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"In a snow bank?" said Billy. "Woorse nor that" said Mike. "Smoog-

"Oh smugglers; but how could they stick

"Well, you see, theer war foive wimin on the thrain goin' over, and they war the thinnest wimin you iver saw. They war so thin that thraa av thim sat in one sate and the other two hid betwain thim when the conductoor came for theer tickets."

"Oi, wint down town for to see the soights and wint into a dhry goods sthore for a plug an wan av thim wimin war sthanding by the

"Hiv ye got iny good cottin," says she to

he clark? "We hiv" says he.

"Hoo much hive ye got?" says she. "He thin whispered somethin in her ear."

"Oi'll take it siz she. "He directed her to a room at the back av

begin to carry cottin to her.' Oi wanted to say the thing through but the clark told me I hid better thry the hard ware

thin I'n wait ootside. "In about an oor the lady cam oot assisted by the clark an I fell into a packin box wen I seen her. It took two policemen to git me

"Ye'er arristed' said one. "What foor?" says I.

"For been Dhrunk" says he. "Ye cin soorch me siz I but plaze soorch that foorst.'

"That what? says he. "Hifant" says I.

"Ye're discharged" said he.

"The clark thin waved his hand to a thruckman acrost the strate. 'Coom oover said he.

"The truckman dhrove oover. "Hoo much will ye charge to dhrive me to

the thrain? says the ilifant. "Twinty sivin dollars said he. "That's what me wagin cost."

"Oi'll pay it if yez breaks down" say she. "Drive on."

"It's tin to wan against ye" says he. Oi followed thim at a safe distance. They got sthook going oop the hill. The thruckman called to anoither wan foor hilp.

"Ot noo ye'd made it says he. This is the fifth wan av thim.

The wagon was noo and sthrong an the lady wan the bet and paid the thruckman foor

"Al a boord! siz the conductoor. "Oi joomped on the car but hid to sthand ootside. The five ladies war inside.

"The thrain did not move. "Why don't yez go on?" says the conductoor to the man on the engin.

"That's what Oi'm cryin to find oot" says "She won't move.

"Thry again" sez he. "He thried foor half an oor and moved six

"Oi took oot a paper and pincil and figered hoo long it wad take to git to Dabic at this rate. If we don't hoory thought I we'll bate the racord av the thrain on the Gibson branch. A frind told me that it war so slow a three had wanst grown oop undir it and throwed it af the thrack.

"The conductoor grew dispirit. He rooshed to the telegraft office and wired head-

quarters; Can't git oover the grade. " 'Hoo miny cars they replied.'" "Two"; siz he.

"Hoo miny wimin!" siz they.

"Five"; siz he.

Thin take thim wan at a toime oover the grade."

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"The conductoor opened the dour an called oot 'Dabic Junction, change cars foor Wood-

"Thank the Lord" says I. "Amen says he.

Or stipped af the car ahid af the wimin. The Coostims officer was standin on the platfoorm. He shmiled at me and thin I saw him toorn pale and thin he fainted did away.

"The ilifants" says I. Wan av thim sat doon on a baggage thruck to wait foor her thrain. She war the largest av the lot an I suppose filt too big to associate with the oothers.

Oi saw a man look at her an thin he winked at me.

"Hiv ye got a white ahirt siz he to me?" "It is wanst a year" says I.

"Hoo much will ye take foor it?" says he.
"Ilivin cints" says I.
"Oi'll give ye ilivin dollars" siz he.
"What foor?" says I.

"Didn't ye hear the noos?" siz he. "What noos?" six I.

"The cotton market's cornered" siz he. "Who did it? siz I. "Mrs. Dan Dooly" says he. "Ye know

her hoosbind hiz been thryin to do it foor a toime but she did it at last. Cotton hiz joomped to fifty cints and white shirts to twilve dollars.

"The thrain thin cam along and the ilifants "Oi hilped the Collector to his fate. "Hiv

they gone?" siz he?" E. STANLEY.

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BY MAURICE SMILEY.

To be sincere. To look life in the eyes With calm, undrooping gaze. Always to mean The high and truthful thing. Never to screen

Behind the unmeant word, the sharp surprise
Of cunning; never tell the little lies
Of look or thought. Always to choose, between
The true and small, the true and large, serene And high above Life's cheap dishonesties.-

The soul that steers by this unfading star Needs never other compass. All the far Wide waste shall blaze with guiding light, tho'

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When the father of the writer was a backwoods lad he and his brothers made a trap for wild turkeys. It was a rail pen in the woods with a door on one side that would fall when a string was pulled. From this door he laid a trail of corn out along a gamefrequented path and corn was placed inside the trap. Then the boys stationed them. selves to watch. Fortune favoring them, soon came a pair of old turkeys and fourteen nearly grown young ones and finding. the sthore and sint a lady clark with her. | the corn, started eagerly upon the trial, Thin I saw four men tak af theer coats and picking it grain by grain. They reached the pen, some went in and the boys' hopes rose. More went in; all was tense excitement be. sthore next door for tobaccer, so I thought | hind the blind. All the young ones were in: then the mother of the brood entered. "Pull the string, William," whispered the brothers. "Wait till the old gobbler goes in," he replied. "Pull the string," they insisted. "Wait, I say; we want them all." Out came the old hen. "Pull, pull." "Wait till she goes back in." Out came two young turkeys. "Pull the string, William," was the demand, despairingly. "Wait till they go back, I tell

> More came out. Finally the string was pulled. One runty youngster was imprisoned, the rest flew away.

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