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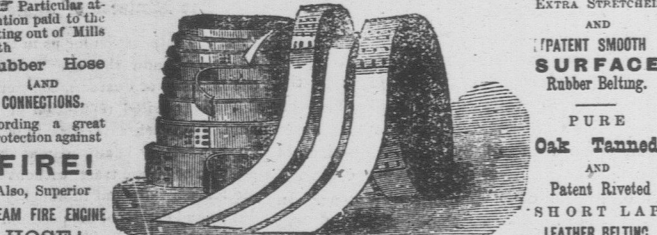
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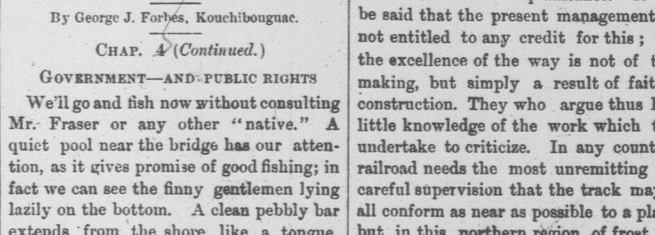
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conveyed with more celerity and certainty to our destination. A newspaper can be come almost as easily as if seated at home in an easy chair, while running at a speed of thirty miles per hour, or over, which is more than we can say for any other road of our acquisition. It may be said that the present management are not entitled to any credit for this; that the excellence of the way is not of their making, but simply a result of faithful construction. They who argue thus have little knowledge of the work which they undertake to criticize. In any country a railroad needs the most unremitting and careful supervision that the track may at all conform as near as possible to a plane; but in this northern region of frost and snow the vigilance of sleepers, which seem to have a constant desire to regain their growing position, and drifts of vast proportions which never present the same phases twice in succession, tax the vigilance and forethought of section, "looms" and superintendent to the very utmost. Every human agency, involving boundless expenditure, has been put in requisition to ensure the success of this great highway. At all exposed positions, or as far as practicable, snow fences have been erected, and covered sheds, from a hundred yards to a half mile or more in length, protect the track in all deep cuttings. Huge mounds of earth, capable of standing a strain of hundreds of tons and the most approved patterns, are ever ready to be sent out from the termini of sections on any emergency in case there seems to be no contingency, for which the management has not provided a remedy. "Who's to stop them?" say we. "The cars, as good as they are, we have never on any road in the U. S., in every detail, considered either in regard to cabinet work or upholstery—models of convenience and elegance in their way—nor will the sense of the most fastidious be offended by offensive impurities. All parts bear evidence of close inspection from those who have acquired habits of neatness and order and become imbued with the spirit of all-pervading cleanliness. From station master to brakeman the traveler will get nothing but civility and courtesy. Any information desired will be given cheerfully and faithfully by any official with whom we have come in contact, and the conductors are models of kindness and consideration to those who may need their constant aid and protection. Taken as a whole the entire staff cannot be regarded favorably. They are intelligent and "smart" looking, prepossessing in feature, combined with a physique which may challenge comparison with any set of men taken at random from the most favoured regions of the world. "We stayed several days at the Station at Campbell under the care of Mr. Vye who keeps the Dining Rooms and to whom we recommend all who love the good things of this life and courteous treatment. Having an old friend in one of the offices we had many sources of information open to us in regard to the working of the road and the mode of transacting the business thereof, which is denied the ordinary wayfarer. The superficial observer would be apt to enter his protest against what he would designate as an inordinate amount of red-tape, but looking deeper he will soon change his opinion. The successful operation of a railroad depends on system, the safety of every traveller is dependent on an adherence on the part of the employees to an arranged routine which must be rigidly adhered to as unflinchingly as the soldier who marches to the front. This follows his path in the heavens. That this course may be followed in great things it must descend to the very smallest. The soldier who "pipeslays" his belt one morning and has to go through the same operation on the following one without having worn it since, will not be apt to see the utility of the proceeding. It, however, secures the desired end, a clean belt at the hour of parade and, among a large body of men, this could only be attained by a rigid adherence to an inflexible rule. It will thus be seen that red-tapeism, when not carried to extremes, has not only a wholesome effect but is absolutely necessary where discipline has to be maintained and where every part of a complicated organization must move simultaneously.

Being the end of a section, several railway works are located here. After his allotment of travel the iron horse needs rest; he may cool down; careful grooming and cleaning that he may go forth with required with supple joints and bound vigour; and a stable in which he may be protected from the weather while regaining these vitalizing forces. To accommodate him there is a roid horse capable of sheltering him from the wind with attendant car shop and limited machine works, together there are over one hundred men employed here including train hands, the whole being under the control of J. Baird, Chief Mechanical Superintendent. It is emphatically a most interesting scene, right hand as I enter the round house, is an Engine in course of repair—having a new set of tubes put into the boiler—and at three several points are men engaged in cleaning, tightening, fitting as many more of these road leviathans. Dear me! what a hot job that man has got in the pit under that hissing Engine. Why, the heat is almost unbearable in the coolest place which I can select. Look at him a square from head to heels with the most amiable smile and say if you dare that he does not care far more than his services will ever command. "Pretty hot under there, my friend?" we venture as an interrogation. "Well, yes it is, that's a fact; but we get used to it. It comes pretty hard at first though."

"I have thought it did. How long have you been at this kind of work?" "About two years; I'll get promoted soon and some other will step in to undergo the sweating and boiling process."

"We are glad to hear it and say so, as a lifetime passed in such employment must needs be a short one, and contrary to the adage will be just the opposite of merry. This is the car shop. That's late there will turn a moderately sized spindle in addition to cutting bolts with a thread from a sixteenth of an inch up, by a simple adjustment. This kind saw is a great improvement on the old-fashioned jig. How quickly those teens are cut by its aid; it actually does the work of forty men by the old hand process. How easily this slim man gets out the frame

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THE TALKER.

CHAPTER X—CONTINUED.

Three days passed, and nothing occurred out of the ordinary routine of his life. Lane gradually became reassured as to the consequences of his adventures, and went to give his lessons on the usual day at the private secretary's house, but he was too early, the boys had not yet arrived. The private secretary was in his office, and his wife was busily engaged in household affairs. To beguile his anxieties respecting Bertram's mission, he took up the *Frankfort General Advertiser* which happened to be on the table. His eyes fell on some intelligence in an unusually large character, and darkness seemed to come over him. He remained motionless for two minutes, his hand before his eyes, which he thought must have deceived him. Then he took courage. "No, it is impossible," he said, in a decided tone. "It is an illusion of the senses or a trick of the eye. It will read again as follows: 'To-day, October 15th, were made man and wife:'

"Maurice Blitterman. 'Agnes Blitterman, Widow Hiebendahl (see Lenz)'. Then followed the announcement that the business was still carried on under the old name of 'J. G. Hiebendahl & Sons', and friends were requested to continue their patronage.

Lane did not read the last lines, the other portion was enough for him. Unconsciously he arose from the chair, mechanically he took up the hat which he had laid down, pressed it over his brow, and staggered out of the room, and out of the house, without being seen by any one. The farther he went the faster he walked—he soon left the town behind him.

"Where are you going, Lane?" cried the children; "you have got on splendid boots."

Lane did not answer, but walked on. The children about his heels as he strode after him, and wearied themselves with conjectures as to what could be the matter with Lane.

Lane did not make his appearance at the railroad that evening, nor did he go to his sleeping-room. Desertion was suspected, improbable as it seemed, from the fact that Lane had gone in his uniform just as he was, without any change of dress. The majority of his comrades were of opinion that he had met with an accident, nevertheless, the usual preparations for the passing of a deserter were made without delay.

"He's by the out of his mind," said Corporal Jumper, "if he has really run away." What had he to complain of? His teaching gave him a larger income than any of his. And does he value his back so little as to run the risk of the punishment that befell Arnold? Run away! Ha! why, the fellow's gigging stature would if it were his life.

"How Lane will get clear off, poor fellow," said Wilhelm to Lena, "although I should be very sorry if I thought we were never to see him again. I pity him, but all my heart. Despair was in his face when he met us."

The measures for the re-capture of deserters were so stringent in Prussia, that a soldier rarely succeeded in his attempt to escape. A grenadier had even fled from the usual change, for his manhood height of itself betrayed him. The punishment for desertion was terrible.

"On the second day after his disappearance Lane was brought back. He had been taken on the road to Frankfort-on-the-Main. The very fact that he had gone along the high road, without showing any fear or wish for concealment, made those who saw him think that he was not sane, or had been sent on some special purpose. He had gone on without pause, or allowing himself rest or sleep. At last, some one asked to see his passport, and received an unsatisfactory and indeed a willful answer. He had resisted his captives, although unarmed, with all the strength of his gigantic frame, and had struck several men to the ground with his fist before he could be overpowered and bound. When he was brought to the barracks and taken out of the cart, Wilhelm and Lena were present among the spectators.

"Oh," exclaimed Lena, "it frightens me to see Lane. Does he not look to be a murderer? I should not have known him again if I used to be so gentle and kind. Look! Wilhelm, how terribly his eyes glare, and how he gnashes his teeth."

"If he could only get his arms and hands fast," she continued, "how he would lay about him! I must tell my father to be on his guard."

"He would not hurt my father," said Wilhelm, "if he were in ever so great a rage, because he is a captive and has only one hand. How often has Lane, though he was once a rich man and a gentleman, wept out the barracks yard for my father, and done no other service. If he has to run the gauntlet, I will not look on. I shall cry my eyes out!"

"You could not give them to him!" replied Lena, "therefore, you may as well keep them yourself. How glad I am that girls are not obliged to be soldiers."

"Poor Lane!" said Wilhelm, sorrowfully, as he saw him led off to prison. The grenadier looked up at these words, gazed at the boys, and his hollow eyes filled with tears.

CHAPTER XI.—THE JOURNEY.

When we consider that fifty years ago the journey from Dresden to Leipzig in an ordinary post chaise, with relays of horses, occupied two days and a night, it may be imagined how much longer it would take the poor man to reach Frankfort-on-the-Main, which was a much more formidable journey. It was autumn, and the roads were almost impassable from heavy rain, deep ruts, large stones, and other impediments which accumulated in ill-made roads.

Bertram was not over-well provided with money, and he was obliged to use the cheapest, which was also the slowest, conveyances. Sometimes he had only the choice of delaying for a whole day, till some wagon should be going, or of walking, or of generally going the "trotter," but his journey was not thereby much facilitated. His energy, how-

ever, and his impatience bore him over all obstacles, and dangers he happily escaped. He had nothing in his appearance to tempt robbers; nevertheless, he was almost this journey's end a terrible misfortune befell him. He discovered that he had lost his pocket-book containing all his uncle's letters. He had placed it very carefully in his pocket of his coat. He had been safe on the previous day. Whether it had dropped from his pocket among the straw upon which he slept, whether it had fallen on the road when he ran after a passing vehicle in the hope of a lift for a few miles, he could not tell. The poor boy shed as many tears for the loss of his letters, but he never slackened of his steps. He hoped to make up for the absence of written proofs of his uncle's existence by his own eloquence, and the circumstantial details he could would believe him, and together they might persuade the magistrates to act.

He arrived at Frankfort on the anniversary of the day on which Librecht Hiebendahl had disappeared. He went at once, without stopping, to wash his face, to his uncle's house, where he believed his aunt still lived. He looked up at the windows, but no one appeared; the door was shut; and when he entered the warehouse and asked for Frau Hiebendahl, he received the answer, "She is gone away."

"When will she return?" asked Bertram.

"It is impossible to say."

"The clerks, who all were unknown to him, looked so ill-tempered and sullen, that Bertram did not venture to ask further, fearing that his questions might awaken suspicion, and cause them to look at him.

"How went away, and walked slowly up and down before the house, longing to meet some one who knew him and who might be friendly to him, from whom he might obtain information as to his kinsman's family. But it very often happens that what we most earnestly desire we cannot find; whilst often seem to meet us if we do not search for it, Bertram was almost in despair; and he had already determined to seek out those to whom he was to have delivered the letters of his unfortunate kinsman. He gave one more lingering look at the house, and prepared to depart; suddenly a voice said:

"Oh, Master Bertram! are you come to your Aunt's wedding! I did not think that Herr Blitterman would have invited any of his old master's relations; but do you not think that the bridal house looks more like a house of mourning? Ah how different everything was when the late Herr Librecht Hiebendahl was married! How merry it was here the evening before the wedding-day. What a number of cakes the baker brought in. What joyful scenes were all over the house. Poor Frau Hiebendahl, partly from over-persuasion, and partly in hopes of giving her children an upright father, and to the business a skillful manager, for their sake she is about to marry the Herr Blitterman. But how she will find herself deceived when she comes to know the rascal better! Hitherto he has acted the angel, and that no one might enlighten the two ladies, he has kept them shut up as though they were in a convent. God help the dear children and old Frau Hiebendahl when the wicked Blitterman becomes master! I think he will hardly give them bread."

The long speech was uttered with such rapidity that Bertram had no power to interrupt it. When at last the speaker was obliged to pause for breath, Bertram said joyfully:

"Oh, Regina! is it you? How thankful I am to see one face I know at any rate. Then my aunt is going to marry the Herr Blitterman, is it so? God be thanked that I am not too late. Regina, only think, my uncle Hiebendahl is not dead! He was not drowned in the Maine. His body was not washed up at Bingen and buried there. He is alive! He is alive, I tell you, and now at Berlin in the King of Prussia's life-guard!"

"Bertram! Bertram!" said the former cook; "you are inventing all this. It is enough to make one think you have been drinking a little too much. How can such things be possible?"

"It is all as I tell you," said Bertram; "I saw him alive with my own eyes. I thought I should have sunk into the earth with terror when a grenadier saw a ghost in the night, and was keeping guard before the Royal Garden in Berlin, called me to him and announced himself as my uncle. Yes, Regina, as true as I tell you, with a high pointed gilt cap, cartridge-bag, and a musket on his shoulder. I thought I saw a ghost before me. If he had not called me by name I should have run past him as cats run past the milk-pail. Oh, Regina, I can't tell you how all my dear mother and father and I were surprised when I heard that my uncle was no longer alive. I should have thought he was going to Oppach a year ago to-day; they bound him, dragged him into a cart, and carried him off immediately over the frontier. Then the recruiting party, when he had arrived at Berlin, gave him his sherris and herring, and placed him very close to a red-hot embers stove, until, overpowered by thirst, he coughed up the life-guard name."

"Could one believe such things even in dreams?" said the astonished cook.

"I did not know you to be a thorough upright old man, Master Bertram, I should think you were imposing on me shamefully. But how is it that our dear mother has not let us hear of him before?"

"That was the great difficulty," replied Bertram; "Everything conspiring against me, especially the tall Prussian life-guardsmen are allowed to retire home, especially foreigners. His letters were opened at the post-office and taken to his color. But even to the letters which he took precautions should arrive here, he has not had one word of answer. My uncle thinks Blitterman must have had something to do with this, so at least he has sent me to open his wife's eyes, and to convey to her the news that he is still living. But I have had a dreadful misfortune for the day before yesterday. I either lost the pocket-book containing all my kinsman's letters or had it stolen from me. Now I am here like an unfortunate tanner whose skins have been stolen away. Ah, dear good Regina, give me your advice how I shall be able to find my errand without the letters."

"That can easily be arranged," replied Bertram, solemnly. "I can provide you with all the necessary papers, and I will be with you in half an hour."

"They are indeed, indeed!" said Bertram, solemnly. "I am willing to be cut into pieces and cooked, if I have spoken one word of untruth. Here you never before heard of the Prussian recruiting parties and their tricks. There is nothing unusual in the way they would stop at nothing to get so tall a fellow as I am to go to the wars."

"Well, then," said Regina, "I shall lay all upon you if the affair goes wrong. First of all you must see the person to whom my master gave you letters, and then take exactly everything that you know. In the mean time I shall not be able to give you a great deal of get Blitterman's victim out of his clutches. He contrived to dismiss us all from Herr Hiebendahl's house, but he afterwards, in his own creature in our stead. Very much relieved by having communicated his news to some one he could trust, Bertram set off, while the cook remained where she was, looking thoughtfully at Hiebendahl's house. Just as he was about to leave, an apprentice came out of the warehouse, and cried: 'Master Frieser! the washerwoman!' Bertram looked, and beckoned to him; he was waiting with you."

"The boy looked vexed but he obeyed the summons, and said, crossly, 'What do you want, Regia? Shake haet, I have to go to the office and give in a piece of family intelligence so that may be put in to-morrow's paper.' 'A piece of family intelligence' is what Regina, 'Have you a family already, Master Frieser?'

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The cook went and soon returned with the bread, which was tied with a broad rose-colored ribbon. Blitterman went up to the cook and took the bouquet from her, he looked earnestly at the fluttering ribbon he started and turned pale, but he quickly recovered himself, he held the nosegay in such a way that his hand concealed the under part of it, as well as the ends of the ribbon. He then said to Frau Hiebendahl: "What do you think of this bouquet? It is very beautiful, it will wear any of these flowers, I will take care that they shall be put into fresh water."

"Agnes gave consent to this by silence, Blitterman went away with the flowers. He soon returned. "What do you think of the bouquet?" he asked, "it is very beautiful, it will wear any of these flowers, I will take care that they shall be put into fresh water."

"Let us go to your dear mother," he said, gently, "her blessing will cheer and render us prosperous."

They went to the old lady who was dressed suitably for the occasion, and received them with deep emotion. "My dearest mother," said Blitterman, "I regret that your illness prevents your witnessing our union at church; you being present would very much add to the sacredness of the ceremony. Only the way and I will request the clergyman to come here and join our hands and hearts together in prayer. All the formalities have been gone through, and therefore he could make no objection to my proposal, to which I am sure your dear boy will not refuse you consent."

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