peace troubled his mind. Mingled with firewater he would fight at the drop of his own greasy cap, and drop it himself. But the switchman has im-proved with age. He was always brave and daring. He is extravagant, but never lazy. He is an Indian in that he is apt to grow weary of the monotony of life in any particular locality. He moves, often before the rent is due. "I want a job," said a switchman, as he leaned over the mutue in the wandmeteric effect of the sum of the sum of the two yards on a grade of 3 per-cent. Cars arriving in one yard are run up the hump and drop down on to the and daring. He is extravaged in that he is apt lazy. He is an Indian in that he is apt to grow weary of the monotony of life in any particular locality. He moves, often any particular locality. He moves, often said a switchman, as he leaned over the ralling in the yardmaster's office. "What road you from?" asked the yardmaster, and the switchman answered, "All but this one, and I'll probably be from this on the week." of gridnrons, coupled to be a man of ou the switchman must be a man of quick eye, fleet of foot and of sound and ouck eye, fleet of foot and of sound and the tracks on the other side, being sorted "on the switchman answered, "All but this one, and I'll probably be from this on the week." of the switchman must be a man of the woman." The poor woman-Mary Aherne was

I once heard a switchman, a real tough tramp switchman, telling a friend of his how to secure employment. "Don't blow in like a beggar," said he; "but sweep in and go at 'em quick and fast. Don't ask for a job braking-hit 'em for a pass-enger train, and you'll get a job a-switchin', otherwise you'll get nothin'." I would not have the teader infer that all the tough railway employes of yester-day were switchmen, for there have been great improvements in the morals of the service, and, of course, the switchman has improved and developed along with other trainmen, but he was handicapped

has improved and developed along with other trainmen, but he was handicapped in the beginning. Perhaps the hazard of his calling tended to make him reck-less of his own life and limbs, and cor-respondingly indifferent to the welfare at his fellow men. But if anyone be in trouble, especially if the troubled one happens to be a woman or a child, the switchman will empty his pocket to asof his calling tended to make him reck-less of his own life and limbs, and cor-respondingly indifferent to the weifare of his fellow men. But if anyone be in trouble, especially if the troubled one happens to be a woman or a child, the switchman will empty his pocket to as-suage the distress. In fact, he is as gen-erous as he is brave. Now, with improv-ed conditions, and a lessening of danger, and the growing conviction that a good switchman need not necessarily be tough, the switchman is evoluting. The old dreaded death-trap-the open frog-into which the switchman of yesterday used to find his foot caught, is no more. In fact, the railway managers are working constantly to lessen the danger in the yard, which is the workshop of the when the long, soot-stained freight.

whichman. When the long, soot-stained freight irain crawls wearily into the divisional yards, the conductor, bearing his dinner pail and a bundle of way bills, alights and betakes himself to the yardmaster's office, where he registers the arrival of his train and deposits the way bills. His responsibility for the train is at an end when these operations are completed. Be-fore he reaches the little home in the su-burbs, where the "kids" are anxiously waiting for "daddy," a switch engine, nervously responsive to the signals of a man in dirty overalls, is tearing that long freight train to pieces and hurling the units into various sidings designated by the man in the overalls. The man in the overalls is called a "switchman." In Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe the switching or sorting of trains is done principally by horses or by gravity. In this country it has, as a rule, been done by locomotives pushing or pul-ing cars in and out of sidings. At some of the larger centres this method is found too slow and expensive, and the poling ing cars in and out of sidings. At some of the larger centres this method is found too slow and expensive, and the poling evertee was devised. The engine would When the long, soot-stained freight

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spake to her or give her the laste en-couragement in the place. "There was a poor woman lived up on "There was a poor woman lived up on the hill the other side of the road, and every day she used to come down to tether her goat to graze on a bit of a field of the boreen where Anne Dempsey lived. You may be sure she took care to keep herself and her goat far enough from the hut, but, all the same, she grew unaisy one time, because for nearly a week she saw never a sign of unfortu-nate Anne about the place, nor as much as a stim of smoke coming from the hole in the roof that was used for a shimney. One evening this woman's goat

shimney. One evening this woman's goat strayed away from ner after dark and she went to look for it down the lane, and where did she see it of all places only eating the withered bark off the blasted fairy thorn. blasted fairy thorn. "As soon as she got within earshot of Anne Dempsey's hut she heard the most awful moaning within. "Maybe the woman is sick,' says she

quick eye, fleet of foot and of sound and steady nerves. It is his duty to seize the cars by the corner as they drop down at the rate of twelve or thirteen miles an hour, mount them in a trice, and set the brake sufficiently to reduce the speed materially within a few hundred feet. The occupation is, therefore, the most hazard-ous in the railway service, although mod-tern safety anniances have done a great there his reverence, who wasn't any too there his reverence, who wasn't any too well at the time, was going to bed. The poor woman knocked at the door, and a the switchman was required to go in be-tween the cars to couple and uncouple them, and many fatal accidents occurred through his failure to observe precau-tions. If you ask the old grizzled gentle-man in the blue uniform, as he collects inute after his reverence threw up the window of the room above.

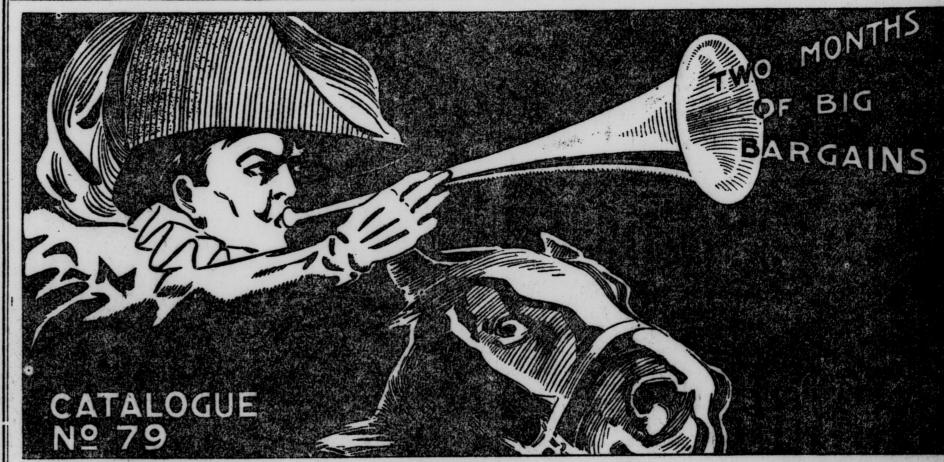
'Who's there?' said he, 'and what do

"'T'm Mary Aherne, father,' she said, 'from the Purple Rock road, and I came to tell you that Anne Dempsey is dying and wants you to come to her.' 'At the very mention of the unfortu-nate creature's name the priest flew into a passion

a passion. "How dare Anne Dempsey send for me? he calls out in a terrible rage. 'Anne Dempsey lived without the priest,' says he. 'Let her die as she has lived.' "And with that, without another word, he shut down the window with a great ciatter and went back to his bed. "You may be sure it was with a sor-rowful heart that the woman brought back that hard message to the poor dying creature. No one could ever make out what come to Father John that night, for it wasn't like him to refuse the comforts what come to Father John that night, for it wasn't like him to refuse the comforts of religion to any poor sinful soul. It might be that he wasn't himself at the time, for old Father Murphy was on his deathbed them times, and a taydious deathbed it was, so that the curate was very hard run, and nearly worn out with the work he had to do. And I daresay he never believed the woman was dying at all. To be sure she had dared him and defied him, and been a thorn in his side for many a long day, and there's no in the business. There is no sympathy between the road trainmen and the switchmen, and for several years the labor organizations representing the two bedies have been at variance the smitch. all. To be sure she had dared him and defied him, and been a thorn in his side for many a long day, and there's no doubt at all but that he was sorry for what he had done, for by daylight next morning he sent for me to yoke up the mare and drive him down to the Purple Rock without any delay. But all to no use, for before we got to the hut Anne Dempsey was dead. The priest turned away with a face as

The priest turned away with a face as white as a sheet when he heard the news. But he was a man of few words, and





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"But between one thing and another "But between one thing and another Father John soon got the name of being the most zealous and hard working cur-poor Patsy Farrell (God rest him) built ate that ever did duty in Kilrothery parish. For all that there was them in it that didn't like him too well. Father John had a long, narrow face, a thin lipped, hard looking mouth, and eyes that looked at you coldly except when he was in anger, and then they semed like two living coals of fire that could burn on your bended knees to creep into it.

O'Sullivan, of the parish of Kilrothery, up there beyant the hills? Them that re-members him only as he was in the latter end of his days had little knowledge of what a cowld, hard man he could be when he first came to the place. Not but what, of course, being a priest, he was a saint in his own way, praying and fast-

ing and preaching, and looking after the wants of his people without any earthly thought of his own comfort and con-vaynience. "A hard enough parish it was, too, in them days, before the people had left the

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"So the very next day the body of Anne "So the very next day the body of Anne Dempsey was taken up in its coffin and brought to Kilrothery, where at last it got Christian burial and Father John's blessing. Maybe that was all the poor thing wanted, for from that day to this she never troubled nobody. The same day that they buried her they levelled down the ould hut and the blasted thorn the tree above it, and set fire to the two of

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The archiepiscopal palace of Canterbury upon him the necessity of flight. He re- ward on the pavement Hugh of Hors is situated diagonally across the square fused to fly. Finally they told him it a sub-deacon and chaplain to Fitzure formed by the cloisters, from the north was the hour of vespers, his duty was planted his foot on the neck of the door of the cathedral transept. That in the church, and implored him to come corpse, thrust his sword into the ghastis to say, it forms the extreme north- with them thither before it was too late. Iy wound, and scattered the brains over west angle of the quadrangle, while the Reluctantly he allowed himself to be the pavement. It was finished-the mark

mon superstition, Becket's ears must cathedral forms the extreme south-west half led, half pushed along that north- tyrdom was complete. What more rehave grown in his palace across the angle, and the beautiful covered way of ern, down this western cloister, to the mains. The deed accomplished the conthe cloisters make up the rest of the door of the transept where I stand, the spirators vanished, while the frightened

whole way of his progression being a gathered in crowds in the streets and achered hubbub some one of the bishops, Standing at that transept door and scuffle between his desire to preserve his ran toward the cathedral. Seeing the which one is not known, cried out to looking toward the palace, I could re- dignity and the desire of the monks to body, men and women began to weep; Henry-"As long as Thomas lives, you picture for myself one of the leading gain the sanctuary, and as they went they kissed his hands and feet, they will have noither good days nor peace- scenes in the fatal history. It needed the twilight swallowed up their retreat- dipped linen in his blood. Even the ful kingdom, nor quiet life." The sug- only that I should think of twilight in- ing forms.

oaths the King burst out: "A fellow that as it were of the supreme moment was and Becket, who it is thought had con-

with benefits dares insult the King and at three in the afternoon) was over, and altar where all his predecessors had been the whole royal family, and tramples on Becket had retired to his own apart- enthroned, had just mounted to the the whole kingdom-a fellow that came ments, where he sat in conversation fourth step of that stairway into the

What sluggard wretches, what cowards pressed, and had given voice to certain distinctly through the gloaming, and and his sanctity closed-Becket was enhave I brought up in my court, who prophetic warnings concerning his ap-followed by the south cloister, burst rolled in the calendar. care nothing for their allegiance to proaching death. "One martyr, St. violently in.

gentleman of his bedchamber, named re-spectively Reginald Fitzurse, Hugh de four knights from the King desire aud-He would listen to nothing, but stood at headaches, nausea, biliousness, and all Moreville, William de Tracy and Richard jence. He draws himself erect, prepared

le Bret, and these men, catching fire im- to meet he knows not what, and the indistinct crowd. mediately at the King's insinuation, im- knights enter. mediately fell into whispers and dark | What followed was full of insolence

monks who had always doubted the truth of his consecration, finding on his At length the transept was reached body the hair-shirt and the marks of the scourge, cried out that he was a monk.

ceived the intention of making his way to the Patriarchal Chair at the high choir when the knights and their rabble, way. Presently they whispered the word

having seen the flight of the quarry in- miracle. The circle of his martyrdom

Always brave at the moment of dan-Alfege, you have alleady, include will Always brave at the faced his shad-claimed; "another, if God will, you will ger, Becket turned and faced his shad-The word was said, the die was cast. have soon!" And now as he sat his owy assailants. His friends urged him Now, there were present among the conversation was melancholy and chas- to take refuge in the crypt, to fly to the tower, to hide in this or that dark

bay, gazing down into the confused and the horrid distresses which are so caused.

Suddenly a voice out of the darkness tooks of mysterious sayings among them-and insult, virulence and violence, but he answered not. It called him "Archselves, after which they set out for practically a re-hash of the old story- bishop," and he descended toward it

FANFAN. TOO MUCH FOOD. Every time you eat too fast, cram too much food into the stomach, you offend

monks and the indignant townspeople

indeed. The excitement grew. They

though a royal edict was published for-

bidding anyone to express such an opinion, popular feeling would have its

and

called him "martyr" and "saint,"

Now, if you will assist nature a little in an agreeable manner with such a pleasant called him "Becket, the Traitor," but and efficacious treatment as Hutch, you need not suffer at all these troubles.

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