# A RACE AGAINST TIME.

# THE SWITCH-TENDER'S STORY.

### Dreams are not always true.

Nor, on the other hard, are they always false-a fact within the observation of everybody. Of course I pocket with my trembling left. do not refer to day-dreams, nor the Nine twenty tweet Thuse with fancies conjured up by a disordered straight road-less, perhaps a mile of The women of a family, especially, stomach.

dreams

I had been stationed on the main line of the Great Central Railway for thing about horses, and that knowsomething more than a year, attend- ledge did not fail me now. I drew ing to all the day and night duties at out the long whip-seldom used, as I that point with such an unfailing re- have noticed-and touched the mare gularity that no thought of possible quietly on the flank. accident had ever occurred to me.

The duties were not especially arduous, but the responsibility was far charger in the swirl and dust of batgreater. There was an express, day | 1|c, and men and horses have gone and night, both ways, for which the down together, but in that there was main line had to be always clear; a fellowship-association. In this-but local express each way, which ran on no words can fitly describe the fierce the turnout, and waited for the emotions of that solitary ride against through train to pass; a mail train time, where hundreds of innocent night and morning, which had right lives- all unconscious of the peril toof way; one ordinary passenger, and ward which they were speedinghalf a dozen, perhaps, accommodation | hung trembling in the balance. and freight.

To see that the main line was swayed my shrinking soul, as outalways closed at the proper moment, wardly calm and rigidly erect, with that the turnout was always ready every muscle strong as steel, I held when it should be, that the branch the mare firmly up to her work, and, where the local made up was open, by voice and touch electrified the and, in short that everything was in noble animal with almost human concondition for prompt and satisfactory sciousness of the necessities and peril working, kept me almost constantly of the occasion. at my post, though, as I have already said, the duties were not especially sometimes men, staring in wild-eyed arduous.

In order to be handy to my busi ness, I lived in a cottage close by, from the open door of which, looking my lips compressed, save when emiteastward. I could see any coming train for a mile away, and notice the noble mare; and thus I reached whether the signals of "danger" or a low rise of ground commanding a "safety" were in their proper posi view of the line for a mile or more on tions.

One morning, just after the local had made up and gone, my wife came running to me with an alarmed face. Our little girl was missing. She had seen her only a few minutes before the departure of the train, and had made a hasty search for her as soon as she discovered her absence. She feared she knew not what.

I calmed her with a few brief might be (she was only five years old.) The search resulted in my finding her fast asleep on the sunny side of a pile of railroad ties, with her doll, half as large as herself, lying beside ber.

That night I had a singular dream.

I thought I was in the middle of a broad and clear before me, the double track of a main line. Like ours, yet unlike, for every few rods I could see open switches and blood-red signals, that gave me an agony of apprehension. As I looked again at the line, my oye- fell upon an object-a small form lying upon one of the rail. My child! With a mighty effort I awoke, turned over, and went to sleep, and dreamed the same thing again, with

and give it to him. A special train of excursionists for Hampstead Beach will pass at 9.30. Look out for it !"

trot. A special train at half-past nine! I drew a taut reinwith my right

hand, and took my watch from my Nine twenty-two! Three miles of

tomach. Let me transcribe a page or two of reach the track-and the main line time in their Led-chamber, and in color scarf appeared, accompanied by must always be remembered that what my own experience, and judge for open to me westward for the passage yourself whether shadows of the im- out of the mail!. Three miles, and pending future can be projected in eight minutes in which to accomplish

In my youth I had known some-

# How can I describe that ride?

I have been where charger met

I recall now the tempest which

Trees, houses, fences, gardensastonishment---flew past in one unbroken flight. My hat was off, my hair and beard streaming in the wind; ting low cries of encouragement to either hand.

Up to this moment, from the time I had drawn taut rein and glanced at my watch, this point had been the objective goal for which I was riding. If I could reach it before the whis tle blew at the crossing below, there herself amply repaid for her trouble. would be hope. If not, I shuddered at the alternative.

I recalled afterward, and many imes, how a thought of my dreama long line of switches-swept across words, and hurrying around to the me then 1-how my eyes, for the first station-building, began a careful ex- time, swerved from their steady gaze amination of every possible place where I deemed it likely the child glance up and down the whole visible was set up there in a loaded condiglance up and down the whole visible line for the coming special!

Not in sight-thank God !

Stay !-- there is smoke on the horizon.

But there is no stay in the wild rush of our onward course. With as unflinching nerve as when she started. the gallant mare stretches away down the gentle declivity, while every moment the distance lessens, and the on-coming train gets larger and noisier as it nears us.

I stand up in the wagon; I urge to greater speed; I wave scarf and hand; shout, but my voice is beyond my control.

Ha! Joy unutterable !-- I am seen !

There is nothing more indicative He turned leisurely and sauntered of refinement and genuine culture in taken a maniacal distrust of all efforts mature men out of boys, for it is not up the walk toward the house, while a family than bright, cheerful, and with a word I started the mare into a tastefully-decorated bed chambers. Tasteful decoration does not neces-

A Pleasant Bedrocm.

sarily mean expense, and it is possible to make a chamber look very pretty at a vory small outlay. Indeed. in many instances, no outlay at all will be required beyond what would be incurred under any circumstances.

some households the sleeping apart guards and carabineers, and tried to ments are used alike for sewing-rooms, sitting-rooms, and nurseries. It is with cries of "Give us back our he gathers from his surroundings and worth while to obtain all the inno-cent pleasures we can in this life, and up and made a proposal. "Send the from his associations, from nature, from there can be no doubt that life is cried. The suggestion found favor; applause followed; and the audience pleasanter if most of its hours are pas ed in cheerful-looking apartments.

It is an excellent plan to give a prequietly strolled out of the despoiled theatre, merely breaking a few bones dominating tint or color to each room; thus there may be a blue of the boxkeepers and other officials

chamber, a buff chamber, a pink on their road out. chamber, or there may be varieties in the combinations of tints. Thus, it the walls are buff, the pervading color in the furniture and decorations may be blue, and vice versa. It ad is very much indeed to the appearance of a house to give each room a distinct character of its own. Plain, tinted wall paper for bod-rooms is desirable against the sale of intoxicating liquors but if the ceilings are very low, perat railway stations. A deputati in pendicular stripes will be useful in waited on the directors of the Cale-

increasing the apparent height. Cur tains do more than almost anything lse toward the decoration of a room and every bed-chamber window should be fitted with them. They may be of chintz or muslin, and if of the former, a striped pattern, in tints to harmon ize with the walls and the furniture, is to be recommended. Each curtain

should have a valonce-one of its own material will do; and very inexpensive window hangings, if taste fully arranged, will add much to the general effect. Even if the furniture iteelf be old-fashioned in design and dull of hue, white toilet-covers, and the various tasteful knick-knacks with which every woman delights to surround herself, will do much to

brighten it. An ingenious hou-ewife can make of her own chamber a perfect bower at comparatively trifling xpense, and during long hours of illue s, when her whole world is contained within its four walls, will think

## ----A Dangerous Safeguard.

There has been a gun standing bohind a cudboard in a Pine street residence for the past eight years. It tion. Its presence was always an eye-sore to the occupant's wife, who shared fully with the sex their fear of fire arms. So the other day-Friday, we think-she induced her husband to take it down and fire it off. He had never fired a gun that had been loaded eight years; in fact he had nover fired one off at all; so be poked it out of the window and took aim into the garden, without the faint-

est shadow of fear. His wife, being afraid of fire-arms, stood behind his back and looked over his shoulder with her eyes shut tightly. He shut his eyes too, and then pulled the trig ger. Of what immediately followed neither appears to have any settled

A whistle !-- the agent runs out idea. He says he can vaguely rewith a red flag-two whistles ! Down member hearing a noise of some kind, the addition that I seemed mounted brakes ! The train is saved, and comes and has an indistinct impression of on a winged horse, and riding for life to a halt not a dozen yards from the passing over something which must have been his wife, as she was found

Necessity of Sleep.

#### A "Generous" Public.

soothe the mob, but was encountered

receipts to the poor of the town," he

A Scottish Temperance Move.

donian Railway at the central offices

in Glasgow recontly, and presented a

memorial praying for the prohibition

of the sale of strong drink in refresh-

nent rooms at the stations on the

Caledonian system. It was urged

The public of Padua seem to have

It is a mistake to try to make proto please them at the Teatro Concordi natural for them to be so staid, reand the Teatro Garibaldi. At the served, nor always well-mannered, and []074. latter house "Un Ballo in Baschera" the discipline that makes them so before produced an awful onslaught upon their time will probably distort or cripthe footlights. The orchestra was ple some of their finest qualities. The stormed and its Rubicon crossed, and roots of a young tree must have room full assault delivered upon the stage. to spread, and if they are inexorably

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Don't Force the Growth.

Thames, color scart appeared, accompanied by must always be remembered that what The first Steamer of this blue is intended to be des a boy learns from books is but a small portion of his education. That which P

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to them, are occasioned by the railway servants getting drink at the wayside stations, This is very horrible, if true, and no regulations can be too strict to prevent the hitherto unknown cause of danger revealed by the deputation; but it seems rather hard on the passengers, many of whom suffer severely from cold at some seasons of the year owing to the F. G. BECKETT & CO absence of any proper means for

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it submitted were 'admirable,' and therefore it seems not improbable that the last moments of railway passen gors will at nordistant day be, at all events cheered by total abstinence."

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to close the switches.

Again I awoke, bathed in perspi ration, and roused myself sufficiently to get up and visit my little darling's crib, of course to find her safe. I voice which roused the Thane of Cawdor had hissed in my ear, as in his-"Sleep no more !"

To awake, and find the first be thankful enough? gleam of the incoming day glowing grayly on the eastern wall.

However, a visit to all these switchos-mine, not those of the dream- perience was too much for me. I left a dash, headforemost, into a cool, deep, running stream near, and nothing remained of the lingering effects of my nocturnal visions, and I felt like myself once more.

Between the passage of the down just beginning to walk. mail which stopped, and the through express which did not, there was an interval of an hour and a half, that Rice against Time, and an affectionwas essentially my own. But that ate place in my remembrance evermorning a dispatch had come for more, come out to the orchard, and happened the agent, who was busy, the whole family. requested me to take it, offering the use of his fast mare, which stood in barness under the shed-an animal remarkable for its speed and endurance, as I ascertained thereafter.

I had been to the director's house on one or two similar occasions, and neither the agent nor myself deemed the time necessary to go and come any consideration when an hour and a half was at my disposal. Besides, had such a course been necessary, he could have taken the keys and acted that.

was clear and bracing.

I had delivered the dispatch, received a brief word of thanks, and was already turning homeward, when the director came himself toward the paling, calling out to me by name. I reined up.

"There is some mistake here, Jenagent." On reflection-"he knows the contents, I suppose ?"

On reflection, I couldn't say, and EO stated.

open switch. It was time.

(Time-as they say in the racingneighbors who drew him out of the calendar-seven minutes and a half. fire-place. The fact that one of his This I confirmed afterward.)

I complete the last quarter of the walked the floor in my stocking-feet detour to the station more leisurely, were imbeded in his scalp, seemed again turned in: To dream for the arms of the agent my sleepy little to indicate that in steping back from the third time the same thing; to start girl, whom he snatched from the abrontive and this conclusion of the abroad of suddenly and broadly awake as if the shadow of that misplaced switch. where she was lying fast asleep, with her golden curls directly on the rail. Life in Danbury. That dream again ! Shall I ever

I am an older man now, and have other and higher interests in railroads, but not in that line. That ex-

soon after, and my fortunes greatly improved. will do very well for a ploughman or My golden haired little darling is a bricklayer, or any other man who now a woman, and happily married, has no exhaustion but that produced and has a little darling of her own

by manual labor, and the sooner he And if you would like to see the gallant mare, Fanny, that won the

one of the directors who lived three you will see her enjoying a comfortmiles to the south of us, and as it so able old age, petted and caressed by

So I end as I began:

Dreams are not always true.

Nor on the other hand, are they always false.

"Pretty Dick."

Some three hundred years since, ship partly laden with little green birds captured in the Canary Islands, having been wrecked near Elba, the birds made their escape, flew to the island for me. But there was no thought of and there settled themselves. Numbers in absolute rest. of them were caught by the inhabitants

I drove leisnrely over, enjoying the and on account of their sprightly vivaride very much, for the mare "Fanny" city and the brilliancy of their voice was in excellent spirits, and the air they soon became great favorites, and rapidly spread over Europe. The ori-

ginal color of the canary is not the bright yellow with which its feathers pain; and the most accute reasoner

regular system. Still the original dap- ed in all the weightier affairs of life.

pled green is always apt to make its Then the faithful servant shows himappearance, and even when two colored self at once as a friend, while one plished something in Cincinnati. The stated. birds are mated, a green one is presty who serves for fear shows himself as brewers' sales decreased \$140,000 last "Then go back to your post at once sure to be found in the nest. an enemy.

land, I am truly surprised with its between him and the window by the wonderful effects, because for several

years my health has been declining notwithstanding every means pos shoulders was set back about two sible, which offered encouragement inches, and that three of her teeth was used by me. Several alarming symptoms appeared, amongst which were dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart, impoverished blood, and great prostration. Since January, when I glad to say, was verified by both on being restored to consciousness.began the use of your Syrup, my health has stoadily and amazingly improved, so that now it gives me great pleasure to recommend it to

o hers, and in this way to show my gratitude for roturn of health. To all who require a remedy for debility, I To the brain-worker, as life becomes concentrated and its pursuits more would say they will find your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites just what you say it is. I believe it is the cager, late hours and early aising become impossible. Six hours' sleep best preparation in use.

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takes it after the labor is over the EDITORIAL OPINIONS .- An adverbetter. But for a man whose labor is mental, the stress of work is on his tisement is, as a general rule, an elaborate eulogium on the merits of brain and nervous system, and for him who is tired in the evening with something which the advertiser dea day of mental application, neither sires tosell. The editors and publishers early to bed nor early to rise is whole. of the paper in which it appears are some. He needs letting down to the not responsible for its statements; level of repose. The longer the inter- sometimes, however, highly important val between the active use of the discoveries or inventions, announced brain and his retirement to bed, the to the world through the business debetter his chalce of sleep and reiresh partment of the press, seem to demand a few words of editorial commendament, To him an hour after midnight is probably as good as two hours tion. We have no hesitation in saying that the excellent medicine introduced before it, and even then his sleep will not so completely and quickly restore by Dr. Joseph Walker, of California, him as will his neighbor who is physi- under the name of VINEGAR BITTERS, cally tired. He must not only go to belongs to this category, and has a bed later, but lie longer. His best just claim to a favorable notice. sleep probably lies in the early morning hours, when all the nervous ex- as a tonic, stomachic and alterative. citement has passed away, and he is We are cognizant of many instances

# Regard Others.

Be kind to all, rich and poor alike. remittent fevers, rheumatism and The great duty of life is not to give general debility, is founded on experience and well deserved. The testiare generally tinted, but a kind of cannot find an excuse for one who mony of "a cloud of witnesses" goes dappled olive green, black and yellow, voluntarily wounds the heart of a tel- to show that it is eminently useful in either color predominating according to low creature. Even for their own a large majority of the disorders to circumstances. By careful manage sakes, people should show kindness which the human family are subject. ment, the bird fanciers are able to pro- and regard to their dependents. They The fact that it contains no alcohol cure canaries of every tint between the are often better served in trifles, in commends it to the confidence of that nings," he said, with some excitement, three colors, having instituted a set of proportion as they are rather feared large and increasing class of the comwaving the dispatch. "This should rules by which the quality and arrange- than loved; but how small is this munity who insist that all spirituous not have been sent to me, but to our ment of the coloring is reduced to a pain compared with the loss enstain- stimulants are active poisons.

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