

Diamond Cut Diamond

OR THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Continued.

Sometimes, as she came along the lane that wound beneath the woods which the old house lay, she would look up a little doubtfully at the brook...

if not entirely of love were yet wholly of usefulness and goodness. What indeed, would become of Coddisham without her?

CHAPTER XXIV.

How full of hope he had set that day! As he took his place in the train, more than a quarter of a mile...

Mr. Dane read the letter, and looked up mildly over his spectacles. "Why is it impossible, my love? I think you had most certainly better accept the invitation."

"It is impossible," she said to herself, "that I can have been meant to leave my great sphere of usefulness and activity at home, and amply and solely to walk up and down the lawn with Carry's baby, to sit and do needle-work in the drawing-room, and to receive in the stern of the boat whilst her husband pulls up both as far as the lock and back."

For the Reverend Cyrian never went beyond the lock, and for the very best of reasons. He was quite sure he would never get back through it!

"Come now," she wrote, "at once, dear Florence, before the summer is quite over. I am longing to show you my new house, my new home, and my new baby. The garden is still full of flowers, and we have a capital tennis ground. The river, too, is but two minutes' walk from the house, and I am sure you will enjoy the boating. We have a boat of our own, and Cyrian will have time to row us out every evening after service, so do not delay your visit until the days get short and chilly."

Florence gaped. Madame de Brefour smiled, and made a little inclination of her head, a little gesture of her hand, as though she would have reached forth—whilst her lovely eyes opened themselves wide with astonishment, and her lips half framed a word of surprise at the unexpected meeting—for Rose was one of those who remembered a benefit very long, but forgot an injury very soon.

"Ah, Martine, how glad I am you again! How is Madame? I shall take me to her at once!"

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An ordinance passed by the Yukon Council in October last respecting the legal profession has been disapproved by the Federal Government.

WHAT THE DOCTORS SAY.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY MADE BY MR. ALTHAUS.

Scientific Decline Claimed to be Checked or Erased by Galvanizing Nervous Centers.—Fine Prospect for Chronemics.

One of the chief aspirations of man has always been to live long and preserve the attributes of youth. Hence he has, according to the particular epoch, placed his faith in the virtues of certain beverages brewed by wizards, in the miraculous properties of the famous elixirs prepared by the alchemists, in the strange methods comprising absorption of animal tissue and baths of blood.

Is this discovery to take electrotherapeutic form? Mr. Althaus published in one of the recent numbers of the Lancet a curious article on old age and rejuvenescence, in which he claims that mere galvanization of the nervous centres suffices to check or efface senile decline.

According to the purely hypothetical arguments of Mr. Althaus, there are two distinct forms

of senility—old age, properly speaking, and premature old age resulting from distinct modification of the nervous tissue. The precocious senility, which occurs between the ages of thirty and fifty, is attended by symptoms strongly resembling those of neurasthenia.

All the troubles observed are said to disappear after four or six weeks of galvanic treatment.

But that is not all. Mr. Althaus claims to obtain marvellous results in old age properly speaking, especially if the treatment be taken at the initial period of senile involution. The galvanic current is concentrated on the brain, and especially on the motor centre, and in a week or ten days the individual undergoes an entire transformation.

Decrepitude gives place to activity, and the aged person looks five or ten years younger. The movements become so supple, says Mr. Althaus, that one patient was heard to exclaim, "I do not walk; I fly." Later on, it is said, even gray hairs revert to a certain extent to their primitive hue.

By means of these electrical applications, repeated daily or every other day, Mr. Althaus undertakes to maintain the integrity of the mental functions up to the age of eighty, and even ninety.

So we find electricity, that hypothetical fluid whose effects savor of the marvellous, being claimed by Mr. Althaus as the powerful factor in organic regeneration. The results obtained by him in the cases designated as

PREMATURE OLD AGE, and which are really nothing else but the morbid conditions resulting from neurasthenia or organic exhaustion, in general, must be classed among the ranks of ordinary methods of treatment.

For these cases there can be no claim of rejuvenescence; otherwise it would be possible to attribute every ailment to senility and describe every cure as a rejuvenescence. Far otherwise is the question of old age, but even here we must distinguish between true organic decline and the alterations which sometimes attend it, but which are not a necessary accompaniment, being met with in ordinary ailments. Admitting that electric galvanization tends to remove these alterations, that does not imply that it can restore what no longer is. Hence, without wishing to question the experiments made by Mr. Althaus, it is permissible to suppose that both he and his patient have labored under a mistaken impression.

The most palpable result of his writings will be to bring a crowd of people to the consulting rooms of electro-physiologists waiting after youth. They would not be made better dead if the practitioners were in all cases well versed in the subject as Mr. Althaus, but it is to be feared that the method will fall into the hands of ignorant and charlatans who will exploit the scientific material in a most unscrupulous manner.

The scientific question is not in doubt, but the practical one is. The method is not new, and the results are not new, and the only thing that is new is the name.