cidence I was busily

a chapter on neurotic poisons in Tayor's "Practice of prudence" when a door and my land- you and get you some refreshment."

tacy's daughter entered and handed "The messenger is waiting, sir," she

I had just completed my year as occupying iodgings not two minutes surprise. from the scene of my former labors. I opened the note hastily. It contained but a few words:

"My Dear Halifax: Come over at thing which I think will suit you ex- and agitated, entered. JOHN RAY." actly. Yours

"Tell the messenger I will attend to !

mind as to your future?" he queried. | the meantime, I wish you would come a practice, or try to work my way condition is so unsatisfactory that I up as a specialist-I have a leaning should like you to see her." toward the latter course; but there is no great harry, anyway."

meantime, I presume?"

state. His name is Ogilvie-I used to I raised the lids of the eyes and peered know him years ago, but have lost into them. The pupils, as I'expected, him to my memory; he is a clever up a candle and passed it backwards fellow, and bought himself a good and forwards before the pale face. practice at Oddersville, N. Y. He has The sick woman was, as I knew bewired to ask me if I can send a locum | forehand, absolutely insensible to teners in a great hurry. This is what light.

Send some one with brains in his as I turned from the bedside. "I have head down to-night if possible."

to it. Will you go?" "How far off is Oddersville?" I

You can get there in two hours and a half. If you take the nine Taylor's opinions with regard to neu-

will land you at your destination at "Very well," I replied. "I'm your the dressing room. man. Will you wire to Ogilvie, or

shall I do so, Ray?" "i'll attend to that, my dear fel-

low. Now then, good-night, and good tuck. Look me up when you return."

The result of the foregoing conversation was that late that night I found myself standing on the platform of suffering from embolism?" the railway station at Oddersville, the only passenger who had left the train at that point. Presently I was ap- in one of the arteries of the brain." pronched by a man in charge of a burge, who inquired if I were the sur- patient is suffering from the effects good from New York, adding that he had been sent by Dr. Og'lvie to meet | faintest doubt on the subject." me. Having satisfied him that I was the expected visiter, I mounted to the seat beside him, and half an hour tater we arrived at the door of a fine old-fashioned country mansion. Its the outside appearance of the building. The reem in which I found myself waiting was lofty and large, the walls hung with good pictures, and

beard entered. "Dr. Halifax," he said, bowing to me, "I must introduce myself as Dr. Roper, I am an old resident of Oddersville, and have known the Ogilvies for many years. Mrs. Ogilvie is seriously, I may add alarmingly, ill, and I am attending her."

"Is Dr. Ogllvie at home?" I asked. "Pray sit down, Dr. Halifax; Dr. Ogilvic is out riding at the present moreor. He expected you, and sent ten on my face, that Dr. Roper began the buggy to the station. He was very anxious for your arrival, and shall be glad to show you the way."

"I think I should prefer to wait for | in his surgery?" Dr. Ogitvie," I said. "You are much occopied with your patient, and I Roper, in a hesitating voice, "that my must not trespass upon a moment of friend Ogilvie and I consulted toyour time. I understand from his gether over this case. Our opinions telegram that he wants some one to are absolutely unanimous. All the look after his patients."

"He does; he has a big practice, quite the largest in Oddersville. His frightfully, and he cannot collect his torous breathing, can all be accounted thoughts. I suggested to him to wire for by an overdose of opium. If noth- Ogilvie, and we all fear a bad accito Ray, and am truly glad that you | ing is done to restore this young wom- | dent."

A STRANGE coin- | have been able to respond so quickly. Mrs. Ogilvie is very ill indeed; it is engaged in studying a strange seizure. She is a young woman, and up to the present has always been healthy. She is suffering from embolism. It is an unusual dis-Medica! Juris- ease to attack the brain of a youthful person. Well, I must return to her; knock came to my I will send the servant to attend to

The warmth of my quarters and the relaxation from the fatigue of my journey combined to weigh my eyesaid. "He has just come from the lids down, and I drifted unawares into hospital, and he wants to know if a doze, from which I was awakened by the book falling from my knee to the floor. At the same time the little clock bouse physician at one of the largest on the mantelpiece chimed the hour hospitals in New York, and was now of three, and I started to my feet in

"Good heavens!" I said to myself, "I must have had a sleep. Has not that man returned yet from his ride? As though in answer to my query a once, if you can. You will find me in hasty footstep echoed in the corridor. B ward. I have just heard of some the door opened, and Dr. Roper, pale

"I beg your pardon for this seeming neglect," Dr. Halifax, he said. "It this immediately," I said to the girl. is partly my mistake, as I told the She withdrew, and putting the note servants that you preferred to wait tuto my pocket I donned my overcoat, in the consulting room until their for the night was a bitterly cold one, master returned, and the fools eviand ran across to the hospital. Ray | dently took what I said literally. Of was the resident surgeon; we had all course I expected that Ogilvie would ways been special friends, and he have made his appearance long ago, greated me with a hearty handshake. but he has not done so, and I am at You have not yet made up your a loss to account for his absence. In "Not quite," I replied. "I may buy with me to my patient. Mrs. Ogilvie's

"I shall be glad to assist you in any way," I responded, and followed You are not averse to a job in the the old physician to the sick chamber. On beginning the usual examina-That depends upon what it is," I tion I found the skin of the patient warm and bathed in perspiration; the "Well, see here. I have just had a breathing was low and had a steriorfrantic telegram from a man down ous sound. The pulse was very low. sight of him lately. His wire recalls were considerably contracted. I took

"I heartily wish her husband were "Wife iii; can't attend to practice. at home," said Dr. Roper, anxiously, done all that is possible to arouse There, Hallfax. Put this message her, in vain. Each hour, each moin your pecket if you mean to attend | ment, the heavy stupor in which she is lying increases; in short, I have every reason to apprehend the worst consequences."

While he was speaking some of o'clock train from Grand Central it rotic poisons flashed before my mind.

"I should like to speak with you in private," I said, and led the way into

"If Ogilvie were only here," he exclaimed, nervously, as soon as we were alone. "This is a terrible responsibility. What is your opinion?" "Never mind about her husband now," I said. "There is not an instant to lose. You believe her to be

"Undoubtedly; all the symptoms point to it. There is a clot of blood "Nothing of the kind," I said. "Your

of an overdose of opium; not the To say that Dr. Roper turned pale is to give but a slight idea of his appearance when I pronounced my ver-

"Nonsense," he said, with a sort of interior corresponded favorably with gasp; "who would give Mrs. Ogilvie opium? She was a perfectly strong down and acquaint Dr. Ogilvie with woman, she suffered no pain of any what has occurred during his absort. There was nothing to tempt her to administer it to herself; and the furniture handsome, modern and as for her husband, he is devoted to in excellent taste. The door of the her. For goodness' sake, young man. apartment opened, and a gentlemanly | don't come down to a quiet place like man with sliver hair and a soft, long this and set such a scandal affoat."

"I don't want to set any scandal going," I replied. "It is nothing to me what any one thinks. You have called me in to see the patient. I pronounce the case one of opium poisoning, and I insist on immediately applying restoratives. We must make us of the stomach pump and see what electricity will do."

My manner was so firm, and I carried my convictions so plainly writ-

to be convinced against his will. "There is not a moment to lose," I will, I am sure, be in directly. If you said. "Is there an electric battery in would like to come to your room I the house? I suppose Dr. Ogilvie has everything necessary for our purpose

"I wish to state," returned Dr.

symptoms point to a cerebral clot." "Excuse me," I said. "The state of the pupils of the eyes, the warmth of the wife's sudden illness has upset him patient's skin, the slow and yet ster-

mured the old physician, gloomily. "I will fetch what you require, Dr. Haliresting." fax, and join you in the sickroom in a moment.

He ran downstairs, and I quickly returned to the patient. I felt convinced that something horrible had been done in this room, and I wondered greatly whether the strong restoratives which I meant to employ would be in time to be of the least use.

"Very well, since you insist," mur-

Dr. Roper entered the room and we began our task. The first thing was to remove what portion of the poison still remained unassimilated. The electric battery was then brought into force and artificial respiration resorted to. For a long time we worked without any apparent result.

One glance at the final evidence had caused Dr. Roper to turn so white that I thought he would have to be helped out of the room, but he speedily recovered himself and assisted me with a will and determination which showed that his opinion now fully coincided with my own.

Towards morning a noise in the silent street caused Dr. Roper to utter a hurried thankful exclamation, and to my unbounded delight had an effect on our patient. She opened her at the old doctor, and murmuring her her from a baby. Who could have husband's name, closed them again.

"Ogilvie has returned," said Dr.

an she will certainly die, and if she dies in my presence I shall deem it at once," I said. "You, of course, spoke to me. know two or three men who will help my duty to see that some investigations take place. It will then rest | you in an emergency of this kind, By with the post-morten examination to the way, is there not snow on the

prove the truth of my diagnosis or ground?" "Yes," replied the man; "there is falling for an hour or so and is now

"The snow will help you," I said. When I re-entered the sickroom and looked at my patient my heart gave a thankful bound. Whatever had happened, whatever dark cloud was hanging over the house, her young life was saved. The natural look of returning health was reviving on her face. Her lips moved and she spoke faintly:

"Is my husband in the house?" she

"No," I replied, using that latitude with regard to truth which I considered in her case absolutely necessary. "He has been called out suddenly." "I wonder he did not come to see

me first," she answered, gently. "He had not a moment-the case was urgent. It will be nice for him to find you so much better."

"Oh, yes, I am nearly well," she said, with a smile, and then she closed her eyes and sank into a gentle sleep. I beckoned Dr. Roper out of the room and told him what had occurred. "I feel dazed, Halifax," he said. "I cannot realize what all this means. There isn't a better fellow living than Ogilvie; he is devoted to his wife, and | tidings for you." eyes, gave a faint smile, looked full she, well, pretty dear, I have known

> given her that opium?" "The thing now is to find Dr. Ogil- quietly out of the house and warn the

"A search should be made for him of the mald servants came up and the bearers retired, and he turned

"There's a woman downstairs," she said, "asking for Dr. Ogilvie. She says she is one of his patients and won't believe me when I tell her that he's not in and not likely to be. I light sprinkling. The snow has been showed her into the consulting room, and I thought perhaps you'd come down and see her.'

"All right," I said, "I will be cown immediately."

Having made a hasty toilet I sought the consulting room and saw the persistent visitor. She was standing in the middle of the apartment: a tall. pered. elderly woman with a florid face. She had a defiant sort of appearance, and when she saw me she gave her head a toss. She did not look like an invalid, and my heart gave a fresh beat of alarm as though I knew, even before she spoke, that a new leaf in the Book of Tragedy was about to be turned.

"Sit down," I said. "I am sorry that Dr. Ogilvie is out."

"Oh," she replied, "as if I'm likely to believe that little game! He don't want to see me; but you tell him that Flora mother's is here and will stay here till he comes to her."

"I don't understand you," I said. "Dr. Ogilvie has been absent all night; we are terribly anxious about him. We fear that his horse has thrown him, as it came back riderless this morning. If you will go away now and come later I may have some

There was a vague hope in my mind that the woman might be a lunatic; the best thing was to get her

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to me. "Come in here with me, Halifax,"

he said. He pointed to a little conservatory which opened out of the dining room, and I followed him at once.

"We found him," he began, slowly, "several miles from home. The mare's hoof-prints were visible in the snow, and we had little difficulty in tracing them to the spot on the borders of a wood where the deed was committed."

"He killed himself, then?" I whis-

"Yes. I found him myself, Halifax; he was quite cold. The bottle that had contained the poison he swallowed was tightly clutched in his right hand. Poor Ogilvie!"

"Can you account for it?" I asked. He took a letter out of his pocket and thrust it into my hand.

"Read that," he said in a voice that shook with emotion, "and you will understand all. I found it in his breast pocket, addressed to me."

Dr. Roper turned to leave the conservatory and I opened the letter. It ran as follows:

"My Dear Roper: When you receive this letter I shall have died by my own hand. Life has become intolerable to me; I will tell you why. Two days ago the storm broke which has wrecked the lives of my poor wife Letty and me. I often told you that I had spent the early years of my medical career in Australia. But I never mentioned either to you or Let- My Uncle John he visits us, ty that I was married when there. I married a handsome girl who turned out to be a virago, one of the most heartless, wickedest women who ever To just the place you ought to be-polluted God's earth. The Hinkelmedunk, Ohio."

"After two years of misery, my wretched wife died suddenly while I That live there hafto make a noise, was engaged on business up the An never hafto wash their face country. I was given the certificate of her death, and, relieved beyond "Come there," he says. "I wisht you measure, returned to America, bought a practice here, fell in love with my sweet Letty and married her. We have been husband and wife for near- He says the stores must ever day ly six years, and no people could have been happier than we were.

"Two days ago a woman called to My Uncle John says: "Anyway, see me. To my horror I recognized I know that you would like to stay her as my first wife's mother. She told me that her daughter had never He say-now what co you suppose?died. She gave reasons, which I need That boys just hafto tear their clo'es, not enter into here, for the trick An' if they try to comb their hair which had been played upon me. Their parents scolds them, over there!
"An' beys that den't muss up the yard Since then, tidings of my prosperity Gets whipped most awful, awful hard reached the wretched pair, and they came to America determined to make me acknowledge my real wife and reinstate her in the place occupied by my beloved Letty.

"Of course I offered money, but all in vain; my real wife must have her rights or nothing. If I did not immediately reinstate her she would denounce me for bigamy. Finally I asked for two days' grace to decide what steps to take. This was conceded to me.

"I resolved not to try further to bribe the women, but by one desperate stroke to end it all. Roper, I resolved to kill both myself and Letty. Letty should never live to hear of the disgrace which would break her heart. She would go first, by easy and painless steps, into the other world, where I would quickly meet er. This morning I began to carry my plan into effect. I gave my dear and only true wife a portion of a certain drug which resembles morphia in quainted with its peculiar power sup- sents himself at the appointed hour. pose the victim to be suffering from embolism. I made the acquaintance is your object in seeking a confidenof this drug in Australia, and had a tial conference with me?" small quantity with me. I do not know its name, but it much used by the Australian aborigines. Taken in certain quantities it causes slow and painless death.

"I have watched Letty during the whole of this awful day; there is now no chance of her recovery. I am going out on the mare; I shall ride a considerable distance, and then send the horse home. I have a dose of the same poison in my pocket. It will kill me, Roper; I am a good riddance.

Farewell." I had scarcely finished reading this bribe?" miserable letter before Dr. Roper

rushed wildly into the conservatory. "For God's sake, Halifax, come at the legislator, rushing out. once," he gasped. "That awful woman found her way into the room where the body is. Her nerves gave way completely at the sight, and she rings, "Mrs. Gliphers was determined confessed that the whole abominable story is a lie; that her daughter, poor suppose she did? Two months ago Ogilvie's first wife, has really been she got a rolling pin and every day dead for years, and that she only in. she rolled herself with it. Oh, she vented her horrible story for black- was just as faithful as could be. You mail purposes."

shout I could not repress, "we'll have give it up after a week of so, but she a try for it!" "A try for what? Are you mad?"

"Why, Roper, don't you see?" I exclaimed. "If this woman's story is false, Oglivie has nothing to die for. The drug he has taken is slow in its effects, and he may only be in a state of stupor. We saved his wife-we'll have a try for his recovery, too."

I ran from the room, and Roper followed me. We turned every one else out of the dining room and locked the door. I flung the cloth off the face of the supposedly dead man and seizing | They vow she's an angel-and wish that

a looking-glass, held it to his lips. "Thank God, there is still a chance!" I exclaimed, turning to the old doctor, and pointing to a faint dimness on the polished surface of

That is the story, for of course we did save Ogilvie. We had a harder fight than even that of the night before, but in the end the grim King of Terrors withdrew, and we, the humble instruments who had brought patient. It was about time that I lowing his directions they carried back life almost to the dead, fell on should refresh myself with a wash, their burden into the large dining our knees in thankfulness. And Ogiland on the return of the nurse I room and laid it on the center table. vie's wife was never told the real started to leave the room when one At a signal from the old physician, story of that night.

Some Habits of the Fly.

studying the life and habits of the house fly Henry Hill, the well known lecturer, states: "I wish I could explain why a fly never walks down but always up a clean window pane and why on the other hand it will walk down the slanting glass front of a picture. It is also a mystery to me why a fly always rests head downward



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An' ever' time I make a fuss
An' ma an' pa they scold me, why, He just sits there an' winks his eye An' says: "You ought to come with me

My Uncle John he says that boys Nor not make mud tracks through the

would-They punish boys for bein' good In Hinkelmedunk, Ohio.

Give all their candy all away, An' children there talk lots—they do An' folks waits fill they get through

In Hinkelmedunk, Ohio." He says boys never hafto crawl

Upstairs to bed at 8 at all, Nor hafto sit real nice an' still When comp'ny's come-yes, an' they will Get whipped if they're on time for meals! "How fine," he says, "a fellow feels In Hinkelmedunk, Chio."

An' so I climb up on his lap An' ast him tell me where it is, Nen he just smiled that smile o' his An' say: "You take the road An' say: "You take the road From What's-it's-name to Goodness

For Hinkelmedunk, Ohlo."



Righteous Wrath.

The congressman, having been quiits effects, but leaves no smell and etly invited to come to the room of might easily make those not act the malefactor of great wealth, pre-"May I inquire, sir," he says, "what



"Certainly. I wanted to talk over some pending legislation." "What? Do you wish to offer me a

"No, sir. No!" "Sir, I am highly insulted," declares

"Yes," says the lady with the coral to reduce her flesh, and what do you know some women start in on a re-"Then, then," I said, with a sudden ducing system and get tired of it and kept right at it and-"

"Did it reduce?" "My dear, she wore the rolling pin out before she could give it a fair trial, really."

Woman. A woman's an angel, the men folks de-

Until they consider her bargain-day hair, Her faults and her foibles, her fickleness, For she's the delusion the men folks pur-

Sometimes when they mark all she says and she does

meber Dresbit

That Depends. A Philadelphia clergyman tells of an incident in connection with his first visit to a town in Pennsylvania. where he expected to be called as

While tramping along a dusty road he was so fortunate as to encounter a man in a wagon who gave him "a lift." During the conversation that

ensued between the two, the divine chanced to ask: "Do the folks hereabout enjoy re ligion?"

"I don't know exactly," replied his companion, "but I s'pose them that has it enjoys it."-Illustrated Sunday

Magazine. New Use for Paper.

Paper is of different thickness and pasteboards made of it have already been shown, the latter even in sheets three-quarters of an inch thick. It is as hard as wood and can be easily painted and polished. It has all the good qualities, but none of the defects save trouble, he merely takes his origion a wall. These are habits of the of wood. The pasteboard can be used

Spider an Ague Cure.

was termerly believed to be an effinumber of "Notes and Queries," a Somersetshire vicar remarks: "One of my parishioners suffering from ague was advised to catch a large spider

In some parts of England the spider | HISTORY OF THE PANTOMIME

head.

Stage in 1702-Has Always Been Popular.

and shut him up in a box. As he pines the English stage was "Tavern Bilk mime that Garrick, Quinn and others London and the provinces "Cinderella" away the disease is supposed to wear ers," and was by John Weaver. This became exasperated. Rich lived to has been chosen 14 times, "Babes in Year resolutions?" itself out." In the south of Ireland a was in the year 1702. It was produced see pantomime firmly established at the Wood" 12 times and "Dick Whitlarge house spider enveloped in trea- at Drury Lane. The great institutor Drury Lane and Covent Garden. He tington" ten times. cle or preserve was used for the same of mantomime in England was, how died in 1761.

cient cure for ague. Writing to an old Was First introduced to the English | form of entertainment in 1717. His "Dick Whittington" third. If the Lon. | Wood," in the order given. first emphatic success was in 1724, don and suburban pantomimes are when he produced "The Necroman- taken alone Cinderella" will again be cer; or, History of Dr. Faustus." So first, while "Babes in the Wood" and The first pantomime introduced to successful was Rich with his panto- "Aladdin" tie for second place. In of.

mimes the most popular theme this subjects have been "Cinderella,"

Looking back over the last 18 inal set and puts ditto marks under house fly which offer a field for in- for door and window frames, architecever, John Rich, who devised this Regarding the subjects of panto years we find that the most popular them."-Washington Star.

"For God's sake, Halifax,

steps down the stairs, and I returned I can but leave you here."

Roper, glancing at me. "Thank | vie," I said. "We will assume that | servants on no account to re-admit

"Why do you say we will assume

I made no reply, but the old doctor

"No, no," he said in trembling

He made his way with faltering

tones, "it can't be that. Well, I'll go

to to the sickroom. My patient still

slept, and being almost exhausted I

sat down in an easy chair and dropped

into a doze. I did not sleep long, and

when I awoke became aware that

Mrs. Ogilvie's eyes were open and

their owner regarding me with a puz-

"I wish I knew your name," she

said. "I have seen you in my dreams

"My name is Halifax," I said. "I

am a doctor from New York; I have

come to help your husband with his

patients, and as you were very ill

last night, and Dr. Ogilvie was away,

"Was I very ill?" she repeated. "I

don't seem to remember anything,

only that I was drowsy and hated to

be disturbed. I had neuralgia yester-

day, and my husband gave me some-

thing to drink. Soon afterwards the

pain left and I felt very sleepy, noth-

ing more. How could I have been

ing pain," I replied. "I am going to

I turned to the nurse and requested

her to get some strong tea for the

order some breakfast for you now."

"People are often ill without suffer-

I helped to look after you."

very ill if I felt no pain?"

all night, but I don't know you."

myself and help to look for him."

it? Of course she threw him. What

could it be but an accident?"

read my thoughts in my face.

heaven! Whatever detained him can he has been thrown from his horse."

zled stare

now be explained. Those were his

horse's hoofs which you heard just

"And Mrs. Ogilvie is better," I

said. "I have every hope that she

will do well now. I dare not leave her

for a little while, but you might go

"With what we found-?" began Dr.

Roper. "No, no, he is an old friend

of mine; that must be another man's

"Stay with her," I whispered to the

old doctor. "You have but to ad-

minister restoratives at short inter-

vals; I will see Dr. Ogilvie myself

I left the room expecting to see my

host mounting the stairs and hurrying

to his wife's sickroom. Instead of

that there was commotion and alarm.

Alarm on the faces of some maid

servants, who, with hot haste, were

bustling around. Voices raised to a

shrill pitch of terror and distress

I ran dowstairs quickly. "Hush!

hush!" I said. "I must beg of you

all to be quiet. Where is Dr. Ogilvie?

The servant who had let me into

the house the day before now came

forward. He was only half dressed,

and his hair stood up wildly on his

"An awful thing has happened, Dr.

Halifax," he said. "The mare has

"Dr. Ogilvie's mare?" I exclaimed.

"Yes, sir. There's no trace of Dr.

I must speak to him immediately."

and return quickly."

sounded from the hall.

come home riderless!"

now clattering up to the door."

absence."

come at once!" he gasped

"I'm too old to be fooled," she re-

sponded with a stubborn shake of her

head. "I'll wait here for Dr. Ogilvie

till he shows up. I gave him 48 hours,

and the time's up; he was expecting

me this morning. Here I'll stay, and

you had better tell the servant to

"Very well," I said, "if you won't go,

I went back into the hall, where

one of the maid servants was hover-

ing restlessly about. I spoke to her

"That woman insists upon remain-

"She came here two days ago," re-

plied the girl, "and was shut up with

Dr. Ogilvie in the consulting room for

a long time. We all noticed how

changed he looked after that. He

humor her and take her some break-

fast. Pay no attention to whatever

she says, for I don't think she is re-

I had scarcely flaished speaking,

when a sound of heavy footsteps in

the street caused us both to start. I

rushed to the hall door and threw it

open. Several men, bearing a

stretcher on which lay a motionless

figure covered with a sheet, were as-

cending the steps. They were ac-

companied by Dr. Roper, who beck-

"Come this way," he said, and fol-

"Well," said I, "you had better

seemed to turn old all of a sudden."

ing," I said. "It is probable that she

is not in her right senses. Has she

ever been here before?"

bring me in some breakfast."

in a low tone:

sponsible." \

oned them forward.

year is, we are informed, "Cinderella," "Aladdin," "Dick Whittington," "Robwith "Babes in the Wood" second and insen Crusoe," and "Babes in the

Indolence. "Bliggins is the laziest man I know "Why doesn't be make some New

"He does, annually. But in order to

Concerning his experienca while

teresting study.