

EDWARD HUGH MARTIN, CURED OF DRUG HABIT, TELLS OF ITS HORRORS

Man in Prison Hopes Movement Will Be Inaugurated to Banish From Earth Opium, Greatest enemy to Mankind.

One year in jail, with a watchful jailer to stand guard, is the one and only cure for the drug fiend. So says Edward H. Martin, who has tried this cure himself. For over one year, since his arrest on the charge of murdering Nathan Wolff in the latter's pawnshop on First street, he has been confined in the county jail, and now he says: "I fairly revel in the joy of being once more a man."

Martin depicts opium and kindred drugs as a monster that destroys will power, and leaves its victim helpless unless he is put behind bars and all drugs are kept away from him. It is not cruel to do this, he says, for if the wretched victim dies under the treatment he had better be dead than alive with opium as his master.

Just now Martin's attorneys are making an effort to secure a pardon from Governor Benson. One of the chief grounds for their action is their asserted confidence that Martin is himself again and will make a good citizen if released. A new picture of Martin, taken by The Journal photographer a few days ago, presents a strong contrast with the "dope fiend" face revealed by the camera at the time of his arrest.

Martin tells The Journal his experience as a "dope fiend," and gives a powerful description of that cruel, merciless monster, whose almost relentless grasp holds in a thrall millions of victims throughout the world. The far-reaching effect of drug addiction can not be imagined, much less accurately determined, and only such as have had the opportunity of observing a bright intellectual and promising young man gradually lose his ambition, sink into an oblivion worse than death can understand the full import of the assertion that drug addiction constitutes a most effective barrier to the elevation of some of our brightest minds, and too frequently clouds the most brilliant intellects.

Many Forms of Addiction.

There are many forms of drug addiction to be found throughout the world, each peculiar to some one locality or country, but standing out prominently above all the rest is to be found that ancient, blood-curdling, soul-destroying monster, opium, with its maniacs of slavery, already forged wherever the vilest monster exists. Thousands upon thousands of opium addicts exist in the United States today. When England introduced the drug into this country, she bound that happy, prosperous, powerful nation in bonds of abject slavery, and utterly destroyed the manhood and integrity of the nation as to leave her wallowing in the depths of her degradation, a prey to her enemies outside her borders, a helpless victim to the far more terrible enemy within her borders. The most horrible monster that has ever known was visited upon China, and until that curse is wiped away the dawn of her awakening is among the nations of the earth must remain a problem looking to the future for solution. China is but a small nation, and the medical enslavement of an entire nation. I venture to assert that when our own people get an intelligent insight into the conditions that exist within our own borders in regard to the ever increasing addiction to opium, they will be as shocked as the nations of the world, and a demand that the monster opium must be throttled and wiped from the face of the earth will be heard.

Viewing Entirely Too Lightly.

We have arrived at the day when the remark "He is a dope fiend," or "she is a dope fiend," is but a trifle, and is not used to describe some one of that class who is nothing more or less than a living corpse. The monster what a living corpse in life has been, though he has ever been a useful, intelligent, lovable member of society, just as soon as his enslavement to drugs becomes public knowledge, just as soon as he is avoided, passed up, so to speak, beyond the pale of respectable society. Sympathy or help are considered as wasted if expended upon a dope fiend. By the ignorant or those who do not know because they have never taken the trouble to inform themselves, the "dope fiend" is one who is so engrossed in satiating his appetite for the drug that he will not exert his will power, that he will not rouse his manhood to the power of denying himself the use of his accustomed drug.

No Will of His Own.

Every victim when he first realizes that he is enslaved, determined in his own poor deluded way that he will break away and save himself. What a delusion! The hold of the monster upon its victim is such that no victim alone and unaided can break the fetters. The mental anguish and physical suffering attendant upon the break with opium are such that no victim can nor will endure it if it is within his power to escape. No matter what the degree of manhood, or strength of will power, that existed before enslavement, nothing remains to fight the insidious foe, until it has obtained judgment. The drug daily incapacitates the noble, busy physician, defiles the sacred desk, sullies the ermine of the bench, ruthless, enters every profession and fastens its terrible and merciless fangs upon every class of people. No station in life is exempt from the baneful influences of this steadily growing evil of drug addiction, all classes contribute their quota to the insatiable army, without a leader, invariably meet the same fate.

Treatment Little Understood.

The treatment of drug addiction is so little understood by physicians in general that it is almost universally regarded as an incurable disease, and by their inattention to it they practically confess themselves inadequate to the task of curing it. Thousands of men who can afford to pay for a cure are seeking everywhere to secure that cure without undergoing the almost unbearable torture that ensues upon withdrawal of the drug. We find all over the country so-called "painless cures," extensively advertised. Some guarantee a cure in 48 hours or the money refunded, others guarantee a cure in from 10 days to 15 days, and what is the result? These poor deluded victims are fleeced of their money and left more firmly than ever in the grip of the drug monster.

Just think of it! A terrible disease of from 5 to 10 to 15 years' duration, guaranteed to be cured in 48 hours to 2 weeks. All of them consist in the administration of powerful drugs as a substitute for opium. The purpose of the substitution is to produce an analogous condition so that the torture attendant upon opium withdrawal will not be felt. Such a condition may last for a comparatively short time, but the release is sure and certain, for medical science knows no drug that can take the place of opium or any of its alkaloids.

Bought Release for Years.

When a victim of drug using, I traveled over the country, only one of an army of others, seeking ever seeking a release from the thrall of drug slavery. I tried many "cures," experimented with all sorts and kinds of drugs, talked with and observed fellow victims, gave extensive and exhaustive study to the subject, and at last,



Edward H. Martin, Who Writes on the Drug Evil.

after giving up all hope of escape from the inevitable end, I was arrested, an innocent man, charged with a horrible and brutal crime. Had I not been a "dope fiend," I would not have been arrested, but as I was a "dope fiend," I was most fervently for having been arrested.

"Today I am a free man, free from shackles more binding than all the steel bars forged by the hand of man. In jail, yet no man ever rejoiced in the possession of freedom more than I rejoice in the freedom I now enjoy. The joy of being once more a man. If ever a man was born again, I am that man."

Prison the Only Cure.

"Let me say that it is possible for every victim of drug addiction outside the United States to obtain the freedom that I now enjoy if the simple conditions that are necessary to produce the result are furnished. A jail, call it hospital, sanatorium or whatever else you like, but a jail it must be, and with it the most important condition of all, a jailer in charge, incorruptible, unwavering in his duty, ever watchful and wakful, determined that the victim will not die, and save that he will recover if only he is successful in keeping the drug away from the sufferer. Such a jailer has H. Perry Hunter, more familiarly known as 'Dad' Hunter, proven himself to be. Terrible and inhuman did his treatment seem to be at the time, but it was the one and only treatment, for without it I would be today a 'dope fiend,' to whom death would prove the greatest earthly kindness I could desire."

This is the treatment advocated by Professor Levinstein of Germany, which has invited so much criticism as being cruel and inhuman. It is the one, the only one cure for addiction to opium or its alkaloids. Confinement in a jail for one year, beginning with the drug, maintaining the utmost vigilance in the guarding of the patient until a physician known personally to be such again returned, and I, who have been through it all, from beginning to end, will stake my life that a complete cure

will be obtained. If the patient dies under the treatment, he were better dead than a living human wreck, a source of grief and sorrow to all he is leaving behind him, a menace to society, dead while apparently alive. It is a terrible disease and nothing short of a most heroic remedy can or will suffice.

What Opium Is.

Opium is the concrete, milky exudation obtained in the Orient by incising the unripe capsules of poppy (papaver somniferum). Chemically, opium is a mixture of a large number of substances, containing besides glucose, fat, gum, albumen, ascorbic acid, etc., not less than 18 different alkaloids, many of which are, however, present in minute quantities. Ordinary opium contains from 8 to 15 per cent of morphine, which is the active principle of opium. Besides morphine, there are heroin and diacetylmorphine, and a host of other alkaloids, all of which are equally potent. The total weight of all of them together, for opium contains them all.

"The world existed for centuries before opium was ever dreamed of, and whatever help opium gives suffering humanity in the alleviation of pain is a million times outweighed by the suffering and tortures it brings to the victim that strew its path. As the good the opium does can so well be spared, the great object of removing this terrible menace to the peace and happiness of humanity can be accompanied by rooting out its source of supply, destroying that particular species of poppy wherever found. If it is essential that a supply must be maintained for legitimate medicinal purposes, let that supply be guarded by most adequate and stringent laws."

Good System in Austria.

In Austria, for instance, opium or any of its alkaloids can be obtained only at the store of a regular registered pharmacist and then only upon the prescription of a regularly authorized physician known personally to be such by the dispensing druggist. Any prescription so filled must be filed with the district health officer within 24

MONKEY EXILED TO TRUNK ROOM

Leaving Millionaire Lady to Mourn—Troubles of the Hanburys.

(United Press Lined Wire.)
San Francisco, June 6.—Another difficulty has arisen in the marital affairs of millionaire David Hanbury, hunter and African explorer, and his beautiful young wife. Assistant Manager O. Rich of the Fairmont hotel figures prominently in the distressing affair, as does a diminutive, wisened African monkey, the cherished pet of Mrs. Hanbury.

Yesterday the Hanbury's arrived from London, bringing with them the monkey. In the retinue of the hotel Mrs. Hanbury held the blanketed African in her arms and administered many touching caresses.

The trouble began when Rich delivered the ultimatum that the little animal must be kept in the baggage room of the hotel. Mrs. Hanbury was indignant, and it is even stated that he posted a standing offer of \$10 to the man who would shoot it.

Mrs. Hanbury, however, was indignant and immediately threatened trouble. "I won't go into the cold baggage room every time I want to caress my pet," she is reported to have said. "And besides, he will suffer terribly from the cold out there. He is used to different treatment."

Despite Mrs. Hanbury's protests, Rich was obdurate, and the monkey was quartered in the trunk room. He is visited almost hourly by his worried owner, who is said to be in a state of nervousness from his young wife created a sensation here. They were reconciled while the case was before the court.

Hanbury's trip to London was made in an effort to recover Island No. 2, near Vallojo, which Hanbury transferred to his brother John while the divorce suit was pending. The island is a valuable piece of property, and it is rumored that John refused to sanction its return to his brother.

SHEEP THRIVE ON DESERT ISLANDS

Bangor, Me., June 6.—When an island off the Maine coast is good for nothing else it is turned into maritime sheep ranch. Much money has been made in that way, men from other states having invested large sums in the purchase of islands and stock. The sheep are turned

loose and left to get a living as best they can. They get along very well and are usually fat when their owners come with boats to take them off for slaughter in the fall. On some of the islands there is no water whatever, but the sheep get what moisture they need from the heavy dews, and where grass is scrubby and scarce the animals cultivate a fondness for various kinds of seaweeds—which diet is said to give an excellent flavor to the mutton.

A few years ago complaint was made by well-meaning but poorly informed persons of the supposed cruelty of leaving sheep to take care of themselves, without shelter, on these barren windswept isles, but it has been demonstrated that the sheep suffer no hardship, or they would not thrive as they do.

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LORD BARRINGTON IDENTIFIED AGAIN

St. Louis, June 6.—Mrs. J. L. Dow of Kansas City, who is visiting here, identified pictures of Seymour F. Barrington, the bogus English lord serving a life term in Missouri's penitentiary for the murder of Turfman James P. McGann, as Robert Baldwin, whom she knew in Indianapolis 23 years ago and who she says served a term of 18 months for attacking a young girl there. She says she assisted in rearing Baldwin's son, now 21 years old and living at Colorado Springs.

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NEWS FORECAST OF COMING WEEK

Washington, June 5.—The senate debates on the tariff bill will be enlivened by the vote on the Bailey income tax amendment, which has been fixed for Thursday.

President Taft so far has made no public engagements for the week. Thursday afternoon at the White House he will present gold medals to Wilbur and Orville Wright on behalf of the Aero club of America.

Secretary of War Dickinson will attend the graduation exercises at the United States Military academy at West Point on Friday and deliver addresses to the members of the graduating class. The new battleship Michigan, one of the most formidable fighting machines afloat, is to be given the first of her official trials off the New England coast.

The opening of the Queensborough bridge, spanning the East river between Manhattan and Long Island, will be made the occasion for a notable celebration in New York on Saturday. The bridge is one of the largest structures of its kind in the world.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., will be celebrated with a national conference on criminal law and criminology.

Another interesting event of similar nature will be the celebration of the centennial of Miami University, the oldest of Ohio's colleges.

Interest throughout the south will hold forth in Memphis during the first four days of the week. The reunion will culminate Friday in the unveiling of the Stephen D. Lee monument in the Vicksburg national park. Prominent participants in the unveiling ceremonies will include Henry Watterson, who is to deliver the oration; General Clement A. Evans of the United Confederate Veterans, and General Frederick D. Grant, representing the war department of the United States.

Many notable conventions are on the calendar for the week. Included among them are the meetings of the American Medical association at Atlantic City, the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at Buffalo, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Louisville, the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association at Birmingham, the Southern Commercial Secretaries' association at Atlanta, and the American Water Works association at Milwaukee.

Of interest to Americans in the field of foreign news will be the jubilee celebration of the American college in Rome, the International Horse show and the Imperial Press Conference in London, and the International Dairy Congress at Budapest.

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