MAN OF MYSTERY MAY TELL PAST

Faint Hope That "J. C. R." May Regain His Speech.

IN A MINNESOTA HOSPITAL

Stranger Found Six Years Ago Has Never Bean Able to Remember His Past-Operation Expected to Prove Successful-Identity Still Unknown.

Minneapolis, Minn.-For more than ■ x years "J. C. R.," the Minnesota "man of mystery," has been in the State Hospital For the Insane at Bochester, Minn., unable to talk, unable to remember his past, and in all JAX IS DISCOVERED that time not one person has appeared to claim bim.

Yet there is hope that the mystery will be solved. Recently physicians made an X ray examination. While this revealed that there was no fracture of the shall, it was thought there might be a blood clot on the brain, so an operation vas performed.

The operation was considered successful, but the surgeons found such a degenerate condition of the brain -cells that they give only slight hope that "J. C. it." will ever regain his pormal faculties. However, there is Just a chance.

"We expect no sudden change or consational return of memory," said a doctor. What the outcome will be is problematical. A part of the memory cells of the brain has been destroyed. by degeneration, but there is a possibility that there are sufficient cells remaining to restore the memory in part, at least. If possible the hospital authorities will teach the man to talk. With the large cyst removed there is assurance that the degeneration of the brain area will not increase and the remainder of the brain is unimpaired. He can therefore be taught to speak as a child is taught, it is be-Heved. With the power of articulation, it is thought that he may be able

by motions, and those very vaguely. "J. C. R." is not insane and has never been insane. He was picked up smiths would have touched the hoodoo on the depot platform at Waseca, Minn., one night in June, 1907. How he got there no one knows. His right side from his temple to his foot was paralyzed. He could not say a word. He could not make persons understand him by gestures, nor could be understand anything that was said to

to tell some of the facts of his life,

which now he can communicate only

He was a public charge, and as such him a red pfeunig. was cared for by the county. Arrangements were made for him to live with a German family. He was attended by Dr. W. A. Chamberlain, but his case baffled the physician. Dr. Cham- thoroughbred Cochin china eggs. berlain gave up hope of his recovery. and on April 24, 1908, he was taken to the Rochester asylum. At the hospital be has always had his liberty. He is what is known as an observation patient who can be trusted.

To see "J. C. R." once is to remember him. Although he cannot talk, he asks questions, as it were, with his large, intelligent brown eyes, which haunt one with their pitiful entreaty. He is about medium height. His black hair, which is brushed well off his forehead, is tinged with gray. He is ty in walking.

Still "J. C. R." is now able to make himself partially understood. By coutinual pointings to a map he gave the he was the son of an admiral and indicated a spot near Baltimore as his home. Repeated inquiries to the naval department and Baltimore authorities and South Dakota. brought many replies of lost persons, but none which would fit the case of pated in by ships of the United States "J. C. R."

The United States navy has no record of a missing man who tallies with his description, yet "J. C. R." has been able to make the surgeons believe positively that he has served in the United States navy.

The only thing he can write are the initials "J. C. R." Yet he does not seem to think at times that those are his initials, although they were found on his clothing. When asked about it he rubbed the injured side of his head and looked puzzled.

This strange man has been a favor-Ite at the hospital. He has fully realized his condition, but not for one moment does he permit himself to become morbid. He has a winning smile. which illuminates his whole countenance, but his face in repose is pathetic.

The surgeons were able to make it known to him what they intended to do, and by gesturez "J. C. R." informed them that he welcomed the operation.

COOK STOVES FOR POOR.

Bequest of \$10,000 Fifty-nine Years Ago Will Be Looked Up.

Boston.-A hearing on a petition under the will of Thomas W. Sweetser. who died fifty-nine years ago, will be given in the Essex probate court, when an unusual provision-that of providing the poor of Salem with cook stoves -will get close attention.

The will stipulated that \$10,000 be paid to his native city, that this be put on interest at 6 per cent forever and that \$600 be spent annually in buying stoves and utenslis for the poor if his estate amounted to \$20,000 or more.

Trustees to be elected must supervice the administration of the charity and must keep on hand a supply of stoves of different sizes. Then, too. the trustees must keep on hand enough pipes for all the stoves.

If the will was made public fiftynine years ago no edicial notice was taken, and the gift was forgotten.

IN GERMAN'S CLOCK

Struck Thirteen on Friday and Brought Much Bad Luck.

Amite City, La.-George Zollenburg returned to his home near this city after another ineffe tual attempt to have the finx taken out of his grandfather's clock. The ancient timepiece is to blame for a long train of misfortunes that started Friday, June 13, 1913. The following details have been supplied by Mr. Zollenburg:

The clock was brought to this country by Mr. Zollenburg from the fatherland. The old time mill had never missed a tick or let a second slip by unrecorded until noon on that fatal Friday. While waiting for dinner Zollenburg was surprised and alarmed to bear the old heirloom strike thirteen times for neon.

"You'd better take that to some clock mender in Hammond," said the watch fixer, and he put his hand behind him as though the old timepiece were hot.

Zollenburg took the clock to Hammond and, not wishing to have it fixed under false pretenses, told the jewelers there about its having struck thirteen. Neither of the Hammond clockwith a fishing pole.

Blace then Zollenburg has taken the clock to every expert near here, only to have the Job declined. That is not all. Here are a few of the things that have happened since, for which he blames the clock:

His rich mother-in-law departed this life back in Germany without leaving

His valued hen (the one that walks with a limp) deserted her nest after sitting patiently for two and a half weeks on thirteen-there it is again-

His hired girl eloped with his best stable hand.

Twelve kittens fell in a well near his home and were drowned.

His brindle cow Bossie gave birth to triplets, all of which were black as coal dust and males.

PLANS FOR CELEBRATION.

American Committee Will Erect United States-Canadian Memorial Arch.

Duluth, Minn.-The American comapparently about forty-five years of mittee in charge of the celebration of age. Without his cane he has difficul- 100 years of peace between English speaking peoples is planning a United States-Canada memorial arch or bridge as a feature of the event.

The bridge will be located at the hospital surgeons the impression that point where the Duluth and St. Vincent road will join the road to Winnihad been an officer himself. He also peg. It will be so placed as to command the junction of both roads with a road leading through North Dakota

A great lakes demonstration, particiand Canada, also is planned.

Hard Cider In Cistern.

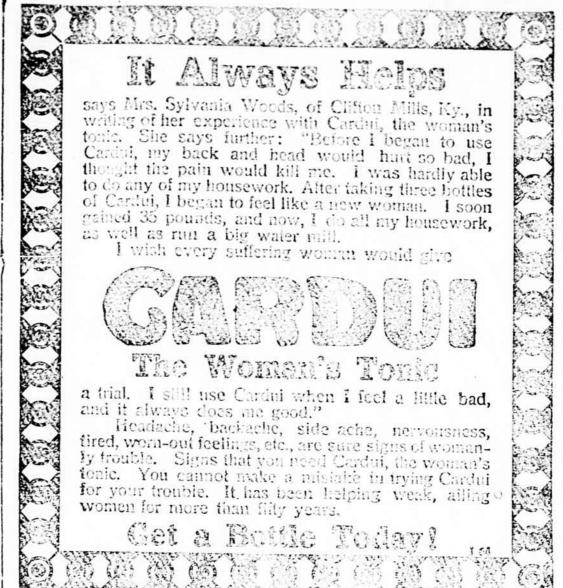
Bonner Springs, Kan.-The discovery of a cistern filled with hard eider on a farm near Bonner Springs bas solved a mystery that has baffled the law offihers of Wyandotte county for more than a year.

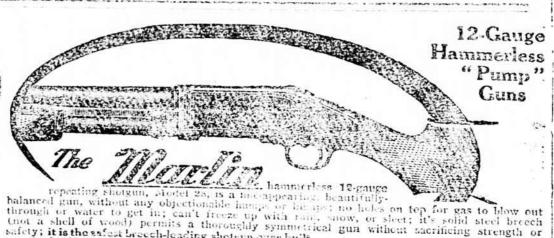
Frequent complaints had been filed with the prosecuting attorney that many men and boys in this vicinity were being ruined by strong drink, but the utmost vigilance failed to disclose the source of liquor supply.

The cistern was found by one of the prosecutor's assistants, disguised as a

The farmer who owned the cistern was enjoined from selling or making cider, and the cistern and its contents were destroyed.

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