

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Remarkable Statement of Personal Danger and Providential Escape.

The following story—which is attracting wide attention from the press—is so remarkable that we cannot excuse ourselves if we do not lay it before our readers, even though its length would ordinarily preclude its admission to our limited space.

To the Editor of Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat:

SIR,—On the first day of June, 1881, I lay at my residence in this city surrounded by my friends and waiting for death. Heaven only knows the agony I then endured, for words can never describe it. And yet, if a few years previous any one had told me that I was to be brought so low, and that so terrible a disease, I should have scoffed at the idea. I had always been uncommonly strong and healthy, and weighed over 200 pounds and hardly knew, in my own experience, what pain or sickness were. Very many people who will read this statement realize at times that they are unusually tired and cannot account for it. They feel dull pains in various parts of the body and do not understand it. Or they are exceedingly hungry one day and entirely without appetite the next. This was just the way I felt when the relentless malady which had fastened itself upon me first began. Still I thought nothing of it; that probably I had taken a cold which would soon pass away. Shortly after this I noticed a heavy, and at times neuralgic pain in one side of my head, but as it would come one day and be gone the next, I paid little attention to it. Then my stomach would get out of order and my food often failed to digest, causing at times great inconvenience. Yet, even as a physician, I did not think that these things meant anything serious. I fancied I was suffering from malarial and doctored myself accordingly. But I got no better. I next noticed a peculiar color and odor about the fluids I was passing—also that there were large quantities one day and very little the next, and that a persistent froth and scum appeared upon the surface, and a sediment settled. And yet I did not realize my danger, for, indeed, seeing these symptoms continually I finally became accustomed to them, and my suspicion was wholly dissipated by the fact that I had no pain in the affected organs or in their vicinity. Why I should have been so blind I cannot understand.

I consulted the best medical skill in the land. I visited all the famed mineral springs in America, and traveled from Maine to California. Still I grew worse. No two physicians agreed as to my malady. One said I was troubled with spinal irritation; another, dyspepsia; another, heart disease; another, general debility; another, congestion of the base of the brain; and so on through a long list of common diseases, the symptoms of many of which I really had. In this way several years passed, during which time I was steadily growing weaker. My condition had really become pitiable. The slight symptoms I at first experienced were developed into terrible and constant disorders. My weight had been reduced from 207 to 130 pounds. My life was a burden to myself and friends. I could retain no food on my stomach, and lived wholly by injections. I was a living mass of pain. My pulse was uncontrollable. In my agony I frequently fell to the floor and clutched the carpet, and prayed for death. Morphine had little or no effect in deadening the pain. For six days and nights I had the death-premonitory hiccoughs constantly. My water was filled with tube-casts and albumen. I was struggling with Bright's Disease of the kidneys in its last stage.

While enduring all this I received a call from my pastor, the Rev. Dr. Foote, at that time rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of this city. I felt that it was our last interview, but in the course of conversation Dr. Foote detailed to me the many remarkable cures of cases like my own which had come under his observation, by means of a remedy, which he urged me to try. As a practicing physician and a graduate of the schools, I derided the idea of any medicine outside the regular channels being in the least beneficial. So solutions, however, was Dr. Foote, that I finally promised I would waive my prejudice I began its use on the first day of June, 1881, and took it according to directions. At first it sickened me; but this I thought was a good sign for one in my debilitated condition. It continued to take it, the sickening sensation departed and I was finally able to retain food upon my stomach. In a few days I noticed a decided change for the better, as you also did my wife and friends. My hiccoughs ceased and I experienced less pain than formerly. I was so rejoiced at this improved condition that, upon what I had believed but a few days before was my dying bed, I vowed, in the presence of my family and friends, should I recover I would both publicly and privately make known this remedy for the good of humanity, wherever and whenever I had an opportunity, and this letter is in fulfillment of that vow. My improvement was constant from that time, and in less than three months I had gained 76 pounds in flesh, became entirely free from pain, and I believe I owe my life and present condition wholly to Warner's Safe Cure, the remedy which I used.

Since my recovery I have thoroughly re-investigated the subject of kidney difficulties and Bright's disease, and the truths developed are astounding. I therefore state, deliberately, and as a physician, that I believe more than one-half of the deaths which occur in America are caused by Bright's disease of the kidneys. This may sound like a rash statement, but I am prepared to fully verify it. Bright's disease has no distinctive symptoms of its own, (indeed, it often develops without any pain whatever in the kidneys or their vicinity), but has the symptoms of nearly every other common complaint. Hundreds of people die daily, whose burials are authorized by a physician's certificate as occurring from "Heart Disease," "Apoplexy," "Paralysis," "Spinal Complaint," "Rheumatism," "Pneumonia," and other common complaints, when in reality it is from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

Few physicians, and fewer people, realize the extent of this disease or its dangerous and insidious nature. It attacks the system like a thief, manifests its presence if at all by the commonest symptoms and fastens itself upon the constitution before the victim is aware of it. It is nearly as hereditary as consumption, quite as common and fully as fatal. Entire families, inheriting it from their ancestors, have died, and yet none of the number knew or realized the mysterious power which was removing them. Instead of common symptoms it often shows none whatever, but brings death suddenly, from convulsions, apoplexy or heart disease. As one who has suffered, and knows by bitter experience what he says, I implore everyone who reads these words not to neglect the slightest symptoms of kidney difficulty. Certain agony and probable death will be the sure result of such neglect, and no one can afford to hazard such chances.

I am aware that such an unqualified statement as this, coming from me, known as I am throughout the entire land as a practitioner and lecturer, will arouse the surprise and possible astonishment of the medical profession and all with whom I am acquainted, but I make the foregoing statements based upon facts which I am prepared to produce and truths which I can substantiate to the letter. The welfare of those who may possibly be sufferers such as I was, is an ample inducement for me to take the step I have, and if I can successfully warn others from the dangerous path in which I once walked, I am willing to endure all professional and personal consequences.

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DURING a recent picnic on the banks of the Chatahoochee some Atlanta bloods attempted to engineer a skiff race. When the struggle was at its best one of the skiffs upset and emptied its two occupants into the water. There was immediately a great panic and effort to save the two men. One old party on the bank capered up and down, yelling at every jump: "Save that red-headed man! For heaven's sake land that red-headed man! Great Scott, don't let that red-headed man drown!" And when they were both saved one of the rescuers said to the old party: "Was that young red-headed man your son?" "Not by a blank sight!" "Some relation, probably?" "Nary prob!" "Well, why were you so anxious to have him saved?" "Why, the blank fool has got a \$10,000 life policy in the company I represent!" And then it was only by good begging that he saved himself from a ride on a fence-rail.

They were talking about the times and the general disposition to buy large stocks or make heavy investments, when a bald-headed man edged into the crowd and said: "Gentlemen, we have been living beyond our means, and we must get down to hard pan and begin over again." "That may be all very true," replied one of the others, "but who will be gone?" "I have already begun," said the bald-head, "I was worth \$30,000; I bought \$20,000 worth of city lots and started to build a \$75,000 mansion. The result is that I am right down to bed-rock and ready to begin anew. Do any of you happen to know of a good opening for a dancing masted?"

One night while John McCullough was playing "Virginus" in Little Rock, a lean, old fellow from the hills, while standing at the foot of the opera house stairs, was accosted by an acquaintance, who asked: "Uncle Billy, are you going to see the show?" "What sort of a show is it, Lige?" "One o' these here actin' shows, whar men an' women comes out on the platform an' bow and scrape." "No hosses in it, Lige?" "No hosses, Uncle Billy." "Then I don't believe I'll go up. I got enough o' that sort o' thing when Abe Spiller's school shet down. We've seed all they can do. Come on here an' let's go 'round here whar that fellow is playin' a fiddle in a grocery."

GREAT LAWYER—"Ah, Mr. Winks, glad to see you. The verdict is in." Client—"Already?" "Yes, sir, I knew I would get it. You receive \$5,000, but you are to pay half the costs." "Fair enough, I'm sure. What are the costs?" "Ten thousand dollars."

"They say two-story flats are all the rage in New York." "Yes, so I hear; and if you aren't more careful always to tell a story the same way, they'll be wanting to get you there."

Deafness.—A specialist who has collected a museum of about 500 casts of the interior of the human mouth, in cases of partial deafness of one or both ears, has written a pamphlet on the relation of carious, crowded and displaced teeth to defective hearing. He has found from a careful inspection of the mouths of partially deaf pupils in public schools, that in the majority of cases the trouble had its starting point in the mouth, not in the refection of the ear.

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"How do you like that new barber around the corner?" asked Emerson of Flattery. "Not a bit. I don't want to patronize a man that gives his customers a double shave." "A double shave? What's that?" "Why, first he shaved my beard off my chin, and then he charged me twenty-five cents for it. If that isn't shaving a man twice, I'd like to know what you call it."

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"What was I put in here for anyway?" "You'll find out when the police court meets."

"Po'ner, I am a very sensitive man, and the thought that I have committed a crime haunts me. I just tell you what's fact, I can't stand it. What did I do?"

"Well, if you must know, you got drunk and shot a man."

"Oh, is that all? I was afraid that I had insulted some one. Much obliged."

At a railway station the other day two young fellows were standing beside a newspaper seller, who was a little crazy and very witty. Thinking to take their fun off him they said: "Can you tell us how many it takes to make a hundred?" The seller replied: "Yes, I'm ane and you'er twa methings."

LITTLE brother (whose sister is playing cards with a gentleman.)—"Mr. Smiler, does Minnie play cards well?" Mr. Smiler—"Yes, very well indeed."

Little brother—"Then you had better look out; Mamma said if she played her cards well she would catch you."

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CHRISTMAS GAMES.—The old Christmas games are again in vogue, and a bowl of "snapdragon" or spiced toddy is served out in cups of cracked glass. At a dance on Christmas eve, soap-bubble blowing is a striking feature. A table is provided, and bears a great bowl of foaming sopsenda. Each person is given a decorated pipe, and the contest is opened by the judge appointed. The person blowing the biggest bubble carries off the prize—a pair of silken Christmas stockings, or something fit for the occasion. Soap-bubble blowing is also made a feature of the German, those whose pipes match being allotted to dance together, the pipes becoming the property of the dancers. To hang up the mistletoe bough is again the custom, but our modest dames of modern times exclaim on it at the observance of its venerable rights that it is little more than a mere ornament. At children's parties we have now the French fashion of hanging up a bag of sweets out of which the candy is beaten with a wand and scrambled for by the little ones.

THE CARE OF VELVET.—How to brush velvet is a thing, easy as it seems, not known to everybody. The whole secret lies in the manipulation of the brush. Take a hat-brush that is not too soft, but has the bristles elastic, and will return at once to their original state after being pressed aside. Hold this firmly under the palm of the hand, in the direction of the arm, and with the bristles downward; and pressing them, first, gently into the substance of the velvet, then twist around the arm, hand and brush, altogether as on an axis, without moving them forward or backward. The foreign matters will be drawn up and fluffed out of the flock without injury to the substance of the velvet; and the brush must be lifted up and placed in a similar manner over every part required to be brushed. By this means velvet will be improved, instead of deteriorated, and will last for years.

DANISH PUDDING OR FRUIT TAPIOCA.—Three-quarters of a cup of pearl tapioca, a pint and a half of boiling water, one saltspoonful of salt, quarter of a cup of sugar and half a tumbler of currant jelly. Pick over and wash the tapioca. Put in the double boiler with the boiling water, and cook one hour, or till soft and transparent, stirring often. Add the salt, sugar and currant jelly. Stir till the jelly is all dissolved. Pour into a glass dish, and keep on ice. Serve very cold with sugar and cream. Half a cup of lemon juice, or any acid fruit syrup, or one cup of candied apricot, peach or quince, may be added instead of jelly. Or, in summer, use one pint of ripe berries or any small fruits, adding more sugar as required.

MAKE BREAKFAST TEMPTING.—Breakfast should be the most tempting of meals. In this climate, combined with American habits, a medium should be supplied between the rolls and coffee that constitutes the opening meal of the French and the solid food of the English. Physical labor creates appetite. Mental labor often occasions exhaustion of the system without a corresponding demand from it for restoration of its energies by food. Unless the wants of breakfast are of a tempting kind, the individual who has gone to sleep mentally wearied the night before, turns from them and contents himself with a cup of strong coffee, or some other exhilarating beverage that serves to brace his nerves for the time, but not to repair the ravages of daily worry.

ICE ORNAMENTS.—Apropos of table decorations, there is nothing prettier or more easily obtained at this season than ice ornaments. Among our caterers there are some professional ice architects who construct miniature palaces and pagodas of frozen water cooled the most beautiful tints and combined with the happiest flou. A superb palace of violet tinted ice illuminated with wax tapers was a feature of a recent banquet. Of course these things have to be contrived by a professional, but smaller ornaments, statuettes and decorative designs, can be frozen in simple molds by any amateur.

AVOID POISON PERFUMES.—Various cases of poisoning from the use of perfumes have been reported in recent English journals. In one instance a little girl had bought some heiloptere perfume at a bazaar, and had applied it on her face. This caused a vesicular eruption, swelling, itching, and, in fact, erysipelas, which lasted for some time. The scent was made with some of the products of coal tar, and not with the odoriferous principles of plants, thus acquiring its irritating properties.

TO CLEAN LAMP BURNERS.—Wash and boil them in ashes and water, then rub them in oxalic acid, then dry and polish in fine coal ashes, and they will be clean and bright. Wash the wicks and dry. Many times the burners are condemned when only the wicks are at fault.

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