

HEALER AND TEACHER

Intimate Sketch of World's Greatest Orthopedist.

NOT RECOGNIZED BY MEDICAL MEN

Came to America to Help Pay Debt of Gratitude for Assistance to Starving Children—Thousands Have Been Flocking to Him for Help.

Everyone who has seen Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, at work in the hospitals of New York is conscious that while he is engaged in examining and treating hundreds of children who are brought to see him, he is also doing a great work of teaching.

Physicians of the hospital, outside physicians and the young internes follow him from cot to cot and listen eagerly to all his diagnoses and to his informal comments on the cases, and on life in general. The "professor," as many of the physicians call him, especially those who know him on his former visit to who have studied with him in Vienna, is an enthusiast and his enthusiasm is highly contagious.

Cynical young internes in the early twenties who are pretty sure that they know just about all there is to know in medicine and who may regard Dr. Lorenz when he enters a ward with a rather unawakened curiosity, bit by bit begin to brighten as he talks and examines the children, pointing out something that might be done here, something that might be done there, to make a little cripple walk better, to relieve pain or to straighten a small twisted body. Eyes grow eager, faces become alert. The youthful pretense of stolidity and over sophistication is swept aside.

His Influence Great.

Once more the miracle of the great teacher has been wrought. Unconsciously the men of his own profession, steeped often in the discouragement of their contact with incurable cases, become imbued with Dr. Lorenz's own indomitable faith.

While there's life there's hope! seems to be the message that they are all receiving from their encounters with Dr. Lorenz.

Viennese physician is a striking and impressive figure as he enters the hospital ward. Tall and square, with white hair and beard, he stands out among men, and brings quickly to the mind the thought that age may be far more beautiful than youth. Chiefly this impression is due to the eager expression of his fine, intellectual face. But he is also a handsome man with fine aquiline features, a clean, fresh complexion and bright blue eyes.

The doctor enters the hospital doors at a rapid gait like a man who has no time to waste. Mounting to the floor where he is to see the children he strides into the first ward prepared to receive him and begins to take off his hat and coat. Unless there is some one on hand to stop him he is quite as likely to deposit these outer garments on the floor, from which a reverent nurse or interne rescues them.

Then over to the first surgical cot where a child lies waiting, a crippled child ready in a surgical robe for inspection. The youngster usually holds in his hand the card which gives such information as the hospital authorities have gathered as to his condition, and Dr. Lorenz looks this over hastily.

Feels His Way to Knowledge.

It is then a question of legs and arms. With wonderfully expert manipulation of the faulty joints and limbs Dr. Lorenz feels his way to a first hand knowledge of the case. Suddenly up goes a leg, tossed so swiftly by the doctor that the foot of the child is just as likely as not to strike lightly up into the face of a bystander.

"Give me, give me," murmurs the doctor to the child, and the child invariably understands somehow, that phrase, expressed in Dr. Lorenz's slightly foreign English, means that he is to relax as much as possible and let the physician do what he will with the crippled limb.

Teaching goes on in conjunction with the examinations. Perhaps there may be thirty or forty children lying out on the surgical cot waiting examination. Dr. Lorenz finds one of them suffering from a difficulty which involves the big bone of the leg. A blackboard is sent for. On this, drawing rapidly, he shows the bone and its joint and eagerly describes the condition and method of cure in the manner employed in medical clinics generally.

But his illustration goes beyond the usual. Suddenly a physician standing near, who has shown much interest in the demonstration finds his forefinger seized upon and wagged back and forth around and about by Dr. Lorenz. For the moment the forefinger is playing the role of the femur and Dr. Lorenz is showing the roomful of students "just how the leg moves. So enthusiastic is he that few present sense the amusing character of the demonstration. Everybody by this time is too much in earnest to be diverted from the main issue by amusing details.

After it is over one may see even the proud and sophisticated young internes talking eagerly to each other about the upper leg joint and the operation, described and wagging their fingers to and fro around and about in illustration with an enthusiasm which they would have been ashamed to display previous to Dr. Lorenz's visit.

By Way of Illustration. Sometimes the doctor, not seeing a finger nearby, seizes upon the head of

one of the young doctors and wags this to and fro upon the neck. Quite gracefully the person to whom the head belongs submits to the demonstration, after which everybody present marches back to the next cot where another patient is waiting to be examined, Dr. Lorenz in the lead.

Despite his weakness from his rightful overwork since arriving in this country Dr. Lorenz shows a sublime indifference to any efforts to relieve the strain of the endless examinations which he is giving in the hospitals. At the Kings County Hospital, where he examined sixty children several days ago, Dr. Mortimer Jones, superintendent of the hospital and Dr. Thomas D. Price, assistant superintendent, sought to relieve the strain and save Dr. Lorenz from the experiences of the morning, when he had fainted three times during examinations, by having him sit down and rest a little at intervals and drink a glass of water or a cup of tea.

Patiently Dr. Price stood at his elbow with a glass of ice water, waiting for the moment when Dr. Lorenz would be willing to pause from his labors long enough to take it.

Finally Dr. Lorenz looked around, saw the glass of water and shook his head, smiling cordially.

"No, no ice water," he expostulated, at which there was a general laugh, apparently from the anti-prohibition element.

Later Dr. Price returned with uniced water and various cups of tea which he set enticingly within reach of Dr. Lorenz, luring him meanwhile to a seat.

Small Use for Tea. One sip, perhaps two sips, and Dr. Lorenz was off again, the tea waved aside, and all his thought concentrated either on the examination of a patient or the exposition of some knotty point in orthopedics. He seems to be most happy when, a crowd of his colleagues gathered around him, he is half conversing and half teaching. At some such times he beams upon his younger colleagues with brotherly love in which there mingles some element of the paternal.

"There are bound to be disappointments among the people who are flocking to Dr. Lorenz as if he were a miracle man," said one observant follower of the Lorenz clinics. "Scores of the cases which are brought to him could only be cured by God, as the doctor himself has said, and hundreds of others are too old for bloodless surgery, which is his specialty, and can only be improved, if at all, by less magical processes involving years of treatment! The bloodless surgical operations themselves are performed by Americans whom Dr. Lorenz taught on his former visit here, so there is no great discovery which he is imparting to the medical fraternity during this visit, nor are the operations beyond the power of American orthopedists. But his vast fund of detailed knowledge and experience and his genius for imparting it personally and communicating his enthusiasm to others are of enormous value. His visit also arouses the parents of crippled children to the possibility of their improvement and cure. They take their children to the hospitals when otherwise they might not do so, and thus are brought into contact with the modern developments in orthopedic work. Dr. Lorenz himself has asserted that he regards this as the most important result of his visit to America from the American point of view.

On a Double Mission.

"There are no better orthopedists in the world than the Americans," he says. "I do not wish to interfere with my colleagues here. When I examine the children and diagnose their cases it is understood that they shall go to the American physicians to have the treatment carried out. In only a few instances can I myself perform operations. But I may be able to stimulate the interest of the parents and guardians of crippled children so that they will make renewed efforts to obtain for the children treatment that perhaps can cure or at least improve them. We want to make crippled children walk, even if they limp."

In addition to this motive Dr. Lorenz hopes to help in the restoration of good feelings between his native Austria and the United States. He seized the occasion of his visits to the hospitals to call the attention of other physicians to the fact that science and war are incompatible, and that the time has come to set aside international hatreds and have done with them forever.

"LAFAYETTE, WE ARE HERE."

Author of Famous Words Has Retired From Active Service.

Colonel Charles E. Stanton, veteran army officer, who sprang into fame when, during the war, he uttered at the tomb of Lafayette in Paris, the words, "Lafayette, we are here," recently became commissioner of the board of public works of San Francisco.

Colonel Stanton retired from active service in the army recently after being in the uniform for nearly twenty-five years. Several years were spent with General Pershing in the Philippines and when Pershing went to France he took with him Colonel Stanton as disbursing officer.

For his excellence in handling the financial affairs of the American Expeditionary Forces, Colonel Stanton was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest decoration the nation gives the men in its service.

Army officers described Colonel Stanton as "the most celebrated toastmaster in the service." He went onto the retired list as a colonel.

Striking an Average.—"Why do you occupy two seats?" asked the straphanger.

"To even things up," answered the grumpy man. "Half the time I don't get any seat at all."—Toledo Blade.

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go on and plant again thinking that they will make one more crop. Next year the weevil cleans them up entirely just as they did my former friend here and just as they did me. Nowhere have the cotton growers taken warning in time—nowhere in all the course from Mexico to here. They say that the weevil might clean them up along the low lands; but our country is too high up. They say that if we have a cold winter, the weevil will not be so bad next year and they go ahead and plant again and the next year gets them. But they never give up until they simply can't go any further. It beats hell and then some.

"But what are we going to do? I know of one man down in Georgia who has sunk thirty thousand dollars doing what the government told him to do. He built a potato house and can't sell the potatoes. He has a thousand gallons of molasses made from Georgia ribbon cane, and he is offering to take 20 cents a gallon for them; although that will not pay for the barrels they have been put up in. He has a hundred hogs and cannot sell them, except at a loss. He has many heads of cattle and can get but 2 1-2 cents a pound on foot. No man can raise cattle until they are two years old at any such price as that."

"I don't know of but one place in the state where business is moving along nicely without any complaint as to scarcity of money," said the Charleston man, "and that is at the little town of Beaufort. They went into trucking down around there three years ago and if they miss on one thing they hit on something else. They are getting along fine. There is but one thing for it," he continued, "and that is for the landowner to work his own land. The cropping system is dead. There is nothing left for the farmer but to raise his own supply. That means that there will be nothing for the merchant except to sell a few dry goods, shoes and the like, and what is the merchant going to do? He'll simply have to go to digging like the rest of them. That is all I see now."

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

The lights on the tree are said to be of Jewish origin. In the month of Kislev, of the Jewish year, corresponding nearly to our December, and the twenty-fifth day, Jews celebrated the feast of dedication of their temple. It had been dedicated on that day by Antiochus. It was dedicated by Judas Maccabeus, and, according to Jewish legend, sufficient oil was found in the temple to last for the seven-branched candelstick for eight days, and it would have taken eight days to prepare new oil. Accordingly the Jews were wont on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev in every house to light a candle on the next day, two, and on the eighth and last day of the feast, eight candles twinkled in every house.

It is not very easy to fix the exact date of the Nativity, but it fell most probably on the last day of Kislev, when every Jewish house in Bethlehem and Jerusalem was twinkling with lights. It is worthy of note that the German name for Christmas is Weihnacht (the night of dedication), as though it were associated with this feast. The Greeks also call Christmas the feast of lights, the name given to the dedication festival, Chanukah, by the Jews.

BAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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