

THE FACE OF ROSENTEL.

CHARLES HOWARD MORJAGUE.

CHAPTER I. THE PATIENT.

A fixed and changeless expression. A single sentiment in the dark eyes, turning restlessly from one serious face to the other. A single sentiment in the timid trembling of the pale lips, in the expression of the delicate nostrils, in the nervous contraction of the brows that accompany it.

and unpronounced. I have known such widely different and unexpected mental states to result from the fright incident to a loss of consciousness, under a pressure of excitement, that I am almost ready to attribute any abnormal mental state to the shock or the terror, pure and simple.

To deprive a face that beams with intelligence and beauty of the one light that makes it priceless, to blot out in the twinkling of an eye that unmeasured universe that exists in the brain of an individual and leave in its place a solitary candle like this glimmering in the night—what a measureless crime! And such a crime has been committed. Does it add anything to the depth of the infamy or to the burden of the guilt that the poor victim was but 19 and had been struck down in the fullness of health and strength?

The elder physician made no reply, but he laughed quietly. "I do not mean that she can follow a conscious train of thought, but that there is an unconscious undercurrent, so to speak, which never rises into consciousness. It is the upper surface of the mind only that exhibits itself in intelligence, and in my opinion there is something more than reflex action in the great undercurrent that throws up the little waves, the tops of which only we can reason. This mind is not dead, even though it appears to be."

"I have observed a very curious thing," the elder physician was saying. "It is possible, of course, that I may be mistaken, but if I am not then this girl possesses a curious power in a remarkable degree."

"I am afraid, Lamar," he said, "you read too much Herbert Spencer and are inclined to ignore us plain fellows."

"Yes, a very curious power, I should say, of what, for want of a better term, I will call optical retention. You know what I mean?"

"The younger man repeated the phrase with no little wonder. 'A curious power?'"

"I mean the faculty of retaining a scene in the mind after the eyes are closed or the scene removed. We all have it in varying degrees. You mention the writing table at my office, and immediately an image, tolerably distinct, of the size, shape and general appearance of the table rises before my mental vision. I mean simply, if this girl were familiar with the looks of that table and she could be made to understand what I am talking about, she would see the object in question so vividly that it would be for her almost the reality—perhaps, I might say, practically the reality."

"The younger physician regarded the speaker in silent wonder. 'You don't take my meaning?'"

"No, that is, I don't know. It may be abnormal, or it may be natural, but I have studied several cases. One, a very young child who could find his way unerringly about a familiar place blindfolded. His family called it instinct, but it was simply a phenomenal power of retaining the picture of the room in his mind, combined with an accurate idea of distance. Unseen by him, I disarranged the furniture, and he lost his head at once."

"After they had disappeared from the range of her vision the girl sat for a long time without any apparent change, save that in lieu of scanning the faces of the physicians her eyes looked with the same dreadful fear into the fire in the open grate. Over and over again, with a persistent monotony the sympathetic observer made the sympathizer in motion of the unnatural and unvarying condition of the shattered mind, this alternate clasping and unclasping of the hands, went on. The white palms came together, the fingers intertwined, the palms moved slowly across each other, the fingers lost their hold and wandered nervously, and then the dreary round began again, and so on, ceaselessly and always."

"It seems to me, Lamar, that the problem in this case narrows itself down to a question as to whether the patient's present condition is due to the blow she is known to have received upon the head or to the purely mental results of the terror caused by the accident."

"'Is she never still?'" the elder physician asked. "Never wholly so. Nervous motion of some sort is necessary. Nothing but actual interference from without can stop it, even for an instant."

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This is a more remarkable retention than I had deanted possible. But there is no evidence that she thinks at all. 'Not as we think. No.'

"Gradually the repelling motion of the hands gave place to the old nervous clasping and unclasping. The time came when the poor creature seemed to forget the special terror caused by the cat in the general dread with which all things seemed to inspire her. But she still continued to stand."

"Think!" murmured the elder physician. "Why, she doesn't even know enough to sit down when she is tired."

"In truth, at that moment the girl began to sway violently, and had not the foremost physician gone promptly to her assistance she would have fallen."

"Her limbs are too weak to stand so long," said the younger man. "But don't put her to bed yet. I want to try an experiment."

"Of what nature?" "Simply to see what effect music will have. I have known downright idiots, who responded to scarce another provocation than the sight of food, to have their interest visibly aroused by the sound of a musical instrument. Miss Maxey will favor us with a few selections. I'll speak to her."

"He rapped at the door of an adjoining chamber and exchanged a few words with the person who responded. In a few minutes a pretty young lady with black eyebrows and a damask color in her cheeks had taken her seat at the piano. The two physicians had retired to their former position behind the bed curtains, and the patient, as before, sat on the edge of her bed."

"What shall I play?" the young lady asked. "Something loud and energetic."

"There was a rustling of leaves, and then the drastic opening chords of a Liszt rhapsody made the vases shiver on the mantel. The sounds started the patient into a blue funk; have done. The dark eyes seemed to grow darker, the pale lips quivered more perceptibly with the utterance of that plaintive cry, the pitiful all that was left to her of voice and speech. But she seemed to realize the origin of her fright. Her glance went immediately in the direction of the piano and remained there, fascinated, as if she momentarily expected an unknown horror to rise up out of the cheerful red cover which adorned the case of the instrument. Never for an instant was the forlorn monotony of the moving hands interrupted. Nevertheless the younger physician seemed satisfied."

"We've got her attention. Now let us change our humor. No more of that kind, please, Miss Maxey. Something quieter and more soothing."

"Miss Maxey chose a volume of Beethoven and began a favorite sonata. The clasping hands still moved; the dark eyes still watched for the coming of the unknown horror, but there was a change in the indescribable details that went to make up the dominant expression of the patient's face—slight, gradual, scarcely perceptible except to practiced eyes expecting it—but still a change."

"The younger man whispered energetically. 'She's listening!'"

"Slowly, so slowly that it seemed an age to those who hoped to see the end, the clasping fingers forgot to separate themselves and take up new positions; the heretofore incessant motion of the nervous hands became less and less; ceased altogether; the palms rested against each other, quite still."

of care, to do your bidding." The young doctor turned from the bedside to a contemplation of the serious face beside him. It was natural that his mind should wander from the sick girl to other affairs. "I have not seen your brother today, Miss Maxey. Where is he?"

Miss Maxey informed him. Before her answer can be intelligibly recorded it is necessary to go back a little.

ABURGLAR STORY.

The Talk of the Lady of the House: Told the Robber How He Could Get In.

"There is a lady in our city," said Walter S. Barnard of Chicago, "who has material for one of the most peculiar burglar stories ever written. She was sitting with her husband late one night a few weeks ago, and as they were talking he reminded him that the catch on the window was broken and that he had better see to it before he retired. He was reading at the time, and although he murmured assent, he forgot all about the instruction a moment later. Not so, however, a tramp who was sitting on the porch within earshot, and who half an hour later quietly pushed up the window sash, jumped in and commenced to ransack the house. He had very little success, because on opening a closet which looked something like a plate depository he upset a pair of dumbbells and Indian clubs which the lady's sons used for training purposes. The lady heard the noise, rushed out on the roof of the kitchen, which was in line with the bedroom window, and screamed murder for five minutes. Then a policeman came leisurely up and the matter was investigated. The burglar was caught the next day and was brought to the house by two detectives. The lady, who thought the burglar the most respectable looking of the three, declined to admit the party and talked to them through the very window which had been used by the burglar. That worthy, who was doing the penitential act and evidently working for a short sentence, reminded her of her conversation with her husband, and told her that he had no tools with him at all, and but for the hint which she unconsciously gave him, he should not have dreamed of making any attempt. The lady's disgust can be easily imagined."

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It seems too bad.

"It seems too bad," said Mr. Easywell, "that authors and reviewers do not get on together better." "Yes," replied his wife, "the world seems to be quite wrong. Judging by what one reads, the critics should all be novelists and the novelists all critics."

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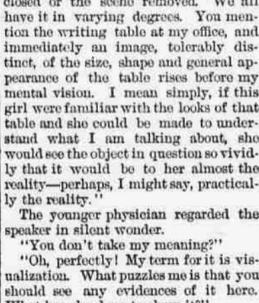
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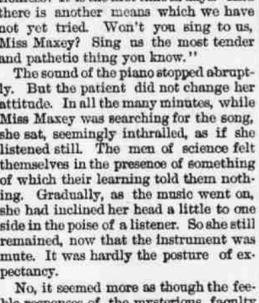
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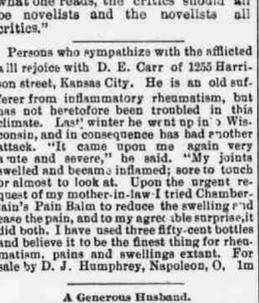
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