

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A LOVE THAT NEVER DIED

(Original.)
When General Zachary Taylor's troops were in Mexico confronting those of Santa Anna an incident of secret service took place which was not only thrilling, but which contained a romance.

One evening two officers, one in the uniform of a Mexican colonel, the other that of a captain, rode into the advance Mexican camp and asked to be conducted to the tent of the commanding officer. Arriving there, they found Major Fourtado, to whom they presented an order purporting to be signed by General Santa Anna directing that they be afforded every facility to inspect the camp. This was given them. They rode over the ground, noted the approaches, and as they were about to depart they were arrested and taken to Major Fourtado, the commandant. On them were found sketches and memoranda that proved them to be spies. They confessed and were informed that they would be shot at daylight the next morning.

The men were Lieutenant Colonel Otis Winchester and Lieutenant Warren Holmes of the American army. Colonel Winchester, knowing that certain information was extremely necessary to his general, had volunteered to make a bold attempt to secure it. Lieutenant Holmes was sent with him, it being hoped that if Winchester was taken Holmes might get through and back with the information. The uniforms had been obtained from Mexican officers, prisoners of war. Santa Anna's signature had been forged from a dispatch which had been captured on the messenger who bore it.

Neither slept during the night and shortly before dawn wrote brief letters to their homes, which they were told would be forwarded under flag of truce to General Taylor. Winchester, much the older man, was composed, but Holmes suffered from all the depression to be expected in one about to be shot.

"Are you related," asked Winchester, "to Edward C. Holmes of the class of 182—, at West Point?"

"He was my father," replied Holmes. Winchester said nothing, but looked at the young man with a melancholy stare. At the moment a messenger from Major Fourtado entered.

"The commandant," he said, "is especially reluctant to take the lives of two such brave men. He deems one sufficient to satisfy the military law common in such cases and directs me to inform you that you are permitted to draw lots, the one losing to be executed at once, the other to be exchanged."

Winchester again turned his glance on young Holmes, and a sigh—it might have been of relief—escaped him. The two officers exchanged letters to their

respective families, to be taken north by the one escaping death. Then they were conducted to Fourtado's headquarters.

The commandant placed two stones in his hat, the one black, the other white. Colonel Winchester claimed by right of seniority to draw, the first stone drawn being decisive. He stepped up to Fourtado, who sat at a table holding the hat, put in his hand and withdrawing it tossed a black stone on the table.

"You have lost," said the major, laying down the hat. Then, turning to the guard, he directed that the prisoners be taken away. A few minutes later a volley was heard without, and Otis Winchester had been executed.

Major Fourtado took up his hat and before placing it on his head put in his hand to withdraw the remaining stone. It was not there.

"Has any one touched the hat," he asked, surprised, "since I laid it on the table?"

Every one present disclaimed having done so.

"Gentlemen," said the major, "we have shot a noble man. He took both chances, sparing his companion."

A month later Lieutenant Holmes was exchanged. Before taking his departure for the American lines he was conducted to Major Fourtado's headquarters.

"What bond was there between you and your comrade?" asked Fourtado.

"None that I know of. General Taylor called for volunteers to attend an officer on a hazardous enterprise. I volunteered and was accepted."

"Lieutenant, I will tell you a secret. When Colonel Winchester withdrew his hand from the hat that decided your fate and his he took both stones."

The information weighed heavily upon Holmes. He remembered Winchester's mention of his father, who had died some years before, and as soon as he returned to his home went straight to his mother to ask her to enlighten him.

"Mother," he asked, "who was Otis Winchester?"

"Why do you ask, my boy?" replied the lady, starting.

The young man gave his mother the information he had received from the Mexican. It was some time before she could find her voice to speak. Then she said:

"Otis Winchester was your father's rival. They were classmates at West Point and I was a guest of the superintendent. I decided for your father."

The last five words were spoken almost in a whisper, after which there was a silence between the two, a silence which it would have been profane to interrupt and the impressiveness of which no word could depict.

Then the son went to his mother and put his arms about her.

"I supposed," he said, "that this the greatest of all sacrifices was for me, and I could not understand how it could be so. I see now that it was for you."

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WHEN A POPE DIES.

Formalities Attending Verification and Proclamation of His Death.

On the official notification by a pope's medical attendants that his holiness is in a critical condition the sacrament is exposed in all the churches in Rome, says the New York Herald. At St. Peter's it is exposed on the high altar, covered with a cloth of white lawn, which is only removed on the death of the pope. Meanwhile summonses are sent by telegraph to the foreign or absent cardinals, and those in Rome are called to the Vatican.

On the death occurring the first step to be taken is the official verification that the vicar of Christ is no more. This act, which is performed with a certain prescribed ceremony, devolves upon the cardinal camerlingo (chamberlain), to whom on the demise of the holy father the supreme authority for the time being is committed.

Attired in full canonicals, his eminence, attended by the cardinals, prelates and laymen of high rank at the papal court, proceeds to the chamber of death. Knocking at the door with a wand of silver, the cardinal camerlingo enters the room and, advancing to the couch on which lies the dead figure of the pope, touches the breast and forehead and then, sinking on his knees, proclaims in a loud voice, "Domine papa, noster mortuus est." The fisherman's ring and the other papal seals are then handed to the cardinal camerlingo, together with a document formally attesting the death of the pope.

As soon as this ceremony is accomplished the body is embalmed and attired in the pontifical vestments as a preliminary to the public exposition of the remains in St. Peter's. The body, which is committed to the charge of the papal chamberlains, is first of all taken to the Sistine chapel and thence by a covered way to the great basilica, where it lies in state for three days in the chapel of the holy sacrament, reposing on a richly draped couch.

Four members of the noble guard watch over the remains day and night with drawn swords. The body is so exposed that the faithful in filing past can kiss the feet of the dead pontiff. Meanwhile every church in Rome is draped in mourning, and masses for the repose of the soul of the departed, together with the especial prayer for the guidance of the church and of the new pope, are said constantly.

During this time the arrangements for the holding of the conclave are being perfected. The ten sacred congregations meet on the third day from the pope's death in the hall of consistory and there appoint three members of their body and a cardinal bishop, a cardinal priest and a cardinal deacon to form, with the cardinal camerlingo, the temporary state executive.

On the first meeting of the cardinals the cardinal camerlingo reads the papal bull touching on the election of a pope and then, in the presence of all, breaks the fisherman's ring and signets of the dead pontiff.

The Word Golf.

The word golf and the game of golf are both essentially Dutch. The name is from that of a Dutch game played with club and ball. The word golf is from the Dutch word *kolf*, which means a club, a bat, a golf stick. The game was played in Holland before Queen Elizabeth began to reign.

The Most Deadly Poison.

Strophantidin is said to be the most deadly poison on earth. It is made from an African plant by ether and alcohol.

Most Active Volcano.

Mount Sangay is the most active volcano in the world. It is situated in Ecuador, is 17,120 feet in height and has been in constant activity since 1728. The sounds of its eruptions are sometimes heard in Quito, 150 miles distant, and once 267 reports were counted in one hour.

TRY THIS TEST.

And see if your Kidneys are Diseased.

A very simple way to determine whether your kidneys or bladder are diseased is to put some of your urine in a glass tumbler and let it stand 24 hours; if it has a sediment or a cloudy,ropy or stringy appearance, if it is pale or discolored, you do not need a physician to tell you that you are in a dangerous condition. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy speedily cures such serious symptoms as pain in back, inability to hold urine, a burning scalding pain in passing it, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, and the staining of linen by your urine.

The Rev. Aaron Coons, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church of Rhinecliff, N. Y., says: "I most sincerely believe that Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the best kidney, liver and blood medicine made, and urgently recommend it, for I know by experience it will do all that is claimed for it."

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INVADING THE THAMES.

Latest Example of American Aggression in England.

MOVE TO REFORM PORT OF LONDON

The American Shipping Combine Wakes Up the British Capital to the Deficiencies of Its River—Long Series of Locks Planned, on Which the Greatest Ships Could Always Float.

Nothing has so startled the English public of late as the "invasion," as they call it, of American capital and enterprise, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. These have certainly taken hold of English business with surprisingly good results. The London underground railways—the "tubes"—and the English trolley system bear evidence of this, and now the invaders are taking charge of the Thames itself, which has hitherto been the very haunt and fastness of precedent and ancient custom. Here red tape and British conservatism have flourished to the detriment of the port.

Take the simple instance of the rights of the watermen. They transport freight up and down the forty miles of river between Gravesend and London. Legions of their barges, steered by one oar, float up and down with the tides. They move slowly, they obstruct navigation, yet no one dares suggest that the barges be towed to hasten matters. The waterman's rights date back into the misty age of fable and are upheld by royal grants innumerable. Therefore wherever Thames water flows the waterman's boat may go without price. The sight of an enormous modern dock being opened to receive a one oared canal boat free of charge while modern liners pay handsomely for the same privilege is a daily scene which illustrates one of their prescriptive rights. No cargo may be moved from dock to wharf or from point to point along the river without calling in a waterman and paying him well. He has other curious medieval privileges which are innumerable. Yet you cannot abolish the waterman or make him tow his barge.

Then there is the Thames conservancy, which has charge of all matters pertaining to the river. The conservatism of this conservancy is another remarkable thing. All matters under their charge must remain as they have been for the last thousand years. There is a bar—they call it the Leigh Middle—at the mouth of the river. This obstructs the liners at low tide. It is just a common mud bank that would be ripped out of an American port in two weeks, but the Thames conservancy will not dredge this bar. It has always been there, they say, and it would cost money. Why trouble them with such matters? The only way to get at the conservative conservancy would be by act of parliament, and it would be as hard to abolish them as it would a waterman.

Then over all this are the Elder Brethren of Trinity House. This institution dates back to the reign of King Alfred, and some of the members go back nearly as far. Most of them are over seventy, and some are in the nineties. These take charge of every-bodv and everything voluntarily and, with that conservatism which is the mark of advanced age, veto all innovations. "Trinity House," says the London Mail, "is an indefensible anomaly, a trusted instance of voluntary management that no other maritime nation would tolerate."

Into this muddle of mud and precedent, then, has come the American invasion. The American shipping combine, representing seven lines, seven score great liners and an enormous tonnage, is now doing business in the American way in London, and the effect is marked. Under the spur of their enterprise the whole system of management of docks and waterways is under serious discussion and for the first time in centuries is about to undergo definite revision.

There are plans for the making of the river below London bridge, forty miles of it, into a series of locks, on which the greatest ships could float at all times. The various authorities of the port are to be combined into one, so that the management of the port may be in the hands of the shipping merchants who are directly interested. The dock companies are to be "expropriated" and combined, the wharf and lighter interests to be included, and one board will manage the whole and the river as well.

If carried out this will make London a shipping port such as the world has not yet seen, and, as the London Times puts it in pithy comment, "they who pay the piper will be able to call the tune." A bill to this effect has actually been introduced into parliament by Gerald Balfour. Whether it goes through or not is a question, but the fact that so much has been done is evidence that the American invasion of the Thames is stirring up the placid waters of precedent, and the result cannot fail to be good. With the dock companies allied instead of jealously competing, with wharfs and lighters under the same management and that of the men who are financially interested in the welfare of the port, the river should surely begin to regain its falling prestige.

The beauty of all this is that the Englishmen themselves are becoming inspired with this spirit and are pushing the reforms that are to help the great port in its new advancement. The American spirit has invaded not only the Thames, but the English merchants and shipowners themselves.

DESPAIR AND HOPE



A Tragic Life Story.

If there is anything in the theory that we get our heaven and hell here on earth, it could be said with perfect truth that a \$1 medical prescription known as D. D. D., literally lifted this man out of hell. The awful miseries of a poisoned skin can be understood only by the afflicted. The nights of sleepless agony with hands tied to prevent tearing the flesh, the rundown general condition which results, and the hopelessness of life can all be visibly traced in the first of these photos. As will be seen, this man is a man of powerful physique, but it will be seen from his face in the first picture that it is a grim struggle to live and keep up his courage. In contrast, if the reader will fairly consider, the picture after treatment with D. D. D., a new man is seen. Study this picture, contrast the two. Something has worked a wonder here. Reader, it was nothing on earth but D. D. D. and a kind Providence which directed the attention of this man to a public announcement about this medication and its wonderful work in such cases. Providence went further than this, it gave him some confidence in what he read. He made up his mind that he would try it. To this fact he owes all the peace, content and happiness so plainly seen in his face in the second picture. He states that after the third application of the remedy all his previous distress had disappeared entirely. The fevered condition resulting from continued irritation had subsided and he slept soundly nights. The name of this gentleman is Mr. Henry Walters, of St. Louis, Mo. We have the sworn affidavit of Mr. Walters that in just twenty-nine days after starting treatment with D. D. D. he discontinued further use of it, every visible trace of the disease having disappeared. Since that time not a trace of the trouble has shown itself on any part of his body. His hair has since grown long and the scurfiness beneath it is a vividly grown on his face to hide the sores, is kept cleanly shaved, and he is today a man of strikingly fine appearance, with the highest ambition and activities in life and every happiness possible to most men here on earth. Results of this kind are proven to be directly due to a preparation of this sort, certainly call for public appreciation. This prescription is sealed bottles, bearing authentic label of D. D. D. Co. of Chicago, said at \$1. The bottle is a liberal one and has proved sufficient to entirely cure many cases.

Eczema

is probably the worst and most stubborn of skin diseases, and it was for this that this prescription was studied out and perfected, but all skin diseases are caused by parasites or some form of germ life in the skin-structure. The prescription quickly and surely annihilates all forms of parasitic life lodged anywhere in the skin. Many people imagine they have blood trouble when they break out with some form of skin affection, but not in one case in a hundred is this a fact, as the very least blood is often found in the strongest of this sort, certainly call for public appreciation. In all such cases the trouble is at the surface or near the surface, and it can be searched out and annihilated completely by this preparation.

The Above Is True.

We have received carefully prepared and fully attested documents and particulars regarding the case above mentioned of Mr. Henry Walters, of St. Louis, a victim of psoriasis, a form of eczema. We can say to all persons afflicted with any form of skin disease that the medical testimony submitted shows beyond a doubt that they can cure themselves by the use of this preparation. We say beyond a doubt. We mean this fully, providing the affection is really a skin disease, as it has been shown that each of the known germs that cause skin affection have been entirely routed out and conquered by the preparation.

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NOVEL STAGE EFFECTS

New Scheme For the Metropolitan Opera House.

TWO FLOORS BUILT IN SECTIONS.

All kinds of scenes in New York's Temple of Music may be represented by means of the second floor, supported on disappearing carriages, which move on perpendicular tracks.

Extensive alterations now being made to the Metropolitan Opera House stage in New York at a cost of \$125,000 will when finished make it one of the most complete in the world and will add immeasurably to the artistic side of the opera season, says the New York Herald. Operas such as "The Flying Dutchman," "Lohengrin" and "The Ring" cycle, which require elaborate scenery, will now be presented with artistic completeness.

"Parsifal," too, which will be seen for the first time in the United States next season, will be given by Mr. Conrad on a magnificent scale. The entire scene on the ocean in "The Flying Dutchman," which has had to be omitted at the Metropolitan, will be beautifully shown from the new stage.

The old stage floor has been torn out, and in its place there will be two floors, either of which may be used, according to scenic effect to be produced. One is made in two huge sections which separate in the center and by a system of counterbalance weights may be pushed into the wings and out of the way.

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Below this will be another floor, built in sections, 8 by 4 feet, supported on carriages which move on perpendicular tracks. The space under the stage has been excavated to a depth equal to the height of the stage itself. Entire scenes can thus be built under the stage on these disappearing carriages and then raised noiselessly into place. To operate these stage sections counterbalance weights are again used. Side scenes will stand on carriages below the stage and will be simply rolled into place through grooves cut in the floor at the proper angles. Drop scenes, which now require a complicated rigging loft and a regiment of men to handle them, will be raised and lowered by a system of counterbalanced weights, and one man can easily operate them.

To represent a moving scene, or, more properly, the changing landscape a rider might see as he passed along, perpendicular rollers two feet in diameter will revolve in the wings, and from them will be unrolled strips of scenery. From the one nearest the audience will be unwound a transparent net on which will be painted large foreground objects, such as trees, rocks and bushes. This strip will move rapidly. Then will come a strip containing middle distance objects, moving more slowly, and so on until the last set of rollers is reached, bearing the background of sky and mountains, or whatever it may be, and moving very slowly or not at all.

Thus Siegfried's trip down the Rhine will be very clearly shown. Heretofore this scene had to be omitted, the orchestra merely playing the music.

An entire new electrical equipment is being installed, and the best lighting effects will be obtained. They will be controlled by a man at a \$20,000 switchboard beside the prompter's desk on the front part of the stage. Hitherto the lighting effects were controlled from the wings, and it was necessary to signal from the prompter's box.

Another improvement will be the enlargement of the orchestra pit by almost half to accommodate 120 men instead of sixty-five or seventy, as at present. To do this a few feet have been taken from the front part of the stage.

Motor Chairs For World's Fair.

The roller chair of Chicago fame will not be found at the St. Louis exposition. In its stead will be a light electric motor chair said to be so simple in its design that it can be easily guided and managed. The most important feature is the guard rail on the sides of the chair. This is connected with the operating mechanism and is so sensitive that the chair is brought to a standstill as soon as the guard rail comes in contact with anything.