## UNDER THE KNIFE.

 H5 $\overline{\mathrm{B}} .6$.The critical moment has arrived, 0 having undressed myself, I take a las
look around and mount the table, wher 1 am at onceseized on and arranged for the convenience of carving by the two
aids-de-camp. Mr, C., who, with his sleeves tucked up, has been standing in such a position as to screen the little what-not and its glittering load from my sight, takes a las look at the wound, evidently deternining in his own mind
lik pacdes opat whife he will make Hie paccse sph where he will make or two, nods to Dr.
himelf behind me. The genteman stepe forward and commences to apply the chtoroform. The instrument he uses for this purpose appear to me to partake sery much of the form of
meerschaum pipe, in the bowl of which is flaced a sponge containing the fluid, a cover fitting tightly over the top of the bowl. The long pipe stem termin-
ates into a cup intendel to cover the ates mot a cup intendel to cover the
nose and mouth of the patient. At the upper end of the stem is a valve or stop.
cock which regulates the amount of vapor to be inhnled. 1 am told to draw long deep inspirations as stealily and
slowly as posible, and for two or thece slowly as ponible, and for two or three
seconds the onily effect 1 perceive is a slight choking sensation which makes me gasp for breath. Then, however, see him turn on the stopeock a little The objects in the room liecome blurred and dance before my cyes, my brai begins to throb and whirl in my head amil feel a weight like lead on my
heart. And now my hlood beginy ti hearl. And now my blood beginy to
surge violently through my veins, and beats like a slelge hammer on my temples; every nerve in my body tingles wilder; the mom nushes round and round, I cannot lear it, I cannot breathe: 1 try to struggle, and feel I can jus raise my arm, which, in my state of semi-consciousnoss, I perceive in at once
held down by one of those ahominable tudents, who is doubtles enjoying the pectacce amazingly, and gloating ove my distress. A roaring sound fills my cans, I shall dic; I strive to raise myself
to struggle, hut I canoot move. I try to scream, I try to breathe, I gaop wild. to scream, 1 try to breathe, 1 gaop wild
$1 y, 1$ am suffocating, $1-1$ A pause, a long sensible pause, at the
and of which I feel that I have heen aslecp; and then I am gradually awoke by hearing the gentle splash of water distanetly, and I know at once what it is; but for a king'» ransom I could not open my eyes, or stir hand or foot. I am conscros, lrut motionless. I hear the murmut of soices, but cannot distinguish what is said. Presunty there that they are sprinkling my face; but though I hear it fall on the pillow, i camot feel it: and now I hear the voic esonec more. This time I can distin. guish what is said. It is D. S... speaking, and he says " He is coming
tound fast." Another moment and 1 can open my eyes, Dr.S-is stand which he is sprinkling my face and bath. ing my temples, though salily enough, er. Mr. C- is standing with his back to me washing his hands, and one of the pupils is packing op the mahog. any box, while the other is watehing me
with a look which sems to much like one ot regret that it is all overy, and that there is no more to be seen. The nure is cartying away the two
buckets, and I canevensecthat the wa. ter is sery rool. I see all thisat a Pa $t$ ter is perfectly couscious, and ag ict I cance; feel nothing. Not only am I free from pain, but there is a numbness over all my limbs. I cannot feel my own touch, Thase nosensation whatever. In this state 1 am lifted into bed and placed in a comfortable position, not even the tally, however, alieht tingin. Grath unly, however, a slight tingling comes takes place when a hand or foot has what is commonlvafalled, gone to sleep This is succeeded by the smarting pain at the seat of the wound, which increas es in intensity until, after some minutes; it becomes very severe. Sensation has returned to my body, and with it comes the after pain of the operation. This of course is all the more severe because
thave been spared the torture of the


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