

STRANGE CASE OF CHILD BLINDED BY LIGHTNING

Little Irma Baird's Eyes Seem Perfect, But She Cannot See.

Tucked in her tiny cot in the children's ward, with a great black bandage across her eyes, lies eleven-year-old Irma Baird, the strange case that ever entered the Newark City Hospital.

Directly across the street, in the exclusive or "high" section of the city, her home, and every night just before bed time good nurse Hicks leads the little girl to the window, where she waves an unseeing good night to her toddling brothers and their mother.

The surgeons at the hospital and the wise old specialists are all frankly puzzled by the strange case. There was no searing, no inflammation from the lightning bolt, and yet the sight is as wholly gone from the blue and hazel eyes as if it had never been. There is not the faintest symptom by which the physicians can diagnose the case. It is well nigh uncanny to sit beneath the calm and perfect gaze of those eyes, and to be told they are impotent as glass. Yet there is nothing else for the surgeons to do but wait, peering now and again beneath the black bandage for the first symptoms of the sight for which they are waiting.

This is the story Irma told today as she lay in her little cot, with Hicks watching jealously against untoward excitement. "I was playing out in the street with Tony, my brother, she said, 'it was dark and gloomy, as though it might rain. There had been several little bits of thunder, but no real rain, and I was at all. It began to sprinkle and Tony ran. I didn't know what I liked. 'Mamma, mamma, it was raining and rapped and then went away again. There was another awful peal of thunder and then I saw a bright light and a ball of what seemed very white fire. It was about as big as my two fists and was hardly a minute in the air. It was not hot, but it hurt just the way the sun does when you look at it only very much more. I was so frightened and I thought it was going to kill me. I did not know what to do with my eyes and I tried to shut them, but they were so hot and I covered my eyes with my hands and then I heard mamma calling me to come in. I was so frightened that I took my hands away and it was all dark, so I couldn't see anything at all. I cried and mamma came to me and she kissed me and I felt better. I was so nervous and I kept seeing the ball of fire, but that was imaginary. It's all over now, but I can't see. My nurse says I'm going to be well soon. Don't you think so, mamma?'"

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DISMISSES SUIT AGAINST RACING ASSOCIATION

Labor Union Loses Action to Recover Funds Lost by Treasurer.

Justice Amend in the Supreme Court today dismissed the action of the Housewives and Bronze Erectors Union to recover \$1,655 of its funds lost by Treasurer Fred P. Rasmussen on the races at Morris Park in May, 1904.

August Belmont testified yesterday that each member of the Turf Association bought \$5 or \$7 worth of tickets of admission to the grounds at \$2 per ticket. Mr. Belmont said they were not obliged to do this.

When the trial was resumed Mr. Dalton said he expected to prove that unless the bookmakers bought the \$5 or \$7 worth of tickets, they would not be allowed to do business at the Morris Park track. Mr. Lichtenstein said he was in attendance on every racing day at Morris Park, in May, 1904, and made a book in the betting ring.

"None that I know of," he said. "George A. Wheeler followed Lichtenstein in the witness chair, and gave us his account to the lawyers for the labor union. He explained the allotment of places to the bookmakers substantially as Lichtenstein had done, and said that there was no agreement with the Racing Association under which the members of the Turf Association did business in the betting ring."

But there was discussion of how to recompense the Racing Association for the privilege? A. There was a discussion of the bookmakers with the Jockey Club. The Turf Association, as a result, said its members would not do business with the secretary who would buy the tickets at the gate. There was no contract.

Who was the member of the Jockey Club with whom the discussion was had? A. August Belmont. That was the wind up for the plaintiff's testimony. Mr. Nicol moved to strike out Wheeler's testimony, which was denied.

Mr. Nicol renewed the motion to dismiss the complaint on the ground that there was no direct evidence to show that Rasmussen had been a member of the association or any member of it, or that the association had any interest whatever in the wages lost with the bookmakers.

In the midst of the argument Justice Amend interrupted, and holding up a legal tome, said, addressing Mr. Dalton, "Your argument may be good, but I am not going to do it. It is not the law, but unfortunately it is not the law."

He read the law defining the liability of an owner who gives a license to the loser and dismissed the complaint. Captain Stephenson, of the Mercer street station, with his plain clothes men, today made a successful raid on an alleged poolroom at No. 8 East Eighth street. The alleged proprietor, who was arrested, was held in \$1,000 bail for trial.

Yesterday Detective Barnett, of the city's anti-trust division, was a horseless chauffeur and went to the Eighth street address, where he had heard a poolroom was in operation in the back of a cigar store. Barnett got into the place without his dog disguise being perceived. Passing the door he went through the usual formalities of getting a numbered ticket admitting him to "The Sunset Club."

Barnett saw an on the running ability of a horse named "The Sun" in the first race at Jamaica. The horse was sixth under the field wire. The cabman, however, obtained three fourths of the race from August Belmont. Belmont, who was in the car, and today saw the horse in the race, with his trainer, Maurice and Fitzgerald, as predicted.

After they had broken through two rear window doors the plain clothes men were in a room where sixty men were holding a social party. Belmont, who was in the car, and today saw the horse in the race, with his trainer, Maurice and Fitzgerald, as predicted.

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GIRL WHO WAS BLINDED BY LIGHTNING.



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ROBBER GANG HOLDS UP CANADIAN PACIFIC FLYER

Mail Car of Imperial Limited Plundered After Engineer Is Forced to Run It Off from Rest of Train.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 9.—The Imperial Limited was held up on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, near Kamloops, 20 miles from here, early today.

The robbers compelled the engineer to uncouple the mail car from the rest of the train and haul it a mile away, where they rifled it of the registered letters.

The robbers were under the impression that the mail packages were in the mail car, but when they found that the money was in another car they had not nerve enough to go back for it and slipped away into the hills.

The robbers captured near a small station called Furrer, between Kamloops and Ducks. Special officers have been sent from Vancouver to investigate the gang. The bandits made no attempt to interfere with the passenger.

FAMILY STARVING AS HE WAS HELD IN THE TOMBS

Their Plight Was So Pitiable That It Won Freedom for Edward McDermott, a Truckman, Who Was Awaiting Trial.

The sad plight of a starving wife and four children today won freedom from the Tombs for Edward McDermott, a truckman. Justice was liberally tempered with mercy when it was learned that every stick of household goods in the McDermott's miserable home, at No. 23 West Water street, and been pawned or sold, while the husband was waiting trial.

Early today a woman was noticed going up and down the corridors of the Criminal Courts Building. In her arms she carried an infant child and by her side, clinging to her skirts, tramped three other little ones in stegular slippers. The clothes of all were of the poorest and scantiest. The woman's face was haggard and pinched with hunger, her eyes burned as though with a fever. Suddenly she hesitated in her walk, tottered and fell in a dead faint.

Cared for the Woman. Court officers rushed to the woman's side as the four children set up doleful little cries. Tenderly they carried the woman into an ante-room, where it was found that the woman was absolutely starving, while the children, for whom she had sacrificed her own food, were in a wretched, hungry state.

When the woman was revived she confessed admitted his guilt, and said that his fall was due to speculation. He has made a declaration to the firm to make restitution. It is understood that he has a \$10,000 equity in loans of the firm.

Government Acts Against Drug Trust. The Government has today filed in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Columbia a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the drug trust of the United States.

THE BEAUFORT FIGURE IN A DIVORCE SUIT

of the divorce suit, where scores of wives and women sought to gain admittance. They were especially anxious to see the good-looking boys when Mrs. Lawson spoke for her intimates. They were not disappointed, for although the handsome "Armed" was absent to-day, the two other red-headed youths and the two black-haired ones were there immaculately dressed and seemed to enjoy the interest the spectators took in them.

Enjoys the Situation. Mrs. Lawson had better control of herself today and seemed to enjoy the situation, arching her eyebrows and curling her Cupid's bow lips until her dimples tripped. She was dressed as yesterday in a smart black gown with white lace and a large picture hat of the same hue to set off her Titan hair. Young Sykes the artist, who is six feet tall and slender, with a mass of waving red hair, looked very pale and delicate as he walked demurely to the stand. He said he was not twenty-one years old when he met Mrs. Lawson at his boarding-house. Miss May Galton, the landlady, testified yesterday that he often used Mrs. Lawson for a model, and once sketched her smoking a cigarette in the hammock of the back yard.

Also said he was in the habit of having her in the studio very often, and that once the pair were out all night, returning at dawn in a hilarious condition. Sykes denies it. He said that he had never seen Mrs. Lawson smoke, and that he had never seen her in the habit of having her in the studio very often, and that once the pair were out all night, returning at dawn in a hilarious condition.

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A Contrast

The City Officials of New York have been invited to visit Grand Rapids to study the telephone question.

Table comparing Grand Rapids and New York: Grand Rapids: Population 87,565, Telephones 6,092. New York: Population 3,442,202, Telephones 257,000.

There are more than 6,092 telephones (the total number in Grand Rapids) in 10 New York Hotels.

Grand Rapids supports Two Systems (The larger is referred to above) Over 28 per cent. of the Subscribers to that system use both services and thus

Pay Double Charges

A Further Contrast Grand Rapids—Automatic System. New York—Common Battery System.

MR. JOHN HESKETH, Chief Electrical Engineer for the Commonwealth of Australia, after an exhaustive investigation throughout Europe and America, including a special study of the automatic system at Grand Rapids, officially reported, September, 1905:

"There is not in existence at the present time any automatic system which I could with confidence recommend for adoption in one of the largest cities in the world.

"Even admitting that the automatic system would do certain things, the common battery system would do all this and more, and do it better and cheaper.

Automatic Telephone Systems have been thoroughly investigated by the best engineers in the world and

Condemned Lord & Taylor Sale of Irish & French Hand Embroidered Linen Waist Patterns and Panels, including material complete for making waist or skirt and waist, 1/3 and 1/2 less than regular prices.

High Grade Novelties and Staple Lines. Waists, \$2.50 to \$10. Panels, \$9 to \$30. Linen Department. Broadway and Twentieth St., Fifth Ave., Nineteenth St. Vinol Jayne's Sanative Pills put a lazy liver to work. DIED. HANNON.—On May 7, 1906 MICHAEL HANNON, beloved husband of Mary Hannon.

HARVARD TEAM TO PLAY FOOTBALL

BOSTON, Mass., May 8.—Harvard will play football with Yale today. The game will be at an university eleven which will play intercollegiate games under the rules adopted by the American Football Rules Committee during the past winter. This fact was settled today at the meeting of the Board of Directors of Harvard University, which was held at the Corporation offices in this city.

The Overseers accepted the report of the Harvard Athletic Committee to the effect that the new rules were worthy of a trial under the conditions existing in intercollegiate contests. There was a large gathering at the above-mentioned meeting and one discussion was a long one.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 8.—People living in Bartholomew County near Columbus and in Shelby County near Shelbyville reports that yesterday morning at 12:3 a slight earthquake shock was felt. The tremor lasted several seconds, but no damage was done.

Earthquake Now Shakes Indiana.

DIAMOND DEALER IS SWATTED BY RIVAL.

Business amenities in Maiden lane were aired today in the Court of Special Sessions at the trial of William Boyer, a diamond dealer, for assault. He has an office at No. 44 Maiden Lane, Joseph Hoffman, another diamond dealer, was the complainant.

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\$100,000 STEAL CHARGED BY FIRM FORCED TO WALL

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—The brokerage firm of Harrison Snyder & Co. announced today that a defalcation amounting to at least \$100,000 had been committed by Edwin S. Greenfield, a confidential clerk.

The discovery was made by expert accountants employed to examine the books of the firm. The pecuniations had been going on, it is said, for about six years.

Greenfield has not been arrested, but is under surveillance. The firm today that a petition in bankruptcy and Richard M. Vollum was appointed receiver.

GOVERNMENT ACTS AGAINST DRUG TRUST

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Attorney-General today made public the following statement: "The Government has today filed in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Columbia a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the drug trust of the United States."

The parties defendant specifically named in the bill have voluntarily combined together to control the prices at which proprietary medicines and drugs shall be sold to the consumer through the retail druggists in violation of the Sherman act-trust law.

The expert work on the books all day yesterday and all last night. It was announced this afternoon that the defalcation already found amounted to over \$100,000 and might reach \$200,000. Greenfield when confronted with evi-

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