# A Little Lump

It Became an Important Factor In a Man's Life

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I believe that the two most desirable blessings one can have are youth and health. There is a third that is equally important, though much more apt to be ignored-that is, absence of worry. I have had an experience in the last of the three, or its reverse, which is the subject of this story.

If ever a child was born into the world in a perfectly normal condition I was that child. I grew to manhood without an ache or a pain, and seeing doctors I would say to them: "Get your mind away from your aches and pains. I am. As for the doctors, they are only good for serious matters; in small sicknesses they are humbugs."

One morning when taking my bath discovered a small lump on my right side. I rubbed it and pulled at it, and face was a delight to me. I didn't like it at all. For three days I tried not to think about it, then gave up the task and went to a doctor famous for the treatment of all sorts of of it.' "growths." I waited two hours for a consultation, during which time I was in an increasing state of terror.

"Doctor." I said when admitted to the consulting room of the great specialist, "a little lump has come in my side. I fear it bodes something seri-

The doctor directed me to remove examination. After he had finished he spent some time putting away the implements he had used, but said nothing. I inferred the worst, and it was the worst that he finally communicat

ed to me. "That lump," he said, "is a malignant growth which we medical men call"he gave a long Latin name which I my duty is to tell you that if you have any affairs that need to be settled you had better go to work upon them."

I sank down in a chair and covered my face with my hands. The doctor remained silent. Presently, notwith standing the shock under which I suf I had experienced more keenly than fered, I remembered that an anterconwas full of patients who were waiting to consult the great man, and I pro ceeded to make certain inquiries

"How long have I to live, doctor? I asked

"I don't know. The records of suc cases as yours have usually proved since I heard the announcement I went fatal within three to four months."

"No: the disease will eat into an ar-

tery, when the end will be painless." that I would need, so, rising from my ginning. I gained something in chair. I staggered out of the room, giving place to the next patient, who was see that the lump that was to kill me to gain comfort or despair from the eminent specialist. He sent me a bill might be permitted to live the full of \$100 for telling me that I had but time the doctor had allowed me. One four months at most to live, but under thing I noticed-I had less use for Ar the circumstances the money was noth- thur Atherton and more for Adele ing to me, and since the doctor was Sturgis. I spent my mornings recallliving at the rate of \$30,000 a year it ing the pleased expressions of those was a good deal to him.

doom I gave myself up to meditation with Adele. The evenings I usually upon my fate. At the end of that time I made up my mind that it wouldn't itable work for the next day. need a malignant something or other to kill me or four months in which to do looked at my lump. It was appreciably the work. I was preying upon myself smaller. I felt of it, and, whereas it at a much more rapid rate. I resolved had been hard, it was now soft. I wonto throw off the mental octopus that dered if after all the great specialist had me in its clutches and make the had not been mistaken in my case. The most of the brief period that remained next morning I went to him again. He

worth \$150,000. There was no relative as he had expected. I saw also that who needed the money, and I resolved what he was thinking about was how to spend the most of it in purchasing he should admit to me that he had whatever would keep my mind off my been mistaken without injury to his coming demise. I would need company professional dignity. -some one to be with me most of the time-and cast about for an associate I told you in the first place. But," he I would spend a part of my time with a waited a moment before going on to man friend and the rest with a woman give me time to be impressed-"but it friend. For the man I chose Arthur is a variety that is harmless. I think it Atherton and for the woman Adele will subside." Sturgis, with both of whom I was on I had a \$100 check in my pocke familiar terms. I told them that I pro- ready for him and, handing it to him. posed to spend \$100,000 within four got out as quickly as possible, fearing months and that in consideration of that he would change his opinion again their devoting their time to me for that before I could make an exit. I flew the period I would divide the remaining Adele to announce the good news, and \$50,000 between them. Atherton was out of business at the time and had no ment of my life. She tried to congrat fortune. He looked very sympathetic ulate me, but words would not come when I made my proposition, but 1 Then her relief found vent in tears, and thought he was trying to conceal a good deal of happiness. In a third of a year he would earn \$25,000 besides enjoying luxuries that wouldn't cost him anything.

As to Adele, she said she would think the matter over. After doing so she told me that she would accept my proposition with an amendment that the amount I would spend should be reduced by \$25,000 and added to the amount of her portion. Furthermore. this portion was not to be given to her.

but left to charity by will. This did not seem to suit the requirements of the case, but Adele was the only girl I knew that I thought would be able to lift me out of myself, and ! assented. I began by meeting Arthur expenditure I ever made was the fee about 9 o'clock every morning and spending the time with him till about 1 to prepare for death, for in preparing in the afternoon. We played billiards for death I prepared for life. Beside and went wherever anything interest he was instrumental in giving me m ing was going on. Later in the after dear wife.

noon I took Adele out in my car, and two or three times in the week we would go either to the opera or the theater. The other evenings I would spend mostly with Arthur or with any one I happened to find to go about with me. Besides this I gave theater parties. dinners, suppers-in short, took in far more ways of diverting my mind from my trouble than I could catalogue.

But, despite all I could do, my doom hung heavy over me. One afternoon when I was with Adele I gave way to the gloom within me and confessed that I was not gaining much from the money I was spending. There was a real sympathy in her face when she re-

"There is another way of getting out of yourself which you have not tried."

"What is it?" I asked eagerly. "Interest yourself in the welfare of

"I never thought of that. Do you suppose it would work in my case?" "I think it would help you."

We were riding in my car, and a boy stood on the sidewalk with newspapers under his arm he was trying to sell. His feet were bare: his shirt was open in front for want of buttons and for a others taking medicines and consulting profusion of tatters; his coat and trousers were thin. I drew up near him and bought a paper, handing him a five Don't worry and you will be as well as dollar bill. He looked at it despondent ly, thinking that he would lose the sale of a paper, for he could not change it.

"Never mind the change," I said. and as we moved away I saw him look at the bill, at me and at the bill again, while the expression on his

"By Jove!" I exclaimed. "It works first rate. I'm going back to get the poor little chap and do some more

I returned to the boy, took him into my car, and we drove to a store, where I spent money for clothes for him as lavishly as I had been spending it on myself. I couldn't keep my eyes off the expression of wonder, of delight. that perpetually hovered on his features. I didn't know what he needed. but Adele did and thought of many sufficient clothing for him to make an things that would add to his comfort.

"Now we must take him home," she said when he was warmly dressed. and, loaded down with packages, we went to the car and presently drew up at a tenement house, where we astonished his mother and his brothers an sisters by presenting him to them i his new habiliments. I had a roll of bills in my pocket, which I distributed didn't remember five minutes-"and among the children, left a check for the mother, and Adele and I drove away, followed by the blessings of the

I had often returned to my room at midnight to feel the doom that hung over me by contrast with the gayety before going. The evening of my new departure I spent with Adele, listening to plans she prepared for more giving the next day, and when I went to bed felt greater relief than at any time since I had learned that I must die within the year. For the first time to sleep with no room for it in my mind for thinking of the happiness

had created. I need not repeat the details of my I could think of no other information charities, of which this was the be strength as well as spirits. I could not was increasing, and I hoped that ! had benefited and my afternoons go-For the first week after learning my ing about getting rid of my money spent with her, talking over our char

One night when I was going to bed I examined my symptom, and I saw at I had \$100,000 in 6 per cent bonds. once by his expression that it was not

"This lump," he said at last, "is what

when I did so I met with the astonish before I realized what I was doing ! had taken her in my arms and was soothing her.

"You have taught me how to forge death as well as to live," I said to her "and if you consent we will togethe pursue happiness as we have begun it Thanks to you, more than half of my fortune remains, and we will lay out : certain part of our income to be given

to those in distress." There are blessings in disguise which we cannot control, but there are also blessings we can control. Every act of loving kindness is such a blessing to ourselves, though we are apt to consider it a sacrifice and fail to see it in its true character. The most fortunate paid the great specialist for telling me

#### - The ---Scrap Book

The Impression He Gave.

The learned English jurist. Judge Willis, was a very democratic and genial sort of a man. On one occasion going home in an omnibus which landed him at an inn known as the Green Man, he as usual passed the time in friendly discourse with the passengers. To one housewife who had been marketing he delivered a well meant lecture on the purchasing power of money. the tariff, free trade and domestic and political economy. To other passengers he talked freely and dispensed counsel and advice indiscriminately. Arrived at his destination, he intimated to the conductor, "I want to get out at the Green Man." Accordingly the omnibus slowed down, but as he was leaving his seat a lady touched him on the sleeve and earnestly inquired, "My good man, don't you think you've had enough?"

The Humble Hero. He was not of the royal blood, He did not seem to know his worth, But in our common brotherhood He was a hero of the earth.

God gave him grace to work and wait And strength and patience to endure And faith and hope which, soon or late,
A crown of triumph would insure.

He looked not to the heights for fame

Nor walked where wild ambition leads, Content on earth to wreathe his name With kind and helpful little deeds. The world seemed brighter for his smile,

And hearts were glad to have him near, Broadening life's nobler scope the while He moved within his humble sphere. -Joseph W. Humphries.

Clear Case of Madness.

John Blank of Ohio is a politician of considerable influence in his state. One evening when he was in Washington he was invited to dine at the home of John R. McLean, who dabbles in Ohio politics and costly tapestries.

Every time Mr. McLean hears of tapestry sale in Europe he peels off a section of his bank roll, hands it to an agent and tells him to blow it in on the hangings.

Blank's appetite was very poor that night. Apparently he was in great physical pain or felt the gnawing clutch of a secret sorrow. When he got back to Ohio he made this mournful an-

"I've always heard that John R. Mc Lean was a wise old guy. It's a mistake. That old fellow is as crazy as : He took me in to dinner in room where there was absolutely nothing on the floor and all the carpets were hanging on the wall."-Popular

Well Confirmed.

The Rev. Joshua Kimber, in his reminiscences in the Living Church, tells the following anecdote of the late Bishop Horatio Porter: "He had been journeying up the east bank of the Hudson river, stopping for con- | cial Tribune. firmation each day at adjoining parishes. When he reached Poughkeeps he saw a woman at the rail waiting for confirmation whose face he was sure he recognized and was somewhat familiar with. He was also certain that she had been confirmed within the week at another place. The bishop whispered to her to remain after serv ice and said: 'My dear madam, what do you mean by coming for confirmation? I am sure I confirmed you Monday at such a place. Did I not? She said: 'You certainly did. I have been following you up the river and have been confirmed every day this week. He, astonished, said, 'Why did you do that?' Whereupon she replied. 'Because I heard it was good for rheuma-

Reeves and Toole. Sims Reeves told this story in his

"Reminiscences:" "I was playing the part of Tom Tug in company with my excellent friend J. L. Toole, who was also a member of the cast. In "The Waterman' a word or two of gag is held to be permissible. and, partly to amuse the audience,

partly to astonish my excellent fellow actor, I said to him in a certain scene in reply to his question: "'What's the meaning of all this?" "The meaning of it is that you've been made a tool of, and I'm a happy

"Johnnie looked very much surprised and, as a popular comedian does not if he can help it allow himself to be scored off, after a moment's reflection, during which he must have suffered the keenest agony, replied:
"'So it sims.'"

Fierce Cheese Eaters.

A noted writer was aboard a steamship at Montreal and just before the vessel left on her trip for Liverpool was watching the loading of an enormous quantity of Canadian cheese. A number of schoolteachers were on the boat bound for Quebec, and these young ladies were very much interested in the loading of the cheeses One of them asked the writer how

many there were. "The ship takes on from 15,000 to 25,000 cheeses every trip," he truthfully informed her.

"How-how many people are there on board?" she asked

"About 1,200 this trip" For a moment the young sady regarded him in astonishment; then she looked at the cheeses being loaded in

the hundred. "It's truly wonderful!" she gasped "I never would have believed it if had not seen them with my own two eyes. And only 1,200 people; Good ness me, they must be herce cheese enters!"-Judge.

# **Sound Sleep**

is usually impossible to the bilious. But biliousness yields-and headaches, sour stomach, indigestion go -when the bowels are regulated and the liver and kidneys stimulated by

The Power of Water.

A sure thing wager sprung on curious visitors by the engineers of some of the big water power projects of the far west is that a 200 pound man, swinging a four pound ax with all his might, cannot make a dent in the water as it emerges from the nozzle at the power house. Burying an ax in a stream of water looks like child's play. and the average 200 pound visitor is likely to bite. He invariably loses. So great is the velocity of the water emerging from the nozzle in these up to date power plants that an ax, no matter how keep an edge it may have. is whirled from the hands of the strenyous axman at the instant of contact with the water. The water travels at a pressure of about 500 pounds to the square inch in many instances, and no power on earth can turn it off at the pozzle once it gains momentum. It has the same effect on one's fingers as a rough emery wheel and will shave a plank with the nicety of a razor edged plane. When, as frequently happens, it is necessary to shut down a power plant operated by one of these streams the nozzle is deflected by means of a powerful set of gears.-Chicago Record-Herald

Skilled Archers.

In the days when buffalo ran in vast herds on the western plains there were Indians who, while riding at a gallop. could send an arrow through a buffalo's body. Remarkable as this feat was, yet it did not equal that reached by the archers of ancient times. It is of record that the MacRaes of Gairlock, Scotland, were such skillful archers that they could hit a mat at a distance of 500 yards. In 1794 the Turkish ambassador at London shot an arrow in a field near that capital 415 yards against the wind and 482 yards with the wind. This was the greatest performance of modern days, but a pillar standing on a plain near Constantinople recorded shots ranging up to 800 yards. Sir Robert Ainslie, British ambassador to the sublime porte, records that in 1798 he was present when the sultan shot an arrow 972 yards.-Field and Farm

At twenty flirting is a joy, at thirty pastime, at forty habit and fifty a pose.-Cincinnati Commer-

A Mistake, Bobby was saying his prayers in a

"I can't hear you, dear," bis mother whispered. "I wasn't talking to you," replied

very low voice.

Bobby firmly.-New York American.

Had Been Stung. Figg-Does your grocer sell his apples by the barrel?

Fogg-Well, they come in barrels, but what he sells them by is the top laysn-Boston Transcript.

# **Stiff Joints** Sprains, Bruises

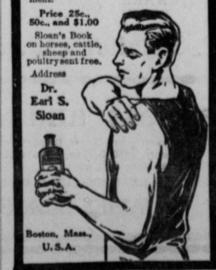
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