

SHORT STORY OF THE DAY.

TOMMY'S VISIT.

There was plenty of sunshine outside but somehow it did not find its way into the great house. The master cared nothing for the sunshine. A little light to read by was all he asked. The master's wants were few. Today when the housekeeper had paused in the library doorway and deferentially asked what he desired for luncheon he had abruptly replied, "Nothing," and then had turned back to his book. Now the housekeeper paused in the doorway again. "Mr. Ashton," she said, with a little quaver in her voice, "if you please, sir, there is a small boy at the door who says he must see you."

Besides he's most too busy to teach anybody anything. He has to work so hard all the time. You know how it is your self. There's the rent, an' the life insurance, an' the meat bill, an' the clothes, an' the doctor's bill, an' the gas, an' the ice. I tell you it keeps him hustlin'. He wanted mamma to go away somewhere this summer, 'cause she needed a change. It's like old Mrs. Ballard, the lady that lives next door, says—mamma ain't been her old self since sister Alice died. But she wouldn't go unless papa could go too. Said he needed a rest more than she did. An' papa couldn't get away nobow, an' so that made me all the more anxious to have somebody in the family go a-visitin', an' when I'd made up my mind, an' saved up my money, I just started away—leavin' a note on the bureau in my room that said, 'Don't worry. I've got a clean night-gown, an' a return ticket, an' I'll soon be back. An' then I hurried away so fast that I forgot my night-gown—but may be you could let me wear one that mamma wore when she was as little as me.'

HYPNOTIC MIRACLES

Performed at Yale by Rev. Geo. B. Cutten,

A Native of Amherst, N. S., and Formerly Centre Rush of the Yale Football Team.

Has Been Curing Inebriates and Victims of the Cigarette Habit in His Psychological Laboratory—Invited Clergymen Witness a Remarkable Demonstration.

Rev. George B. Cutten, now of New Haven, Connecticut, and formerly of Amherst, Nova Scotia, at one time centre rush of the Yale football team, is trying experiments in hypnotism to cure drunkenness in his parish. Mr. Cutten spent the three years following his graduation in special study in psychology, theoretical and experimental. Hypnotism and magnetic influence took up much of his time when he was not busy preaching. The New York Herald of August 30 gives the following account of some of Rev. Mr. Cutten's hypnotic miracles:

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 28.—Strange sights were seen this morning in the psychological laboratory of Yale, where the Rev. George B. Cutten has been carrying on a remarkable series of experiments in hypnotism. Amazedly a group of clergymen gazed at miracles of modern times. Wonderingly they listened to a short sermon preached to hypnotized hearers. They marvelled as they saw a command given to a sleeping subject and the temporarily suspended faculties of the brain.

Ordinarily the operating room made use of by the Rev. Mr. Cutten is a small cell-like place, fitted with electric lights and double padded doors. Today, however, the demonstrations were given in the lecture room of Professor Scripture, head of the department of experimental psychology, the change being made to accommodate the invited clergymen and to permit a Herald photographer to take some views of the experiments.

TWO SUBJECTS AT HAND. Two subjects had been provided beforehand, but even if they had not there need have been no delay. Several times during the morning the demonstrator was interrupted by the arrival of persons who besought him to accept them as patients. One man who had read in the Herald of Mr. Cutten's wonderful hypnotic cures had come from Bridgeport, hoping that he might induce the clergyman to try to cure chronic neuralgia by hypnosis.

None of the volunteers, however, was accepted, the two subjects selected already being deemed sufficient. Both were inebriates, one of the middle aged, the other somewhat younger. The latter had used liquor since he was fourteen and had chewed and smoked tobacco for about the same length of time. He was hypnotized first, August 10, and now is nauseated by tobacco, though he still has a slight taste for liquor. Both patients look what they were said to be—physical wrecks, but each declared he felt better than for years.

THE YOUNGER MAN WAS NEXT summoned to the seat where he had seen his companion dose off. It took only a few more seconds to put him asleep. The sermon began thus: "You men have seen the seamy side of life. You are tired of the life of sin and dissipation. You want to turn from it and be clean men. There must be no more drinking, no more using of tobacco. 'Do you hear that (calling each man by name), and do you realize what it means? Stop! Stop! You're not men at all—unless you cut off the terribly destructive habit. 'Now, if you stop using it, the fumes of whiskey and beer will make you ill, the smell of tobacco will cause you nausea. 'You are through with whiskey and rum for good! They'll make you sick, sure,' said the athlete preacher, with emphasis, repeating and repeating it. Addressing the older man, Mr. Cutten asked:— 'How did you get along yesterday? Did you take strong drink?' 'No, sir; not once.' 'Did you see me?' 'Once, on the street only.' 'Did you have any invitation to drink?' 'An old toolmaker who used to work with me asked me in.' 'Did you drink anything at all yesterday?' 'Yes; I went to the pump on the green several times for water.'

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FLASHLIGHT IMPRESSIONS.

The responses were given in nearly inaudible whispers. One needed to be close to the platform to understand. The other patient went through a course of questioning also. He said he had no strong craving for liquor today, and that tobacco nauseated him. The Herald's photographer touched off the flashlight during the conversation between Mr. Cutten and the sleeping man. The flash aroused the younger man, as Mr. Cutten had said it would, but he was promptly put to sleep again. As neither of the men had seen the photographic apparatus, nor had known that a photographer was present, the experimenter was asked to question the man on what awakened him, to determine the genuineness of the surprise. "A flash of lightning," was his reply. "To make sure that the men would not wake up while Mr. Cutten was vincted the victim of neuralgia, who had come from Bridgeport, that he could not treat him, Mr. Cutten stroked both men's eyes again, telling them to "sleep soundly." The spectators in the room were cautioned to keep quiet. In order to demonstrate how powerfully the men were under the hypnotic spell, upon his return to the room Mr. Cutten bade them in succession to make a number of movements of hands and fingers and a variety of other motions.

A SUGGESTED SUNFLOWER.

But most interesting was the exhibition of "post-hypnotic suggestion" in the case of the older patient. Mr. Cutten said to the spectators:— "You see I am wearing neither coat nor waistcoat in this warm room. I shall tell this man that on the coat which I am supposed to wear is a great sunflower, covering half my shoulder. When he wakes he'll see it and speak of it."

This is what followed: "On my coat is a great, bright sunflower. It's a fine, big sunflower. When I call you to awaken tell me what you know about such flowers. Come, wake up." The man stretched out his arms and yawned. His eyes were brighter than when he came into the room and he seemed happier. He glanced at Mr. Cutten as the latter took a chair facing him. A smile grew about his lips and he walked over to the clergyman. "Gee whiz, there's a whooping sunflower. Do you like 'em? When I was a kid I used to dry 'em, big ones, you know, and pull out the seeds to make my initials. That's a fine one you've got, sure enough."

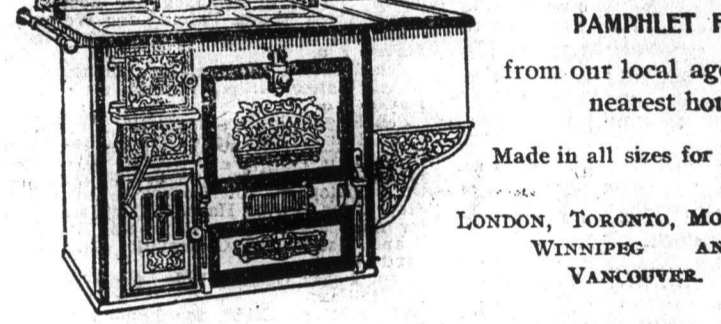
METHODS OF HYPNOTISM.

Mr. Cutten was asked by a spectator why he used the same method of inducing the hypnotic spell on both men, and what were other methods. He replied: "These men are comparatively easy to work with. It took forty minutes with the younger man the first time and briefer periods at each successive trial. 'I try to study the patient's mental and physical makeup at first. Now, with you, for instance, I should try the bright head harness, a paste diamond set on the end of a curved wire that fits about the head so that the glass brilliantly sparkles in plain sight of both eyes. Steadily looking at that in front of this light, and being told that you are sleepy, would induce that state. That was the method used by Dr. James Braid of England, years ago. Another method is to have the patient listen to monotonous tones or to the ticking of a watch, keeping the attention fixed on that noise only. 'But with whatever method is used the will must be surrendered to the operator. One must do as the hypnotist commands. True enough, I have hypnotized men who did not wish to be influenced, but my will had to tire them out. 'Is hypnotism a boon or an evil? Stripped of the occult and as a matter of usefulness, what does it avail? were queries propounded to Mr. Cutten by his clerical audience. 'The hands of a quack it is an evil, undoubtedly,' he said. 'Please make very plain that my work is research work primarily, with such attendant good as science may make possible. I am not a healer, but a seeker after the psychological verities. 'But physicians understand that the application of the placebo in medicine is really a form of hypnotism. Hypnotism is really therapeutic suggestion; the inducing of a state of hyper-sensibility. 'One grave danger of hypnotism in

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those hands of a quack or an evil doer is that bad impressions, frightful, hideous and tormenting ideas, and shocks that do damage to the nervous system may be given. But chloroform and ether may also be abused. Asked as to how he came to take up the investigations, and particularly to choose inebriates as subjects, he said: "I have been studying psychology at Yale for four years, under Professors George T. Ladd, E. Hershey Sneath, George M. Duncan and Edward W. Scripture. For my thesis for the degree of doctor of philosophy I chose the subject, 'The Psychology of Inebriates,' having become deeply interested in men whom I met in my pastoral work. 'Previous to this I had but infrequently used hypnotism. The first time was to try to aid a classmate who was ill with a peculiar malady. I cannot state further what that was. Never have I made use of hypnotism for any purpose save to benefit some one physically or as a matter of scientific research."

THOSE TEARS.

Oh, Mr. Bryan, while you weep And shed such copious tears, Over the Philippines' wrongs, These far-off blessed 'Gears,' Why can't you raise one little sob, One tiny, briny tear, For wrongs a thousandfold more gross, Six thousand miles more near? Not for a far-off treacherous race, Who shoot our brothers down, A semi-savage sullen race, Whose malice makes no bound— But they who oft' in war's wild storm Stand fast and strong have stood, And with the white man's crimson tide Mingled their allied blood. Have you no tear to shed for these Whose cries are seldom heard? Do all their unrequited wrongs Call for no unquitting word? Your multitudinous words are heard For those whose treacherous calm Will glory in the overthrow Of justice's strong right arm. And so we hope, dear Mr. B.— If you and Adlai Shall meet again, o'er other wrongs, To have a little cry, That you will spare a few sad sobe For those who are near at home, As well as for that treacherous horde Who Luzon's forests roam. —J. A. Bassett in New Haven Leader.

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