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FNGINEER'S STORY OF A BANK NOTE. BY MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON.

perious manner, I ordered the waiter to bring me ham and eggs, brown bread and coffee. "After the waiter brought the meal

"When the first day of March came, I went as I had been instructed, to there was one truly thankful heart in that restaurant that morning.

head quarters, for my orders, only to find that the 'old man' had forgotten "I hadn't looked at the note long all about me, and had promoted a fireenough to ascertain its denomination man to the identical situation that had until I walked up to the check-counter been promised to me. I shouldn't like to pay for my breakfast, when, carelessto say in mother's presence that I was ly taking it from my fob pocket where mad, for she would repeat that little I had tucked it, and smoothing it out, verse about letting the 'angry passions I found it to be a twenty-dollar greenrise,' but I did feel a righteous indigback, as true as I sit here ! Wasn't I nation, and gave that man a piece of rich ?" and John brushed the tears my mind. But it didn't make the least from his eyes with the rest of us. and impression upon him. He was about choked up, and swallowed two or three times before he proceeded. starting on a trip, on the line of the

Union Pacific, with a party on a hunt-"As I went out upon the street ing expedition, and couldn't be again with my carpet-bag still in my hand, I met some men whom I took to troubled with my small affairs; would be railroad hands, entering the eatingpay no heed to the matter of expense I had been subjected to while waiting for house, talking quite loudly about an his orders; wouldn't give me a pass to engineer whose name caught my ear. Chicago, nor lend me a dollar, although it being familiar to me.

" A good-hearted but reckless sort I asked him for that more to bother of chap,' said one, ' who takes pride in him than for any other reason, he was so disagreeable. Happily there are but getting the officers of the road into his few such railroad officials. cab when the train is behind time, and

"Well, I went back to my hotel as scaring them with his fast running.' down-hearted and homesick a boy as "Where is Jim Mathews now?" I you could care to see. It was eight o'asked, stepping up to the man as he clock Monday morning. I paid my paused a moment in his story. bill, and had five cents left. I had not

been to breakfast, and hadn't much appetite; so, taking my travelling bag, I from Madison to La Crosse." left for the station: On my way there " I ran back to the depot again, and as luck would have it. a train for Mad-I bought two apples with my five cents, and put them in my pocket with a ison would start in fifteen minutes. I queer consciousness that they were all got aboard, and was soon on my way. that stood between me and starvation. "I had no difficulty in finding my

"I took the first train for Chicago old acquaintance-Jim Mathews-in via Peoria, Illinois. There was no Madison. There was no vacancy on trouble about my fare, for I had my the road where he was at work, but he papers proving me to be a railroad sent me to Winona, Minnesota, where I found a job, and went to work March

"Arriving at Peoria, I inquired for fourth." a former chum of mine who had been a telegraph operator there the last I mysterious ways of Providence, other knew of him.

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of Joliet.

around our cheery fire. The general " 'He left for the east a month ago,' said the station agent. I turned on conversation turned, after a while, upon my heel, too disappointed to speak a travelling, loosing baggage, small Agency for New York Fashions articles, etc. word, and jumped aboard a train which stood waiting. It two minutes I was

"The only time that I ever lost anysteaming toward Chicago by the way thing, when travelling," said Mrs. Hutchings, " was a year ago last spring when I came home from Chicago. I started east on the early morning train,



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wasn't brought up to beg, and there would look very much like begging. "On and on we went, all day and all

night. You may well believe that I thought of this old New England town and the little cottage at home, its pantry, and mother and the girls, and of httle Tommy here-how full bis stomach probably was of bread and milk. "As it grew toward morning, I said

with prayful unction, and with a pervading sense of the real meaning of the words, 'Give us this day our daily bread ;' for I hadn't had a mouthful to eat, excepting those apples, since Sunday night."

John paused a moment to recover his self into a comfortable voice, which he had, somehow, lost just here. Aunt Mary took of her glasses and wiped them on the corner of her black silk apron, while little Tom left his place at the table, and softly com-

ing round, leaned on his brother's shoulder. John went on :---"We drew up in the Chicago depot

in the gray March morning, and I picked up my carpet-bag and stumbled ont of the car, faint and heavy-hearted, not acquainted with a soul in the city, and without any definite aim, or any idea of what was to become of me.

"I happened to glance down on the depot platform as I jumped from the car steps, my eye falling upon what I supposed to be a wad of refuse paper. I impulsively stroped and picked it up, and, going along under a gass jet that was still left burging in the early morn-

ing, I soon found that the muddy little bank mote to Mrs. Hatchings, she would ball, which many feet had stepped apon, not take his money. was a green back ! There was no use

in looking for any owner in that rushing, crowding mass of people, and somehow I felt as if the money had come straight from heaven in answer to my prayer. I had never had a doubt since, and never shall have again, that

God cares momentarily for even the smallest of His creatures. " I shut my hand tight upon the

bank note, and made a rush for the nearest eating-house, where, very bur- to all our hearts. "Your Father knows "-dly, and, no doubt, in rather an im- what things ye have need of."

and just before I stepped from the dewasn't much of a show to borrow, and, pot platform, where we had been standunder the circumstances, borrowing ing a moment hurridly exchanging our final messages to our friends, to my car. my brother William handed me a bank note.

As we were all exclaiming over the

neighbors came in, enlarging the circle

"'I don't want it.' I said. 'I have money enough for my journey, and that is as much as I care to have about me." "But he insisted that I might need it; so I took the note and tucked it in my glove, as I supposed, between the glove and my hand, as I have a trick doing with my change when I am shopping. I frequently come home with my glove so stuffed out with scrip that my hand looks deformed.

" I didn't think of the note again until the train was miles away, when, having finished reading the morning paper, and being about to settle

pocket-book, "Love you twenty domain

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Although he reted that part of his

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They finally compromised by agree-

ing that the money should be given to

a needy young man in the neighbor-

"I will make it twenty-five," said

John, as he handed the roll of bills

over to father to be given next morning

And so our pleasant party for that

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