A RAILWAY ROMANCE.

From the window of a carriage on and rashes past the back-gardens of to drink tea at a friend's. At last a on the metropolitan "omnibus lines." Here is my latest case in point.

The other evening, I turned into the squeezed-up passage which gives ingress to the Highbury Railway Station. My immediate prodecessors were an elderly woman in neat but rusty widow's weeds; and a younger woman in bonnet, shawl, and dress of modish shape, were both so good, that only for her own sake did I wish the graceful little creature richer robes. The imitationlace that fell over her chignon was yelsilky dark-brown hair it checkered. She half turned, to prevent the swing-door from banging in my face, and I had a chance of stealing a look at hers. It did not exactly answer to her figure, being very pale, and having no strikingly beautiful feature, except the large liquid eyes; but in these, and indeed in that cannot be smoothed away when the bland or self-satisfied look for public in spection is put on; but hers could not help specting all over the self-satisfied look for public in left glove, and I saw that she wore a wedding singular than the self-satisfied look for public in left glove, and I saw that she wore a wedding singular than the self-satisfied look for public in left glove, and I saw that she wore a wedding singular than the self-satisfied look for public in left glove, and I saw that she were a left glove, and I saw that she were gloves glove gloves glove gloves glove gloves glove gloves. help speaking all over, though what it wedding ring. said I could not in the least make out.

ling. My journey chanced to be a similar one, and I determined if possible to get into the same carriage with my was taking his tea very much as dogs are said to lap the Nile, appeared at his pigeon-hole with his mouth full of bread and butter, and snapped our blue and pink tickets in and out of his stamper as if he wished they were our lim. Directly afterwards, she pulled with the stairs, that he stairs and directed her at the head before I found out what ne knew, and that was this: that the knew, and that was thi psychological curiosity. The clerk, who are almost as gloomy and grimy as a coal-pit shaft, and when we reached the worn platform bricks, found a train had just gone, and that we had therefore nearly a quarter of any hour to wait. Waiting at Highbury Station is, as a rule, one of the most depressing modes of passing time. The station buildings are black with the deposits of innumerable funnel-fumes. The yellow-faced heartily sick of the task of telling the time. The posted bills are few; and, under any circumstances, auctioneers' are you off to now?" advertisements, time-tables, and announcements that such and such a passenger, named, has been fined for riding in a wrong carriage, and such another. indicated by initials, has paid the penalty for smoking, or has publicly apologised for disregarding some other of the Company's by-laws, are not lively reading when perused by light dim even in the daytime. Your fellow-sufferers on both sides of the line sit in sulky silence on the narrow benches, or pace up and down, in short turns, like polar bears. Sometimes an itinerant musician, bent on levying coppers, squeezes from under her eyelids, that the the most melancholy of melodies out of of her vulcanite bracelets tinkled. an asthmatic accordion. The unseen omnibuses roll with muffled thunder over the tunnelled roadway. If you walk beyond the platform shed, the most cheerful thing that you can see is a yard full of omnibuses laid up in ordinary. Long goods and ballast trains you all about it by and by. wriggle by in a hurry, like reptiles uncomfortable at being seen cut by day- Hackney Church rose on the left, and time; and passenger trains that do not the train was pulling up for the station. stop rush past like rockets, deafening Before it had stopped, the sailor rudely you with their shrick and roar, stifling | pushed his way to the door, and almost you with their sulphurous steam, mak- dragged his mother out after him on to ing you giddy with their shimmering the platform. I handed out her combrass and glass, almost sweeping you off panion, who had been so roughly slightthe platform, in spite of the porters' ed, and then dropped behind, speculat-stentorian "Stand back! stand back!" ing as to what it all might mean. A in their whistling wind, and intensify- suspicion flitted across my mind that ing your wrath at being kept waiting perhaps the sailor might have good reas-

of waiting at Highbury, as I walked up veller followed the two others at a disand down its platform, glancing as often as I could, without downright staring, at my puzzling fellow-traveller. The churchyard, she stood for a second or the station steps and up the churchyard, she stood for a second or the station steps and up the street. When they turned into the churchyard, she stood for a second or the station steps and up the street. When they turned into the street whe more I looked, the more puzzled I grew. two looking timidly after them, but

mentous, either, in the object of their journey; since, from a paper-bag which he old lady was very anxious to save from crushing, and a remark or two standing back in their dusky gardensthe North London Railway, as the train exchanged between the pair, I was able rumbles over stifling little City streets, to gather that they were simply going ings after the bustling day in the City suburban terraces, you often catch curi- Chalk Farm train pulled up, the usual ous glimpses of house-interiors; and rush was made into and out of the car-within the carriage, you may sometimes riages: "Any more going on?—right eatch analogous glimpses of heart-interforward." cried the porters; the guard ler, left out so cheerlessly in the dark. riors, partial revelations of lite-histories, raised his hand, and whistled, and that make you angry because they are slamming the doors as he went, trotted so partial, and pique your curiosity.—
"The best bribe," write: Emerson,
"which London offers to-day to the the well-worn rut of railway routine, imagination is, that, in such a vast va- and everything inside the third-class

riety of people and conditions, one can carriage was as commonplace as usual, believe there is room for persons of ro- except the queerly fascinating face, mantic character to exist." At any-nearly opposite to which I had conrate, there is plenty of room in London trived to place myself. We were rafor romantic incidents; and, maugro ther crowded; and some ruddy graziers, the stairs, which makes changing carthe prosaic tendency absardly imputed who had got in at the Caledonian Road, to railways, such incidents, as I have on their way home from the cattle marsaid, may ever and anon be witnessed ket, made, as usual, jocosely polite offers to take any young lady on their the red-and-black shawl going up the ward; and there is the pleasure, too, knees, and laughed as heartily as ever at their own oft-repeated wit. The usual lean drover from the same locality; in a state of beer and a suit of greasy white fustian, was edged off from, as an ineligible neighbor, and, as usual, squared his elbows, and inquired looking face. She seemed to recognize at large whether he hadn't paid his fare, but very common material. She did and, well then bless our vision! wasn't his money as good as ours! The usual not look ridiculous, however, in her cheap finery. Her figure and her walk meditating in a corner, and looked up of the 'bus-horses that were being pulled scandalised at, and nervously contemplating the rebuke of, the strong language. The usual policeman off duty low enough to be real, but one's cyes pompously discussed a recent "case soon glanced from that to the genuine with an admiring friend, proud of obtails dark-brown hair it checkward taining information from official sources. The usual tired commissionnaire nodded his sandy moustaches over his mudsplashed leggings; and the usual voiceless vocalist, as soon as we had passed Bali's Pond, began to clamber over the seat-backs in impudent quest of undeserved half-pence, instead of well-merited kicks for the ditties with which he the whole of her face, there was an expression that puzzled me. A good had deafened us. Everything was as usual except my enigmatical vis-a-vis. many faces are mere masks, except to a physiognomist who can read little lines only one thing could I discover in reference to her. As we ran into Dalston

The porters were bawling: "Change Its meaning was like a secret told in Sanscrit. It bothered me like a riddle Stepney." The Poplar train was waitone is too proud of one's acuteness to ing; and hurrying across the platform,

As soon as he was fairly cast give up, or a name or a quotation that my puzzle, her companion, and myself, flits in the misty memory, ever and once more got into the same compartanon giving a flap with its flying skirts. | ment, an end one with a single seat .but obstinately refusing to be captured. There was a passenger already in it on Although not more than two or three the off-side—a sunburned, handsome, and twenty, she had a weary look; but but stern-looking man, whose glossy neved in happiness, and was hungry after it; and her deep inscrutable eyes seemed, almost simultaneously, reguishted carriage, neither of the women not he was a shipmaster in his shore-going togs. In the hurry of entering seemed, almost simultaneously, reguishted carriage, neither of the women not he was going to be lumgry, so I put al little molasses on the attention that he was all my fancy. But at anyrate, the face puzzled me as soon as I saw it, and has continued to puzzle me.

"Two second returns to Hackney" to the proper in the manner of the more than relapsed into a chalk-like pallor; the perspiration burst out in cold him; the carriage and secondary to the carriage. The woods have the carriage and secondary to the carriage and secondary to the carriage and secondary to the stick. Afly came, but Crusoe wasn't hungry for flies just them. He was homesick for his web in the corner of the woodshed. He went slowly the pale face flushed an almost peoply regard to make the wasn't hungry for flies just them.

"Two second returns to Hackney" to the proper to the pro "Two second returns to Hackney," her forehead; her white lips twitched. said the old lady, laying down her shill.

The varying expressions of her mobile face chased one another like the lights one foot in the air, then another, and and shadows of an April day; but the shame was deeper, and the defiance

"O Harry," she said sobbing, "why didn't you tell us you'd come home?" "Why, mother," shouted the man looking as astonished as herself, "I've just been up to the old place, and they told me you'd gone to Ameriky. I only clock looks afflicted with jaundice, and got into the river last night, and was going back to the ship now. didn't you leave your address?

ness instantly vanished from his face. He gave first a savage scowl, and then a cold stare at the poor young creature, who trembled so, as she looked at him from under her eyelids, that the beads remove all gritty particles from it, fluence in returning them to the coun

"What's she doing here?" the sailor growled.

"Hush, hush!" the terrified mother wkispered, at last remembering that she wasn't alone with her son. "I'll tell

By this time, the hoary tower of old as you watch their red rear-lamps grow- on for his anger; but one is slow to ing die far up the road you want to credit evil of a graceful figure and a fascinating face, and apt to side with their For once, however, I did not weary against her. My puzzling fellow-tra-

peacefully quiet streets as if it had been midnight, and watching the bright blotches of light in the great dim houses lights test told of happy family gather-I could not help thinking very regretfully of my poor little fellow-travel-

I could not help thinking of her would be with them. I had no time to look about me in the station, however; train was just about to start, and there riages there one of the longest and most wearisome stages of the journey. But when I had got out at Highbury, I saw turned to give up her ticket, and showed that her eyes were red and swollen with weeping. It was a most dreary, lonelyme as one who had witnessed the scene passage. . I watched her run across the the dark corner of the Canonbury Road; and that is all I can tell of my enigma. fancying that I had had a momentary nillions of souls live, and move, and have their troublous being.

The Spider's Bridge.

One chilly day I was left at home alone, and after I was tired of reading Robinson Crusoc, I caught a spider and brought him into the house to part each season; but the work does and fastened up a stick in it like a wards. flag pole, or a vessel's mast, and then poured in water enough to turn the mast into an island for my spider, away, he anxiously commenced running around to find the road to the mainland. He'd scamper down the is found in the adornments which are mast to the water, stick out a foot get it wet, shake it, run round the stick and try the other side, and then run thought appeared to strike him. Up he went like a rocket to the top, and turned round two or three times. He got excited and nearly stood on his Norway spruce), will give variety tention to the gloomy mariner. No sooner did the old lady see him, than she sweng up and fairly bugged him. she sprang up, and fairly hugged him. | wark ashore. I thought him back in his woodshed again.

Practical Receipts.

TO REMOVE STAINS FROM LINEN. Fruit-stains may be removed by rub-bing the stain on each side with yellow soap, then tying up a piece of pearlash in it and soaking it well in hot are you off to now?"

"Oh, only to your aunt's at Homerton; and you must come along with
us," answered the tremulous old lady,
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"The description of farm us," answered the tremulous old lady, clutching his big brown hand, as if she feared that her just found son would fly off into vague space again, if she didn't hold him tight.

For the first time, he noticed who remains the mother of the cheering the mother of the cheering that the cheering the mother of the cheering that the cheering the mother of the united department of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united the glitter of city attractions a leave years later may not overcome. The desertion of farming by farmers' boys is probably due quite as much to the united dear it will be a camel's be a leave of the united dear it will leave a circle of the united the glitter of city attractions a leave years later may not overcome. The desertion of farming by farmers' boys is probably due quite as much to the united dear it will be a camel's be a constant where the constant was a constant where the constant was a constant where the constant was a constant was a constant where the constant was a constant was a constant was a constant was a constant where the constant was a constant round the spot.

To CLEAN LOOKING-GLASSES.-Wash dip it slightly into water, squeeze it try when business cares press heavily out again, and then dip it into some spirits of wine; rub it over the glass, Y. Observer. dust it with some powdered blue or whiting sifted through muslin; remove it lightly and quickly with a one, clean one half at a time, otherwise the spirits of wine will dry be- is made in Siberia by a secret process, dry cotton wool; this will remove sult. American enterprise and ingenuall dust and dirt, without injury to ity have accomplished it, and Pittsburg, all the spots and give the varnish a themselves .- Philadelphia Press. superior polish.

its work of destruction in this place. under the wreck.

AGRICULTURAL.

ADDRNING THE HOMESTEAD.

way, is to have your work, in addi-

stead, as I did here, "in the rough"— bibty of a relapse. Dr. Wheeler's Compound a little farm of stumps, brushwood Elixir of Phosphates and Calisaya, a Chemiand timber. It must be cleared up cal Good and Nutritive Touic, may be taken I was late, and had to race up the steps and timber. It must be cleared up to catch the train. At Dalston, also, I and made tillable. There is hard work to catch the train. At Dalston, also, I and made tillable. There is hard work and with no possibility of injury. Sold by had no time to spare; the Chalk Farm in it—the hardest kind. To be con-all druggists at \$1. vinced of the fact, let the reader unwas that general scamper up and down dertake to dig out a stump some fine morning. But when it is out, how glad you are-not merely because the work is over, but because it looks so much better. There is an instant resteps before me. Neither the widew of anticipation while digging. So you nor her son was there. The gas shone go from stump to stump, and from on my fellow-traveller's face as she tree to tree, and the unfolding beauty

in the carriage, and hurried out of the rows, and your trees to stand up straight, and to "range" well, if there street, diving recklessly under the noses is an orchard in every direction. It of the 'bus-horses that were being pulled is a pleasure thus to arrange them. up at the station-door; I saw her turn At first they are small, but they soon grow. Day by day, and year by year, the branches extend. The landscape But I think I cannot be wrong in takes a new form. You prune, and shape, and cultivate, and fight the glimpse of one of the myriads of dark weeds, and though it is toil, its harshframas that are being played out, with ness is softened by the thought that so little heed from any but the actors, this change of landscape is the work in huge London, in which over three of your hands, the reward of your toil —duly seconded of course by nature.

This for the fruit farm proper. It is the same about the house and lawn. There are walks to be planned and made, and carriage ways, trees to be planted, singly or in groups, and hedges both for ornament and use. A man of small means can only do a play with. Well, I took a wash-basin not tire because of its ever-fresh re-

Here, too, we plant trees on the roadside—the law requires and enforces it. It is part of the system which has built up and peopled Vine land so rapidly. A whole community takes a lesson in rural æsthetics-that is the gain, or part of it. The result voluntarily planned and carried out. We have fences-those costly hideous nuisances-but it is pleasant to have

Some of these hedges are to form screens, as wind-breakers for partial shelter to orchards, gardens and dwellings, and in that form, thirty or forty feet high (not extraordinary for the

merely they add largely to the selling value. With some taste for the work, their care is little less than a recreation-almost a work of affection. Children can be, in many cases, inspired with a taste for such work which will have a powerful influence in attaching them to the place and the business when they grow up. Teach them how to plant an ornamen tal tree or a flower-bed, how to prune and care for such things; point out water; the stained part should after the responsibility of bringing out their their beauty, and invest them with influence. Even if they do leave at manhood for financial reasons, the taste for rural adornments implanted thoroughly a piece of soft sponge, and by a judicious parent will have an in-

A Pittsburg firm-Messrs. Rogers & clean cloth, and finish with a silk Burchfield—claim to have discovered a handkerchief. If the glass be a large process by which they can make the GENTS' FURNISHINGS, famous Russian sheet iron. The latter fore it can be removed. If the frames which no other nation has hitherto been are gilt, the greatest care must be able to chain. The British Governtaken to prevent the spirits of wine from touching them. To clean such frames, rub them well with a little large sum has failed to achieve the rethe gilding. If the frames are var- it is said, can now furnish all common nished they may be rubbed with the markets with Russian sheet iron at spirits of wine, which will take out lower prices than even the Russians

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Children whose brain development is un more I looked, the more puzzled I grew. No kind of experience that I could conjecture would it that contradictorily expressive face. There was nothing striking in her companion. She seemed merely a widow who for a good many years had been obliged to fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and find for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more in the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more interesting places of the fight and fend for herself. There was nothing more interesting places in the dimly striking in her companion. She seemed gashit gloom, in which the white fagrey to nervous people; but what this person calls his mind will be found upon an analysis to be nothing but a number of dogmatic statements which are for discovering the first them, but again followed them. Her red-and black shawl flitted over the white flags there are most frequently singled out for a premark in the body, are most frequently singled out for a premark in the torm was speak my mind freely, "is a terror to nervous people; but what this person calls his mind will be found upon an analysis to be nothing but a number of dogmatic statements which are to make the body are most frequently singled out for a premark in the torm sally large in comparison with the body, are most frequently singled out for a premark in the dimly statement in the dimly supported by the statement in the dimly supported by the waste going on in such the remark, "Now I allowed them. Her red-and black shawl flitted over the white flags the primary in the found ways speak my mind freely, "is a terror to nervous people; but what this person calls his mind will be found upon an analysis to be nothing but a number of dogmatic statement in the figure in compari

REThe effect of preparations containing Alcohol is to stimulate the circulation of the blood and secondarily the brain, and to cre-Farming is hard, toilsome, slavish work indeed, when you cannot unite with it some pleasurable incentives. Working merely that you may earn money by it is tolerable, and often necessary; but the true, the noble way, is to have your work, in addi-I could not help thinking of her either, as I went back to the station at tion, return you a dividend of pleasinght, and wondering whether I might chance to travel with her and the old lady again, and whether the sailor.

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