

DEATH RATHER THAN THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

The Detroit "News-Tribune" thus tells the pathetic story of a boy's sad end owing to phosphorous poisoning...

But it really seemed for two years that phosphorus had no effect on Casper. The first sign was so very vague that it passed unnoticed.

Casper did not know it then—but he was already on the road to death. This phosphorous poisoning is a terrible thing.

Casper: "Doctor, I have a pain in my jaw. It has been there for some time. I must have a bad tooth."

Doctor: "Is that so? Where do you work?"

Casper: "At the match factory."

Doctor (after an examination): "This is serious. You have phosphorous necrosis. You must have your jaw operated on, or else you will die."

Casper was frightened almost to death. He was always timid at the sight of blood. He went away very quickly, without giving the doctor any satisfaction.

He heard of men dying of phosphorous poisoning, but, somehow, it did not concern him.

Occasionally the doctor met him and asked: "Well, are you going to have that operation on your jaw?"

But Casper could not make up his mind.

The boy's father next became interested. He is a laboring man, grown too old to work, but who managed, by a lifetime of rough toil, to save the value of two cottages.

Casper next told a queer story to some boys. He said that he went to a hospital to be operated on, but the doctors were not ready; he went again, but this time they were not ready again; finally he went once more, and came running home with a white face, saying: "Oh, I saw the operating table, all covered with blood, and I nearly fainted, and I will never go back there again."

"You will die if you do not have your jaw cut," said his mother.

"Then let me die," was his quick answer. "I'll never be butchered on the table."

This is the story that Casper told his friends, afterwards, when they asked him why he had not had his jaw attended to. Anyone who knows about the workings of a hospital need not be told that Casper never would be permitted to wander into the operating room at a time when a patient was under chloroform.

But Casper stuck to his word. Things move slowly in this sort of poisoning, and many months elapsed before Casper's jaw really became so bad that he grew alarmed.

In the meantime the boy tried a new plan of his own.

There is a doctor on the east side who says that he cures without pay. After you are cured, if you wish to give him a dollar or two, he takes it and says thank you; but he works without pay all the time, so his placards read: "Casper saw one of these circulars and decided that he preferred to be cured by medicines rather than by the surgeon's knife, of which he stood in mortal terror.

This is the way he was hastened to that conclusion: Cases of phosphorous poisoning in this city, have been somewhat numerous within the past year, and naturally Casper heard of those who had been on the operating table, and one of these men told what had happened. He was under chloroform, and really knew nothing about it; but the story he told Casper was something like this:

he opposed what the other doctors told me. Said he: 'All they want is your money. Take my advice and never have anything done to that jaw, unless you follow my directions, which are so simple that you can't fail; and, besides, they cost you nothing till it is all over. Then you pay what you please. All I ask you to do is to chew these roots.'

Yes, that was the great secret. Casper was to be cured of phosphorous poisoning in his jaw simply by chewing roots. He went around, after that, with a little packet of dried bark, or twigs, in his pocket and occasionally was seen taking a pinch, as a man chews tobacco.

As he macerated the roots for weeks and weeks, he felt sometimes that the cure was very slow.

"It takes time," said the root doctor; "you must not be in too much of a hurry."

Now, imagine that you had a tumor in your jaw, a blight that grows the way a cancer grows, eating away, night and day, so that your teeth drop out, one by one, and your gums melt slowly; and you will understand what Casper Hilla, the poor German boy, was obliged to suffer.

There came a secondary infection of abscesses, and his jaw was now filled with open and closed canals, discharging pus of an exceedingly disagreeable odor.

It is nauseating to think of these things, but for all that you will never understand what the poor boy had to endure, unless you are willing to listen.

The pain in his gums became more stinging, and the very substance of the bone was attacked by the eating poison, until pieces of the bone began to separate and crumble through the flesh.

The pain in the gums became excruciating, so that he rolled and tossed on his bed in delirium, at times; and the pus, finally entering his mouth, through the small canals in the flesh, poisoned his stomach.

His liver shrank in size and his face became as yellow as a lemon. His cheek swelled to enormous size, which he could not bear.

It was now difficult, if not almost impossible, to give Casper food. The nourishment that he shared in the last week would scarcely fill a teaspoon. It amounted to this—his strength was worn out.

Three different doctors had been called in succession, but what could they do? The answer is found in one word—nothing.

Even to the last Mother Nature was kind. Through her mysterious processes, the dead, projecting fragments of bone were automatically removed, and along the lower side of the jaw a growth of new bone began to appear; but it was unhealthy, with large cells.

The odor from the foulness was now overpowering. Even the doctors nearly fainted when occasionally they endeavored to apply the little treatment possible.

You have heard of men rotting to death from leprosy. As far as the affliction went this disease through which Conrad's jaw was perishing was practically a sort of leprosy—death by actual destruction of bone and tissues, by eating, by foulness.

His tongue swelled so that he could not eat. His poor tortured body slowly but surely succumbed to exhaustion. The terrible poison was now almost diffused throughout his system. The end was at hand. Already he was growing unconscious.

Mother Nature, at the very end, again was kind. She saved poor Casper from the last wrench that some of us believe is inevitable at the profound moment when the soul leaves the body forever.

At the poison was finally diffusing itself through the sluggish blood, it distilled a mysterious black forgetfulness, causing the inertness of clay, of which we are all composed, to fall once more slowly over his benumbed limbs, rendering them insensible longer to pain—and so he died.

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MEAL.—There is a fair demand for meal in jobbing quantities, and prices are firm with a tendency to harden in view of the scarcity of oats in hand.

PROVISIONS.—All lines of provisions are steady in tone. The demand is up to the average, and business is fairly active.

GAME.—A good business continues to be done in game and venison, and prices are firm and unchanged.

POULTRY.—A brisk demand for all lines of poultry keeps prices firm, though supplies are more plentiful. First class birds, however, are hard to get.

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