

BUT DAMN IT, HE CURES THEM

An Interesting Story Written By Dr. Wm. Smith, a Seven-year Graduate of Edinburg, Scotland.

"But damn it—he cures them!" These were the words that first interested me in osteopathy, that led me to meet Dr. Still, and that laid the foundation for ten years of hard work in the interests of the science.

I was in Kirksville, Mo., in the month of June, 1892. In an office on the south side of the square I met Dr. McCarthy, who was bitterly expressing his feelings at the decline of medical practice in the town, stating that "an old quack had killed business." I remarked that nothing would please me more were I in practice, than the presence of a quack; he would make business. To that McCarthy replied in the words with which I begin this article. I told him that, in that case, if he cured the people, he was, in my opinion, no quack, but simply a man of greater experience. I backed up my opinion by going over to see the so-called quack.

I found an office in an old log cottage, which was simply filled with persons reciting to one another wonders which they had either experienced themselves or seen others experience. I remained, made an appointment for half an hour of the doctor's time, that evening at the Pool hotel, and waited from that moment impatiently for the evening to come. At that office I had heard enough to interest me.

At the appointed hour the Old Doctor entered my room. Our conversation lasted—not half an hour, but four hours. I sat entranced; the theories he introduced were so novel, so contrary to all I had ever read or heard that I failed to follow his reasoning. Arguments as to their impossibility were simply met with the one statement: "But it is so; there are no 'ifs' and 'ands' about it; I do what I tell you, and the people get well." At length I asked for proof, and until two o'clock the next morning I was going from boarding-house to boarding-house seeing patients and getting confirmation. I was satisfied that cures were made—of that there could be no doubt. But let me interrupt myself. Before ever I saw Dr. Still I knew that McCarthy's statement that he did cure was true, for McCarthy told me at that time that Dr. Still had cured him eight months before of asthma of long standing.

To make a long story short, we sat and talked on the stoop of Dr. Still's house 'till four o'clock, and when I went back to the hotel it was with the understanding that in July I would come to Kirksville to teach Anatomy to a small class and myself to learn osteopathy. What an example we have here! As Dr. Henry Marks said to me at the City hospital in the October of that year: "Still is a philanthropist, but a fool; he could keep that knowledge to himself and his family—make himself and them all rich; but he gives it to the world. We need more men like that."

Our little class opened in September. I can shut my eyes now and see that gathering in a small back room at the tumble-down cottage. Eighteen students were there (the class had subsequently twenty-three members), and each and every one there was there not for the money there was in it, but had either been a sufferer and was cured by osteopathy or a close friend had been. Mamie Harter, Hatten, Ward (who afterwards claimed that he had been the true discoverer) and others had been cured; Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Peters had seen children raised from crippledom to health; Bird and Hill had seen parents' lives saved, and so with all. The class was conducted in a very primitive manner. No bodies could be procured, so the skeletons and manikin only were used. Enthusiasm reigned; harmony was perfect.

In the Globe-Democrat one Sunday in October appeared the first newspaper notice of osteopathy. A page article headed "A Missouri Mecca" gave a fair statement of the condition of matters at Kirksville. The reporter came was a sensible and thinking man; he saw there only a beginning, but he was sharp enough to see that much. He could have gone away and made a funny story out of it, for there was much which would tickle the risible faculties of the unthinking. But he saw below the surface; he saw men and women in earnest. He conversed with those who had been benefited. I look upon that pioneer article as one of the greatest tributes ever paid to a great truth.

In March, 1893, I left Kirksville and shortly afterwards went to Kansas City. The school did not meet regularly for some time, and when it did was conducted on lines somewhat similar, but slightly in advance of the elementary form which existed in the first class. In 1894 I returned to Kirksville at the request of Dr. Still and then began the true work by all of building up a truly scientific institution, which should be able to withstand all criticism. Bodies were, with great difficulty, procured for dissection, and the teaching of anatomy, to my delight, became earnest and thorough. With all branches the same thoroughness was carried out. All was not done in a day, but as each new branch was added to the curriculum it was taught properly from the beginning. It is a curious fact that, with the single exception of chemistry, I taught every subject in the school. I only held the subject long enough to get it in capable hands, then turned it over. This paper may seem as though it were all "I," but the truth is that I am proud of my work for osteopathy and the American School.

Then there were forty-six students, all eager for further information than on the subjects of anatomy and osteopathy. In 1898 there were over 700; instead of two teachers, the faculty had a membership of eighteen; every subject taught in a medical school, save Materia Medica, was taught. Surely a marvelous record. But it was no marvel. In 1892 I had foreseen that as soon as the growth which would come should begin it would be rapid. At the first lecture which I delivered (the first lecture ever delivered in an osteopathic school), I had prophesied that ten years would see that frame cottage replaced by a handsome brick building; that the class of eighteen would swell to a school attendance of over five hundred and that there would be five hundred practitioners in the field. All laughed. "That prophecy was fulfilled in less than five years. What has made the success of osteopathy? Honesty and loyal work, self-sacrifice and devotion to a great principle; loyalty to the truth, to man and to woman. And, let me add, that the essential source of the success of Dr. Still and osteopathy comes from the very truth of that remark of Dr. McCarthy: "Damn it, he cures them!"

I cannot go further back than 1892 of my own knowledge—back to the days in 1865, when Dr. Still and Maj. Abbott hiding from the bushwhackers out in a corn field in Kansas, meditated and thought on these lines; to the day in 1874 when Dr. Still stumbled on his first truth; to the time in 1879 when Ward was carried to him on a stretcher at Eldorado Springs, to find out if he could be cured of his asthma. These were before my time; but my experience in osteopathy, my knowledge of it, leads me to look for a great future for it. The seed has been sown; the soil has been tilled and tilled; the growth, so far, has been vigorous. The future lies in the hands of the men and women who are now practicing it. If they are faithful to their trust all will be well, and it is my confidence in their faith, their loyalty and their devotion, which leads me to augur a great future for the science to which the best years of my life have been devoted.—William Smith, M. D., D. O., Kirksville, Mo.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Johnson, the professional pianist tuner, at The Lerona till Aug. 5th.

D. W. Sears of Portland, is in the city this week.

Baswell Gregory of Medford, has been spending a few days at the home of D. O. Taylor.

Croft Bros. have secured the contract for painting the public school building and will soon begin work on same.

A deal will likely be consummated this week whereby Vernon J. Brown will become owner of the Kirkland Pharmacy. Inventory is now being taken and it is practically a settled fact that the transfer of the property will be made.

Miss Katie Dunsmore, Registrar of the Oregon State Normal School, and her brother, B. Fay, will leave on Saturday for Vancouver, B. C., where they will spend their vacation visiting relatives and friends. They will be gone about three weeks.

The summer school at Monmouth closes this evening. It has been a successful term, and the attendance numbered more than 150. Students and teachers gave a social last evening in honor of the closing, and this was attended by several from here.

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DEPARTMENT NO. 2.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

J. L. Hanna, S. C. Hanna, H. H. Hanna and J. I. Hanna, Plaintiffs,

vs.

Thomas Ora Clodfelter, Guy Sharp, Sada (Sarah E.) May, and Will May, her husband, Solomon Tetherow, Jr., and Mrs. Nancy Jane Tetherow, a wife, Mahala Woods, William Chase, Noah W. Leabo, B. F. Smith, Clarence V. Clodfelter, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants.

To Thomas Ora Clodfelter, Guy Sharp, Sada (Sarah E.) May and Will May, her husband, Solomon Tetherow, Jr., and Mrs. Nancy Jane Tetherow, his wife, Mahala Woods, William Chase, Noah W. Leabo, B. F. Smith, Clarence V. Clodfelter, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit:—On or before the 9th day of August, 1912; and if you fail so to answer the said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief in said complaint demanded to-wit:

That all adverse claims of defendants to the premises therein described be determined by a decree of said Court, and that by said decree it be declared and adjudged that plaintiffs are the owners of said premises and entitled to possession thereof, and that defendants have no estate, title, or interest whatever therein and that defendants be forever barred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said premises adverse to the plaintiffs; that certain mortgages therein mentioned be satisfied of record, and for such other and further relief as to equity seemeth just. Said premises are described as follows: Commencing 34 feet N. of the S. W. corner of lot 4 in fractional block 2 in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County, Ore.; thence N. 21ft, thence E. 8ft; thence South 21 feet; thence West 86 feet to the place of beginning; also Beginning at a point 55 feet North from the S. W. corner of Fraet. Block 2 in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County Oregon, thence East 86 feet; thence North 17 feet; thence West 86 feet; thence South 17 feet to the place of beginning.

This summons, by order of the Hon. Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made and dated at Chambers in the City of Dallas, in said County, on the 24th day of June, 1912, is served upon you by publication thereof for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 9th day of August, 1912, in the Independence Enterprise, a newspaper of weekly general circulation, published at Independence, in said county of Polk. The date of first publication of this summons is June 28th, 1912, and the last August 9th, 1912.

B. F. SWOPE,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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M. F. White is painting his barn this week.

Mrs. S. L. Conates has been quite ill the past week.

Frank Farmer was in Dallas Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis was a Sunday visitor at Sol Crowley's home.

Finley Edgar and family visited with relatives in Dallas Sunday.

Clarence McCrow of McCoy, was a Sunday visitor at George Smith's.

Cass Riggs and son, Cecil, made a business trip to Salem Tuesday.

Roy Gilbert and Walter Vigles have been helping Ed White haul his hay.

J. R. Williamson and J. D. Barber have nearly completed their new barns.

John A. Gasser of Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday at J. W. Allen's.

Miss Addie Boydston, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Lewis, returned to her home in Dallas Sunday.

A number from here attended the ice cream social at Perrydale Saturday evening and all report a good time.

Mr. Collins' tent burned Wednesday night. It seemed to burst suddenly into flames. Several hurried to their rescue, but were unable to save any of the contents of the tent.

AMERICAN BOTTOMS

The hop growers are still spraying hops.

Two of Thomas McClellan's children are ill.

Peter Shafer is working for Frank Turner this week.

Mr. Bingham and son are ditching for Mr. Porterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaffer were Independence visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner spent Sunday with their son, Frank.

It seems that the whooping cough scare was a false alarm in this vicinity, there being only one case.

Thomas McClellan made a trip to Raymond, Wash., last week looking for a location. He thinks he will move there in a short time.

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