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## TIM DONNAN'S LUCK

By D. H. TALMADGE

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There are people who scoff at the theory of luck, but Tim Donnan is not

one of them. Tim was a brakeman on the P. and T. railway six months ago, and a freight brakeman at that, with a pretty slim prospect ahead of him. He despaired whenever he thought of a certain girl who was so practical that she refused to marry him until his salary was adequate for an establishment. The fact that she called it an "establishment" showed plainly that her emotions were under control of her intellect. A sentimental, impulsive creature who loved a man as this girl loved

Tim would have called it a little home. Tim isn't a brakeman on the P. and T. now. He is a conductor on the F. and L., and he and the girl have their "establishment" and are deliriously happy.

Luck did it, Tim says, and he proves it by telling the story.

"Mebby you know and mebby you don't," he begins in a subtle brogue, "that the windows of heaven were ern part of Missouri one night last sible without my teeth. He seemed authorities. They have dispelled mebby you don't that the P. and T. dry. I'll look you up and remember is needed for brain another for road runs parallel with the F. and L. you, says he. 'Thank you, sir,' says I. muscles, and still another for bones. Lambton Street, Lower Town, Durham. for about six miles after leavin' St. "Twas about a week after that I A correct diet will not on'y nourish James. They cross the Blue river each got an invitation to the general offices a particular part of the body, but it on its own nice little bridge within two of the F. and L. at St. Jim. The doc- will sustain every other part. Yet, miles of each other, the P. and T. tor said I might go if I'd be careful. however good your food may be, its bridge bein' up stream from the bridge Another touch of pneumonia, he said, nutriment is destroyed by indigestion of the F. and L.

I was sittin' on the back platform of got there but put me through an ex- coming by taking regular doses of the caboose the night when the cloud amination and give me one of the best Green's August flower, the favorite busted. My work was finished for the runs on their system, though why they minute, and I was restin' and nursin' a bad fit of melancholy. My hopes were blacker than the night just then, and the night was blacker than the inside of a brunette cat. I saw nothin' to look forward to, and that's a worse state to be in than Arkansaw. I was ter men's gloves look than women's?" sayin' to myself that I believed I'd commit suicide and end the agony when all of a quick sudden the train the passengers and you will be imstopped.



BRUSHED ME OFF WITH ITS BRANCHES.

of coal droppin' into a man's throat. full and runnin' over-way over. The Suddenly he exclaimed: track on the bridge was all but covered. 'Shall we try it or not?' says the the street. Isn't she a peach?' engineer to the conductor. 'Wait till we look at the bridge,' says the conductor. 'Come, Donnan, we'll go and spread over his features. see if 'tis safe.' And we went,

did then, but I was in a desperate in a street flirtation, she waved her tion at Dornoch Separate School, as a mood, and the rushin' of the flood af- hand, hesitated a moment and then result of the recent Easter examinafected my brain, I'm thinkin'. I told started to cross the street where we tion held in that school. the conductor I'd go across and take a were. peep at the anchorage on the other side. And I started, the conductor of- beaming Jones. 'Excuse me, old man; fering no objections visible to the see you later; ta, ta!" naked ear, and got half way across with its branches as easy as a whiskbroom disposes of a crumb.

"Ar-r-rah, the swim that followed! "I don't know the words that describe it. But luck was with me. I got twice in awhile a chicken coop or a tion which followed: woodshed or a cord of wood bumped As a soldier half lifted me from the total number of marks) are: sparks from an anvil.

current was runnin' at a rate of 410 think maybe he like to cut it off." miles to the hour. Mebby 'twas more, I thanked him for his thoughtfulness, and mebby 'twas less. I didn't stop to but I added, "You are in a great deal measure it. Anyway, 'twas but a short worse shape than I am. You needn't time till I brought up against the F. trouble about me. Have your cue and L. bridge with such force that six braided, and then lie down on your of my teeth took refuge in my stom- pooka and take a nap." ach and a constellation of stars danced He smiled with the faraway, rather before my eyes, furnishin' sufficient sad smile of his race. "It would not be

I wanted. I crawled off at the first end I come to, and that was luck

track, and after I'd found my land legs again I hustled along till I got to it. "The night operator was surprised to see me. Bein' a young chap, he reach-

ed nervously for his gun. away, Willy, and get a wringer.' "'Heavens!' says he. 'Is it rainin' again? You're soppin' wet.'

"'Am I?' says I. 'Sure 'tis the true nose for news you've got. You should ing display-lines from the advance be in newspaper work. But tell me,' says I, 'how soon the train's due.' I knew a train was about due, else he'd been snoozin'.

" 'The flier goin' south,' says he, lookin' at his watch, 'will be along in three minutes.'

"'Does she stop at this station?" says I. "'No,' says he.

" 'Then,' says I, 'you'd better get out your red lamp, for the bridge is all but gone.' And he did it.

me. The general manager's car was on and the general manager himself, artistically arrayed in a suit of pink pajamas, was up and rubberin' around almost before I'd told the conductor about the bridge. 'Tis the way of general managers. They're mostly built

"He looked me over with his sharp eyes, all the time spittin' out questions as a rapid fire gun spits lead, and I anopened over a small spot in the north- swered him as intelligently as was pos-June. Mebby, again, you know and impressed. 'You'd better go and get the silly notion that one kind of food

might prove disastrous. So I went, or dyspepsia. You must prepare for "Twas lucky for me they fixed it so. and they didn't do a thing after I their appearance or prevent their did it I'll be blessed if I can under-

"Luck? Well, say!"

#### A Matter of Gloves.

"Did you never notice how much betsaid the man. "Go into any public conveyance and look at the gloves of pressed by the superior condition of "Mebby you never experienced the those worn by men. Two-thirds of the sensation of bein' on a freight train women you meet cover their hands with suedes and dogskins that are shockingly soiled and worn. It is not only women of generally shabby appearance who are guilty of wornout finger tips and ragged seams; many who are otherwise well groomed and who could afford to put on a fresh pair of gloves every day are equally culpable. Men would be ashamed to go on the street wearing such disreputable things, but women flaunt them unblushingly."

"That sweeping condemnation is unfair," protested the woman. "The condition is easily explained. Women wear their gloves much more than men, and besides it is awfully destructive to finger tips to dig around in purses for change and samples and to handle candy, to turn over books and to examine dry goods."

"Now you have jumped the subject," said the man. "I am not talking about behint me." cause. I am talking about effect. The majority of men certainly do wear better gloves than the majority of women. You cannot deny that."

"That is true," the woman admitted "I cannot deny it; they can better afford it also."-Philadelphia Times.

#### Pride Had a Fall.

"Yes, it is a pretty good cigar," said Brown, as he held it up and looked at when it stops suddenly. 'Tis like a ton it critically. "Jones bought it, but if he thinks he bought my silence with it he "For a minute I forgot my troubles. is mistaken, as the story is too good to I grabbed my lantern and went up keep. Jones, as you know, considers ahead to see what was wrong. 'Twas himself a great ladies' man, although easy to see. By the gleamin' of the he is old enough to know better. I was headlight on the engine I saw a roarin', walking with him this afternoon, and howlin' flood of water. Blue river was he could talk of nothing but his 'latest.'

"'By Jove! There she is now, across "Off came his hat with a flourish, ex-

posing his bald pate, and an idiotic grin "Much to my surprise, for she did "Twas a fool thing to do what I not look like a girl who would indulge motions, to go into effect after vaca-

"'They can't resist me,' said the

"Hat, in hand and grinning like a mebby when-biff!-a tree that made monkey, Jones approached the young ordinary sawlogs look like matches lady, who suddenly stopped, looked struck the bridge and brushed me off startled for a moment and then gasped: "'Goodness! I mistook you for my grandfather?"-Detroit Free Press.

#### The Cue Could Wait.

An American traveler in China, makmy hands on to a regular Pullman of a ing his way out of the province of railroad tie, and I clung to it as the ivy Shensi over the mountains, after five clings to the molderin' wall. 'Twas days of rough riding overtook his servnothin' resemblin' suicide the way I ant, who had been sent on ahead with stuck to that tie. And every once or the baggage. He reports the conversa-

into me, knockin' out prayers like saddle Wang, the servant, handed me my razors. "For five days," he said, "'Tis my humble opinion that the "the beard of my master is growing. I

light to enable me to crawl on to the right for me to sleep, sir," he said, "before I see that you are resting. The For terms apply to
Miss Margaret Gun, break loose. I crawled off of it rapidBut the beard is European. It cannot course, remain in their same classes.

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" Madam, I haf burnt my breeches

"Good gracious!" ejaculated my mother, with an involuntary, startled glance in the direction of the professors coat tails.

"My father interposed tactfully, the professor meanwhile nodding acquiescence: 'You will be glad to know, my dear, that what Professor Schell means by saying he has burned his bridges behind him is that he has leased a house here for a year and has now no choice but to stay.'

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