#### THE ENGINEERS' STORY.

No children, my mps are over, The engineer needs rest; My hand is shaky, I'm feeling A tugging pain in my breast But here as the twilight gathers, I'll tell you a tale of the road, That'll ring in my head forever, Till it rests beneath the sod.

We were rumbling along in the twilight, The night was dropping her shade, And the "Gladiator" labored-Climbing the top of the grade; The train was heavily laden, So I let my engine rest, Climbing the grading slowly Till we reached the upland's crest.

Over the rails a gleaming, Thirty an hour, or so, The engine leaped like a demon, Breathing a ffery glow; But to me, a hold of the lever, It seemed a child alway: Trusting and always ready My lightest touch to obey.

I was proud, you know, of my engine, Holding it steady that night, And my eye on the track before us Ablaze with the Drummond light. We neared a well-known cabin, Where a child of three or four, As the up-train passed oft called me. A-playing around the door.

My hand was firm on the throttle As we swept around the curve, When something afar in the shadow Struck fire through every nerve! I sounded the brakes, and crashing The reverse lever down in dismay, Groaning to Heaven-eighty paces Ahead was the child at its play!

One instant-one, awful and only, The world flew round in my brain And I smote my hand hard on my forehead, To keep back the terrible pain; The train I thought flying forever, With mad, irresistible roll, While the cries of the dying, the night wind Swept into my shuddering soul!

Then I stood on the front of the engine-How I got there I never could tell-My foor planted down on the crossbar, Where the cowcatcher slopes to the rail-One hand firmly locked on the coupler, And one held out in the night, While my eye gauged the distance and measured, The speed of our slackening flight.

My mind, thank the Lord! it was steady. I saw the curls of her hair, And the face that, turning in wonder Was lit by the deadly glare. I know little more, but I heard it-The groun of the anguished wheels-And remember thinking the engine,

One rod! To the day of my dying I shall think the old engine reared back, And as it recoiled, with a shudder, I swept my hand over the track; Then darkness fell over my eyelids; But I heard the surge of the train And the poor old engine creaking, As racked by a deadly pain.

In agony trembles and reels!

They found us, they said, on the gravel, My fingers enmeshed in her hair, And she on my bosom a-climbing, To nestle securely there. We are not much given to crying-We men that run on the road-But that night, they said there were faces,

With tears on them lifted to God.

For years in the eve and the morning As I neared the cabin again My hand on the lever pressed downward And slackened the speed of the train. When my engine had blown her a greeting She always would come to the door, And her look, with a fullness of Heaven,

Blesses me evermore!

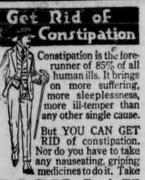
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inits and at the intersection of lutts and Reid path with Enfeld read, thence along the said path N 6 degrees 45 W 14.42 chains to a large Red Oak, thence A 1 degrees 12.07 chains, thence N 3 degrees 25 E 11.00 chains, thence N 4 degrees 25 E 10.00 chains, thence N 4 degrees 25 E 10.00 chains, thence N 3 degrees 40 E 10 to chains, thence N 4 degrees 25 E 10.00 chains, thence N 5 degrees 80 E 10 to chains, thence N 5 degrees 80 W 1.50 chains to old market corner poses and two pine stumps, thence N 81 degrees 80 W 1.50 chains to pine stumps, thence N 81 degrees 80 W 1.50 chains to pine and small gum in edge of pond, thence N 81 degrees W 21.70 chains to hence N 81 degrees W 21.70 chains to hence N 81 degrees 30 W 20.00 chains to a stone near path, thence S 85 degrees W 1.400 chains to stone near path, thence S 85 degrees W 1.50 chains to hone 20 Chains N 72 degrees 30 W 20.00 chains to a stake on path, thence S 25 degrees 30 W 20.00 chains to a fact to the control of t to burnt pine thence N 10 degrees 43° E 24 NI chains to stake in a stake in field, thence N 10 degrees E 16 70 chains to stake near path, thence N 77 degrees W 9 20 chains, thence N 31 degrees No' E 4 00 chains, to two pine stumps, thence N 77 degrees 50° E 0,00 chains, thence S 71 degrees E 6.00 chains, thence S 64 degrees 45° E 7.30 chains, thence S 64 degrees 45° E 6.73 chains, thence N 4 degrees E 1.17 chains, thence S 81 de-grees 40° E 7.40 chains, thence S 82 de-grees 10° E 13.01 chains, thence S 6 grees 25° W 15.75 chains, thence S 71 degrees E 9.00 chains, thence S 72 degrees

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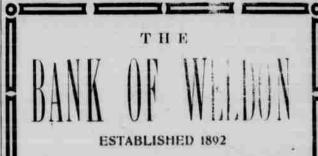
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