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IRON-ROAD EPIDEMICS.

Why Railway Accidents Occur in Cycles and at Certain Times.

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Take, for example, the terrible accident at Altonville, which occurred recently in Great Britain, when fifteen passengers were killed. This was immediately followed by no fewer than eight others, only one of which, happily, was attended by loss of life. But this was due to sheer good luck.

The startling of the Flying Scotsman at Chertsey, which we well have developed into one of the most appalling catastrophes of modern times, while the two other week-end accidents which took place at Blackburn and Ludlow respectively, were of precisely the same kind that have been attended by many fatalities upon other occasions.

Another is that they are brought about, in part, at all events by climatic causes, and this theory might quite conceivably account for a certain type of accident epidemic. For instance, the remarkable series of derailments that took place all over the various railway systems of the world during the cold and wet autumn and winter following the exceptionally severe winter of 1912.

A landslide, destroyed in one case an entire passenger train running between London and Glasgow, in Italy, killing thirty-two people. This was on Oct. 20, and on the 23rd of the same month the Imperial train was derailed near Borki, South Russia, from a similar cause, the train being injured, and a score of people killed. A little later a tunnel collapsed in the Rhonda and Swansea Railway, in Wales, causing the loss of seven lives.

Another kind of accident epidemic is that of the "blow-out" of a tire, which is a matter of daily occurrence in the ordinary working of the lines, occasioned by the heavy and unusual traffic. In fact, this was the actual finding, in almost no words, as regards the cause of five out of the seven accidents which happened in December, 1912.

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There is no way of answering a man in this humor save by laughter, and I laughed long and loud, to the consternation of the Italian food laborers, who were now swallowing their luncheon a short distance away from us.

Wiggins smiled awhile and then addressed me seriously. "I didn't tell you I was going abroad, because the situation made explanation difficult. I could hardly tell you that I was about to race over Europe after a waitress I had seen in a tea-room. You're always so comically suspicious. It would have an odd sound even now if she were well, if she were a waitress instead of what you know her to be. And my animosity toward Miss Cecilia Hollister is due to the fact that after I had been re-confronted to him all summer long as I could—I thought myself tolerably established in her mind as a decent person and a gentleman, she suddenly shuns Cecilia up in that house—bought it on Cecilia's fancy, and Cecilia herself is compelled to take on an air of mystery. One thought, largely held by me, is that she is a very clever woman, giving me no hint whatever of the reason for her conduct."

"Let us confine ourselves to Miss Cecilia for a moment. While you usually like the excellent man and his abroad she was friendly—then she suddenly changed. Now there must be some explanation of that."

"Well, for one thing, she flew off at a tangent about my ancestors. We were in Berlin on the Fourth of July and got to talking about the American revolution. She asked me what my ancestor had done for the patriots. The painful fact is that most of them were Tories, but my great-grandfather, John Hollister, was a member of the army and fought through the whole war. But I don't like to dwell on the rest of them, who went to England till it was all over, he changed his name to Wiggins, and he was a very successful man in the war records anywhere. I've had experts working on it, but they can't say anything of him. He was greatly embarrassed by the estrangement from his people, and though he had some money, he was not a very rich man. I've thought some time to look it up and try to get hold of it—he never mentioned his military experiences even to his own children. But Miss Hollister changes from if you give her time. I've heard her say that we'd have been better off if she were broken with smallpox, but she persists in prodding that weak place in my armor."

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The Siege of the Seven Suits

BY MEREDITH NICHOLSON.

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CHAPTER VI—Continued.

His manner was now jovial, and he wore the aged look of a man on bad terms with his pillow. I attributed his change of mood to a premonition with his love affair. When we had withdrawn a little way from the inn turned our heads sharply.

"Well," I laughed.

"Oh, you needn't take that tone. You're being very kind, and your being there—'he flung out the door—'is a very good thing. The presence there is not a laughing matter."

"My dear Wiggins, I came here in a spirit of friendship, and you treat me like a pooket. I don't say it if you fancy is the cause of Cecilia's abrupt change of attitude?"

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