

BURGLAR WHILE INSANE

True Story of Georgetown Man Whose Life History Reads Like Fiction.

By JAMES LACOSTE RODIER.

Frank Magan and I went to Georgetown College together. Yes, I know it is a university now, but it will always be a college to us oldsters.

It was at the Cozy Corner, and the physician was fulfilling his promise to tell of a remarkable series of happenings which fell under his observation, and which were tragically eventful.

Frank Magan has an older brother, Charley. They were both born and reared in Georgetown, in the section then known as Holy Hill.

At the time I reached Plainville, then a town of 2000, he was approaching forty years of age, had made his pile, safely invested it, and was contemplating taking up criminal practice, as a preliminary to which he laid out a course of study for a couple of years.

"Matters ran along uneventfully for about six months, until Dr. Magan noticed that his brother was ailing, and suggested that the latter pay a visit to his family, which he did, remaining in California about a month.

"The premises were searched, neighbors called in to help our quest, and the authorities notified. Every effort was put forth. For a week we vainly sought him, and then notified his wife, who rushed home. She was at first overcome, and threatened to lapse into a fever herself.

"A year passed, and Frank and I had given up hope. Every institution for the insane in the country had been searched in vain, and we felt Charley's body was in some nook in those hills over which he was wont to wander.

"It was in the fall of the next year, I was at the hospital one night preparing to leave for the Magan home, where Frank and Aunt Mandy yet lived, and with whom I spent most of my time, when I got a call from the emergency room, whither I hastened.

drawn and blue-tinted, his uniform slashed and gory, his left arm bare, the coat sleeve, shirt, and undershirt cut raggedly away at the shoulder, while just above the elbow was a rude tourniquet made of a handkerchief and a pocket knife.

"Stimulants were administered the patient, and as he wearily opened his eyes he saw his sergeant bending over him. The latter tenderly asked: 'How about this, Mack?'

"Well, we got Policeman Mack Morris to bed, agreed among ourselves that he had three chances in ten to live, but that if he did it would be six months before he would be able to get back to his duty.

"I learned afterward that Morris had come upon the man leaving a house by a window, when he saw the burglar, and the night had been out and bruised as described, but that as he felt he had sent a shot at the man who had inflicted the wounds, feeling sure he had his feeble assailant, as the latter had needed and staggered at the discharge of the policeman's pistol.

"After seeing that Morris was as comfortable as possible, I went to Dr. Magan's to spend the night. It was late, but the doctor had been out on a call, and we stopped in his office to get a little something for a nightcap, to smoke our pipes, and have our usual chat about poor Charley.

"We had been chatting for perhaps twenty minutes, when who should open the door but Aunt Mandy, clad in nightgown and cap, trembling in every limb, wide-eyed from terror. 'Marse Frank,' she said, huskily, 'dere's somebody in Marse Charley's room!'

"It was Charley Magan, and my blood chilled within me. I recognized the man who had been out and bruised as described, but that as he felt he had sent a shot at the man who had inflicted the wounds, feeling sure he had his feeble assailant, as the latter had needed and staggered at the discharge of the policeman's pistol.

"When I got downstairs Mandy was still paralyzed with fright, and I gave her a great drink, which she gulped down with a gasp. Then she turned to me and said, in a wonderfully calm voice, as he took Charley by the arm and led him to a big almshouse: 'The fever's about gone, doctor, but his little trip has been a hard one, and he needs a good deal of rest and care.'

"That night, Charley, everything's all right. You banged the nurse in the nose and he banded you in the face; but you must keep quiet. I'll fix you up now."

DAILY COURT RECORD

(Saturday, July 3, 1909.)

DISTRICT COURTS.

Equity Court No. 1. JUSTICE BARNARD. No. 2868. York vs. York; rule returnable July 9.

Probate Court. JUSTICE BARNARD. Estate of Jennie E. Lee; petition for letters testamentary. Attorney, H. C. Kirge.

Equity Suits. No. 2869. Ida M. P. York vs. Charles York; maintenance. Attorney, J. H. Adrians.

Law Suits. No. 8777. Francis E. Embury, ac., vs. Elizabeth C. Anderson et al.; damages, \$10,000. Attorneys, A. B. Webb and E. L. Gies.

Real Estate Transfers. 821 Twelfth street northeast, 28 and 27 N street southeast, 68 and 69 Olan street northeast.

Mechanics' Lien. No. 898. Joseph E. Wilkinson et al. vs. Edgar C. Blackman, part of lot 4, block 141, Bursfield.

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"Of course, I agreed to be in the hospital, but I had built up a hope within me that we had the situation so well in hand that if Morris lived and Charley recovered, we could keep the story quiet. Otherwise, well, time enough for that when it came.

"I will not go to the length of saying physicians are ready fiars, but there are times when prevarication fits in handily, and this was one of them.

"When I opened the door the house was permeated with the odor of burning wood, and I was not surprised to find that Charley, but had Mandy take his place, and we went into consultation to map out our plans.

"A week passed, and Mrs. Magan was Frank had met her in Chicago, and, on my advice, had told her everything; it was necessary to our plans that she should know, for it was her duty to reveal the truth to Charley. Officer Morris had won in the fight for existence, but was crippled for life, as the muscles of his arm had been severed, leaving it useless.

"It was a hard task for Mrs. Magan, but her husband bore it better than she. He said, at first he was in favor of delivering himself into custody, but we prevailed upon him to refrain from doing this, and at our solicitation he remained in the hospital until he was able to smuggle him out of town. He got to California safely, and when he had been there a fortnight Frank and I sent for the local reporters and let them that Charley had been discovered insane in the West, had responded to treatment, and was now with his family in California, and asked them to minimize their stories of his recovered reason, which they did.

"The hardest task was to provide for the disabled policeman without engendering suspicion, but this was finally accomplished through a New York banker, who raised quite a lot of money upon speculation, and also brought out the fact that the proceeds of the burglary preceding the fight had never been recovered.

"A few months later Charley Magan and his family returned to Plainville, and were well treated at Charley's disquiet appearance on several occasions, and were much worried when he left the house alone one day and was gone several days. He was all right on his return, however, and sent for Frank and I. 'I have been troubled,' he said, 'of late by recollections of a dream. I took a walk in Blundy's Woods to-day. There is concealed in the woods must be a discoverable plunder, evidently the proceeds of many burglaries. There is, however, nothing else there to give any one concern. I am going abroad with my family. That property in the woods must be discovered and returned when I go away.'

"That was all; but it was enough. Again recourse was had to New York—this time to a priest—and the property was recovered and restored without connecting the name of Charley Magan with the series of mysteries.

"Charley Magan educated his children abroad, returning to this country about the time of the Spanish-American war, but died soon after. He now reposes in Hill Cemetery, but Charley Magan is not the name carved on the stone above his resting place.

Musical Film Marshals. From the Argonaut. There is a story told of a famous singer, Gabrieli, who demanded a fee of 1,000 ducats for singing before the Empress Catherine II of Russia.

He Learned Too Much. From the Western Christian Advocate. Teacher (to stupid pupil)—For what is Pisa noted?

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