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He Helped Suffering Humanity and
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The worst railroad wreck I ever saw developed a real hero in the person of a morphine addict.

The transcontinental sleeper in which I was a passenger was going through the deserts of Utah. I had just finished shaving when there was a terrific crash, and the car began to roll over and over down the high railway embankment. When it stopped I managed to crawl through a broken window. The porter of the car in which I was traveling emerged through the shattered window behind me. I told him I was a doctor, that among my effects he would find an instrument case and a small hypodermic pocket set, and he returned to get them for me.

Knowing that the greatest need for my services would be in the vicinity of the engine—for it was a head-on collision—I went as fast as possible to this locality. Near the locomotives I came across the body of one of the engineers, whose leg was almost severed, the blood from a torn artery spurting high in the air. With the towel still in my hand with which I had been drying my face at the time of the accident I made a tourniquet, and, jerking a rib from the bleached bones of a coyote's carcass lying near, tightened it until the red flow was stanch.

To the gathering passengers I announced that I was a physician and would take charge of the injured as they brought them to me. An operating table was improvised from the door of the baggage car, seats and trunks, and as the wounded arrived I gave whatever first aid was possible. The excited but un-hurt hysterical women were calmed by being ordered to make bandages from sheets commandeered from the sleepers. In all I attended about 100 passengers.

The small supply of morphine in my pocket hypodermic case was soon exhausted, and as the sufferings of the victims became greater I realized the great necessity for more. Every doctor is familiar with the characteristic and peculiar pallor of the opium user. I had recalled seeing one of these unfortunates on the train, and guessed that he would have a supply of this narcotic with him. Leaving my temporary operating table, I went among the passengers in search of this man, and finally found him, badly bruised, lying beside one of the demolished cars. I asked him to give me what morphine he had. He cheerfully complied, handing me all in his possession, two bottles.

What that drug meant to the many injured on that hot, treeless desert no one but a physician can ever understand.

My first act, after seeing that the badly injured were given attention, was to get some morphine and hunt for the dope fiend. I found him—dead. The shock of the collision, his run down condition and the fact that he had been deprived of the stimulating effects of the drug had killed him.—W. E. Aughinbaugh, M. D., in Every Week.

Taking No Chances.

"So you're leaving to get married, Mary?"
"Yes, mum."
"And how long have you known the young man?"
"Three weeks, mum."
"Isn't that a rather short time?"

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Don't you think you ought to wait until you know him better?"
"No, mum. I've tried that several times and every time the man changed his mind when he got to know me better." — Detroit Free Press.

Between Two Fires.

"I'm in trouble with my girl," said the first youth disconsolately to his friend.
"Why, what's the trouble?" said the other sympathetically.
"I've been saying such nice things to her that she's getting conceited. Now, if I stop she'll think I don't care for her any more, and if I go on she'll think she's too good for me."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Human Blocks and Pulleys.

The block and pulley, or "tackle," was a great mechanical discovery, but nature made every man carry several of these about with him at the very beginning of creation. The most important of these tackles is found in the eye. If you turn your eye to the tip of your nose you use this block and pulley, which are just as perfect as any erected on a ship to hoist sail. The muscle which moves the eyeball works through the block easily and smoothly and without friction, for nature has supplied to all of her machinery automatic or mechanical lubricating inventions. These never fail to work unless we are ill.

The Business Gyroscope.

"Going to work tomorrow? Surely you aren't strong enough yet, after your long illness."
"My friend," replied the convalescent, "did you ever hear of the gyroscope? It's a thing that will keep a street car going upright, right side up, on a single rail. Well, the gyroscope of business works the same way in a man's life. I could name you a dozen fellows who would keel over and give up in a minute if they didn't have the gyroscope of business to keep them on their feet. I shall go to business tomorrow and hitch on the gyroscope again, and never know I've been an invalid."—Newark News.

He Walked Across a Field.

Early Methodist preachers had reason to deplore the power of the all mighty landlord. Charles Wesley himself suffered, for he was summoned and fined £10 (\$50) and heavy costs not for firing ricks or uprooting hedges, but for walking across a field to address an audience. Here is the record: "Goter versus Wesley; damages, £10; costs taxed, £9 16s. 8d, July 29, 1739. Received of Mr. Wesley, £19 16s. 8d. for damages and costs in their cause. William Gason, attorney for the plaintiff."—London Mail.

A Quick Dodge.

Walking along Wall street the other day, he was accosted by a shabbily dressed man evidently armed with a hard luck story.
"I beg pardon, sir," began the stranger, "but could you help a poor man along? Now, I'm not looking for money, sir, but—"
"Well," came the almost breathless answer, "if you're not, I am. Good day."
And in a moment the young man was halfway down the street.—New York Post.

Bids Wanted

Bids wanted for sawing into 16 inch wood, 40 cords 4 foot fir wood; 10 cords 4 foot oak wood. Also bids for storing the above into basement of school house. Bids close August 20, and all work must be completed by September 1, 1915.

J F Wesely, Clerk.

Bids Wanted

Bids wanted for toilets complete for Scio public school, as per plans and specifications on file at the clerk's office, including stand pipe and hose for fire protection.

Bids close August 21, 1915. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J F Wesely, Clerk.

T J Pettit has traded his farm to E B Hildreth of Vancouver, Wash, for the latter's farm at that place, and expects to leave in a few days, with Mrs Pettit when they will make their home at Vancouver. Tom Pettit and wife will move to Corvallis. Their many Scio friends will be sorry to see the Pettits leave here as they are fine people. Mr Hildreth and family are expected here next week.

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