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## SAD REPORT ABOUT LX-PRESIDENT ARTHUK.

WILL THE FIFTH AND FINAL ACT BE A TRAGEDY

## Rorhesipr Democral and Chronicle.

"Dr. Lincoln who was at the funeral of ex-Secretary Fre" linghuysen, says ex-President Arthur looked very unwell. "He is suffuring from Bright's discase. Duriog the past year it has assumed a very aggravated from"

That telegram is act IV. of a drama written by ex. Prestdent Arthur's physicians. In Act I. he wis made to appear in "Malaria," of which all the country was told when he went to Florida.

In Act II. hi repreconted a tured man, worn down, walking the sands at Old Puint Cumfort and looking castward over the Atlantic toward Europe for a longer rest.

The curtain rolls up fur Act III. upon the distingurshed actor affected with welunchuly from brughts disease, while fot IV discovers him with the disease " in an aggravated form, suffering intensely, (which is ususual) and about to take a sea voyage."

Just such as this is the plut of many dramas by playwrights of the medical prufession. They write the first two or three acts with so cunceptiun of what therr charaoter will develop in the final one.

They have not the discernment for tracing in the early. what the latter impersonatiuns will be. Nut one physician in $u$ hundred has the adequate microscoplo and chemical appliances for discovering bright's disease in its early stages, and when many do finally comprehend that their patients are dying with it, when death uccurs, they will, to cover up their ignor nee of it, pronounce the fatality to have been caused by ordinary ailments, whereas these ailmente are really results of bright's disease of which they are unconscious victims.

Beyond any doubt, 80 per cent. of all deaths except from epidemics and aceidents, result from discased kidneys or livers. If the dying be distinguished and his friends too intelligent to be ressily deceived, his physicians perhaps pro nounce the complaint to be pericarditis, pyæmia, septicæmia, bronchitis, pleuritis, valvular lesions of the heart, pneumonia, \&c. If the deceased be less noted, "malaria" is now the fashionable assignment of the cause of death.

But all the same, named right or bamed wrong. this fearful scourge gathers them in I While at prevails among persons of sedentary babits, - lawgers, clergymen, congressmen-it also plays great havoc among farmers, day laborers and nuachanics, though they do not suspect it, because their physicians keep it from them, if indeed they are able to detect it.

It sweeps thousands of women and children into untimely graves every year. The health gives may gradually, the strength is variable, the apetite fickle, the vigor gets less and less. This isn't malaria-it is the begmnogg of kidney discase and will end - who does not know how?

No, nature has not been remiss. Independent researoh has given an infaillible remedy for this common disorder; but of course the bigoted physicians will not use Warner's safe oure, because it is a private affair and outs up their practice by restoring the health of those who have been invalide for years.

The new saying of 'how common bright's disease is bscoming among prominent men!' is getting old, and as the Englishman would says, sounds "stupid "-especially "stupid '' since this disease is readily deteated by the more learned mon and specialists of this disease. But the " common run" ef physicians, not detecting it, give the patient Epsom salt
or other drugs presoribed by the old code of treatment under which their grandfathers and great-grandfathers practiced!

Anon, we hear that tho patient is 'comfortable." But ore long, may be, they "tap" him and take some water from him and again the " somfurtable " story so whld. Turture him rather than allow him to use Warner's safe oure 1 With suoh variations the dootors play upon the unfortunate until his shroud is made, when we learn that he died from heart disease, pyæmia, septicæmia or some other deceptive though "dignified cause"

Fex President Arthur's case is not singular - it is typioal of every such oase. "He is suffering intensely." This is not usual. Generally there is almost no suffering. He may recover, if he will act independently of hio physioians. The agenoy named has oured thousands of persons even in the extreme stages-is to day the mainstay of the health of hundreds of thousands. It is an unfortunate fuct that physicians will not admit there is any virtue outside their own sphere, but as each sehool denies virtue to all others, the people act on their own judgment and accept things by the record of merit they make.

The facts are eause for alarm, but there is abundant hope in prompt and independent action.

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