## A SHORT HISTORY OF AMERICAN RAILWAYS

COVERING TEN DECADES

BY

SLASON THOMPSON



ILLUSTRATED

D. APPLETON AND COMPANY NEW YORK :: 1925 :: LONDON

## CONTENTS

	All and the second seco	Page
Introductory		1
Chapter I	Birth of the New Power Before the Iron Horse Came	6
Chapter II	1830 to 1840 The Genesis of Railways in Americ	
Chapter III	1840 to 1850 Pushing Across the Alleghenies	82
Chapter IV	1850 to 1860 On to the Mississippi	102
Chapter V	1860 to 1870 The Railways Save the Union	147
Chapter VI	1870 to 1880 On to the Pacific Coast	189
Chapter VII	1880 to 1890 How Regulation Came About	229
Chapter VIII	1890 to 1900 Rebates Abolished	253
Chapter 1X	1900 to 1910 Construction Slows Up	283
Chapter X	1910 to 1920 Experiment in State Operation	324
Chapter XI	1920 and Thereafter Emerging from the War Cloud	380
Chapter XII	The Railway Door of Opportunity Men at the Helm	y415
The Spirit of T	Transportation	442
Bibliography		445
Addenda—A. I	B. C. D	450
Indox		455