

Blind Six Years Restored to Sight

Charles Eastman Tries in Vain to Express His Joy on Being Able to See.

New York, Feb. 23.—After being blind for six years, Charles Eastman, of No. 75 West End avenue, is able to see again through a delicate operation on one of his eyes by Dr. O. Schlimmer in the German Hospital. Mr. Eastman was discharged from the German Hospital yesterday, and was able to make his way alone for the first time in six years. He marvelled at the city yesterday distinguishing objects and colors and naming them to those of his family who accompanied him.

His sight is restored in only one eye, and while Mr. Eastman cannot yet see to read or write, he is able to tell various colors and can distinguish objects with ease. But the real sensation of the cure was when he read the time on the face of a small watch. "It is a miracle," exclaimed the man who had been in the dark so long, "I never expected to see the light again, and now I can read large print, and I feel certain that in time I shall be able to read almost as well as I ever could. The first thing that I am going to do is to make a sight-seeing tour around New York. The whole trouble is that I want to go to all the theatres and see so much at once, and I am told by my physician that I must be careful not to strain my good eye before it has fully recovered its strength after the operation."

The operation, according to the physicians at the German hospital, was successful. It entailed the removal of a part of the iris and in this case was successful even beyond the hopes of either the surgeon or the patient. It has not been decided whether it will be well to attempt the operation on the left eye which is still blind. The patient will be permitted to regain his strength and the good eye to recover or entirely before any attempt is made to restore the sight of the other eye.

"If a man wants to appreciate the value of his sight," declared Mr. Eastman, last night, "let him be blind for several years and then have his sight restored. To see the light once more and to recognize the persons whose voices one has heard and known for years, is to be born again."

COULD NOT PUT UP WITH 9 CATS

Too Much Cat Wins Him Divorce.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—Charging that his wife Elizabeth, preferred the companionship of nine cats to his society, Frederick Voss today obtained a divorce before Judge Audenried in the court of common pleas No. 4.

The wife did not appear to defend the action. She was charged with cruel and barbarous treatment and desertion.

The company were married in Wilmington, Del., Oct. 15, 1903, and went to live with the wife's relatives here. Between them, it was testified, the wife and her mother kept nine cats in the house.

The cats were a great annoyance to Voss from the outset. He complained that they conspired to win away his wife's attentions and love from him.

He testified that they made his home an unfit place for him. The cats invariably used his working clothes in the closet for a bed, and even drove him out of his room.

Cat hair, Voss said, was everywhere—in his bed, all over his clothing, and at times he found it even in his food. He also complained of their habits. Voss also alleged that on one Christmas eve his wife and his mother-in-law assaulted him with an axe. He had a further complaint about turning all his wages over to his wife.

"Why didn't you kick the cats out?" interjected F. P. Brightley, who represented the man.

"I would like to have done so, but my wife was a member of the cruelty society, and threatened to have me arrested if I touched her pets."

The jury gave Voss his divorce without leaving the box.

SAILORS OF NAVY GIVE AID TO CUPID

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Lieutenant Stirling, of the battleship Maine, recently unearthed a big secret organization, which might be termed a matrimonial lottery, among the enlisted men of the United States Navy.

According to the Lieutenant, there is a chapter of the organization on board every large vessel in the service. The society was started about six months ago by several men on board the Maine. The original idea was simply to promote matrimony, but since the start it has developed into a sort of an uplift movement.

A man of the society is prepared to marry if he has to submit the name of his fiancée to a committee of the secret organization, whose duty it will be to investigate the character and antecedents of the young woman.

If they find her worthy the marriage is sanctioned and allowed. Every man of the organization is assessed \$10, the bulk sum of which is to be invested in home for the bride and bridegroom.

The organization has about six hundred sailors, so that the bride and bridegroom to a sanctioned marriage would receive about \$6,000 as a wedding present.

Another by-law of the organization is to discountenance marriages until the time of enlistment is about to expire.

Had Boils On Neck and Arms.

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"My boy, of nine years, had a rash come over his back and legs, so we gave him a few doses and now he is all right again."

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VOTED HANDSOMEST DIVORCEE AT RENO

Mrs. Hill, Wife of Wealthy Connecticut Iron Man, Gets Decree for Failure to Provide.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Mary C. Hill, who got her divorce here today from Ebenezer Hill, wealthy iron man, of Connecticut, was voted the handsomest applicant for divorce in this city by those who heard her story of unhappiness.

Mrs. Hill got her uncontested decree on grounds of failure to provide. She told the court that from the time of her marriage, at Brooklyn, in 1901, her husband failed to provide her with any clothing. A short time after their marriage he stopped buying her any of the common necessities of life, she said, leaving her practically on her own resources.

Mrs. Hill is the proprietor of one of the biggest iron works of Connecticut, and also the commanding officer of the Connecticut State Militia. He is a nephew of Ebenezer J. Hill, representative in Congress.

Mrs. Hill left Reno shortly after filing her suit, and it was thought by many that she had abandoned it. She returned and registered as a student at the university of Nevada. One day when she entered the room in which sociology was being taught by Romano Adams, one of the instructors, she was informed that her presence was no longer desired, as the university was not the proper place for divorce seekers.

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INCIDENTS IN THE CROWDED LIFE OF B.-P.

Founder of Boy Scouts Has Had Many Hair-breadth Escapes.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder and chief scout of the British boy scouts, who is now inspecting boy scouts in the eastern states, is one of the British heroes of the Boer war, having earned his fame by his brilliant defense of Mafeking.

In fact, the history of Baden-Powell's life is packed with incidents of daring. When only nineteen he entered the army, being appointed a sub-lieutenant of the 13th Hussars, a crack cavalry regiment, and being sent to India.

From India he was sent to South Africa and participated in the Zululand operations in 1878. From there he went to Malta for three years, and in 1896 he was ordered to Mafeking and from there made many scouting expeditions to various parts of the country.

While the Ungava river had several narrow escapes from death. On one occasion in a fight with natives he had emptied his rifle, and had only his revolver left. "Presently," he said, in narrating the circumstances, "I came on an open stretch of ground, and about eighty yards before me was a Kaffir with a Martini-Henry. He saw me and dropped on one knee and drew a steady bead on me."

"I felt so indignant at this that I rode at him as hard as I could go, calling him every name under the sun. He aimed for an hour, it seemed to me, and it was quite a relief when at last he fired, and a still greater relief when I realized he had clean missed me. Then he jumped up and turned to run, but he had not gone two paces when he cringed as if someone had slapped him hard on the back, then his head dropped and his heels flew up, and he fell on his face, shot by one of our men behind me."

While in Matabeleland, Baden-Powell had abundant opportunity to engage in scouting and learn the art which fits him for leadership in the Boy Scout Movement. He had a native sergeant who called him by a name which means "the beast that doesn't sleep but sneaks about at night," for in those days he used to spend hours of the night in making his way about the veldt and studying the country, the instance which he relates goes to show how Baden-Powell reads the woods.

"I was riding one day while in Matabeleland across an open grass plain with a native scouting," he says. "Suddenly we noticed the grass had been recently trodden down. Following up the track for a short distance, it got on to a patch of sandy ground, and we saw it was the spur of an old woman and boy walking towards some hills about five miles distant, where we believed the enemy to be hiding."

"Then we saw a leaf lying about ten yards off the track. There were several women and boys about a village fifteen miles distant, in a direction from which these tracks led.

"Probably, then, these women had come from that village, bringing the leaf with them, and had gone to the hills. On picking up the leaf, it was damp and smelled of native beer. So we guessed that, according to the custom of these people, they had been carrying pots of native beer on their heads, the mouths of the pots being stopped with bunches of leaves.

"One of these leaves had fallen out, but we found it ten yards off the track which showed at the time it fell a wind had been blowing. There was no wind now, but there had been at about 5 a. m., and it was now nearly 7."

"So we read from these signs that a party of women had brought beer down from the hills, and had taken it to the enemy in the hills, arriving there probably about 6 o'clock. The men would probably start to drink the beer at once, as it goes sour if kept long—and we would by the time we could get there, be getting sleepy from it, so we should have a favorable chance of reconnoitering their positions. We accordingly followed the women's tracks, found the enemy, made our observations, and got away with our information without any difficulty. Organized irregulars."

Just before the Boer war broke out Baden-Powell was sent to South Africa to organize a force of irregulars and prevent any native uprising in the country surrounding Mafeking. The government did not believe that in the event of war that place would be attacked. Baden-Powell, however, took it upon himself to be prepared in the event of an attack, and it was through his foresight, his personal courage and ability that Mafeking held out for seven long months against the Boers.

It was not long after war was declared that General Cronje surrounded Mafeking. Until the day of relief there were practically daily attacks on the little town. In those days, when the Boers surrounded the town, Baden-Powell would go out at night past the sentries to do scouting.

Many of the things he learned on these night trips enabled him to forestall the attacks of the enemy. In all those days when the food supplies were running low, and many of the defenders were ill and others wounded, Baden-Powell was alert and cheerful. His confidence gave inspiration to his men and his bravery and resourcefulness won for him their admiration.

During the siege of Mafeking a writer describes him as follows: "He is eminently a man of determination, with great physical endurance and capacity and extraordinary reticence. Outwardly he maintains an impenetrable screen of self-control. He seems ever to hold himself to be on guard against a moment in which he should be swept by some unnatural and spontaneous enthusiasm."

Among his feats that stand out in the course of the defense of Mafeking was the engagement on May 12, 1900, when the Boer besiegers, knowing that relief was on the way to the garrison, made their final desperate attempt to storm the town. But Baden-Powell's men, who for months had kept themselves alive on mule soup as a staple diet and locusts as luxuries, after fourteen hours of fighting, outmanoeuvred and totally defeated the Boers. When Mafeking was relieved five days later the people of this country joined with those of England in hailing Baden-Powell as a hero.

Ever since retiring from the army, Baden-Powell has given his time to

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Mrs. George F. Barnes, Goodrich street, was at home to a large number of guests on Thursday afternoon. Miss Barnes received with her mother, Mrs. LeB. Wilson and Mrs. Robert Plump-ton presided at a very pretty table, decorated with red carnations, those assisting in the dining room were Miss Christine, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McDiarmid, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Philips, Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Mrs. Charles Cowan, Miss Minnie Myles, Mrs. F. N. Chalmers, Mrs. Gandy, Mrs. John Geo. Parkes, Mrs. N. C. Scott, Miss Wade, Mrs. James Johnstone, Mrs. Hamm, Miss Cochrane, Mrs. F. Skinnor, Miss Wisley, Mrs. C. K. Cameron, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. H. J. Fleming, Mrs. Wm. Nase, Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. C. B. Lockhart, Mrs. Joseph Lively, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. H. C. Page, Mrs. Flaglor, Mrs. Langley, Miss Dave, Miss Lockhart, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Barnes, Miss Christine, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McDiarmid, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Philips, Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Mrs. Charles Cowan, Miss Minnie Myles, Mrs. F. N. 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