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### Miscellany.

#### The Assassination of the Swards.

BY T. S. VERDIL, A. M., M. D.

[NOTE.—Among the gages of war annals few have a more thrilling interest than those which record the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of his Secretary of State. Dr. Verdil, of this city, who was the family physician of the Swards, has furnished *The Republic* with the following graphic story of that terrible tragedy. The incidents related, of which he was not only an eye-witness, but an important part, will, we think, be deemed valuable contributions to political history.—Ed.]

Colonel Seward—afterwards general—remained in service during the entire war, resigning only on June 1, 1866. In November, 1864, Frederick Seward was in New York on official business. On descending the stairs at the Astor House, he fell and broke his right arm at the elbow. He was consequently confined to his house for several weeks, and threatened with a stiff arm for the rest of his life. He, however, recovered the perfect use of it, and resumed the duties of his office.

On the 6th of April, 1865, the Secretary and Frederick Seward rode out to pay an official visit to one of the foreign ministers. As the carriage stopped in front of the house the driver descended from his box to open the carriage door; from some reason or other, probably from an unconscious pull at the reins, the horses started, dragging the driver. They soon became unmanageable, and flew off at a frightful speed. Both Mr. Seward and Frederick, seeing the danger, jumped from the carriage. Frederick was unhurt, but Mr. Seward could not rise; people rushed to his assistance and found that he was seriously injured, the blood streaming from his mouth, and his right arm lying powerless at his side. He was immediately picked up and carried to his house, not a block distant.

I found him in his bed, his face frightfully bruised, his lower jaw completely fractured on both sides, his right arm fractured, also, near the shoulder. He was in great pain, and it was with difficulty that he could be relieved. His condition, considering his age, was perilous in the extreme. Suffering soon took place, his right eye closed, and the right side of his face became blue from the contusion. His lower jaw was hanging down, and being fractured on both sides, he could not raise it for mastication. The right side of the jaw, upon which he evidently fell, became greatly inflamed, and so much so that he could not bear the slightest bandage. His sufferings became intense, a high fever rose, which greatly aggravated his condition.

Mrs. Seward and Fanny, after recovering from the shock that this new misfortune caused them, were unremitting in their attentions; very capricious that a feverish imagination would excite was promptly gratified by those tender and loving hands.

His rights became so restless that he required a constant watch. His jaw was in such a condition that it was a difficult problem for surgeons to decide how it could be kept in position, so as to favor ossification and the knitting together of the broken ends. He took his food through a tube and with great difficulty. His right arm was in splints, and Mr. Seward lay helpless on a bed of agony.

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