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## AN EVEN CHANCE WITH DEATH

(Original)  
The Spanish-American war developed valuable scientific facts.  
The officers of one of the volunteer regiments were regaling themselves in Havana, where the command was sent after the surrender of Santiago, celebrating the results of the campaign. During the evening the regimental surgeon, Major Norris, deliberately insulted a young lieutenant, Bertram, who was sitting opposite him at table. Bertram was surrounded by a number of junior officers, Norris by several surgeons who happened to be on duty at Havana at the time and who had been invited to participate in the festivities. Norris accused Bertram of cowardice before Santiago. Since Bertram bore an unexceptionable record his companions were astonished at the doctor's charge. Bertram left the table and sent one of them to demand a retraction. It was refused, and he sent a challenge. The doctor agreed to give satisfaction, but as the challenged party demanded the privilege of choosing the method of the contest, he declared that his method would involve certainly the death of one of the antagonists and stipulated that Bertram should sign an agreement before knowing of the terms to accept them. This Bertram was obliged to do or remain under the ban of cowardice. When the preliminaries were completed and the paper was signed Norris made known his way of fighting. Two pellets, the one harmless, the other containing prussic acid in concentrated form, would be placed in a cup. The principals should each draw and swallow a pellet.  
Some of Bertram's brother officers begged him to refuse to fight on the terms on account of their unilitary character, but he suffered so severely under the surgeon's aspersions that he declared he would rather run one chance in two of death than live under obloquy. He fulfilled his agreement, and after the dinner was over a party of officers, including all the surgeons who had sat together at table, the two principals and two of Bertram's company, assembled in a room above where the banquet had been held, ready for the duel.  
Norris chose one of the surgeons and Bertram another to prepare the pellets, both agreeing that the major of the regiment act as supervising umpire. The three retired to an adjoining room, where they were gone a long while. There was evidently a want of harmony among them, and the major's voice could be heard raised in protest, the words "certain death" being distinctly audible. While this was going on Surgeon Norris sat coolly reading a medical journal, Bertram thinking of that terrible even chance between life and death. The consequence was that when at the end of an hour the men returned from the other room Bertram was very nervous.  
"Gentlemen, are you ready?" asked the major, who held the cup.  
Both replied in the affirmative.  
"This cup," continued the major, "contains the pellets, as agreed upon. The surgeons who have prepared them have surrounded the fatal one with wintergreen."  
He held the cup first to Norris as the ranking officer, who chose a pellet and swallowed it. Bertram, whose hand trembled, did the same with the remaining pellet.  
Presently Norris said:  
"Bertram, I commendate you. I cracked my pellet with my teeth, and yet I taste nothing."  
At the same moment Bertram went deadly pale. The outer coating of his pellet had been dissolved, and there was a strong flavor of wintergreen.  
"If you have anything to say," said one of the surgeons, "I should advise you to say it quickly. The drug, you know, acts instantly, and we have allowed only ten minutes for its inclosure to be dissolved."  
Bertram was standing when he took the pellet, but now the certainty of death weakened his knees, and he sank back on a lounge. One of those present brought him writing materials with which to write a last message. He took the pen, but was unable to write. Nevertheless his pluck was good. "It works quickly," he said, with some composure. "The nerves of my fingers are already powerless."  
"Speak what you have to say," said one of the surgeons. "Your tongue will soon be paralyzed."  
Bertram spoke a few words, then found it impossible to articulate further. He sank lower on the sofa and closed his eyes. The surgeon whom he had chosen to prepare the food of death went to him and felt of his heart.  
"The whisky, quick!" he shouted. "Great heavens, I'm afraid he's gone!"  
Whisky had been kept at hand, and half a tumbler was poured down the lieutenant's throat.  
"I say, Bertram," cried the surgeon, "you are mistaken! You have not swallowed poison!"  
Bertram slowly opened his eyes and looked wildly about him.  
"This is not a duel," continued the surgeon. "It is a medical experiment to test if a man may be killed by the imagination. The pellets were both made of bread."  
"Wake up, Bertram," said Norris, going to him and taking his hand. "You're as brave as a lion. I put this up on you to convince my friends the doctors that you could be killed by a harmless pill. We were discussing at dinner the feasibility of taking note in practice of the effect of a bad over matter and conducted this as a preliminary test of the mind's effect."  
Bertram was soon himself again and thanked the gentlemen for honoring him by using him in the interest of science.  
JOSEPH H. KING.

"WHAT AN EASTERN MAN THINKS"

OF THE

# Pecos Valley

The famous newspaper correspondent, Henry Hall, made a trip through the Pecos Valley last spring and the "Pecos Valley Lines" Passenger Department has reprinted what he had to say in a neat little folder suitable for mailing. Send us a list of names and we will take pleasure in giving your friends in the east an opportunity to read what Mr. Hall says.

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S. range 24 E., by Sanford W. Withers, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Sanford W. Withers (claimant) has abandoned said tract and has failed to make settlement or to establish residence thereon within six months after making said entry, and has not resided upon or cultivated said tract since making said entry of the same, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 3, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a

proper affidavit, filed January 20, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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