

FROM WEALTH TO POVERTY.

A little girl leads off from No. 916 North Third street. The second house from the entrance is a small, two story dwelling inhabited by a family whose sudden transition from comfort to the most abject want is as sad as it was rapid.

On the bed lay the thin, emaciated form of the mother, almost too weak from disease to speak. She looked like a woman of intelligence and refinement. In this room on the bare floor her six small children sleep, with scarcely sufficient clothing to protect them.

"Oh, I would like to die, but what would become of these poor children?" The father is in feeble health and unable to do any hard work. He is poverty-stricken and the condition of his family has almost deranged his mind.

"In my practice I have visited a great many poor people, but I never saw such wretchedness and poverty as this family are in. I believe that the elder girl became feeble-minded through lack of proper food and nutrition, and I think her mind would grow strong if she were properly cared for."

William J. Ward, the father of the family, is a southerner by birth. He lived for many years in Bertie county, North Carolina, and served four years in the confederate army, being wounded in the service.

A German who lives next door spoke in the highest terms of the father's sobriety and honesty. The German has been supplying them with food and said he had seen the family when they were famishing.

When I am eating my breakfast," he said, "the little codgers will line themselves along my window and peeping in, piteously beg food."

His wife is coming ill, he came to Philadelphia last May in hopes that she would be benefited by the change of climate. He was unable to secure any employment and has gradually come to his present destitute condition.

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