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DARIUS was the organizer of the great empire loosely gathered together by the conquests of Cyrus and Cambyses. Diligently he labored, building cities, constructing roads, reforming taxation, improving the coinage, even establishing a postal system. To industry and commerce he was so attentive that his shortsighted contemporaries dubbed him "the Huckster." A singularly modern man was he, twenty-four hundred years ago—a pathetic figure, too, for, little as he realized it, he belonged to an age outworn, and beside him, small and despised as yet, was growing up a people belonging to a newer order of things, and destined to smash to fragments the empire he so toilsomely up-built.

