

swallow whatever food was given to her. She would take no nourishment voluntarily, and offered no great resistance when it was administered. She kept up a constant moaning day after day, and her unceasing cry was that she was eternally lost. In failing to keep her promise to her pupil, she supposed she had committed "the unpardonable sin."

Occupying a dormitory with five others, in the fourth story of the building, and watching an opportunity one night soon after admission, she raised the window sash six inches—it was checked to that height, but could be strained to a quarter of an inch more on one side—she forced herself through this narrow opening, taking with her a blanket, with a knot in one corner. Resting her feet upon the granite belt-course, and closing the window, so as to leave the knot inside, although more than forty feet from the ground, she made a spring, and landed on all fours about six feet from the building. Rebounding, she fell on her back, and was immediately picked up by the watchman, who was within sight at the time.

The injury resulting from this heroic leap was comparatively very slight, and was limited to a sprained ankle and a bruised back, with scratches on the hands and feet, caused by the hard ground where she landed in falling. These were soon healed, and she went about as before, moaning and lamenting incessantly. The shock of the fall had failed to restore her mental equilibrium, or to change the character of her delusions.

From this period she was under close surveillance day and night, and so resolute were her attempts to thrust buttons and pieces of glass down her throat, that hers was made an exceptional case, and the occasional use of a thin cotton camisole was sanctioned, the long sleeves of which terminated in a point and were secured behind her back, her arms being crossed over her chest.

Late in the autumn of 1864, a marriage took place between two of the attendants, and the ceremony was celebrated in the ward in which this patient was domiciled. From this the bridal party and guests adjourned to one of the upper wards to engage in the customary festivities. The attendant in charge, depending on the camisole as security, ventured to leave her duty at 8.45, P. M., to join in the merry-making. Precisely at nine o'clock the watchwoman came to take charge, and found the patient suspended by the neck, with a

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