

AFTER DR. MOSS' EAR.

Young Charlotte Physician's Curiosity Got Him Into Big Trouble with Dr. Nelden, the Man Who Wanted to Buy a Human Ear for \$5,000.

"To tell the truth, my country raising made me scared," said Dr. W. Hosea Moss. "I had no intention of parting with my ear, not for \$5,000 or \$10,000, but that fellow made me nervous, and I used to have the most terrible nightmares, in which I was strolling around with only one ear to the good. I never felt quite easy until I left New York."

"What are you talking about?" said the reporter, who had just drifted in. Then Dr. Moss explained. He had been in New York for seven weeks taking a special course in medicine at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and doing special work at Bellevue Hospital. He became interested in what he read about the unknown and wealthy miner who had lost his right ear and who was offering \$5,000 to any man who would sell him an ear, which would be transposed to replace the member that was lost.

One day, when Dr. Moss was passing the office of Dr. A. L. Nelden, the physician who was endeavoring to buy the ear, he yielded to curiosity and sought admittance to the office. He rang, and a servant appeared and asked for his card. Dr. Moss hurriedly explained that he was one of the applicants who wished to sell his ear, and was admitted into an antechamber. Here he found about fifty people, men and women; most of them seemingly poor, but some being well dressed and prosperous-looking.

Dr. Moss sat down by a pretty girl who didn't seem at all happy. He engaged her in conversation, and finally asked her what she meant by coming to the place.

"Why, to sell my ear," she replied. "I am engaged to a man in the old country, who is a baker, and recently he failed in business. This means the indefinite postponement of our wedding. I am only a working girl here. If I can sell my ear for \$5,000, I shall get enough money to start my lover in business again, and we can be married. No, I am sure he will not mind my being without an ear; and I have thick hair, so you see, and can easily arrange it to hide the loss."

Dr. Moss noted all classes of people, and was particularly impressed by the presence of well-groomed, good-looking fellows, who seemed healthy and capable enough to work to good purpose. They were a first-class lot, wearing—apparently sad; and all hoping for a chance to go one-eyed through life.

After waiting for some time, Dr. Moss was shown into a private room, and there faced Dr. Nelden, a big, aggressive sort of a chap.

"What's your name?" he first asked. Dr. Moss hadn't thought about a name. "A. J. McKelway of Los Angeles, Cal.," he said, after a second thought.

"Your business?" "Insurance agent." Dr. Nelden felt Dr. Moss' right ear, measured it, pulled it, grew interested, and then excited. He cried out, and a young man came from the next room. He was a secretary and stenographer. "Here; take down these answers," said Dr. Nelden, whose eyes looked jubilation. He put Dr. Moss through a rigid cross-examination.

"You want to sell this ear?" he queried. "Oh, yes," said Dr. Moss, who was beginning to weaken. "Why?" "Because—because I need the money," was the reply. "Insurance agents do sometimes need money, you know."

Dr. Nelden smiled and said, "I see." He asked Dr. Moss exceedingly embarrassing questions about the habits of his great-grandfather, and was vastly entertained when Dr. Moss recited his experience with the chick-entox and measles and mumps and netterash. He tapped Dr. Moss' teeth, felt his pulse, and was profoundly disturbed over any suggestion of occasional dyspepsia or indigestion. By this time Dr. Moss was perspiring slightly, and wished he had stayed away.

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Dr. Nelden unfolded his plans. He told Dr. Moss that his patient was a very wealthy miner, who had his ear torn off by a chain while going down into the mine. He wore his hair long to cover the disfigurement, but he wanted to brush it back and be like other folks, or he wanted to get married—or, at any rate, he wished another ear and was willing to pay big money for it.

He explained his proposed methods to Dr. Moss, and showed him the little cots and the plaster of paris composition that were to be used in the operation. His patient, said Dr. Nelden, would be placed in one cot and the victim—though that word wasn't used—would lie close by in another cot. The two men would be bound together by a plaster of paris cast; both being motionless for ten days. Part of the ear would be cut off and sewed to the patient's ear with cat gut. This would grow to the stub of the missing ear, and then gradually all of the fresh ear would be released by the cutting process and, by a natural transfusion of blood, would be made to adhere to the head of the patient. Cocaine would be used to deaden the pain. Of course, the strain of lying still would be pretty bad, but the \$5,000, just think of it!

And Dr. Moss was very nervous. Every minute or so Dr. Nelden would reach over and pull his ear and rave over it, and express his delight because he had at length found the object of his search. He made Dr. Moss give him his address—a wrong number, by the way—and made him promise to return to the office the next morning. He reluctantly permitted Dr. Moss to leave his office, declaring over and over again, in effect, that he simply thirsted to chop off the right ear of the young Charlotte physician.

After this interview Dr. Moss remained in New York only a few days. He admits that he developed a case of nerves, and that he never again went within seven blocks of Dr. Nelden's office. He had fanciful, absurd, ideas, and every time he passed a dark place at night he would think how easy it would be for two or three big, strong men to jump out and carry him away and rob him of his beautiful right ear.

He began to have fearful dreams; in which he would be forever going to some place, and making a low bow, while everybody was pleased to note his large single ear which had grown to preposterous dimensions. He tried to reason about the matter, but with poor success. He came from Hall county, in Georgia, and all the hobgoblins and spooks that had been dead since his childhood were resurrected and came to his bed at night, and danced in a circle around the stump of his missing ear. If you see him tomorrow you will observe that he is thin and pale. He will say that he worked a bit too hard in New York, but if you press him for the truth, he will confess that he has been suffering from a dreadful case of ear-ache.

Items of News.

The news was sent out from Washington recently that Miss Alice Roosevelt, the president's daughter, rode horseback man fashion—astride. As this fashion is not uncommon in some sections the news caused no excitement. Now comes the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer and says that Miss Roosevelt doesn't ride horseback at all—astride or in any other way.

The sheriff of Harnett county and his deputy have brought suit for \$2,000 each against the Norfolk and Western railway. The officers were transporting four colored prisoners over this line. Under the State law white and colored people are not allowed to ride in the same compartment on railroad trains. The officers wanted to take their prisoners in the second class compartment of the white car. The conductor refused to allow this and as the officers couldn't leave their prisoners they were compelled to ride in a colored compartment with the prisoners. And this is the cause of the damage suit, which failed, as it ought.

The Cuban treaty measure which passed the House of Congress Thursday has been favorably reported in the Senate and there is an understanding between the leaders in that body that a vote will be taken on the measure December 16th, on the occasion of the convening of the regular session of Congress.

Peter Mortensen, the convicted murderer of James K. Hay, was shot to death in the yard of the State prison at Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday morning. The choice of death by shooting or hanging is given condemned prisoners in Utah, and Mortensen chose to meet his death by the bullets of prison guards.

Capt. Christopher Columbus Morse, the oldest marine pilot on the Cape Fear coast, died Saturday morning at his home in Southport, aged 77 years. During the war between the States he was a daring blockade runner in the Confederate service and distinguished himself for bravery on many occasions.

A company has been organized at Goldsboro with a capital of \$100,000, for the purpose of leasing the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. The question of leasing the road will again be presented to the governor and council of State December 10th. A former application to lease the road was refused.

The Mecklenburg Democrats are early in the field. The central committee of the county has endorsed Capt. S. B. Alexander for the Democratic nomination for corporation commissioner next year. It is urged that the Piedmont section of the State is entitled to representation on the commission.

The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer says that while walking in the P. Dee swamp in Marion county, S. C., on Saturday before last, Mr. Stanmore Johnson of Gallego township and a friend found two huge bucks locked together by their antlers. They had been fighting, and the oldest of the deer was dead, and had been apparently for thirty-six hours. The men killed the live buck, and then got their horns unhooked with the greatest difficulty. The oldest buck was 12 years old.

The football team of the University of North Carolina and that of Richmond played a fierce game at Richmond on Thanksgiving day. Contrary to all expectations Carolina won in great shape, the score being 16 to 0. The Virginia team had come from a series of victories, and were much surprised at the game. Richmond was full of shouting North Carolinians Thursday night.

Seawell Finally Gets His Money.

The Seawell rotten egg case is at last settled, and H. F. Seawell of Carthage will get his \$4,500 from the Seaboard Air Line railroad, to pay him for services as a buffer for a dozen or so of decomposed hen fruit, which his person stopped at the railroad station at Shelby a few years ago, just after he had made a campaign speech as a Populist candidate for lieutenant governor.

The Supreme Court yesterday evening dismissed the petition of the railroad to re-hear its appeal from the judgment of the lower court. It will be remembered that on the appeal the Supreme Court affirmed the lower court's judgment awarding \$4,500 damages to Seawell. Then the Seaboard petitioned for another hearing of the case, with the result mentioned. The opinion of the court was written by Chief Justice Walter Clark, and Associate Justice H. G. Connor wrote a concurring opinion. Those opinions were confined entirely to the legal questions at issue, and did not in any way take into consideration the actors in the egg-throwing incident at Shelby that has become of almost historical interest. This ends it for all time, as there is nothing in the case to warrant an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

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Seawell sued the railroad for damages on the ground that they were liable for not protecting a passenger at their station about to board one of their trains. Some nice legal points were involved and the case was fought hard, every inch of ground being contested stubbornly. It has been in the courts in one way and another for several years. It came out on the evidence that the crowd that egged Seawell came out of the office of the station agent, and moreover that that official threw at least one egg himself and urged on the others to throw eggs and laughed when the eggs exploded upon Seawell. These last things were the main facts he relied upon to obtain damages.

The opinion of the Supreme Court is entirely upon the liability of the railroad company to damages for failure to use all means possible for the protection of its passengers.

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ALICE M. BROWN, Adm'r. of Frank W. Brown, dec'd. Redwine & Stack, Attys.

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