

Mrs. Burnett's Courageous Act.

THE CREATOR OF HEROINES IN FICTION A HEROINE IN FACT.

From the New York Times
Mrs. Frank Hodgson Burnett, the well known novelist, appeared in a new character at Long Beach, on Friday, when she saved the life of Mr. Larz Anderson, the executor of the Long worth estate in Cincinnati. The story of this brave act cannot be better given than in the words of the heroine herself, who thus told it to a reporter yesterday:

"Mr. Anderson and his wife came to the hotel on Thursday. I did not know them very well before, but when 'That Lass o' Lowrie's' was published Mr. Anderson wrote me a most kind letter, one that was very pleasant to get. During the day Mr. Anderson, his wife and myself were together almost all the time and we became great friends. I had not been well for some days and Mr. Anderson proposed that we should take a bath before breakfast, as he thought one would give us an appetite. Accordingly on Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and I went down to the bathing houses. It was so early that the bath men were not there, and we could see no one except ourselves upon the beach. Mrs. Anderson did not intend to bathe, and when I came out ready for the water I saw Mr. Anderson coming at the same time down towards the bridge over the creek. The water at this creek is sometimes quite deep and sometimes quite shallow. It varies with the tide, you know. Mr. Anderson went out on the bridge and dived off. I have always been nervous when I see people diving, because some years ago some of my friends lost a brother who broke his neck plunging into shallow water, and I have never got over the effect which their grief had on me. To this day, when I see a gentleman dive, I almost hold my breath until I see him come up. Well, when Mr. Anderson dove off the little bridge, his wife and I were standing on the shore. He did not come up for a moment, and when he did his face only came out of the water as far as his chin. He said in a horrible tone, 'Oh, God!' and his wife called out, 'What is the matter, Larz; are you hurt?' He made no answer, but began to sink again. Mrs. Anderson started off at once, screaming for help; but there was no one there. Then I ran into the water and pulled him on shore. The water was not deep; not more than three feet I should think, and I did not know what else to do except to get him out of the water as quick as possible. He looked horrible, his head hung over, and I was afraid he was dead. I carried him up on the shore and laid him down, and then Mrs. Anderson came with some men she had found and they carried him up to the hotel.

"Mr. Anderson tells me that he was perfectly conscious all of the time and knew what he should do, although he was utterly unable to do anything. It must have been horrible for him to realize that he was sinking and not able to step the few feet necessary to make him safe. The only thing I am surprised at is my being able to carry him, for he is a heavy man and I am not very strong. Dr. Morton attended him, and to-day, I am glad to say, he is much better. His arms and shoulders hurt him, but he can move them, although with some pain. It is a wonderful thing that he is not more hurt than he is, and we are all very thankful that it has not turned out to be a very bad accident."

Mrs. Burnett, who is of rather slight figure and does not enjoy robust health, hardly seemed to realize in telling this story that she had done anything at all out of the ordinary run.
Dr. Morton, the physician in charge of Mr. Anderson, said, when asked about the case: "Mr. Anderson is suffering from a slight wrench of the spine and a severe strain of the cords and muscles of the neck and shoulders. When he struck, the head was thrown violently forward, the neck being bent very suddenly. This is the origin of the strain. There are no symptoms of paralysis, nor do I anticipate any trouble of that kind. He is much better to-day, and I hope to see him out in a few days. The water in which he dove could not have been more than three feet deep, and it is a wonderful thing that he did not break his neck."

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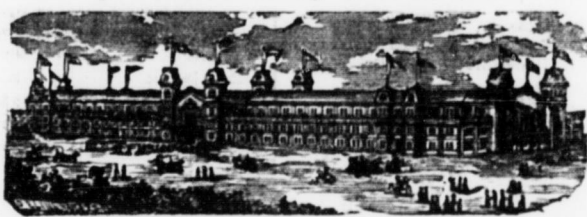
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