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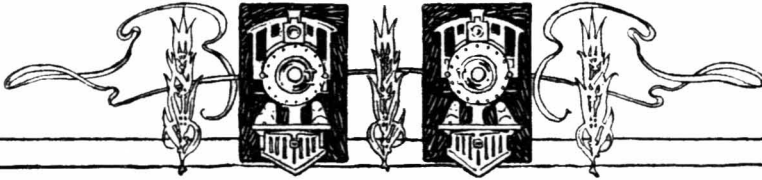
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# JUST A DOG.

BY CHARLES L. FUNNELL.

THAT dog? He owns the office and the chief despatcher's room;  
He's the pal of every trainman on the line;  
He has general supervision of the work of this division,  
And the meals he gets are just as good as mine.

'Bout a year ago we found him. He was lookin' pretty sad,  
'Cause the porter on a Pullman kicked him out.  
He had somehow got inside, but they wouldn't let him ride,  
So he stood and cocked his head one side in doubt.

When he saw us boys he wiggled and began to wag his tail,  
So we took him to the trainmen's smokin'-room.  
While he wasn't real good-lookin', and had no pedigree worth bookin',  
Still his happy waggin' tail just knocked out gloom.

The boys all got to like him, and they taught him lots of stunts.  
You could throw a lighted paper on the floor,  
And he'd douse it with his feet, pounce right on it like 'twas meat;  
Gee! I've never seen a dog like him before.

One day when we was waitin' till 'twas time to get aboard,  
Our dog came in with one paw held up high.  
We found blisters when we looked; man, his paw was nearly cooked!  
But when we bandaged it he never blinked an eye.

We wondered where he got it till we heard the super yell.  
He found his paper-basket nearly burned;  
A fool and a cigar were the reasons for the char,  
And the dog had pawed it out as he had learned.

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