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Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increases in the Number of Operations Performed Each Year—How Women May Avoid Them.



Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, who are either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

Why should this be the case? Simply because they have neglected themselves. Female troubles are certainly on the increase among the women of this country—they creep upon them unawares, but every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at left or right of the abdomen, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the organs or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the female organs, and if not heeded the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation. When these symptoms manifest themselves, do not drag along until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation—but remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations.

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WHAT WAS IN A NAME?

...By...
Martha McCulloch-Williams

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Maurandia might have been happy but for her name. She liked it in full, as she liked all fine, high sounding things. But when it was shortened handily to Randy she loathed it, and, do what she would, it was Randy, nothing else, in everybody's mouth.

Now, since names are entities no less than people, she had to live down to Randy, be plump and merry and useful instead of languishing as Maurandia, lily slender and sad. She wished sometimes that her mother never had read catalogues, at least not until after her daughter was christened. Then she reflected that, except for the catalogues, she might have had to go through life as Jerusha or Jemima or even Tabitha, her mother having been of the adventurous temperament that quite scouts familiar, homely appellations, such as Mary, Martha, Jane and Ellen.

Superficially it might have appeared that Randy's troubles were her beaus. It was hard on any girl to find herself compelled to choose between chances so excellent as Johnny Gunn and Peter Logan. But Randy's heart chose readily enough, if only its choice had satisfied her ear. Johnny, to whom the treacherous heart inclined, meant going through life as Randy Gunn. If she could but bring herself to take Peter, who was enterprising enough to think and talk of Texas, she might fit herself to a new environment with the stately cognomen of Mrs. Maurandia Logan.

Therefore the first setting forth was clearly accurate. Randy herself never would have thought of disputing it. Names, names alone, had given her the name of coquette and made half the women roundabout call her selfish and a monopolist. She might take Johnny and leave Peter, they thought, or vice versa. It was enough to upset any mother with daughters to see two such excellent husbands going all to waste.

Johnny and Peter did not grumble overmuch. They were the best friends in the world and likely to remain so, no matter which of them won. Indeed, one of Randy's most potent charms for



RANDY, THUS BROUGHT TO BOOK, BLUSHED FOR ALMOST THE FIRST TIME.

them was her camaraderie. She made an excellent third in whatever they undertook. But after three years of sedulous courtship they agreed that they owed it to the mind of the neighborhood to pin Randy down to some sort of agreement. So the two lovers prinked themselves duly and went to her arm in arm, telling her she must make a choice.

Randy, thus brought to book, blushed for almost the first time, hung her head, shut her eyes and put her hands tightly behind her; then, opening her eyes with the twinkle scared out of them by the look on the two faces, she put out a hand, something wavering and uncertain, to Peter. He took it between both his own, while Johnny, after a smothered "God bless you both!" walked away.

Wooing, wedding and repenting may be, as says Master Shakespeare, a measure, a Scotch jig and a cinque pace, but Randy found repenting to dance on the heels of her wooing. She had hardly given her word to Peter irrevocably before she was crying inly for Johnny—Johnny, whom she loved better than her life. But how say so when she had had open chance and choice? He would be bound to despise her, no less than Peter. Moreover, even if he took her it would not be with whole hearted faith. It would be torture to live with him, knowing he did not trust her. So Randy laughed through the days and cried most of the nights that spun themselves out swiftly toward her wedding day.

The day dawned at last, as fresh and bright a morning as any bride could desire. Randy had not slept. She got up a bundle of quivering nerves, but somehow she took herself in hand so well that by the time she was dressed and ready to start to church the keenest critic would have seen nothing amiss.

It was to be a church wedding, partly to please her mother, partly also to accommodate her enemies. The house would not have held them comfortably, and Randy wanted to give them the dissatisfaction of seeing how well she carried herself to the altar after all her chopping and changing. Johnny also had pulled himself together. He was to be best man. The bridal party was to meet in the church porch and go thence to the altar by separate aisles.

Johnny meant to be the very first, but fate, preventing, delayed him so he was not only last, but late. Thus he came upon a fine tableau—Randy, very white and faint, her bridal wreath all ragged and stained, leaning heavily upon Peter's shoulder and hiding her eyes with her left hand; the right lay limp and purple across her lap.

There had been almost a fatal accident. The horses drawing the bride's carriage had run away and smashed it against the stone pillar of the porch entrance. Randy had been picked up senseless. Luckily Peter was there to look out for her, since her father was too much shaken to do more than get his breath. She had come to quickly enough, spoken just a word, then fallen back again unconscious.

But when Johnny appeared on the scene she was so much herself she was trying to smile down her pain and say: "I don't look very nice, but hadn't we better get it over, Peter? It would be too bad to disappoint everybody. There ought to be a wedding at least, as it turns out there can't be a funeral."

She got the words out with a ghost of her old spirit, but Peter felt her shudder as she spoke. Peter was almost as white as she. He had, further, a strange look. Johnny leaned solicitously down to him, saying in his ear: "Let me take you both home, old man. You—you're not fit to make yourselves a spectacle."

Peter did not answer. The strange look deepened. Very tenderly he put Randy in other hands—plenty of kind and tender ones were eagerly stretched toward her—then got up, saying, "Wait a minute honey." He laid his arm over Johnny's shoulder and strode off out of earshot.

"We've been better than brothers, Johnny," he said, pausing at last under the shade of a big roadside oak. "Now you must stand up to me, not considering yourself at all."

"I will," Johnny answered, gripping Peter's hand hard. After a gulp Peter went on: "You have got to decide something, something I can't decide for myself. It is which of us shall marry the girl back there. One or the other must do it, and do it right off."

"What do you mean? Are you crazy?" Johnny cried, recoiling a step.

Peter sighed. "I wish I could think so or wake and find it a dream," he said. "But it's no dream, Johnny. I had Randy in my arms when she came to herself. She looked up at me and said"—

"What?" Johnny asked breathlessly as Peter paused.

"'Johnny.' That was all," Peter answered. "But it told me a heap I'd been suspecting all along. She's engaged to me. She'll marry me and do her duty if I choose to take her. I ain't afraid she'd ever fail me. But I am afraid I'll fail myself, because I know."

"You couldn't Peter. It ain't in you not to do the right thing," Johnny said eagerly. "You'd be so good to her she'd be bound to love you best after—after a little while."

"You've answered me, Johnny," Peter said, looking over his friend's head. "I am bound to do right when I see the right. Now, we'll go back and take poor Randy home. I'll tell the crowd the wedding is put off for two weeks."

It came off duly, but with Johnny as the bridegroom. That made a great talk, of course, but nobody minded very much. For Johnny found out all of a sudden that Texas was a fine place and went there along with Peter, who did not die of heartbreak, but came back next season and married Melinda, Randy's young sister.

Graduated Mourning.

The foremost man in a north of England village died. A lady on her way to the house of mourning paused at the door of one of the villagers to ask, "Your husband is going to the funeral, I suppose?" "Well, ma'am, it's very sad, ain't it?" was the reply. "We does feel it terrible." The lady acknowledged that the occasion was a most grievous one, but repeated, "Is your husband going to the funeral?" The woman replied with caution, "He's been axed." "Well, then, I suppose he will be going." The cottager assumed a confidential tone as she asked in turn, "Do you know if he's supposed to go as a mourner or a bearer?" "Why, as a bearer, of course," was the answer of the astonished lady. "Ah, well, he'll be going then. You see, if he goes as a bearer he gets half a crown; if he goes as a mourner he gets nowt. Them pigstles of ourn mun be done cleaned out, an' he worn't a-goin' as a mourner."—St. James Gazette.

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Therefore, we urgently petition your Honorable Board to widen this road to at least 35 feet, because the public demands a wide road for security in passing rapid going vehicles near the county town as well as large loads of straw and hay.

As this road adjoins or connects the country with the county town and as the public traffic grows larger every year this necessary improvement ought to be made now, while the road can be built at less cost than any time in the future after new homes have been erected near the road making it more difficult to secure the right of way.

We respectfully submit this needed improvement to the consideration of our esteemed County Commissioners, hoping and expecting a favorable action thereon.

Very respectfully submitted,
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