

SAW DOCTOR 'CARVE HIM UP'

Watched Removal of Appendix, but Felt No Pain from Operation.

A NEW LOCAL ANAESTHETIC

Retained Full Consciousness and Watched Surgeon Cut His Flesh Without the Least Discomfort—Lost Feeling in Body from Ribs Downward.

London, England.—Serious operations performed upon a patient who retains full consciousness and watches the surgeon carving his flesh without the least discomfort...

They wheeled me into the operating theatre on a long barrow, says a patient, who experienced the local anaesthesia, 'I don't think I had been frightened. They made me sit on the operating table, with my legs hanging over the side, and then began vigorously scrubbing the skin over the small of my back.'

'Now,' said the surgeon, 'just a single prick and it's all over.' 'My heart went off like a sledge hammer at that, but I bit my lips and waited. The prick came—a mere pin scratch—and I breathed again. I understood they were injecting something into my backbone, but the operation, whatever it was, lasted only a moment. Then the most extraordinary thing happened. Suddenly I lost every trace of feeling in my body from my ribs downward. It is a feeling which is quite indescribable, but it was exceedingly pleasant. The house surgeon asked me at this point if I would like some wool put into my ears to prevent me hearing what was said, but I refused, as also the offer of a screen between my face and the seat of operation. They demurred a little over this latter, but at last consented. I felt that if I saw everything I would be less about it.'

'Are you ready?' asked Mr. Y., treating me to a curious smile.

'Quite,' I said.

'Knife, then, sister.' 'I was too excited to feel particularly frightened but when I saw the blade actually in contact with the flesh, and that flesh my own, I confess that it made me draw my breath. A little red line followed the course of the knife across the skin, and I realized with a curious sense of mingled unreality and satisfaction that the operation proper had begun, and that it was absolutely free from pain of any sort. I must have laughed aloud so great was my relief, for Mr. Y. looked up sharply and asked me if I felt anything. 'Nothing at all,' said I. 'If I didn't see it, I wouldn't believe that it was I whom you were cutting up.' After that we kept up a running fire of remarks. Now absolutely at my ease, I watched him open gradually down through skin and muscles toward that troublesome little appendix of mine. I saw the appendix after it was found and felt a malicious pleasure in watching it tied off and cut away.

'Goodby and good riddance,' I said.

'Mr. Y. laughed heartily and asked me to tell him exactly how I felt.

'I feel as if the only things I wanted on earth were a cup of tea and a cigar.'

'They fetched the tea on a little tray. The cigar left nothing to be desired. I was so delighted with everything that when I had seen the last stitch inserted I could have jumped off the table and danced a jig around the theatre.'

The patient was able to read the newspapers and talk to his wife the same afternoon and he soon recovered. The only disadvantage of the lumbar puncture is that it cannot be used for an operation above the lowest rib.

'SPORTS A DISEASE.'

School Athletes Exalted to Demigods, Says Chicago Educator.

Chicago.—Football, basket ball and American sports in general have become a national disease, according to President O. C. Schneider of the Chicago Board of Education. He was led to this declaration through the criticism of Superintendent of Schools Cooley, who complained of the physical culture work in the high schools. 'Our system of sports in the high schools is anything but educational,' said Mr. Schneider. 'The youngsters that do the playing are taught that they are better than their fellows. If they can beat some one else they are exalted like demigods. It has reached a time when so-called sport is really a disease.'

BEARS ARE HARD DRINKERS

Bill Babcock Has Seen 'Em and Explains the Evil Habit.

Bangor, Me.—'All the bears of Penobscot County I have ever known,' said William Babcock, of Bradley, 'feel as if they cannot den up for the winter until after they have had a protracted drunk from eating crab apples that have stayed on the trees cold nights until they were frozen clear through and then hung out and thawed in the sunlight and repeated the operation until fermentation set in and the sweet elder has turned to a good imitation of old Medford rum.'

'Of course a bear that is real fat, so fat that his eyes are closing up and making him blind, will stagger away to some old blowdown and hide away under the protecting trunk of a rotting tree and go off into its snooze without any sleeping potion; but an average bear that is young and active seems to dread going to sleep for six months on a stretch, and puts it off as long as it can and gets drunk and blunders away to the nearest hiding place and drops off to sleep in an intoxicated stupor.'

'It is too bad to have a respectable young bear that has passed the summer in picking and eating berries, and that has put on its last layer of fat from gathering and eating mellow windfalls in the autumn orchards, get into the habit of drinking liquor.'

'An overdose of hard elder made from fermented apple juice has the same effect on bears that it does on men, and makes them careless of their own welfare and quarrelsome and generally disagreeable.'

'I wish the Maine prohibitory law could get at those ungathered apples and put a stop to drunkenness among bears but I fear the reform movement will arrive too late to do any good to the bears. I have killed two promising young bears because of their weakness for strong drink, and I may secure two or three more, though I am ashamed of my conduct.'

AEROPLANE FASHIONS.

Suggestions for Aviator's Proper Apparel Just Issued.

London, England.—Fashioners for aeroplaning already claim the attention of London outfitters. The following suggestions for an aviator's outfit have been given by a West End maker of motor clothes.

'The aviator should wear a gaberdine coat with a thick fleecy lining to keep out the cold. Over that he might have a loose and thick overcoat, buttoning very high around the neck. For lining, opossum fur would be the ideal thing, and the gloves might also be lined with the same fur.'

'For leg-covering a pair of breeches of the same material as the coat; and these, to keep out the cold, should be tightly laced below the knees. Thick stockings with fur-lined gaiters over them should keep the wearer's feet warm.'

'For head covering the cap supplied to Arctic expeditions would suit the aviator. It is a knitted wooly cap covered with cloth with ear flaps and flaps which could be pulled out at will on either side of the face to protect it against the wind.'

MAC CRACKEN IS FOR MARRIAGE

Criticises Professor for Calling It Suicide of Love.

Chicago.—College professors who promulgate new and startling theories on marriage and divorce are denounced as sensation-mongers and seekers after notoriety by Chancellor MacCracken of New York University in a letter to a Chicagoan who formerly was a student of New York University.

Professor MacCracken scores Professor Edward D. Monroe of Leland Stanford University for his pessimistic conception of the marriage relation in America and takes him to task for asserting in a recent lecture before a woman's club in Chicago that marriage was the suicide of love in the United States.

NEW GEOLOGICAL THEORY.

Scientist Ascribes Surface Moraines on Glaciers to Accretions.

New Haven, Conn.—In his lecture in the Stillman course at Yale Professor Penck, of Berlin, advanced the theory, new to geologists in this country, that the surface moraines of glaciers are formed of accumulations of rock and debris taken from the bottom during its course in the higher levels and not, as has been supposed, by rocks dropping from above upon the upper surface.

By a series of diagrams and photographs Professor Penck showed also that the medial and surface moraines come from the lateral, instead of vice versa, the theory held by geologists.

90-Foot Stack of Barley.

Garfield, Wash.—The largest stack of barley, sacked and then piled up, ever known in the history of the West was made near this place, the result of a determined pool by the farmers to hold their grain until such a time as the market price was enough to warrant them to sell at a profit. The stack of grain was ninety feet high and much labor was expended in order that the grain might be piled in such a manner to enable the whole to be covered with tarpaulins.

HERE'S THE LOG OF A 'LOVE PIRATE'

Being the Diary of a Girl Involved in Chicago Divorce, with 'Shadow Kiss.'

GIVES NEW POINTS ON LOVE

Writes 'It's Awful to Have to Talk to a Kid That is Silly About You When You Really Need Rest.'—Called 'Sunny Mary.'

Chicago, Ill.—Miss Mary McLain, who was named in the successful suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Allegretti, wife of a candy manufacturer, has, in justification of herself, made public part of a diary which she kept while she was employed as Mr. Allegretti's secretary. She determined on this after her employer's wife had called her a 'love pirate.' At the trial Miss McLain became known as the 'Shadow Kisser,' witnesses testifying that they recognized her shadow on the office curtains when Mr. Allegretti embraced her.

Here are some of the extracts from the young secretary's diary:—

'It's awful to have to talk to a kid that's silly about you when you really need rest. It takes young men an awful while to get wise to a woman.'

'Those sad eyed men make me weepy. Gingers! All the fellows that think I'm cute are married or half-headed, or both.'

'It's hard to be good when the first principle of life in the sweet, pure air of the farm is to sell cold storage eggs for new laid.'

'I'd rather chase home a cow with cockle burrs in her tail through a wet pasture than go three blocks for a patent bottle of milk with all the cream in one end.'

'Thinking of opening a manicule parlor for exclusive patronage—that means nothing less than \$5. Ma says the only people I'd get would be lunatics. That's all right, too. All the manicules would be dead if it were not for the lunatics.'

'If kisses were ten dollar bills what a merry world this would be!'

'Now this diary is to tell just only the absolute truth, and it's only for me to read, because one doesn't dare to tell the truth to one's friends, and one's enemies aren't worth talking to.'

'I've found out what love is. It was in a book written by a man who said he'd been loved by more women than he had fingers and toes. He says love is a distemper. Gee! That's what McClintock's pup had when his hair fell out and they drowned him because he couldn't die from chloroform. I think I see my finish.'

'Oh, I believe I have found the man. He's at least thirty-five, but he is the darriestest darling in Chicago, and he isn't married. When I told Pa he said to wait a month or two, because the worst spavined horse looks all right in the twilight. Pa's getting to be a pessimist.'

'Oh! Little Mary, why is it that all the women wait until they are fifty and wear double lens glasses to fink women's rights? I guess it is because they don't find the sleddin' quite so easy as they used to.'

'Now, just think of me morbid. Why they called me 'Sunny Mary' from the time I was four, and the first time I ever can remember being real angry was when they fed my milk toast to the Bishop because he had bum teeth and I'd been crying for it for over an hour. I was only six then, but it shows you how they rub it into the suffering little ones.'

CUTS WAY OUT OF ICEBOX.

Butcher Nearly Frozen by Two Hours of Imprisonment.

Oakland, Cal.—Fred. Lewis, a local butcher, entered his icebox at the close of business to adjust his stock and took along an axe.

A spring lock on the outside slipped into place as the door slipped from his hand, and he immediately began pounding and shouting for assistance. The intense cold rendered him numb, and he finally, after two hours' imprisonment, attacked the walls with the axe.

Neighbors who heard the muffled blows believed that burglars were operating, and as Lewis crawled through the hole he had made he was confronted by a policeman, to whom he explained the situation.

Uncovers Mastodon's Tooth.

Morocco, Ind.—While digging a ditch in Colfax township, Lewis Guthrie unearthed a part of the skeleton of a mastodon, among which was a tooth that measured nine inches in length and five inches in width and weighed almost ten pounds. The tooth is well preserved. Many other bones of mastodons have been unearthed near here in the last three or four years.

Use Cane for Laths.

Washington, D. C.—Consul Richard M. Bartleman, of Madrid, reports that the use of canes for laths for plastering purposes is general throughout Spain, and that they are durable and give most satisfactory results. In Valencia bamboo cut into strips is also used, is very strong and holds the plaster well.

FOOL WOMEN AT ARMY POSTS

Gen. Corbin Says One of Them Can Do More Harm Than All the Men.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—'One fool woman can make more trouble in an army post than all the officers and men,' said Gen. H. C. Corbin, former A. J. test General U. S. A., discussing the Hains murder case.

Gen. Corbin had been asked for his opinion of the sensational stories of orgies at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., as told in the supposed letters of Mrs. Hains to her husband.

'But Mrs. Hains says the letters are forgeries,' was the reply.

'Such things as are described as occurring at Fort Hamilton were unknown in my time in the army, and I left it only a year and a half ago,' said the General. 'It seems incredible that such things could happen, particularly at Fort Hamilton, right under the eye of the Inspector General, right under the shadow of department headquarters, right under the nose of the municipal police.'

'But one fool woman can make more trouble in an army post than all the officers and men. We can control the latter, but we cannot control the woman. There were several such cases in my time, and we had to get rid of the officers in order to get rid of the women. I had one such case out in the Philippines, and I had to pursue the only course open to me. It is my wife's fault,' said the officer when before me.

'No doubt,' I replied; 'but we can't control her and you can't control her, but we can control you.'

'He resigned. This Hains case is distressing. I understood the marriage was unhappy all the way through. But those letters, they don't seem as letters natural for a wife to write to her husband. They look more like letters manufactured for the purpose of creating sympathy, and, perhaps, furnishing a possible incentive to insanity, temporary or otherwise.'

UNKISSED BABY PROTECTED.

Microbe-Laden Adults Not Permitted to Spread Germs to Child.

London, England.—An 'unkissed' baby boy is one of the remarkable citizens of Bradford, in Yorkshire. His parents hold strict views on the hygienic raising of children, and have framed a set of rules for visitors who come to see the baby, so as to guard the precious heir from contact with microbe-laden adults.

Displayed conspicuously on the walls of this unique infant's home the following injunctions:

- 'Don't kiss the baby.'
'Don't handle the baby unless your hands are very, very clean.'
'Don't bring baby's face close to your own or to your hair.'
'Don't allow baby to touch your face or hair.'
'Don't talk, breathe, whistle, blow, cough or sneeze into baby's face. We want him to live.'
'Don't use your handkerchief to baby's hands, face or mouth.'
'To some these rules will appear comical or stupid, but they are not written as a joke or without thought. Therefore any person infringing these rules after having read them will incur our extreme displeasure.'

MICROBES AND MEAT EATERS.

Prof. Metchnikoff Warns Against Indulgence in Fleshy Food.

Paris, France.—Dyspeptics, gouty and rheumatic men and sufferers from diabetes are scientifically warned by Professor Metchnikoff that the present popular idea on the danger of eating much flesh is well founded. He reports that the human intestine encloses 'putrifying' microbes of at least three classes. One of them, discovered by an American savant, produces violent toxins. The second, of Belgian origin, is as poisonous, but its toxins act less energetically than that of the American-discovered microbe. This also is the case with the third microbe which was discovered by an English bacteriologist.

REGICIDE'S WILL FOUND.

Assassin of Carlos Bequeathed His Children His Name and Compassion.

Lisbon Portugal.—The will of Manuel Silva Buisa the man who assassinated King Carlos, has been discovered in this city. It was written evidently in anticipation of his death, and gives instructions as to how his children were to be notified of his demise.

He said he had no property to leave his children other than 'my name, my respect, and my compassion for those who suffer. I beg that my children be brought up in the principle of liberty, equality, and fraternity, for which they will soon become orphans.'

False Teeth, Armor Plate.

Sellingsrove, Pa.—A great chance for advertising is presented to a dental man here whose false teeth saved the life of Isaac Sprengle, of Middle Creek township, Snyder County. A glancing bullet, shot by a rabbit hunter, punctured Sprengle's lower lip, and would have penetrated the roof of his mouth had not its momentum been arrested by striking a stout set of false teeth.

Wep 100 Horses in 100 Minutes.

Americus, Ga.—The annual meet of the Horse Swappers' Association was held in Americus, one hundred horses being swapped in as many minutes. More than a dozen mules were represented.

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