HYPNOTISM GAVE RELIEF.

A Protracted Case of Hiccoughing Cured by Means of Mesmerism.

An old man with a remarkable ailment hobbled into the city dispensary and sank exhausted into the examining chair. He was a colored man, apparently sixty years of age, and was hiccoughing violently. But his spasms were very weak, sometimes being nauseless and only noticeable by the horrible contortion of his features, as though they gave him excruciating pain. By the aid of signs and a few disjointed words the old man told Dr. Fitzpatrick that he had been hiccoughing since Saturday night at 11 o'clock, or about thirty-six hours. His name was Jake Pittman, and he lived at 8 North Leeve, his occupation being that of a roustabout on the wharf boats.

While he was taking off his clothes he suddenly began to hiccough, and do what he might he could not stop. He tried all the known household remedies, such as drinking nine swallows of water without thinking of a red fox's tail," chewing up two green onions "without letting the juice touch the left molar" and allowing his wife to fire a big pistol beside his ear to "scare them away." They were all fruitless efforts, and Pittman continued to hiccough with anything but agreeable regularity. All the neighbors on the block came in and prescribed with like result. All Saturday night he hiccoughed, all Sunday and all Sunday night. By Monday morning he was a deal more dead than alive. When he dragged himself into the dispensary he was scarcely able to walk.

For some time Dr. Fitzpatrick worked upon the unfortunate man, using a number of remedies that promised well, but bettered nothing. Then he had Pittman partially strip himself, and with the aid of an assistant bound a bandage around the patient's chest so tightly that he groaned from the pressure. This was to lessen the diaphragm, the apparatus directly affected, and seemed to produce some effect, for the hiccough spasms were less violent. But they were by no means stopped. Even with the bandage wound round so tightly that it seemed to sink into the flesh the curious disturbance kept up every half minute.

Dr. Fitzpatrick then decided to try hypnotism. He made several passes before Pittman's eyes with his hands and found the old man a ready patient. He followed the physician's eyes with painful intentness and seemed to completely lose the power of volition and motion. When he saw the hiccougher was under the "influence" Dr. Fitzpatrick suddenly commanded him to close his eyes "and sleep," still keeping up the passes, and as the obedient eyes dropped their lids and the patient's head sank to his chest the operator exclaimed, "When you open your eyes you will stop hiccoughing." In a few minutes, with a few light taps on the ears and slaps on the face, Pittman was roused from the hypnotic sleep, and strange as it may seem his unnatural coughing stopped as quick. To say that he was overjoyed is naming Pittman's condition very mildly. He beamed all over, grabbed the physician's hand and pumped it for five minutes and skipped from and to out of the room like a schoolboy. Dr. Fitzpatrick had Pittman stay at the dispensary for over an hour to see if the hiccoughing would return, but it did not again materialize. Pittman left the old city hall the happiest man in St Louis.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Story of James Payn.

Referring to the difficulty often experienced in identifying individuals, Mr. James Payn instances the following amusing example:

When I was a boy at Eton a cousin of mine, a professional man in Windsor, had procured the right to fish in Virginia water, and I sometimes went out with him, but of course without a rod—I got that when I returned to school for being late.

One day he was set upon by the keepers and accused of poaching. "My name is So-and-so," he said, "and you will find it on the list of those who have permission." It was on the list, sure enough, but they were dissatisfied with his identity. They said rather rudely that he did not look like a privileged person of any kind. Where was his card? Unfortunately he had no card. They said that was only what they expected; he did not look like a person who had visiting cards.

"You must come along with us; we take you into custody—both of you." Perhaps the personal peril sharpened my wits, for I suddenly exclaimed, "Is not your handkerchief marked with your name?" He was a bachelor, and nobody had inscribed it with her hair or otherwise, but my remark suggested a way out of the difficulty. Though his handkerchief was not marked his linen was, and he triumphantly showed it. To such shifts are some people—literally—put in order to establish their identity.

A Victim of the Good Czar.

One of the recruits to the little army of Russian exiles in London is I. Kelchevsky. Ten years ago he was exiled to Siberia for life for some trivial political offense, and like his fellow patriots, Volkhovsky and Stepniak, escaped to England, but unlike them took the bold course of escaping across Russian Europe instead of proceeding eastward by China and America. Mr. Kelchevsky is thirty years of age, of medium height, with the scholar's stoop, high forehead, dark eyes and pale complexion. He is an intelligent man, active in the course of Russian freedom.

He is manager of the Russian Free Press fund, which supplies to Russia books in the native tongue despite the czar's censorship. While in Warsaw prison awaiting his trial in solitary confinement, Kelchevsky incurred the displeasure of a Russian gendarme, who ran his bayonet through the prisoner's right hand, and left it frightfully mangled. There is no prison surgeon in Russia for "politicals," and the wound was left to heal of itself.—London Star.

THE RUSSIANS AT HOME.

A Visitor Who Found Them a Pleasant and Hospitable People.

I found the Russians a pleasant, hospitable and social people, always ready to fraternize and help me in every way in their power. I was told sometimes by Englishmen in the country that they were a very childish people; in the case with which they are willing to be amused this may be so, and also, perhaps, in a certain disregard of conventional appearance. I remember once seeing a Russian general and a colonel—and be it noted that officers invariably wear uniform and swords—sitting on the ledge of a shop window in the principal street of one of the largest cities of the empire, discussing some matter with great animation and wholly unaware of any incongruity in their position and of my somewhat bewildered stare.

Imagine such a scene in Regent street. My mind, however, assured me it was nothing out of the ordinary, and laughed at my surprise. One certainly meets with little ways and usages common among the ordinary great middle class if I may so call the class from which spring the majority of officers of the army, ordinary naval ranks or officials, students, lawyers, professors of the universities and schools, doctors, merchants, etc.; the class, in fact, among which the ordinary Englishman finds himself out in his attempt to live in a family and learn the language which strikes an Englishman as being "not nice," and form to a great extent the ground on which we occasionally votes them as barbarous.

Small matters, to which it would be a pity to attach undue importance, arrest one's attention, such as frequently eating with their knives as we use a fork; no salt spoon either in hotels or in private houses, the aforesaid knife being employed to help one's self to salt, sometimes stockring half the length of the table to get at it instead of asking that it should be passed; simplifying the carving of a fowl, for instance, by a liberal use of the fingers; using the same knife and fork for the various courses, and helping one's self to vegetables, etc., by sticking one's fork into the [illegible] and extracting what is required, and many other little points similar in kind.

One common practice should be mentioned. The men, and sometimes the ladies, carry about a little pocket comb, which is used in the most unconcerned way anywhere—in a train, at a railway station or on entering a room, without any apology. The hair is often worn by the men without any parting, sometimes rather long, and brushed or combed back or straight up, which gives them a rather wild appearance. These are some of the peculiarities of manner and ways which, however small, somewhat jar on an Englishman. In spite of the unique opportunity for skating which their long winter gives them, it is rare to find any Russian who can skate well.—Cornhill Magazine.

South American Horses.

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