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[A well-dressed traveller, with a somewhat irritated expression, is attended by a guard and porter at Waterloo Bridge Station.]

GUARD

Very sorry, Mr Unwin; but I can't find you an empty compartment to-day, sir. On Saturday afternoons-this train is always crowded.

PORTER

Only one gentleman here, sir. Every other first is full.

TRAVELLER (still somewhat irritated)

This one seems full also—of the other gentleman's things. Well, put my dressing-bag in. Stand it in the middle seat,

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if the gentleman will allow you the liberty of removing his evening paper.

PORTER

Yes, sir—yes, sir. It will ride there nice and easy. Your servant is seeing your fishing rods safe in the guard's van. Thank you, sir, very much—thank you.

TRAVELLER (as he settles himself)

And now, what have I done with my two sixpenny novels? Here I am sitting on them. I was always my own worst enemy. Why on earth does the other gentleman put up his glasses and stare at me? I can feel him at it, with the corner of my eye.

. THE OTHER GENTLEMAN

Unwin, my dear fellow, I failed to realise that it was you, till I perceived your initials in gold on that magnificent piece of luggage of yours.