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A Lover's Triumph.

This view of the affair made him very indignant toward the supposed perpetrators of the deed, and tenfold more tender toward the unfortunate victim of such an inhuman transaction, and one day, upon returning from his business in New York, he was accompanied by one of the most skillful physicians in the city.

To him the pitiable but interesting face was submitted for examination.

The noted M. D. at once became absorbed in and enthusiastic over the peculiar case.

"He would be a remarkable boy but for the torpidity of his intellect," he asserted. "He was not born so. His present condition was caused either by some acute disease of the brain or by some injury to it—the latter, most probably."

"Possibly a great wrong has been perpetrated, and he has been deserted in this mysterious way to conceal the deed," suggested Mr. Huntress gravely.

"I should not be at all surprised," returned the physician. "He may be the heir to some large property, and jealousy has brought him to this pass. Everything about him, save his idiosyncrasy, betrays that he came of a noble parentage. His physical condition is sound, although he is not fully developed as he should be, but that is owing, undoubtedly, to his mental incapacity. He is evidently about 15 years of age."

All this was the result of but a superficial examination. A more critical one confirmed one of the doctors' theories: there proved to be a depression of the skull which must have been caused by some accident to or violent blow upon the head.

"It was done a number of years ago," the learned man affirmed, "and that produced a paralysis of the brain and also of the nerves that control his organs of speech."

"Is there any help for him—can he be restored?" Mr. Huntress inquired, eagerly.

"Possibly, by an operation; but it would be attended with considerable risk."

"Would the risk be so great, that were the boy your own son, you would hesitate to attempt it?"

"No, I would have it done at once. Still, the trouble is of such long standing that I could not answer for the success of the operation in restoring the boy to his normal condition, even should he survive the shock to his system; and yet—"

"Well?" almost excitedly questioned Mr. Huntress. He was becoming greatly excited over the matter.

"Somehow a conviction had taken possession of his heart that such an operation would result favorably, and he longed to have his hopes cooled."

"It would be a great triumph of science if the trial could be made, and he should have his reason and powers restored," returned the physician gravely.

"Would he be able to talk? Would his power of speech be regained?"

"Yes, I believe so. I suspect that a portion of the skull, which was broken at the time of his injury, is pressing upon his brain, causing not only loss of memory, but also a partial paralysis of the hypoglossal nerve. If this pressure can be relieved, and the piece of skull lifted to its place, or removed altogether, and the aperture trepanned, I see no reason why he should not recover the full use of all his faculties," the doctor explained.

"I wish it might be done. Doctor, I wonder if it would be right for me to assume the responsibility of ordering this operation to be performed?" said Mr. Huntress reflectively.

"It would be a great blessing to the boy," the doctor replied.

"Yes, provided all went well."

"And an otherwise inexplicable mystery might thus be solved; he would doubtless be able to tell who he is, and thus you could restore him to his friends."

"Dr. Scherz, will you share the responsibility—simply that—of this matter with me?" Mr. Huntress gravely asked, after thinking deeply for several moments.

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for the benefit of my profession, at there should be a fatal result."

"Yes, perhaps, but on the other hand, you would acquire fame if the boy was restored."

"Undoubtedly." And the eminent physician's eyes glowed with eagerness.

"Well, the matter stands like this," said Mr. Huntress, after a thoughtful pause. "I have done my best to find the lad's friends, but there is evidently no one, at least in Brooklyn or New York, who will claim him. I am unaccountably interested in him. I will not send him to an insane asylum. I cannot cast him forth again upon the street to wander about at the mercy of the rabble. I have resolved to care for him as I would wish a son of mine cared for under similar circumstances, and yet his presence, in this imbecile state, is a constant pain to me. What shall I do?"

"If you intend to give him a father's care, I see no reason why you should not exercise a parent's judgment and authority in the matter of his possible restoration," Dr. Scherz responded, thoughtfully.

"Then will you take charge of the case and treat it as your judgment and skill dictate? The expense and risk shall all be mine, yours the reward and fame if a cure is effected."

Dr. Scherz did not reply to this request for several minutes. He appeared to be considering and reviewing the matter in all its points, and evidently regarded the undertaking as one of grave responsibility and importance.

At length he looked up, and Mr. Huntress was more encouraged by the expression on his pale, thoughtful face than he had yet been over anything that he had said about the case. He felt sure that the man would act conscientiously, and exert himself to the extent of his skill.

"I think I will attempt it," he said, slowly. "But before I do, I would like to consult with a friend in the profession and get his opinion upon the undertaking. I will see you again in a few days; meantime, do your best to build up the boy's strength with a nourishing diet."

With this, the two men separated.

CHAPTER VI.

A full week passed before Mr. Huntress heard anything further from Dr. Scherz, and it was a week of anxiety and unrest for him.

At the end of that time the physician went again to see the Huntress, bringing with him a note from the hospital, signed with his name.

After another protracted and critical examination, the two gentlemen decided to undertake the operation together.

The boy was removed to a hospital where diseases of the brain were treated, and there the delicate and hazardous operation was performed.

The result proved that Dr. Scherz had thoroughly understood the case—that his theory was the correct one.

A severe blow upon the head, years previous, fractured the skull, a portion of which was crowded upon the brain, the pressure causing temporary paralysis and idiosyncrasy, also loss of energy in the hypoglossal and lingual nerves.

This piece of bone was removed, the brain relieved of the unnatural pressure, and the result was both startling and wonderful.

Before the patient had fully recovered from the effects of the ether which had been administered to him, memory and speech both reassured their functions, completing a sentence which had evidently been interrupted at the time of the accident which had deprived the boy of his reason.

"I tell you, papa," were the words which fell upon the ears of the startled surgeons, while the large blue eyes of their patient slowly unfolded and gazed up into the faces bending over him, the light of reason once more gleaming in their azure depths.

"What will you tell papa?" asked Dr. Scherz, in a quiet tone, while the other surgeon drew quickly out of sight.

"Jack struck Margery," was the instant reply.

"Who is your papa, my boy?"

"Why, he's papa; don't you know?—my good papa," was the response, while a puzzled look shot over the lad's pale face.

Dr. Scherz knew from his manner of speech that he must have been very young—not more than 5 years of age—at the time of his injury, and when that great darkness had so suddenly enveloped him.

"Yes, your good papa," said the doctor, soothingly. "Now, go to sleep, like a man."

"I'm Margery's little man—where's Margery?" he questioned, drowsily, and closing his eyes, he was soon in a profound slumber.

The two physicians watched him in silence for a few moments, then they looked up into each other's face; eye held eye for an instant with an eloquent glance, the next their hands met in a prolonged and hearty clasp across their patient, for they knew that if all went well, they had succeeded in an operation that would give them a famous reputation for all time.

When the boy awoke again he called lustily for "Margery," and a kind and motherly nurse was at once appointed to care for him.

He seemed to know, however, that she was not "Margery," although he continued to take to her and was content to have her attend him.

"Where's Jack?" he asked of Dr. Scherz, who still remained by his bedside, determined to watch him most carefully.

"Jack who?" he asked.

"Why, Margery's Jack; but he isn't poor like Margery," from which the physician inferred that "Jack" must have been Margery's husband, and not an over kind one, either.

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A Wallaceburg Couple Going to New Zealand—Hotelmen in Trouble.

There are still fifteen cases of diphtheria placarded in St. Thomas.

Monday morning Mrs. Peter Brown, a pioneer of Elgin county, died at Brigidon from heart trouble.

Charles Carman, the young son of Rev. C. I. Scott, St. Thomas, died on Saturday night from diphtheria.

During October there were registered with the St. Thomas city clerk 14 births, 8 marriages and 13 deaths.

Chatham's customs collections for October were \$4,892.99, an increase of \$1,241.76 over the same month for 1895.

Dr. T. H. Bier, of Bright, an old Bradford boy, has been appointed assistant to Dr. Secord, upon the Indian Reserve.

Judge Bell, of Chatham, has recommended the dismissal of Constable Dennis for alleged conduct unbecoming an officer.

Mr. John Campbell, brother of Mr. N. J. Campbell, died at the St. Thomas public school, died on Saturday night in East Williams.

At Stratford on Monday John Humes, a boy, was taken up for trial by Police Magistrate O'Leane, upon a charge under the Charlot Act.

The Stratford Board of Trade has decided to memorialize the city council not to sell any more licenses to peddlers to sell upon the market square.

At Dresden on Sunday nine persons received the ordinance of baptism at the hands of Rev. Mr. McAvish, and about that number joined the church.

The drydock at C. S. Graves, formerly of Wallaceburg, was sold in London for 74c on the dollar. Jonas Graves, his brother, was the purchaser.

Joseph J. Wetherall, Harwich, died on Monday after a lengthy illness from cancer. He was one of Harwich's well-known and industrious farmers, and was 57 years of age.

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