

a good way to save money, and one day he was taken down with some kind of fever. He grew worse day after day, until the doctor told him that he would in all likelihood be dead within the next twenty-four hours.

"This suggested his life assurance money, all he had to leave, and he immediately began to talk with the doctor on the subject of a proper disposal of it. He concluded, after some thought, that the best thing to do with it was to 'blow' it on a tremendous big funeral for himself, including a banquet for all the people he knew. This was an entirely new idea for a funeral, and when the doctor left him that night to the care of his nurse, his mind was entirely occupied with his funeral. He talked to the nurse about it, and when the nurse made him stop, he lay and thought about it. In fact, he became so much interested in the details of his funeral that he quite forgot about having to die to make it possible.

"In the morning, when the doctor came, he found his patient in a mild state of perspiration, and his pulse beating in much better fashion than it had been doing for some days. He also found the general condition of the patient much improved. He was greatly astonished, and at once began to ask questions. The patient told him with eager interest of a lot of new things he had thought of for the funeral, and some that bothered him a good deal, and said he had been thinking of it all night. Then the doctor laughed and told him he guessed the funeral would have to be postponed, for he wasn't going to die just then, anyhow. Nor did he, and he isn't dead yet, but he is married and has his policy paid up for his wife's benefit."—Sun N. Y.



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