

A Romance of the Pestilence.

Last year when the epidemic was raging in Memphis, among the Cincinnati physicians who tendered their services and lives to Health Officer Minor was young Dr. Collins, of this city, an unusually bright and intellectual man, who was making a precarious living at his practice, not through lack of ability, for of that he had abundance, but from the lack of patients.

His services, together with five others, were accepted, and on a certain evening they all went to the Ohio and Mississippi railroad depot to take the 9.30 train for the South. Young Collins in taking leave of the health officer, who had gone down to see the little band off, said: "Doctor, I will either make a reputation in Memphis or never come home again." He arrived in the city, and reported to the Howard association for duty, was given an assignment in a part of the town where the disease was carrying people off by the scores.

Among others that he attended was the family of a wealthy planter. He was successful in bringing the children through the sickness, one of whom was a beautiful and intelligent young lady.

Within a short time the doctor himself, worn down by unceasing labor, was smitten with the scourge, and lay tossing feverishly in his small room. The young lady, hearing of the circumstance, went to the house and nursed him tenderly through his illness.

It is almost needless to say that by this time the youthful pair became mutually attached, a proposal and acceptance followed, to which consent was unhesitatingly given by the parents. They were afterward married, the father investing his new son-in-law with a handsome interest in his large plantation. Dr. Collins is now one of the rising young physicians of Memphis, and is the efficient secretary of its board of health.—Cincinnati Commercial.

A Cool Woman.

The following incident of railroad travel is related by the Syracuse N. Y., Courier: "A rare instance of nerve and coolness under trying circumstances recently came to our knowledge. A few weeks ago two sisters were journeying over the Central railroad, en route homeward to Albany from Colorado. They belonged to a wealthy Albany family, and one of them, for whose health the journey to Colorado had been undertaken, was dying of consumption, anxious only to die at home. The two sisters occupied a compartment in a drawing-room car. Just before reaching Syracuse the consumptive's life went out, and the surviving sister who was attending her was left alone in the compartment with her sister's corpse. She was aware of a rule of the railroad company that, in case of death on the cars, the corpse must be removed from the cars at the first station thereafter. To avoid the delay that this would entail, she resolved to conceal all knowledge of her sister's death until they should reach Albany. To the frequent inquiries made at the door of her compartment of sympathizing fellow travelers, as to her sister's condition, she gave evasive replies, as also she did to the train officials. She telegraphed at the first opportunity to her brother to meet her at Schenectady, not, however, mentioning that her sister was dead. He met her there with her sister's corpse. At Albany they called a hack and assistance to carry a 'very sick lady,' closely veiled. They drove to their residence and called an undertaker. That lady certainly showed nerve equal to the requirements of a battlefield."

Laid Out Before Dead.

Mrs. Herd, wife of an Allegheny brewer, had been paralyzed for some time. Last Thursday she grew worse, and during the afternoon died, as was believed by all. There was no apparent sign of life about the body, and it seemed that she had entirely ceased to breathe. Later in the evening, when preparations were being made to lay the body out, it was thought some signs of life were noticed. A careful medical examination was made, and it was found that life had not been extinct at all. The signs of mourning about the house were quickly removed, and every effort made to strengthen the fluttering flame of life, but death would not be cheated thus, and about four o'clock Friday morning the physicians made a very careful examination and ascertained beyond a doubt that she was dead. The event created considerable excitement in the neighborhood.

A Strange Meeting.

The Nashville "American" says: While walking around the public square yesterday, Mrs. Johnson, who is visiting here, her residence being in Pulaski, and Sam Owens accidentally met and recognized each other. They were married before the war and had been separated. Owens suggested, "Let's kiss," but Mr. Johnson, who just then came along, demurred—"Oh, no, you don't kiss my wife."

Owens said to her: "I have long thought you were dead, and have only recently remarried."

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