

WHERE THE GHOSTS STALK

At Least Some Oredulous Believe Implicitly that They Do.

HAUNTED WARDS IN MANY HOSPITALS

Phantoms of the Mind and the "Real Thing"—A Bunch of Shady Stories Cited from Various Sources.

Despite the protestations of hospital attendants that ghost stories invariably emanate from the fertile imaginations of patients, certain traditions and ghost tales are handed down year after year by departing to incoming house doctors and by senior nurses to "probs."

A notorious haunted ward is now used as a supply room in a Boston hospital where hundreds of municipal patients are cared for annually.

The initial operation was followed by the customary catastrophe. The head nurse and her vigilant assistants were panic-stricken and the house surgeon was baffled, but determined to probe the mystery.

When the next patient was carried from the operating table to this ward the house surgeon personally supervised the removal.

By 8 o'clock the patient, not fully recovered from the anæsthetic, lay in a daze. The nurses were ostensibly busy in the large wards at either end of the corridor, and the house surgeon, vigilant and calm, lay under the cot of the patient—waiting.

When the startled nurses and helpers came to the rescue they found the surgeon bleeding from several fresh wounds received from a fine needle, the stiletto, but still holding his grip on "Tony," one of the night watchmen and helpers.

Solution of the Mystery. When "Tony" had been removed to the insane ward and the excited patient soothed, the surgeon explained the situation. While superintending the removal of the patient he had suddenly caught the eye of "Tony," who was watching the proceeding, and was struck with the expression of triumph, hellish and gloating in its intensity.

In spite of the fact that the angel of death showed no further inclination to visit the room and that municipal charges were more carefully examined before being detailed for duty, the horror of the ward remained. In the interests of good order among the attaches the superintendent soon transformed it into a shelf-lined supply room.

The girl, who came of poor, hard-working parents, was enamored of stage life. She was honest in her intentions and ambitious and had visions of a hard struggle in the chorus, lessening under a good master, and finally a chance in a leading role. Her sweetheart, a respectable young man,

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The League of American Sportsmen, with headquarters in New York, is doing what it can to influence senators and representatives in Washington to enact the legal laws. President G. O. Shields of the league has forwarded to Washington copies of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the national organization at Indianapolis.

Two ways of preserving and protecting the wild game have been suggested within the last four years. The first is by congressional legislation to annex the wintering pastures of elk, deer, moose and mountain sheep to the present boundaries of the Yellowstone National park; the second is to prevent anyone entering or being upon the

A Hero of Five Wars

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During the long period from the close of the civil war until the outbreak of the recent war with Spain the army was small and in spite of the continual Indian fighting lineal promotion was slow—deadly slow—to the poor captives or lieutenant who served his sixteen or twenty years with never a step upward. Chaffee was no exception to the rule, and for twenty years, from 1867 to 1888, he remained a captain.

The nurse delivered the message, but she was busy and did not give much thought to the determined curve of his lips, the angry, jealous light that shone in his eyes. When she attended the funeral—for she had really learned to care for the patient little sufferer—she recalled it all. The slender figure in the caquet was robed in a straight, simple gown of white and there were white roses in the wasted hands.

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the one who struck the blow was the man he had killed. The physician in attendance thought him delirious. But when they investigated the fellow's past record more than one was inclined to set aside the theory of delirium.

While the average female trained nurse looks upon her profession with a most businesslike eye, cupid sometimes enters into her computations. A pretty girl often finds the hospital ward but a vestibule to matrimony. Some five years ago a decidedly pretty young woman took a course of training at a private sanitarium, and in due time developed into a fairly efficient but not particularly gifted nurse.

His pretty nurse was completely demoralized and he to be sent on a vacation. Her agitation was attributed to affection for the young man, for the entire staff had marked the progress of the love affair. But on her return she developed horror of the institution and handed in her resignation.

In the interests of the hospital, the matter naturally was never made public even among the nurses. Nothing more was heard of the girl until the Spanish war broke out and she was among the first to offer her services. Later came word that through her very devotion to her work she had contracted typhoid-malaria and died. Today, at her old hospital post, the new nurses whisper of the young girl with the red cross on her arm who comes back in the stillness of the night to bend over a certain cot, whether it be empty or occupied, as if begging forgiveness of its occupant.

Brooklyn can boast of a unique adjunct to its hospital service—a haunted ambulance. About a year ago the ambulance surgeon was called upon to attend a man found near one of the entrances to Prospect park. With cheerful alacrity he pronounced the man in a state of alcoholic coma, and throwing him playfully into the ambulance trotted off to the hospital with him. On reaching their destination he discovered that the patient had incoherently died en route, and the autopsy revealed a fractured skull.

The ambulance surgeon has long since completed his hospital service and is building up a private practice. To a few intimate friends he once divulged the fact that to the end of his narrative he was not sent out to answer a call after 10 p. m. that the man, when instructed he had misunderstood and declined not to ride by his side. And the chief, refusing to recognize any such superstitious, had steadfastly declined to relieve him from duty till his term expired.

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