

The Faithful Servant

By John L. Carter

Though he dwelt in an obscure town of the western plains, the world had made a path to his door, for the world had learned that he could do a certain task better than any other man.

A crooked, uncertain path it was, it is true, for those that made it haltingly, groping their way in darkness. Some came bearing a king's ransom and some came with empty hands; but whether they came as Naaman or as Bartimeus, the same quiet voice reassured them as they sank into unconsciousness upon the table, the same nerveless hands guided the knife among the delicate nerves and muscles, and later the same hands removed the bandages in the darkened room and allowed the first faint rays of light to filter through and impress themselves upon the retina.

He was old—old not as men number years, but old in body from an intense strain; for though in the operating room he seemed a being devoid of strength of men, each brief moment in the operating room with its placid calm had its reaction in hours of nervous tension as he paced the floor, or tossed sleepless in bed while every detail of the case raced through his mind.

Happiest of all was that moment just after the bandage was removed, when he waited in the dim light for the verdict to show upon the patient's face. It always seemed to him that his heart would burst from its cage in that fleeting moment required for the emotions to register upon the human countenance.

"Only a few more, only a few more," the sad refrain had been constantly in his mind of late, as it had become more and more difficult to compose those sensitive nerves after each succeeding operation. "Only a few more and my work is done."

Now it was "Just one more, one more." The conviction had settled upon him that morning as he watched the wild joy sweep over a patient's face that he would perform but one more operation.

They came that day along the path, the one young woman led by her husband and bearing in her arms a child whose face she had never seen. All their scant savings had gone on their long journey across the continent, but men told them the great surgeon would give her back her sight, would give her the chance to glory in the light of her babe's face, and they came trustingly.

The other was a name to conjure with. His sudden blindness on the eve of a great campaign had left a party without a leader. No other man could fill his place, no other could lead the party to victory. Only the greatest surgeon might touch those eyes.

"Only one more, one more," sang the refrain. Which should it be? "You may bring victory to your party," his friends urged. "You may make a man Premier."

"You, you alone, can give that mother the precious sight of her child's face," persisted an inner voice.

All that night he wrestled with the problem. The next morning the attendants noted his haggard appearance as he entered the hospital; but back in the operating room he was his old self again.

"Take our Leader to-day," they urged him. "Let the woman wait till another time."

"There will be no other time," that inner voice insisted.

A few moments he hesitated, then said quietly, "Have the woman sent in."

Once more he guided those delicate instruments unerringly, when to have swerved even so much as the thickness of the knife's edge would have been fatal.

When the operation was finished he helped him to his room, where he lay for days in a fever of suspense. Would this his last and most difficult operation be successful?

Finally came the day when the eyes should be strong enough to bear a few faint rays of light. Once more he stood in the darkened room. He made a move toward the woman in the chair; then, with a sign of resignation, he stepped back and, for the first time in his career, motioned for an attendant to remove the bandages from the patient's eyes.

As he stood there, nerves tense, eyes fixed upon the woman's face, his right eyelid twitched and dropped, his lips twisted slightly to the left, his right arm fell limply to his side. Never again would that right hand feel the touch of its beloved instruments. He felt the weight of his body to his left foot.

"Hemiplegia, paralysis of the right side." The words flashed across his brain, but his gaze did not waver for an instant from the woman's face.

The attendant stepped back. Slowly the woman opened her eyes. A moment her face was blank and uncomprehending. Then a wonderful wave of joy surged over it.

"My baby!" she cried, stretching out her arms.

Not An Eye Witness.

Little Willie's father had taken him to Sunday school for the first time, and on the way home, in order to see if the youngster had learned anything, he asked:—

"Who was it killed Goliath?"

"I dunno," said Willie. "I was sitting on a back seat and couldn't see."

MANY TROUBLES COME THROUGH THE BLOOD

If Kept Rich and Red Good Health Will be Yours.

Nearly all the common diseases are caused by bad blood, weak, watery blood poisoned by impurities. Bad backs, lumbago, and rheumatism, scurvy and indigestion, neuralgia, skin diseases like eczema, and salt rheum, pimples and eruptions. It is the impure blood that causes these ailments, and it goes all wrong from bad to worse unless steps are promptly taken to enrich and purify the blood. There is no use trying a different medicine for each trouble, for they all come through the one cause—bad blood. In conditions of this kind Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been found very beneficial, as they have a direct action on the blood, enriching and purifying it. That is why this medicine is so often successful after other remedies have failed—the blood is the root of the trouble in Pleasant, P.E.I., tells what these pills did for him. He says:—"Some months ago I was in a badly run-down condition. My blood was poor, I had no appetite and my work left me completely tired out. I fell off in weight, was altogether in a miserable condition. I was taking medicine, but it was not doing me any good. At this stage a friend who had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with beneficial results, advised me to take them, and acting on his advice I did so. The result can be summed up in a few words: I took the pills for a little more than a month, when I can honestly say I never felt better in my life. I can now eat a hearty meal, do my work with comparative ease, and have gained in weight. I advise weak, run-down people to give these pills a fair trial."

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Owls cannot move their eyes.

Paper made from water lilies will be produced in a new factory in Ocotlan, Mexico. The lilies are of such a peculiarly fibrous nature that a grade of paper and the supply is inexhaustible, because the lilies cover the rivers in that vicinity and grow rapidly.

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Minard's Liniment for Distemper.

Austria's Musical Stamps.

At least something new has come out of the distress of Austria, in the form of postage stamps bearing the portraits not of sovereigns, according to custom, but of famous musicians. Japan, it will be remembered, adorns her exquisite stamps with a chrysanthemum flower, Great Britain with the portrait of the sovereign, France with a group emblematic of the republic, and the United States with portraits of various statesmen. But Austria alone selects men whose fame is in the world of art.

Thus the two-kronen stamp bears the portrait of Francis Haydn, the immortal composer of "The Creation." "The Seasons," "Armida" and a wealth of sacred and secular music, not forgetting the national hymn of Austria. The five-kronen stamp shows the hands of Mozart, the inspired melodist of "Don Giovanni." "The Magic Flute" and other masterpieces. On the seven-and-a-half-kronen stamp appears the mighty and incomparable Beethoven. And on the 10-kronen stamp is the likeness of Franz Schubert, worthy companion of the other great masters.

Musicians and philatelists alike will rejoice in these stamps, which are excellent examples of the engraver's art. But connoisseurs will wonder at the priced stamp of all, the 50-kronen, the portrait of the composer of "The Beautiful Blue Danube." "Wine, Woman and Song." "Thousand and One Nights" and other fashionable dances of a generation or two ago. Is it to be believed that the Viennese really rank Johann Strauss above Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and Beethoven?

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Native Trees an Asset to the Farm.

If a man values the pleasure and comfort of his family, he should make every possible effort to enrich, beautify and broaden country life, and in achieving these ends he will increase his own health and happiness manifold. If boys and girls are to be kept on the farm, their impressionable years should be filled with ennobling pictures thrown upon nature's canvas—the earth. Country life can be made infinitely more charming and satisfying by the presence of trees.

Comparatively few farmers appreciate the economic value of trees growing on their farms. They prevent the surface soil from washing away, protect his herds and flocks from pain and storms, and temper the chilling winds that sweep across the home grounds. Why not begin planting trees to take the place of the forests that had such a modifying influence on the climate? Some of the old timber lots were really not well placed; they did not shelter economically. Now, why not begin planting trees to take their place? Why not put out small timber lots that will break the winds of winter and some day make good timber for use on the farm?

HEALTHY CHILDREN ALWAYS SLEEP WELL

The healthy child sleeps well and during its waking hours is never cross but always happy and laughing. It is only the sickly child that is cross and peevish. Mothers, if your children do not sleep well; if they are cross and cry a great deal, give them Baby's Own Tablets and they will soon be well and happy again. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach, banish constipation, colic and indigestion, and promote peaceful sleep. They are absolutely guaranteed free from opiates and may be given to the newborn babe with perfect safety. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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"Drugging" a Forest.

"Can the leopard change its spots?" is a question that may soon be altered to "Can a forest change its color?" A number of German scientists have been experimenting with dyes. They have discovered that they can transform trees in two nights, and can turn them red or blue or purple, simply by an aniline-dye injection. One scientist made a large tree a perfect blue with two ounces of dye and 200 gallons of water. He vaccinated it so successfully that not only the boughs and leaves, but even the interior of the trunk assumed an azure hue.

By this process of injections it may be possible to change a forest to any color desired. At present the colors of flowers are being changed by screening processes; and certain plants are having their growth promoted by violet rays and by the use of chloroform.

Dutch bulbs have been retarded and made to bloom with greater loveliness when the effect of the anaesthetic had worn off.

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Surnames and Their Origin

land about the beginning of the Christian era.

There isn't much similarity between the modern family name of Hynes and the ancient Irish given name of "Aidhne," yet the one comes from the other.

The given name of "Aidhne," in being inflected into the form of a family or clan name, became "O's-Eidhne," for in Gaelic the inflection is often made by changes in the main part of the word rather than in the ending, just as we form plurals sometimes in English.

The meaning of this Irish given name was "an advocate."

The O'Hynes clan came from the same general stock as did the O'Beirnes and the Fallons, discussed in preceding articles, and by tracing back their clan-genealogy you get a good idea of the way in which these old Irish clans were born, grew and gave birth to other clans. The O'Hynes were originally a branch of the O'Clerys, who came from the O'Shaughnessys, who came from the O'Connors, who in their turn came from the O'Neills of Tyrone, a clan founded by the famous Nial of the Nine Hostages who flourished as the ruler of all Ire-

land about the beginning of the Christian era.

There are, in fact, two localities to which the origin of the family name is traceable. One of them is Rhodéz, in Aquitaine, from which place a number of Frenchmen came to join the forces of William the Conqueror in his invasion of England. The name in the form of "de Rhodéz" and "de Rhodes" is found in the records of about the year 1200.

The other source, which probably is responsible for the surname in the greater number of instances, is the locality of the same name in Lancashire, England.

A 3-in-1 City.

Peking is in reality three cities in one. There is an inner or Manchu city and an outer or Chinese city.

The inner comprises the imperial city, which, in turn, contains the "Forbidden City" or the "Purple Forbidden City," inside the walls of which, again, is the imperial palace.

Peking itself is one of the oldest cities in the world, being known to exist in the twelfth century before Christ, but although it is of immense size, being twenty-five miles in circumference, much of the space within the walls is unoccupied.

"Pat," said a manager to one of his workmen, "you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning."

"Indeed, and I am, sir; it's a family trait, I'm thinking."

"Me father is it?" answered Pat. "He rises that early that if he went to bed a little later he'd meet himself getting up in the morning."

"Don't you weigh more than you did?"

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Gertie—"No; my shoemaker."

Not What They Meant. The true "bull" is not manufactured; it just happens. Perhaps that is why it rarely fails to amuse. Here are some amusing examples:

An Irish notice of reward for an escaped convict: "Age not known, but looks older than he is."

In the course of a speech the defender of Ladysmith said the best "bull" he ever heard came from an Irish soldier, who, when asked, "What struck you most during the long siege?" replied: "The number of bullets that missed me."

A woman went into a London confectioner's, and looking at a pile of buns, asked, "Are those bun-to-day's? Because yesterday's were not."

An Irish reporter is credited with the following gem: "When they stood up to sing their opening hymn there was not an empty seat in the sacred building."

The most amusing "bulls" are the outcome of the impulsive haste with which the Irish politician expresses himself. For example: "When we get Home Rule everybody in Ireland will do as he likes, and those who don't will be made to do it," is taken from the speech of an Irish laborer.

"The time has come when we must strip to the waist and roll up our shirt-sleeves," said an ardent Irish politician.

"I wish I were left-handed," said an Irish laborer, "because if I hurt my right hand I would have my left to fall back upon."

An Irish M.P., speaking of a political opponent, is represented to have said: "Even if he told the truth I would not believe him."

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