

MOTHER BRAVES DEATH IN WELL TO RESCUE BABE

Makes Descent of Forty Feet to Bring up Her Child.

CARRIED HIM UP TO SAFETY AGAIN

Hands Badly Torn in Climbing Sides of Well—Baby Unharmed.

New York, April 20.—Charles Gurling, who is 16 months old and just learning to walk, was rescued with the spirit of adventure yesterday afternoon as he sat in his high chair on the back porch of his home at Knollwood and Hartside roads, White Plains. He clambered down from the chair after considerable effort, for he had to unlatch a strap, and took advantage of an interval between showers to stagger rather uncertainly into the yard.

It is very likely he had no definite plan in view, but his attention was attracted by a pile of boards in the yard about fifteen feet from the porch. Charles didn't know it, and it would not have meant anything to him if he had, but the boards covered a well forty feet deep and with twenty feet of water in it. It is built of stone, which are most covered and very slippery, and water is raised by a bucket to which a rope is tied, although there is no windlass.

The boards, whitened by the sun, looked very nice to Charles, and he staggered toward them. He reached the well, managed to push one of the boards slightly, and looked down into the interior. Fascinated by the sight of the water, he leaned too far over and plunged into the well, landing with a splash.

Mother to the Rescue.

Fortunately, the splash was heard by the boy's mother, Mrs. Norman Gurling, who was at work in the kitchen. She ran into the yard and called for Charles. There was no answer. She looked around and saw that the boards over the well had been disturbed. And looking down into the well, she saw the baby's coat floating on top of the water.

Mrs. Gurling didn't hesitate. She didn't even stop to remove her shoes. She went over the side and began descending carefully but as swiftly as possible down the twenty feet of slippery, moss covered rock that was between her and her boy. Digging her fingers and the toes of her shoes into the crevices between the rocks, she made her way downward until at last she reached the water. By that time the boy had gone under the water, and as he came to the surface she seized him by the clothing.

Mrs. Gurling saw that Charles was still alive, but it seemed hardly possible that she would be able to get both herself and the boy out of the well alive. But she tried it, nevertheless. She put the body of the baby between herself and the wall. With one hand she clung to the wall of the well and with the other she wrapped the child's arms around her neck and linked his fingers together.

Mother Love Triumphs.

Then, with the weight of the child around her neck, Mrs. Gurling started slowly up the sides of the well. She went carefully, climbing slowly, feeling ahead for the largest crevices and digging her fingers into them with such force that before she had gone ten feet her hands streamed with blood where they had been cut by the stones.

It took her a long time, but she finally reached the top and barely had strength enough left to push the baby over the edge of the well. Then she got half of her own body over, enough so that she would not fall back, and there she stayed for some time resting before she was able to climb out.

But after she got out she took Charles into the house, gave him a hot bath and put him to bed, and then busied herself preparing her husband's supper. A physician who was called said last night that the baby would be none the worse for his experience.



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