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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF A CASE ABANDONED BY

Guy's, the Metropolitan, King's College, and Charing Cross Hospitals.

SUMMARY OF AFFIDAVIT.

Wm. BROOKE, Messenger, of 2, Union street, South wark, London, nicketh oath and saith, that he (this deponent) was afflicted with FIFTEEN RUNNING ULCERS on his left arm, and ulcerated sores and wounds on both legs, for which deponent was admitted an out-door patient at the Metropolitan Hospital, in April 1841, where he continued for nearly four weeks. Unable to receive a cure here, the deponent sought relief at the three following Hospitals:—King's College Hospital, in May, for five weeks; at Guy's Hospital in July, for six weeks; and at Charing Cross Hospital, at the end of August, for some weeks more; which deponent left, being as far worse condition than when he first quitted Guy's, where Sir BARNSBY COOPER, and other medical officers of the establishment, had told deponent *that the only chance of saving his life was to LOSE HIS ARM!* The deponent thereupon called upon Dr. Bright, chief physician of Guy's, who, on viewing deponent's condition, kindly and liberally said, "*I am utterly at a loss what to do for you! but here is half a sovereign; go to Mr. HOLLOWAY, and try what effect his Pills and Ointment will have, as I have frequently witnessed the wonderful effects they have in desperate cases. You can let me see you again.*" This unprecedented advice was followed by the deponent, and a *perfect cure* effected in three weeks, by the use alone of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS and OINTMENT, after four Hospitals had failed!!! When Dr. Bright was shown by the deponent, the result of his advice and charity, he said, "I am both astonished and delighted, for I thought that if I ever saw you again alive, it would be without your arm. I can only compare this cure to a charm!!!"

Sworn at the Mansion house, of the city of London, this 8th day of March, 1842. } WM. BROOKE.
Before me, JOHN FIRTH, Mayor

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St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

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St. John, Sept. 7, 1849.

Miscellany.

THERESE LAMONTAGNE;

OR, FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF GARRISON LIFE IN MONTREAL.

It was towards the noon of a lovely moonlight night in the month of August, 184—, that Capt. Ernest De Lisle, after having spent a very agreeable evening with some friends in the neighbourhood of the Mountain, was wending his way leisurely homeward to his quarters in the city barracks. As he crossed the Place d'Armes, and was turning into the Rue Notre Dame, his gaze fell upon the lofty steeple of Christ Church, and he uttered an involuntary exclamation of delight; for the silver rays of the rising moon were resting upon the polished spire, and it looked less like a thing of earth than of clear and deep blue heaven above it. As still gazing upon this bright object of his admiration, he proceeded even more leisurely than before up the Rue Notre Dame, a little hand was suddenly laid upon his arm; and glancing hastily to earth again, he beheld the dark eyes of a pale though beautiful young girl, of apparently about eighteen years of age, fixed mournfully upon his own. In another moment she had burst into tears, and sinking at his feet, buried her face in her hands. At that instant a minature slipped from her bosom, and a ray of light flashing upon it, Captain De Lisle recognised the well-known features of one of the gayest and most dissolute of his brother officers.

'Therese Lamontagne,' cried Ernest, as he raised the weeping girl tenderly from the ground, 'I thank God for having brought about this strange and unexpected meeting, which, by his blessing, shall be turned to good account. There is no time to be lost. We must speak together immediately, and in private; for we should be certain to attract observation did we remain longer here.'

Therese dashed away her tears, drew her shawl closely around her face, and beckoned the young soldier to follow her. Ernest looked up the street, and down the street, and towards a neighbouring window or two; and seeing no one, and hearing no approaching steps, without uttering another syllable, obeyed. Recrossing the Place d'Armes, and passing quickly over the deserted Champ de Mars, he suffered himself to be led to an obscure street in the suburbs of the city, when his conductress, pausing at a small mean house, produced a key, unlocked the door, and laying her finger upon her lip, took De Lisle by the hand and drew him in after her into a dark room. With trembling haste she then struck a light, ad divesting herself of bonnet and shawl, gazed upon Ernest with an expression of countenance that told more of sorrow and of suffering than of guilt.

'Forgive me, sir, for thus throwing myself on the mercy of a stranger,' cried Therese Lamontagne, when her tears would allow her utterance. 'I mistook you for Captain Villiers. I have wandered to this city, and into the streets at night, in the hope of meeting him; of being able to throw myself once more at his feet, and make one last appeal to his feelings as a man, and his generosity as a soldier; to beseech him, by every impulse of honour and humanity, not to cast me, heartbroken and pennyless, upon the cruel mercies of a cold and unsympathising world.'

'I fear that all such appeals will be vain,' replied Ernest, gloomily, 'but listen, Therese.—An accidental recognition in this vile locality would be fatal to your reputation, as well as highly injurious to mine. Here is money. In five minutes after I have left you, quit this house, never to return to it. There are twenty hotels still open. But stay, a new idea has occurred.—Lay upon this table what you consider an adequate remuneration for any attention you may have received here, and accept of my escort to a place where you will be free from intrusion, and have some, if not all, of the comforts of the home you have lost.

Therese gladly complied, and, taking the arm of Ernest, softly let down the latch behind her.—Captain De Lisle drew his cloak more closely about him, and, crossing the Champ de Mars again, skirted the Place d'Armes, and entered the Rue Notre Dame, and then, hastening down an adjoining street, knocked at the door of a small neat house, some distance along it upon the right hand side. In a few minutes the sound of approaching steps was heard upon the staircase, a ray of light flashed through the key-hole, and an elderly woman of respectable appearance presented herself in response. Ernest whispered a word of two into her ear, entered with his trembling charge, and the door was immediately reclosed. Shortly afterwards it was opened again, and De Lisle passed silently out. As he was walking from the spot, he heard a cough and a titter behind him, and, turning round, perceived two of his brother officers; one of whom, stepping forward, clapp d him familiarly upon the shoulder, and cried, laughingly, "Well, then, I have lost my half doz-n of champagne after all! Why, my dear, moral, and religious friend Ernest, what is all dog you are? Here have Farley and I been watching your movements for the last half hour, the one insisting that it was you, and the other that it wasn't. I admire your taste, my boy. A pretty lace, and one of the neatest little ancles in the world.'

'Captain Villiers,' returned Ernest De Lisle, disengaging himself, 'you have acted the base part of a spy upon me in this instance; henceforth I must trouble you to interest yourself in your own affairs, and leave me to the arrangement of mine; in the performance of which duty, it will be almost unnecessary for me to add, I shall not require your assistance.'

A roar of laughter was the reply, and Captain Villiers and his friend Farley swaggered merrily away, declaring that it was one of the most capital jokes they had enjoyed for a long time. Ernest bent his steps in an opposite direction, and, soon reaching his lodgings, threw himself disconsolately into a chair, and revolved in his mind the events of the evening.

When Ernest De Lisle made his appearance upon parade the next morning, he could scarcely help observing himself to be the subject of universal attention, and that many coughs, and nods, and winks, were being exchanged at his expense. He caught, indeed, one of the subalterns in the very act and crisis of a grimace, and bestowed upon him a look which caused the disconfited youth almost to drop the sword which he hugged from under his arm. The duties of the day once over, Colonel Seabourne, his commanding officer, shook him heartily by the hand, and said in his usual bluff honest way—'Dinner exactly at five, boy. Be punctual. May expects you. The mess can spare you to-day. No shirking, sir—silence, or I will put you under arrest.

Ernest smiled, and pressing the colonel's hand in return, moved from the heat of the sun into the shade of the poplars. He caught the eye of Captain Villiers, and felt convinced that he was the subject of that gentleman's discourse. As he passed within a few yards of the group, his ear gathered the following fragments of the conversation:—

'The Rue St. Gabriel, did you say? Do you recollect the number? It is one of the most splendid things I ever heard.'

'I can afford you no correct information upon that point, returned Captain Villiers, 'but I should know the house again. It has a green door, with a brass knocker; and is kept by an old hag with a sallow face, a sunken eye, a brown wig, and yellow ribbons.'

'You appear to know the place pretty well,' observed a corpulent lieutenant. Here there was a general laugh, in which Villiers joined.

'And this is the fellow who is always preaching morality to us, eh?' cried the young subaltern, mouthing the strap of his glazed cap, and seating himself upon the hilt of his sword. 'Ah, it is always the way with these sleek-visaged, methodistical scoundrels. By-the-by, I can tell you a story;—I was once on a time away upon a hunt with a Tuscarora chief or two in the backwoods of Lake Ontario, and, as luck would have it, there was a revival, alias a camp meeting (and for further particulars concerning all such matters, *vide* Mrs. Trollope, vol. ii., page 27), held within a yard of the very spot where we had pitched our tents for the night. The most active and zealous of the pious fraternity then and there ignoring, was a fat, oily-faced gentleman, in his shirt sleeves, and a flood of tears, ensconced in the hollow of a dead tree, bewailing the sinfulness of all flesh, and dealing out the brimstone bountifully to a highly terrified congregation of about a couple of hundred roaring men, women, and children.—Well, gentlemen, will you credit it, when I assure you upon the faith and honour of a soldier, that shortly afterwards, this identical oily-faced ——'

Ernest did not catch the concluding portion of this entertaining story, but he presently heard a most uproarious burst of laughter, and, glancing back, saw two or three of the officers bent nearly double, holding their sides, and stamping violently upon the ground, in a perfect agony of mirth.

'To bear these in silence,' thought Ernest, as he regained his quiet and retired room in the barracks, 'is more than my hasty temper will permit me to do; and yet to resent them—hah! I am not the first man whose good intentions have been misrepresented. Falsehood was ever a suicide.—The thing will die out of itself, by and by;' and he seized a book and began to read. He was interrupted by a knock at the door.

'Ah Crawford!' cried he, rising and extending his hand, 'I am out of spirits this morning, and glad you are come.'

'Wait a bit,' said the lieutenant, seating himself upon the chair Ernest placed for him, and throwing his cap and gloves upon the table; 'a bearer of evil tidings is seldom a welcome guest, and in such capacity, I am sorry to add, I am doomed to figure to-day. There is a rumour on parade that is not calculated to do you any credit. It must be put a stop to immediately.'

'Have the goodness to state its purport, will you,' said Ernest, colouring.

'It is reported that you were seen, with a young female on your arm, at a late hour last night, and in a somewhat suspicious locality—that is the head and front of your offence. Now, bad a little adventure of the kind occurred to Villiers or to Farley, even to myself, or to fifty others, the circumstance would have attracted no notice, and provoked no comment whatever; but when *you* are stated to be the party concerned, who have the reputation of being such a steady church-goer, and tight sticklet for morality, and all that sort of thing, you know, my dear fellow, the case is widely different. Well, Villiers is very bitter against you, and swears that every man, woman, and child in the city shall have heard the story before this time to-morrow. Now be quiet, and sit down again, or I will hold my peace. I don't ask you whether such report be true or false. I only say if it *be* true that you were seen walking with, and to enter a certain house in company with a young female, at such an hour, in such a neighbourhood, your object in having so done was a good and laudable one; and I will drill a hole through the body of that man who dares to tell me I lie. Give me your hand.'

'And my heart, too, as Brutus says,' replied Ernest. 'Crawford, I never doubted you a moment, though I feel re-assured and comforted by your words, but if permitted to live another four-and twenty hours, I will be avenged on Captain Villiers for the base interpretation he has been pleased to put on my proceedings last night.'

'Ah! will that be altogether consistent?' inquired Lieut. Crawford, elevating his brows; 'will you who have said duelling should no be tolerated, call Villiers? Will you who say 'forgive us our trespasses as we,' &c., &c., (I think it runs something to that effect) harbour a spirit of revenge? O fie you puzzled me, De Lislie, and it is not the first time you have done that either.'

'To what do you allude now, my friend?'

'The matter of the hundred and fifty pounds, which you (who are rarely seen to handle a cue) won the other day from Villiers, while he (so he says,) was in a state of intoxication. Is this a fact?'

'Yes.'

'And you *do* then occasionally play?'

'If you call pushing two or three ivory balls about, for once in a way, with a long stick over a green cloth, *playing*, why I must certainly apply in the affirmative,' said Ernest laughing until you could have counted all his teeth.

'Ah! I do not understand you, De Lisle. But now, about this man. Do you purpose challenging him?'

'No.'

'What then?'

'He shall challenge me.'

'He is a dead shot.'

'Pooh. Look here.' Ernest grasped a pistol, and threw up the window. 'Where shall I lodge this bullet?' said he; 'Choose a spot.'

Crawford looked out upon a little square spot of ground, which had been laid out with great taste, and pointing to a diminutive bird, said, 'There is a mark for you.'

'No,' replied Ernest, 'that little bird is a particular friend of mine.'

'There is another, then.'

'And that too? fix upon something else.'

'What think you of the nail which confines the branch of yonder apricot-tree to the wall? Just pretty duelling distance too.'

Ernest cast a careless glance at the object, and fired. The nail sank to the head in the mortar, and the bough, being set at liberty, instantly swung from its thraldom. Ernest closed the window, and the two young men resumed their seats.

'I shall be cautious how I quarrel with you,' said Crawford.

'Oh, in the event of that,' replied Ernest, 'we will do the thing in the regular and approved New Orleans fashion—over a table, or from the corners of a pocket handkerchief.'

'Ah, you make me ill,' said the lieutenant, wiping his brow, 'I would not be Captain Villiers for a trifle. I never saw you raised before, Ernest, and cannot, for the life of me, understand what, holding the peculiar views you do, you are going to be about. At all events I am at your service any moment my assistance may be required;' and wringing the hand of his comrade once more, Crawford tucked his sword comfortably under his arm, and withdrew.

Ernest took up his book again, and read a chapter or two. He then looked at his watch. The hand pointed to the hour of five. The great clock of Christ Church was just striking, and all the lesser clocks of the city, as though they had only been waiting the pleasure of their more learned and popular friend, began immediately to do likewise. Hastily arranging his toilet, and seizing his sword, cap, and gloves, Ernest sallied out, and walked rapidly in the direction of Mount Royal.

As Captain De Lisle was turning the corner of the Place d'Armes, he narrowly escaped a collision with an old and esteemed acquaintance, in whose society he had spent a pleasant hour only the day before. He apologised for his impetuosity, and held out his hand. The old and esteemed acquaintance inspected it, stared him in the face, and passed majestically on.

'Very good,' muttered Ernest; 'I am afraid I shall have a rather long account against you, Captain Villiers.'

Just then a carriage, containing three ladies and a lap-dog dashed by. Ernest raised his cap, and smiled. The three ladies drew down their veils, and frowned.

'Captain Villiers,' muttered De Lisle again.—He coloured to the temples, hummed an air, and presently, entering the tastefully arranged grounds of Colonel Seabourne, knocked his well known knock at the door, and was ushered into the drawing-room.

His reception at the hands of the good-natured old Colonel was not a whit less cordial than such receptions on his part had ever been; but when Ernest advanced to the beautiful May Seabourne, instead of welcoming him with the sweet smile that was her wont, she arose, and made the same description of salutation that she would have bestowed upon a perfect stranger; then, nearly sinking under the effort, left the room, rushed to her chamber, and gave vent to a violent flood of tears.

Ernest bit his lip, and turning, beheld Captain Villiers, whom till then he had quite overlooked. The Captain advanced towards him with his accustomed frankness. Ernest surveyed him from head to foot, and swung round upon his heel.

'Heyday!' exclaimed Colonel Seabourne. 'Ernest, my boy—Ernest—Villiers—gentlemen—what is this? What do you both mean? Where is May, and what are you both staring at each other in that manner for? I desire an immediate explanation. Ernest sit down.

'I am sorry to observe, Sir, that I cannot, in the presence of Captain Villiers,' said Ernest.

'And I am constrained to add, sir, that I *will* not in the presence of Captain De Lisle,' said Villiers.

'Upon my word, gentlemen,' gasped Colonel Seabourne, growing perfectly scarlet, 'instead of your Colonel and commanding officer, I might be taken for your drill-sergeant, or one of your corporals. Come, come, Ernest, you have forgotten yourself—Villiers, I am ashamed of you. Sit down now, and eat each other afterwards if you like.'

Ernest apologised for his haste, and obeyed.—Captain Villiers did the same. May re-entered the room. She was very pale, but did not look any the less lovely and interesting on that account. Captain Villiers offered his arm, for the purpose of leading her down to dinner. May accepted it, much to his private delight, and Ernest's mortification. Colonel Seabourne offered *his* arm with great gallantry to Ernest, with the view of restoring the good humour and harmony of the party. And away they all marched tege her.

'I would give a trifle to know why you are staring so steinly at that sucking pig,' cried Colonel Seabourne, as he saw Captain De Lisle surveying the dish before him with considerable ferocity; 'has it ever injured you?'

Ernest was compelled to reciprocate the Colonel's laugh at this humourous sally, Capt. Villiers smiled sarcastically, and was more lavish than ever in his attentions to the thoughtful May, whose apparently gracious acknowledgements of them induced Villiers to believe that they were highly acceptable to her, and gave some pleasing finishing strokes to a variety of airy castles, in the erection of which his imagination had for some weeks past been industriously engaged.

'Upon my life,' exclaimed Colonel Seabourne, when the cloth had been withdrawn, and May had retired, 'this is about one of the grimmest dinner parties it was ever my misfortune to preside over. Am I to monopolise the whole of the conversation, or will one of you be good enough to say something.

'In compliance with your kind permission to speak, sir,' said Captain Villiers, rising, 'I shall beg to be allowed to withdraw myself, and, by so doing, afford my excellent friend, Captain De Lisle, an opportunity of resuscitating those brilliant conversational powers, of the use of which, it pains me to observe, my presence has for a time been the unfortunate means of depriving him. He will doubtless shortly make known to you the cause of embarrassment under which he is now labouring, and render you a satisfactory explanation why—though I have a high appreciation of the charms of your society, as well as that of your daughter—I am induced to decline the pleasures and distinction of his farther acquaintance.'

'Eh, what is this?' cried Colonel Seabourne, now rising also; 'Ernest, boy, speak!'

'What little I have to say in reply, I would rather were spoken while Captain Villiers is still with us, as it very intimately concerns himself,' replied De Lisle, with calmness.

'Come, come, I comprehend the whole matter now,' said Colonel Seabourne, cheerfully resuming his seat; 'how stupid of me, to be sure. I have heard the story, and laughed at it. The fact is, Ernest, you were rather particular in your attentions to some very pretty young damsel last night; and, the thing having got wind, has created a harmless little bit of scandal at your expense. Eh! well, well—come, such things will happen. Pass the wine—it was what we may term a *lapsus linguæ*, eh?' and Colonel Seabourne poked Ernest in the side with his forefinger, and throwing his portly figure back in the chair, chuckled himself nearly black in the face.

(*To be concluded next week.*)

BURNS AND CHALMERS.—There is in especial one man, eminent in the literature of Scotland, of whom we are continually reminded by the earlier exhibition of the character of Chalmers.—Our readers must have connected very different associations with the two names—for eventually God made them greatly to differ—but as they came from the hand of nature, they seem to have been formed wonderfully alike. We refer to the greatest of Scottish poets, Robert Burns. We find in both the same natural honesty and truthfulness—the same indomitable courage, that could do battle with a bounded world—the same independence of spirit, and the same kindness of heart. There was one perilous element in the composition of the great poet, of which we find no trace in that of the great divine—the special element which, sublimed by genius, has rendered the love-songs of Burns by far the most exquisite and powerful which the world has yet produced; but in every other respect there is a resemblance distinctly traceable. Even independently of the after change to which we have adverted, the circumstances in which Chalmers was placed were much more favourable to the right developement of that cast of character—in every respect the reverse of vulgar—that becomes soft and gentle in prosperity, and hard and unyielding in adversity, than those which surrounded Burns; but it was evidently the same spirit of independence that prompted the slighted and insulted tutor to conduct himself so manfully in the house of the mean laird, and to fling down the gauntlet at St. Andrews to a whole University, that led the proud ploughman to exclaim, when his prospects were darkest, "When dying, I shall order them to stretch me out in my grave at my full length, that I may occupy every inch of ground I have a right to." Nor let us animadvert too severely on a spirit which, though of the "earth, earthy," has been employed by Providence in accomplishing more good upon the earth than any other, except that of the Gospel itself. It is the pride and spirit which, like that of Chalmers and Burns