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A VERDICT FOR \$50,000.

The Suit of a Young Woman Against the Family Physician.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Ill., says that in October, 1879, Miss Fannie L. Cavary, then about 20 years old, beautiful and accomplished, and highly respected as the daughter of one of the most prominent families of the State, on account of some physical irregularity placed herself under the care of Dr. James H. Campfield, the physician of her family, and one of the oldest and best known practitioners in that part of the State.

She submitted to an operation, taking on the doctor's earnest advice an anesthetic of considerable power. In the course of time her habits of life having been disarranged, she again consulted Dr. Campfield, who prescribed remedies. As month after month passed without relief to the girl, she went in the spring of 1880, on the advice of friends and in desperation almost, to another physician, and stated her case to him. He told her the truth. The revelation came upon her with terrible force, and it was with great difficulty that she could be calmed. This physician in describing the scene says it was the most painful ever witnessed by him in his years of practice.

On May 10, 1880, Miss Cavary became a mother. There was no attempt at concealment. The body of the child, which died a few hours after birth, was buried publicly. The mother, with her returning strength, made preparations to establish her innocence.

During the following summer a suit was instituted in her behalf against Dr. James H. Campfield, charging, in brief, that during one of her visits to his office for treatment, she had, at his solicitation, taken a glass of wine in which he had placed a drug which rendered her unconscious, and that during this time he took advantage of her helplessness. The trial of the case was begun in the Circuit Court of this county before Judge Godspeed two weeks ago, and has absorbed the attention of the people for miles around. Among the witnesses were many of the most respectable men and women of the county, besides every physician of standing. The defense set up a general denial of the complaint, and the name of a young man named Metcalf was mentioned, a resident of St. Louis. This was the only theory advanced by the defense.

Mr. Metcalf, who is a lawyer, and is now married, was at one time engaged to Miss Cavary, but the betrothal was broken off at the request of the latter in 1878, since which time they had not met until one day during the trial young Metcalf, to the astonishment of everybody, walked into the court room, and introducing himself to the counsel for the prosecution announced his readiness to testify. As his testimony is thought to have settled the case in her favor, and as it shows the nature of the charge made against her, it is herewith given in a condensed form: "I met Miss Cavary first in Ottawa, in 1877. I returned in the fall, about three months later, and called on her. The next time I came to Ottawa was in the spring of 1878, and sometime during that season we were engaged. I corresponded with her. The last two or three times I was here I stayed at the house of Miss Cavary at her request. The last time I was here was August 3, 1878. I left on the eighth of that month, and I have not seen Miss Cavary since. Our engagement was broken off by Miss Cavary at my last visit here. It was not broken off on account of any impropriety in either of us. I have always treated her in every way as a gentleman should, and I never knew her to do or say anything in the least improper. We rode often, but never late. My sister came here in the spring of 1878 to visit Miss Cavary. I was here two days during that time, and we three rode one afternoon on the south side of the river, and all got out to gather ferns. That is the only time we ever got out of the carriage. Neither in August nor any other time did I sit on the bank of the river with my arm around Miss Cavary. I was not here during the year 1879. The first I heard of this suit was two years ago, but I did not know until last Sunday afternoon that my name was in any way mixed up with the affair. I came here of my own free will. I felt that the charge against Miss Cavary was an outrage and utterly false. I came here from another State to deny it, but if it had been necessary, I would have crossed the continent to do it."

A remarkable fact in connection with the case was the refusal of Dr. Campfield to go upon the stand. He had denied the accusation lodged against him in many public places, but he was not willing to do it under oath, in the court room, in the presence of Miss Cavary and her lawyers. The evidence introduced by the defense was mainly medical, and consisted principally of opinions by physicians and others as to the power and efforts of such anesthetics. Arguments of counsel were long, vehement and eloquent, and the court room could not accommodate one third of the people who daily presented themselves for admittance. The judge's charge to the jury was ended at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and five minutes after the door closed on the jurors they returned with a verdict of guilty as to Dr. Campfield, and fixed Miss Cavary's damage at \$50,000. The same that followed this announcement was a seldom witnessed in a court of justice. The great crowd, wild with joy and excitement, yelled itself hoarse, and a moment later surrounded the judge, the jury and attorneys for the prosecution and congratulated them all in the most boisterous fashion. The judge took Miss Cavary's hand in his hand and warmly congratulated her on the result of the trial. Miss Cavary does not need the money verdict, but she is overjoyed by the moral victory which she has won. Dr. Campfield was the family physician of Miss Cavary's grandparents, and is very wealthy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

President Arthur is a graduate of Union College.

The faculty at Dartmouth subscribed \$51.00 last year for the support of the base ball expenses.—Exchange.

There are 585 Chinese children in the San Francisco public schools.

Columbia has received a valuable collection of books and funds to the amount of \$600,000 from a late alumni.—Ex.

By the will of the widow of the late President Willard Fillmore, Rochester University receives a bequest of \$20,000.—Ex.

\$100,000 is required to rebuild Swathmore College recently burned. The building will probably be finished next fall.—Ex.

A widow of Shelbyville, Ind., aged 36, induced her daughter to discard a lover, aged 24, and then wooed him herself, and with such success that the wedding day is fixed.—Memphis Avalanche.

Here is another statement for lovers of tobacco to ponder over. It is asserted as a fact that at Harvard University, in the last fifty years, no student addicted to smoking has graduated at the head of his class.—The Clerk.

A young cadet of the University of Knoxville, named Adams, a few days ago, smoked and inhaled forty cigarettes, and was so poisoned with nicotine that he is now lying at the point of death from the effects.

Robert will shortly erect a building to be known as "Alumni Hall." It will cost about \$50,000, and will be four stories high, afford accommodation for a museum, cabinets of natural history, as well as rooms for library and office.—Ex.

There are two ways of obtaining an important end: force and perseverance. Force fails to the lot only of the privileged few, but austere and sustained perseverance can be practiced by the most insignificant. Its silent power grows irresistible with time.—Ex.

Godey's Lady's Book for March is full of good things. The steel plate, "The Little Pifferer," tells its own story, and the colored fashion plate is a gem. The novelette is from the pen of Mrs. M. Sheffy Peters, and is one of the very best of the series of complete novels given in the Lady's Book. This is the only magazine, we believe, which gives such extended novels in every number. The illustrations, stories, etc., are all first class. We would suggest to those who do not take it, that the Lady's Book would make a handsome present to your friend. Any of our readers can be supplied promptly, by leaving their orders at this office. We will furnish our own paper and the Lady's Book for the low price of \$3 10 per annum. Now is a good time to send in your subscription. The publication office is 1006 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Chicago Tribune opposes the reduction of the whisky tax to 50 cents a gallon, because this would reduce the revenue by \$25,000,000, about what the Tribune considers the proper price of a new navy. Since 1867 about \$250,000,000 have been expended on the navy. That is, it has cost about \$20,000 a year, stallings included, to wear our old navy almost entirely out. At that rate, to make a new navy with Secor Robeson as manager of the appropriations would probably take anywhere from one hundred to five hundred millions.

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