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Death of an Eccentric Bachelor.

Leonard Case an eccentric bachelor millionaire of Cleveland, Ohio, was found dead in his sleeping-room Tuesday morning. His head was enveloped in a blanket which held a sponge saturated with chloroform, which had evidently been placed by him against his mouth. He had been a consumptive for years, and could have survived but a short time longer.

He was a graduate from Yale College in 1842 and became a lawyer. His father and brother dying left him an immense estate. He was very eccentric, and it is said that a disappointment in love made him a recluse. He was a fine mathematician and classical scholar. Some one in 1859 having made the assertion that the *Atlantic Monthly* would not accept a poem from a western source, no matter how meritorious, he wrote and sent, anonymously, "Treasure Trove," an historical poem, which was accepted and afterward reprinted in book form. In 1873 he published a volume of poems that was favorably received. His eccentricities were many. When a young man he purchased ten beautiful horses and presented them, handsomely caparisoned, to as many of his lady friends. Seeing an old acquaintance walking the street in a dejected manner and evidently meditating on a recent loss of fortune, he slipped behind him, and placed in his hands, which were folded behind his back, \$500 in bills, fled before the man could discover his benefactor. One day he drove to the Cleveland *Herald* office and invited Mr. Bone, the city editor, to take a drive. Passing along one of the principal streets, he pointed out several lots, and asked Mr. Bone which he thought most eligible for building. Bone made a selection, and Case said: "Well, build a house on it and send me the bills when it is completed. I'll give you a deed of the property." And he did so. Wishing to give a needy person a suit of clothes without letting the fact become known, he took him to a clothing house just after an election and told the clothier to give the man a suit, as he had lost it to him on a wager. A few years ago he walked into a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association laid \$1,000 on the table, and left without saying a word.

He never would notice a direct appeal for charity, and some ladies having solicited his help, he rebuffed them flatly. The next day they received a \$500 bill anonymously. He founded Case Library in Cleveland, giving the association a property worth \$200,000. He employed an agent to dispense charity secretly, and gave away during his life thousands of dollars. He left no will, and his property will go to distant relatives.

The London *Mark Lane Express's* annual crop returns from 441 correspondents, representing every county in England, fully confirm the worst accounts regarding the serious failure of the crops. The *Express* says:

"The returns are the most discouraging we have ever published. Of 429 districts from which the returns were collected not one has produced a wheat or pea crop, or over the average. Only two represent a barley crop, and only six a bean crop as over the average. Oats is the only crop that is not thoroughly had. An examination of ten years' tables will show that we have had worse oat crops and as bad a bean crop; but for wheat, barley and peas there has been no year of the ten-and we might go further back—nearly so unfruitful. Even with respect

to oats and beans, if weight and quality be taken into account, no year of the ten has given such bad results. As to wheat the disastrous failure of the crop is most strikingly shown by the fact that only four out of four hundred and twenty-nine returns represent it as up to the average. The remarks of our correspondents as to the condition of the grain and pulse are as disheartening as the accounts of the yield."

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