THEIR IDENTITY DESTROYED

Strange Experiences of People Who Lose Cognizates of Themselves.

JUDGE CLARKSON'S CASE OUTDONE

Peculiar Story of a Physician Whose Symptoms Were Analogous to Those of the Judge-How a Woman Forgot Her Husband,

It is a fact known only to a score of people In Omaha that the mysterious Judge Clarkson case has been furnished to the medical world in duplicate form within the past two years right in this city.

A flood of light has been thrown on this peculiar drama in actual life within the last three days. It is necessary to neal some what with the personal history and private life of a prominent and successful physician of Omaha in order to set forth the facis in this case which seems to be in many respects an exact duplicate of the painful experience of the much respected Judge Clark-

Four years ago thin physician, who then had a remunerative and growing practice and was highly respected with regard to both his medical and personal worth, found it necessary to andergo a very severe treatment of his eyes. His affliction was exactly similar to that which overtook Judge Clarkson, and he consented, rather than to run tremendous risk of total blindness the remainder of his days, to submit to the same severe treatment that brought about the mysterious and remarkable episode in the life of Judge Clarkson. The physician was obliged to remain in a dark room for nearly two weeks undergoing torture that would have driven the average man insanc, but he came out with eyesight restored. It was the last hope and the resut of that which partook of the nature of a dreadful out unavoidable experi-ment was in his favor so far as the effects upon his optics were concerned. But he came out of the dark room and from under the influence of the treatment admin-intered utterly devoid of will power, as help-less and aimless as a babe. He had not only lost his will power but he had lost all sense of gratitude and natural affection for his friends and loved ones who had done every thing in their power to restore him to health and happiness. He had been engaged to a very estimable young lady for some time prior to this misfortune and, in-deed, his affliction had been the only hindrance in the way of their marriage for sev-eral months previous. Prior to his entering the dark room he had been the personifica-tion of devotion and faithfulness to his love. But what a change marked his reappearance into the broad light of day. He gan to treat his fiances ver the most shameful disregard for former pledges. He seemed to despise his former friends and they, not realizing his peculiar condition, naturally turned from him in dismay and disgust. They had expected different things from him and their bitter disappointment soon aroused within them a feeling of natred and the most intense resentment of his insulting conduct toward

His affectionate and faithful flancee who had been overjoyed with the results of the treatment so far as it pertained to the resto-ration of his eyesight, was completely prostrated by the unexpected and inexplicable treatment she received at his bands. With tear washed face she pleaded with him to come back and be his former self, so true, so loving and manly, but ner pleadings were nli in vam. He spurned her as he might have done his otterest enemy. All the efforts of their mutual friends were alike unavailing and after a lew weeks of the most intense agony the young lady threw aside all hope and loft the city. She entered a hospital in the city of Chicago where she is today employed as a professional nurse.

The unfortunate man's friends saw that thing must be done for him or he would in all propability take his life. He was furnished with a traveling companion and sent to Europe. While abread he was sim-ply led around from place to place by his companion. He seemed to have no object in life, All ambition, all self-control had vanished. Gradually his former disposition pegan to issert itself, however, and within twelve months from the time he departed for Europe this man, whose will power and natural affection had apparently been wiped out was again restored to the full enjoyment of his faculties and came home a well man. He

is today a resident of Omaha and enjoys a targe and successful practice.

But many of his old-time friends still refuse to associate or even speak to him. They still treasure up against him his peculiar, and in their eyes despicable, conduct following the recovery of his sight. The case was so mysterious and unusual that he, although a physician, could not explain it to the satis-faction of those who had suffer a by reason of his peculiar condition or even to his own satisfaction. He has preferred to remain quiet, hoping that some day his former friends would see that he was not accountable for his conduct during the months of silent suffering that he endured

after his sight was restored.

The mists are about to rise, the day of hi reinstatement appears to be near at hand When the Clarkson case became a matter of local history this Omaha physician saw his opportunity. He went to Postmaster Clarkson the other day with a very full heart and with the feeling of a man who had found some one who could sympathize with him. "I can tell you exactly how Joe Clarkson has suffered and how his peculiar conduct has been misunderstood," the man said as he shook Major Clarkson's hand, "I have passed through precisely the same kind of an

experience. Joe Clarkson is not an in-an-man, neither was I insane, but there is some thing about that particular treatment of the eyes that deprives a man of his will power and his natural affection. I should not have been held responsible for my conduct during the few months subse-quent to the recovery of my sight, and I would give all I have in the world to have my former friends understand my actual condition at that time and realize the extraordinary and distressing cloud that settled down over me and did not rise for nearly a

Speaking of the Judge Clarkson case Post-

master Clarkson said: "Joe Clarkson is a sane man today. I know he is because he has talked with me upon a number of sub-jects just as sanely as he ever did. It is possible that he has not recovered ex-tirely from the effects of that se-were treatment, but we hope that he will return in the spring fully restored in every faculty, lie has taiked to me very candidly about his condition, and although the case is a most remarkable one I believe that medical experts will yet discover the exact cause of that sort of deraugement. I received a lotter the other day from a physician in Galesburg. Ill., who said ne was making a special study of cases of this kind, lie was deeply interested in the He was deeply interested in the case and will doubtless find in it some-thing that will throw ight upon that class of mental afflictions. If we had realized the true condition under which Judge Clarkson was laboring prior to his mysterious departure both he and his family and all his friends

both he and his family and all his friends might have been spared from the results of this painful incident."

As the facts in this extraordinary case come more and more into the light people who were inclined to sucer at the explanation first given by Judge Charkson through the columns of The Bee are beginning to hide their heads and busy bodies who seemed accretion to get their hands into the old. anxious to get their hands into the old family wound and lacerate it afresh are becoming ashamed of their lahumanity and their utter want of common sympathy for a fellow being in distress.

Dr. Titden Believes the Story.

Dr. George Tilden, who has been one of the commissioners of insanity of Douglas county for the past eighteen years, said that he accepted the story of Judge Clarkson in its entirety, and that the only thing that would make him think that the judge was sane at the time of his disappearance would be the discovery of a motive that would be sufficient to show the willingness of a man to be the discovery of a motivotant would asset ficient to show the willingness of a man to bring months of grief and suffering upon his amily and friends and to lose a splendid remark tiop as a man, a citizen and a lawyer. "If of was sane," he said, "what motive could be nave! What was there for him to gaint A sane man does sothing without a

motive, and there seems to have been no motive in this case save an insane mind. 'I bave bad a great many cases of msanity to deal with, and have yet to find any two exactly alike. I do not now recall one that was of just this type, though there are any number of cases on record of lost identity. The human mind sometimes takes queer freaks, and individuals imagine that they are Jesus Christ, or the devil, or members of the brute creation. Men think that they are kings, and women become imbued with the idea that they are titled queens, either of the present or past generations. I do not pretend to be able to tell by bearing of a case just what the spental stature of the individual may be, and can not say what the condition of Judge Clackson is or was without talking to him. He may still be somewhat deranged, which might explain some things he would say that could not otherwise be explained. His action at the lake does not not prove that he was same because it was the action of a sane man, for insane men will act both as same men and as victims of in-sanity. Their sanity or insanity cannot be established by an individual act. Insane persons frequently act with surprising shrewdness and cunning, and exhibit those traits without other reason than the promptng of an unsound mind. The reputation of Judge Clarkson for unquestioned integrits and henor during many years of resi-dence in this city induced many who knew him to wade that lake day after day, searching for his body when it was not there, and it will convince them as it does me that is action was only the result of insanity. f he went away voluntarily as a sane man. t could have been only because of a motive that would show him to be an extremely bad man, and that is something that the pub ite is not willing to believe and has no reason Dr. Moore Tells of a Parallel Case,

Dr. R. C. Moore said that he was disposed to accept the story of Judge Clarkson as true. He found the history of many cases of ost identity in the medical works, and readily recalled a case that he had treated iimself. It was that of a lady who was then and is now a resident of this city. "Sne completely lost her identity," said the doctor, "and all her surroundings became new to her. She not only had a new name for herself out for everyone of those with whom she had been associated for years. She knew her husband as some one else, and he was no longer her husband. She did not know me as the doctor, but as an altogether different individual. Everything was changed, and her conception of things was as different from the actual existing state of affairs as anything that could be imagined. The trouble was brought on by a suppuration of the middle earthat caused her intense suffering, and by prolonged lactation, for she was nursing a targe, healthy infant. It became so that I had to nurse the woman myself, for I was about the only one who could do anything with her. She took a decided antipathy to her busband, and he could not get along with her at all. Sh made it mighty interesting for us some times, for she would take species of slashing everything right and left, throw books or anything that she could get her hands on at the nurses, who were tried one after another, and act like a person violently insane. But most of the time it was simply a case of lost identity, and then she would not manifest any of those symptoms. I took her out driving in my buggy, and everything was new to her. The motor trains excited her curiosity, and she laughed at them like a child. She could not understand what made them go, and she called attention to the fact we had horses to pull the carriage, and asked how the others managed to get along. She did not know what they were, and asked what those things were doing. In driving past the dry goods stores, she was attracted by the bright colors displayed in the windows and outside, and pointed to them and talked about them, but had no idea what the things were. She did not know what the simplest objects were, and asked more questions than a child. We finally decided to take her to an asylum, and I took her away myself. When we went ize what it was, and became frightened and begged to be taken away. That was the first thing that she had seemed to underin several months, rithat if she would behave and herself would take her away. We went from there to a hotel, and as we passed through the ladies' entrance she noticed some hangings in a doorway, and asked where we were, remarking that she had been there before. We got a carriage and drove around the place, and she recognized a number of things, umong other things the sign over a wholesale house where her husband had bought goods. I brought her back home, and it was hardly twenty-four hours from the time that there was the slightest evidence of returning reason until she was practically restored to

m"And so it frequently happens that some neident or little shock is the thing that starts the change that will restore the unsettled equilibrium of the mind. There may have been something of that kind in the Clarkson case. You can readily see how similar these cases would have been if my patient had not been closely watched, and had gone away and hired out as a domestic. I know about that case from the beginning for I watched it all the way through, and for I watched it all the way through, and that woman is a warm friend of mine today, and frequently thanks me fernaving brought her away from the asylum instead of leaving her there. Her mental unbalancing was brought about by physical suffering and exhaustion just as it is claimed Clarkson's was. The only thing that I can see that tends to throw discredit on the story of Judge Clarkson is the fact that he fixed everything at the lake to give to the world the impression that he was drowned. Why should be practice that deceit! When he should be practice that deceitf When he became Brad Doolittle, why was he still interested in pursuing Judge Clarkson out of the world! If it was not for that fact, I should not question the story, but would take it as absolutely true; in fact, I believe it, anyway.

Another Similar Case,

Mr. F. B. Kennard of the Kennard Oil Paint company, tells of a case in the state of Michigan in which a lady disappeared and did not return to her family for three years. She was engaged in cooking dinner at her home, when she suddenly stopped her work, put on her wraps, went to the railroad station half a mile from the nouse and took the train. She was utterly lost to her family and friends for three years and at the end of that time she suddenly came to her senses in a small town in Kansas, where she was on-gaged as a cook. She at once remembered like a flash that she had a husband in Michi gan and she wrote him. He went at once to the town where she recovered her memory and took her home. The lady could not re member a solitary thing that had happened to her from the time she left home until she suddenly remembered her identity. There was a complete hiatus of three years in her life but otherwise she has never manifested any symptoms of mental derangement.

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NEWEST PLANS OF THE LADY MANAGERS

Mrs. Briggs' Recent Visit to Chicago-

Commissioner Mobiev Reviews the Progress Made in Getting Together Nebraska's Exhibit.

Mrs. John S. Briggs, Nebraska's reprecentative on the board of lady managers for the World's fair, has returned from Chicago, where she attended a meeting of the board, and sho is enthusiastic in her reports of

"One of the new things decided upon, said Mrs. Briggs to a reporter, "is a series of semi-monthly concerts in the women's building, at which only amateur female singers who have been residents of America at least ten years will be allowed to appear. Candidates for places will be tested by a committee and must be satisfactory to Mr. Theodore Thomas. Permission to appear at these concerts will be a of high honor, and I sincerely hope Nebraska will be well represented, for I know we have many singers abundantly note. In that event I would also like to see Nepraska honor each of her representatives with a suitable medal, and if any private persons wish to offer rewards for such service our board will be giad to hear from

"The project of a family dormitory has been abandoned, but the plan for women's dormitories is considered practical and excellent. The time for making application for shares in this enterprise expires the last of December, and I can endorse the scheme as perfectly reliable. Work on the construction of the children's home began November 1, when Mrs. Palmer turned the first sod with

when Mrs. Pather turned the first sod with a silver spade. Nebraska has about \$60 of its quota of \$100 yet to raise.

"Right here I would like to answer the many inquiries with regard to our state building, as the impression here at home seems widespread that it is very inferior. How this has come about 1 am not able to say, as usually the critics have not seen it and some disclaim all knowledge of it ex-cept that it is very tad. The day we visited it we found it locked. Therefore, I can only judge of its exterior, but I must conscientiously say we were favorably impressed with its appearance. It has a fine location, and I expect to see it made by the deft fingers of our Nebraska ladies and the state board one of the handsomest on the fair ground, both within and without.

Commissioner Seth P. Mobley of Grand Island reports steady and substantial progress in the preparation for the Nebrasks exhibit. Several carloads of the choicest cereals and imperishable products of the state have been collected and stored, represcating the crops of 1891 and 1892, selected from every quarter of Nebraska, and properly credited to the locality producing them. The collection includes all the grains and cereals, both threshed and in the straw, all the

grasses, succimens of timber, ets.
Mr. Motley is confident there has already been collected an amount and quality of ma terial sufficient to make one of the very best agricultural displays at the great exposition In the horticultural department, too, ar-rangements have been made to have as fine a showing as can be presented by any new

In the educational department he says most thorough and painstaking work has been done with the view of convincing all comers that Nebraska stands well at the head in educational advancement, which con-stitutes her chief pride. The women of Nebraska, too, have been very active and have plans well matured for a splendid showing of the work done by women to ad-vance both the material and ed-ucational interests of the state. The zeal of the women having this branch of the work in charge he declared riost com-mendable and praiseworthy, their efforts being highly appraciated by the commission. The apiary and dairy departments have been given special attention by the most compe tent bee, butter and oneese experts in Ne-braska, and Mr. Mobley feels warranted in saying that no state in the union will make abetter showing in these departments.

The Nebraska dudding has been com-pleted. It is large and rather plain, more substantial than ornam ntal, but withal acknowledged by all to be one of the best buildings on the ground for the money invested, as well as one of the most conveniently arranged for the purpose intended. It is the policy of the Columbian commission to attract the attention of the people by the excellent exhibit of the products of the state rather than by expensive architectural display. The building occupies a most conspicuous place and will be used chiefly as a state headquar-tors building and a resting place for No-braska neople and their friends and for con-ducting the business affairs of the commission. It will also contain the special county case exhibits and decorative cereal panel exhibits of the various counties of the state, taking advantage of that opportunity offered them for individualizing the said counties in a manner impossible in the general exhibit, where Nebraska as a state will seek to shine

as a dazzling star.

Mr. Mobley says arrangements are also being made to distribute in one room of the Nebraska building, dainty delicacies in the food line in the form of souvenirs, showing the possibilities of the various food products of Nebraska.

On the second floor of the building, space has been set apart for a general reading room, in which files of all Nebraska newspapers will be kept, and where will be made also the state newspaper exhibit, the work of which is now well advanced. Commis-sioner General Garneau had the good fortune to secure the services of John C. Bonnell as special designer for the arrangement of the agricultural exhibit. That gentleman has been at work for many weeks preparing de-

The scope of the exhibit will be governed to a great extent by the action of the com-ing legislature in the matter of an appro-priation. He says that to make and maintain a fit representation will require the ap-propriation of at least \$100,000 in addition to the amount previously appropriated.

Educational Exhibit. Superintendent Pitzpatrick has received a etter from W. N. Hallman of the World's

fair educational committee urging the neces-sity of calling a meeting of all preminent ed-ucators in the state to take action upon the question of a building for the educational department at the fair. Mr. Hailman says there is great danger that the board of managers will not comply with the requests of the educational association for a separate building unless there is a special effort made all along the line. He suggests the advisability of getting the leading newspapers to take the matter up and in this way bring the board of managers to a

sense of its duty in this particular.

The first agreement was that the educational department should have 300,000 square feet of space. The managers have shaved this allowance down to 60,000 and that in a gallery in machinery ball. The leading educators are indignant and very much discouraged over the prospect.

AMUSEMENTS. "Chris and Lena" has stood lots of wear and tear, but Peter F. Baker still finds in it the vehicle for his German character work.

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comedy success "Chris and Lens," at the Farnam Street theater tonight.

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"Ben-Hur" at the New Boyd tonight

The government expedition which was made last winter into Death valley in Nevada for the purpose of exploring that comparatively unknown region has resulted in the development of some valuable mining lands which were then discovered. Prospectors were interested in the report of the explorers, and immediately made arrangements to go into the recesses of that terrible remarkably valley. Some large denosits of gold and silver quartz have been discovered, and several companies have been incoporated to develop

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