

THE MISSING WILL.

Sir John Somers was dying. Partly propped up by pillows, he lay back, breathing painfully; but his mind was perfectly clear. Presently the clock of the village church began to strike in the distance. The old man counted the strokes, ticking them off, one by one, on his wasted fingers. "Muriel," he said, as the last died away, "Powell won't be here to-night; I must get Major Sinclair to do it. Ask him to come up."

ton somewhat staggered. "You see, talent alone is not sufficient; so much training is necessary also." "Oh, yes! I know it is," interrupted Muriel; "but I am going to work hard." Maurice looked mystified. He only knew Muriel, to whom he had once given painting lessons, as the niece of the wealthy Sir John Somers, and he had understood that she was engaged to the baronet's son and heir. "My uncle is dead," said Muriel, after a pause, for she noticed her companions puzzled expression. Then she said "good-bye," and they parted.

The degree of M.D. was in 1888 conferred by the university of Heidelberg on a self-taught artisan, Karl Umbach, who had never attended any gymnasium or realschule, and who while employed at a dye-works had, though not attending any school of medicine, merited the degree of M.D. In 1887 he presented an able dissertation upon "The influence of anti-pyrin upon secretions," which was most favorably judged by Dr. Kulme, of Heidelberg, and Professor Rencki, of Berne, and printed at Stuttgart. Umbach then went through an examination by six professors of the medical faculty with such success that, according to the statutes, the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery had to be conferred upon him as well and legitimately won. Dr. John Hunter, born 1728, was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker, but offered his services as an anatomical assistant to his brother William in London, and became himself a most distinguished surgeon, a bold and skilful operator, and, above all, one of the most renowned comparative anatomists. Hunter's museum was purchased by government for £15,000.

The Strange Capital of Corea. In Seoul, the capital of Corea, may be seen, near the Royal Palace, the famous bell which for over 400 years has given the signal for the closing of the city gates at dusk and their opening at dawn, and which has nightly wrung the curfew warning all citizens under pains and penalties to keep within their doors. Except the Joppa Gate, all the entrances to Jerusalem are closed each night at sunset; a custom as old, at least, as the days of Joshua. At the noon of Friday, the Mohammedan Sunday, the gates are shut for an hour, when the faithful hurry to pray before the Mosque of Omar. The shutting of the gates had its origin in a belief among the Moslems that the Christians would, at some time, take the Holy City during the great hour of prayer, if this precaution were neglected. The only connection between the rock on which Gibraltar stands and the mainland of Spain is a narrow strip of sand, and the only entrance to the town on that side is by two gates, which, of course, are closed at night. The fortified towns of Strasburg and Metz close their gates from sunset to sunrise, and Vittoria, Badajoz, and Salamanca, in Spain, preserve the same custom.

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