

NOTICE.

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Few things in the war present a more striking contrast than the almost magical manner in which our wounded heroes of to-day are being healed of even the most terrible wounds compared with the poor fellows who got maimed when fighting their country's battles long ago. The treatment meted out to the wounded in the so-called "good old days" was the most barbarous thing imaginable. Imagine the torture of having boiling oil poured into an open wound. Yet up to the beginning of the sixteenth century boiling oil was considered the best dressing for gunshot wounds. It must be remembered, too, that gunshot wounds in those days were hideous, made as they were by a big, roughly-cast leaden bullet fired at short range. The shock to the system was also far greater than that caused by the modern high velocity bullet, which in most cases makes a clean puncture, although, of course, these wounds become ugly if they are not dressed properly and at once.

Another barbarous remedy was that used after amputation of arms and legs—that of boiling tar as a dressing. This remedy was also used for any injury which required cauterizing. It was not until the beginning of the last century that the evils of the remedies mentioned were realized. The badly-wounded Tommy in the old days hadn't a dog's chance to recover. In the Crimea, until the advent of Florence Nightingale and her heroic band of nurses, the conditions for succoring the wounded were a disgrace to the nation, and William Howard Russell didn't forget to let the world know it.

To-day, happily, the wounded warrior has a better chance to recover from practically any type of wound than any soldier ever had before. All the accumulated science and skill of the surgical and medical fraternity of the warring nations is being concentrated on the men who have been battered and maimed in battle. Marvels of surgery are being performed daily by these cool-headed, clever-handed doctors, whose wonderful skill and nerve in carrying through operations of the most appalling nature is in most cases crowned with complete success.

The war has furnished at once a test and a triumph for the science of healing. Within a few hours of receiving their wounds on the field of battle the soldiers of to-day are being cared for, and in many cases cured in the most elaborately equipped of British hospitals.

"If you want to see miracles," said the chief medical officer of one of the large beneficent institutions to a press representative recently, "I can show you some here—miracles of modern surgery." And he was as good as his word.

Hobbling along one of the wide corridors of the hospital came a soldier—one of the heroes of Hill 60, when he had "got it badly," he expressed it. The doctor explained his case to the pressman, and it was a most extraordinary one. He had been hurled over from France in a dying condition, with the abdomen and intestines terribly shattered by a shell. By all the tenets of surgery he had not half an hour to live. But within twenty minutes of his arrival at the hospital he had been operated upon. A new bladder and other organs were actually made for him, and from that moment his progress was slow but sure. He has since been discharged from the hospital feeling wonderfully fit.

Even more remarkable, however—and the doctor was quick to admit it—were the cases of natural healing. There were several men—two of them just back from the Dardanelles—whom a bullet had completely traversed and yet left organically unharmed. In one instance the bullet had entered through the neck, missed the main carotid arteries, pierced both lungs, escaped the aorta and emerged under the arm. With the exception of the trifling flesh wounds and one of the punctured lungs (of which a little care had naturally to be taken at first), the patient was undamaged. A week or two saw him well again!

The astonishing feature of this case, as the doctor pointed out, was the fact that the bullet had, as it seemed, deliberately described the curve round the danger zone. No surgeon in the world, he declared, could have directed a crenette along the course taken by the bullet.

Bullet wounds of the lung provided no large vessels are touched are sel-

gents look somewhat astonished when he tells them that he has already done a bit in France. The story says much for modern surgery and surgical appliances and for the cheerful soldier.

A Paris doctor has just performed a successful operation by means of the new system of radio-logical localization. It consisted in the extraction of a shrapnel bullet from the right auricle of a wounded soldier's heart. The precision of this method has enabled a number of other wonderful operations to be performed, including the extraction of buttons and coins embedded in the lungs, the brain and the liver.

The doctor who is the inventor of the radio-surgical compass employed in the new method lost an arm some time ago as the result of accident during his experiments.

One of the most remarkable and humane features of modern warfare is that bullet wounds of the brain are no longer necessarily fatal, as they almost invariably were in the days of the Martini and "Brown Bess." In such wounds brain matter may protrude from entrance and exit apertures, a phenomenon apparently due not so much to the direct action of the bullet as to subsequent pressure set up by the pathological changes. A soldier walked four miles after the battle of Magersfontein with brain substance emerging from each side of his head, yet this man made quite a good recovery.

There have been a number peculiarly interesting "head" cases in the present war. One soldier had a large hole driven in the frontal region of his scalp. The wound was cleaned up, a number of bone fragments were removed, and several weeks later the man was stated to be progressing favorably.

A gentleman describing the work at the Australian voluntary hospital, Boulogne, quotes the case of a soldier, the vortex of whose skull had been shattered by a glancing wound. There was extensive paralysis of the limbs on both sides, without coma. An operation was performed at once, and the removal of the shattered splinters of bone was followed by much improvement, with every prospect of a complete recovery.

Sergt. Parsons, formerly a gymnast-instructor at the Brecon depot, attached to the 24th regiment, South Wales Borderers, who was wounded at the front, returned to Brecon after undergoing a remarkable and successful hospital treatment. During the lighting in the La Basse region Sergt. Parsons was wounded in the skull and the injury rendered him absolutely deaf and blind. On the eleventh day he regained consciousness, and underwent a serious operation, as the result of which he has now regained his sight and hearing, of which faculties he was deprived for sixteen days.

IMMATURETY

You say that you love me, your eyes are as bright
As the vault of the shining blue heavens above you;
Your smile is as buoyant, your footsteps as light
As it was that first day when you knew was to love you.

You have pledged me your word, you have given your hand,
From those fresh sweet young lips I may take my full measure
Of sweets, I may kiss you, caress or command,
But I cannot possess you, my fugitive treasure.

Your soul is as far as your dear form is near,
You know nothing of love save the name and its sound;
And I cannot teach you, I only can fear
That the fetters will gall—they are better unbound.


So I give you your freedom, and thus as I found you—
A fair thoughtless child, do I leave you again;
It is scarcely your fault if my plumb could not sound you,
The depths must be there, though I sought them in vain.

You cannot comprehend when I speak in this fashion,
You are grieved, you are angry; some day you will know
Both love's strength and love's weakness, the power of its passion,
And your smile will grow rarer, your footsteps more slow.

For the present I leave you, sweet snowdrop, still hidden,
Sleep on, woman-heart; when that lesson is spelled
You will know why I needs must relinquish unbidden
The hand that you gave since the heart was with held!

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