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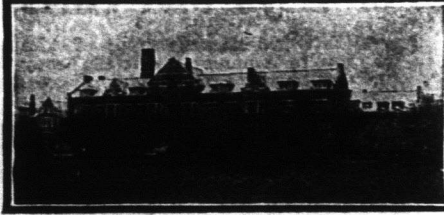
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people. Above all care must be taken to get the best teachers. A teacher may be worth ten thousand dollars a year less than nothing, or she may be worth all the wealth of the grain fields—that is, if she is educating your child or mine. What say you as to that?

There comes a time for many pupils when they have to leave home to complete their education. They have to go to college. Nothing has yet been devised by man to take the place of this institution. Let us consider for a moment what it has to offer its students.

It holds out the gift of knowledge. It puts each of its students in possession of some of the acquired wisdom of the race. It elevates the individual to the species. It emancipates from the thrall of localism. Then it promises power—power of thought, of imagination, of initiative. It develops taste—for the beautiful in art and music and literature,—and feeling for all that is true and beautiful and good. It develops the social qualities and prepares for public service. Above all, in recent times, it trains in practical ability. All this and much more if it is a really good college.

And as in the case of schools, there is a great difference between the worst and the best. The worthy institution is made so because of its teaching body and the spirit in which the work is conducted. A good college is a safe home for growing boys and girls. Intellectually and spiritually they should find the counsel and director they require. Teachers should be more than instructors and grad-grinds.

Broken Necks Now Mended

By Dr. Leonard Keene Hirschberg, A.B., M.A., M.D. (Johns Hopkins University)

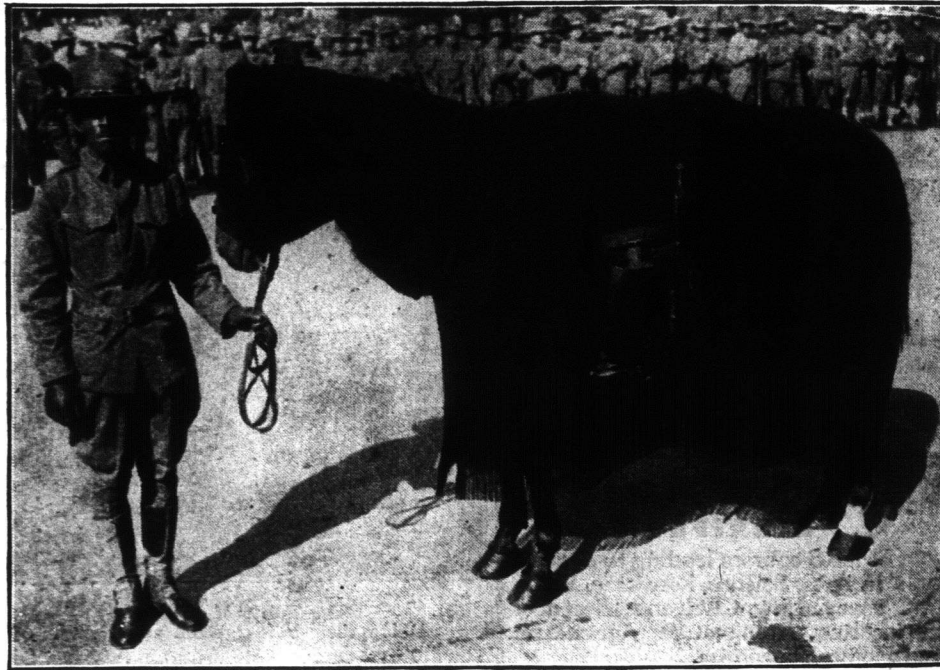
Time was, not so long ago, when anyone who suffered a broken neck or "fracture of the cervical vertebrae," as formidable medical tones speak it, was given up at once to die. In a word, life insurance companies began to make out checks, widows to put on weeds, and families to go into mourning, when a broken neck occurred.

Not so any longer! To-day, thanks to the security and marvels developed through the aseptic practice of skilful surgery, most broken necks heal as quickly as a broken shoulder blade.

Many such triumphs are reported from English, French and American surgeons along the battle fronts in France. As compared with broken necks and fractures of the spine in previous wars, the present medical successes are scarcely short of miraculous.

As an instance, Dr. C. G. Cumston, collected the data in a recent Crimean war. There were seventy-six such fractures of the spinal vertebrae. Every one of them died! To-day practically all of these men could be saved.

At present in the greatest of world wars, as soon as a man is wounded and says that he cannot move his head, his upper or lower limbs, and has been hit in the neck or back, the stretcher bearers, ambulance aids, litter carriers, and brother soldiers have been trained at camps to



One of the most pitiful and sorrowful sights of the funeral of Ex-Mayor Major John Purroy Mitchell, of New York, was his horse draped in deep mourning with his master's boots and sword alongside. The procession, after leaving the City Hall, moved up Fifth Avenue to St. Patrick's Cathedral, muffled drums throbbing at the head and detachments of the various branches of the service following, through silent throngs with heads bared, while high overhead squadrons of airplanes dropped roses along the entire line of march. From the Cathedral the cortege proceeded to Woodlawn cemetery, then taps, the last volley and the funeral of Mayor and Major Mitchell was a thing of the past. The deceased officer quickly rose to eminence in the civic service of his country. He was New York's youngest mayor, and but 39. It would appear that his death was caused through his failure to buckle his safety belt when going into the airplane, and upon nosing over for the glide was thrown out by the peculiar quick snap of the scout when the stick ushered too far forward.

They should be personal advisors and friends to all the students. That was a detestable utterance of a college professor who said: "This place would be all very well if it were not for the damned students." The only thought of a professor is to help the students. It is for the students, that the university or college with all that it commands, truly exists. In so far as a college succeeds in building up life—pure, vigorous, self-reliant and capable—it is worthy of patronage. If it falls short of this, it is a miserable failure. The guiding motto of the university teacher as of all others is this: "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it the more abundantly."

And so it becomes all parents who have the means and the opportunity to provide higher education for their children to choose wisely among the institutions that offer courses of instruction. If on the one hand they must avoid the institutions which attempt to molly-coddle the students, on the other hand they must not dare to patronize such as tend to demoralize through lack of supervision or through the encouragement of false standards of thought and expression. A really good college is the greatest asset of a nation. See to it that your children get the best preparation for life that can be had.

consider him as having a broken neck, or a fracture of the spine.

Then his transportation calls for the utmost caution until he is placed on the operating bed of the nearest first aid or base hospital. At the dressing station, a pause is made to apply an aseptic or perhaps an antiseptic dressing and an injection of codeine is given to allay motion, pain and shock.

If possible no further transportation is advisable. If, however, a surgeon practised in these operations is not nearer than a base hospital, the victim must be carefully carried there. When he arrives, he is not moved or taken from the litter to which he has been immobilized. Instead a nicely applied wadded pad of cotton and gauze is wound around the trunk and neck. If there are no distinct, certain signs of splinters of bone, or fragments in touch with the delicate spinal marrow, the fracture may be reduced by the surgeon through the wadded dressing.

It is evident, however, that in many instances, spicules of the bones of the vertebral column will compress or press upon the spinal cord. Or it may be shrapnel or other missiles. In either event, the operation must be done at once but as simple in character and as gently as is compatible with removal of every last vestige of irritation or injury to the medulla oblongata or spinal cord.