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### THROUGH FOREST FIRES

"Five surrounding us! Send help at once! Will be cut off before night!"

Five men were assembled at the depot to see the train start upon its mission of mercy. Big Mike felt the full importance of his position, and he puffed and blustered about like a son-in-law in his element. A boy of about 16 approached the engineer and said:

"Take me along. My mother is over there at Stony Brook. She'll be here."

"Can't do it, my lad. I'll bring her back if I get through."

The conductor waved his signal, and Big Mike led the engine five three whistles to announce the beginning of the race.

In five minutes the train was under full headway. The fireman had a strong fire burning, and Mike kept crowding on the steam.

They were going 60 miles an hour when they first entered the region of burning woods.

The woods on either side of the track were ablaze, and the heat became stifling. Sometimes the wind swept clouds of sparks and flames across the track, blinding and terrifying the men. But the engineer and fireman stood by their posts.

"They were rushing through clouds of smoke, which prevented them from seeing the trees ahead, but Big Mike never once flinched. The tops of fallen trees lay across the rails, but the engine lurled them aside without once checking the train."

Both fireman and engineer gasped for breath and prayed for some relief. How much farther would they have to run to get beyond the fire area?

Mike's attention was attracted by a groan, and he turned to see his fireman sink down on the floor in a dead faint.

"Now I am in for it," Mike muttered. "I can't keep the fire going too."

He tried to pull the rope connecting with the fire bell, but the fire had burned it to pieces. He shouted aloud to the conductor, but he knew that above roar and blast of the fire his voice could not be heard.

But something happened that surprised him more than if the conductor had appeared. The fireman moved, and then deliberately stood upon end, while a face appeared out of the hole.

As Mike recognized the features of the lad who had pined so hard to go to Stony Brook with him, Mike looked at his helpless fireman and drew a long breath.

"Well, now that you're here, suppose you help me. Can you shovel coal?"

"The coal was blown out of the engine out of the water tank, and he swung the shovel so successfully that the fire burned brighter than ever."

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### HE CLAIMED THE BUNDLE.

But the Girls Proved Him to Be Untruthful and Dishonest.

Cooling in on a summer run from Highland park a couple of nights ago I was occupying a rear seat. A young man who had had two girls out at the park and who was bringing them home was on the same seat. The conductor picked up a bundle from the floor and asked me, "Is this your package?"

"It is not," I replied.

"Is it yours?" he asked one of the girls.

"No, sir," she replied.

"Is it yours?" he asked the young man.

"Let me see," he said with the hesitation of a liar who is not an adept at the art of lying. "I believe it is mine. Yes, that's mine."

He took it and looked guilty, though he did his best to appear innocent.

"I didn't know you had a bundle with you," he remarked to one of his female companions in a low tone.

The conductor had gone ahead to collect fares, and the young man looked my way again when I was sitting.

"Of course I wasn't, because that would have been unmanly."

"I had it in my pocket," he replied, "and probably you did not notice it."

"What have you got in it?" asked the other girl, with natural curiosity.

"Oh, just a couple of things that I thought I might have use for," he replied, with assumed carelessness.

"Let me see, now," said the girl. "It'll be something you don't want us to see."

"No, I assure you it isn't," he answered.

"Then let us see what it is," she persisted.

She reached for the bundle, and he tried to keep it from her. There was a little struggle for possession of it, and the paper came off.

"Oh-h-h," screamed both girls.

It was no more than a bundle of paper, was a nursing bottle half filled with milk, with nipple attached, and two very useful and necessary articles of wearing apparel for infants. A liar and a thief had been brought suddenly to justice.—Fittsburg News.

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"It was possible with the co-operation of the fire department. The fire escape is cylindrical in form, six feet in diameter and made of sheet steel. It is erected outside the building and connected with a window on each floor by a steel approach leading to an opening in the cylinder. In the center of the fire escape runs a hollow spiral. At the level of each floor a hose plug is attached. By this arrangement, and a ladder running up the outside of the fire escape the use of ladders and water towers is obviated, the firemen working direct from the fire escape.

The person leaving from the fire steps into it, sits down, folds his arms and lets go. The escape does the rest. The steel incline, smooth as glass, is slightly curved to fit the body, and the wheels are being round and round the central stampline. When the bottom is reached, he shoots out an open door. During the trial 70 men stood at this opening and each one as he slid out, helping him to land on his feet. There was no discomfiture, no loss of time, no injury, no sickness. A baby or an infirm person could be put in the fire escape from an eighth floor, and either would land at the bottom without injury.

Of the 300 who tried it on this trial many were girls. Only one was affected seriously. She fainted at the start and fell down on the level, yet did not start for a bruise and was quickly revived when she reached terra firma.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### Struck the Right Portland For Him.

The other day Colonel Buckley, of Missouri Pacific agent here, received a letter from a gentleman at Portland, Ore., thanking him for a favor performed by Colonel Buckley over ten years ago. The man's name is withheld. He had played the Wagon Wheel lottery, and had won a fortune, and he knew he must get away with his money or he would not get away at all. So, under inspiration, he rushed into Colonel Buckley's office one morning and said sharply:

"Give me a ticket to Portland."

"Portland, Ore.?"

"I don't give a damn where."

Colonel Buckley reflected. His commission on a ticket to Portland, Ore., was \$2.50 more than his commission on a ticket to Portland, Me. He said to the man:

"I got more for a ticket to Portland, Ore., and I'll send you to Oregon."

"So that man got away from the boom and went to Portland, Ore. Out there he went into business and now owns one of the great fortunes of the city. He ascribes his lucky strike to Colonel Buckley, and his recent letter was one of gratitude that he had not sent him to Portland, Me.—Wichita Eagle.

### Crushing Out Competition.

A woman in St. Gall went to Zurich recently and bought 5,000 pair of cheap Swiss shoes, had them shipped to St. Gall and then placed in the local papers an advertisement to this effect: "Telegrams of thanks received from various channels until the matter was laid before the board, the highest authority in the republic. This lady, after long deliberation, decided against her and upheld the action of the local authorities.

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### A Kansan's Girl's Amusements.

Miss Mahaly Bartlett went to Oswanton recently and after taking a day in the hot water with her father, who has been confined at the asylum for the past ten weeks. She reports a grand time. By the way, Miss Mahaly has arranged to plant about 30 acres in corn this spring and has borrowed most of the corn since it came up. The planting was done with a riding plow and lugs at the idea of a man using one.—Burlington Republican.

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