

The Soldier's Last Words.

"Brethren, let us dwell together in harmony and peace."
These are good words, always fit to be spoken, and they are especially fragrant as coming from lips which Death is about to seal for ever.

We quote the following from an American newspaper: "Henry D. Lees, a prominent politician, while addressing a meeting at South Norwalk, on October 31st, dropped dead from heart disease. His last words were, Brethren, let us dwell together in harmony and peace." He was a well-known Grand Army man."

Had this old soldier fallen from a rifle-battle through the brain his end could not have been more sudden. The paper says he died of heart disease. Is it likely he did? Not at all likely, inasmuch as *real* heart disease is a very rare malady. More people are killed by lightning than by that. True heart disease is shrinking of the lining membrane of the heart, caused by previous inflammation; the inflammation being produced by rheumatism and gout, and the latter by the poisons generated in the stomach by indigestion and dyspepsia. As we have said this malady is very rare; a person may have it and live to be a hundred years old. His heart has simply lost power to pump as much blood as it did once; that's all. He must take life easier.

But the ailment that goes by the name of "heart disease," is quite another thing. Women can explain the difference even better than men. Read this for example: "When I was seventeen years old, I seemed to lose my health all at once. It was in the summer of 1859 that I began to have spells of feeling faint and giddy. My tongue was forced, my appetite poor and after eating I had pain in the stomach, and was all the time belching up wind. I was always tired and weak, and none the less so for eating; food didn't strengthen me as it used to do.

"One day, in the latter part of October, whilst in service at Mrs. Firth's Park Farm, Thornhill, I made a visit home. When I got there I had such pain and fluttering at the heart, I could scarcely stand. This frightened my mother, and she got some of the neighbors to help me to the doctor's. He said, 'Your heart is in an alarming condition; you will have to be careful. On no account must you hurry or make any violent effort.'

"The doctor's medicines did me no good; I got worse, and gave up my situation. Soon afterwards I had a nasty cough, and an irritation at the throat and chest that wouldn't let me sleep. I would sit up in the bed till nearly daybreak, coughing and spitting, and was worse tired than when I went to bed. My legs trembled so with weakness I couldn't stand or walk much, and had to have help to wash and dress myself. Well, this is the way I got on, month after month. One day mother thought I was dying, and ran and brought Mrs. Senior, a neighbor.

"The next January (1860) Mr. Kilner, of Messrs. Kilner Bros., Glass Bottle Manufacturers, Thornhill, Lees, recommended me to the Dewsbury Infirmary, where I stayed six weeks; but the doctor's physic did no real good. I kept wasting away, and people said there was no chance for me to get well.

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heart trouble was one of the symptoms of the stomach trouble. Virtually, this is the foundation fact about "heart disease," "heart failure," and all other organic disturbances. Cure the cause with Seigel's Curative Syrup and the results will pass away with it.

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