

I am dumb; I slink back to duty. For an hour, I sit on the cot, the sweet child in my arms. Each breath—but why describe tortures more gruesome than hell? The child's agony, the mother's face—they are gashed into the tissues of my heart.

At twilight, a firm, quick footstep comes across the room. My heart throbs. It is—oh! beautiful joy!—Reginald Fulton. Faith, peace, calm after storm. He takes me aside. In his hand are the instruments of life or death.

Then I open my heart to him, and tell him how ignorant and shameful a thing I am; what torture I have suffered; how I dare not take the responsibility.

Then his beautiful kind eyes smile down upon me—"I will not leave you. Stay and help me," he says.

The cruel scalpel was never needed, the tiny tube was never used. We had groped "in the valley of the shadow," and for many days its gloom clung about our souls; but we rescued our treasure.

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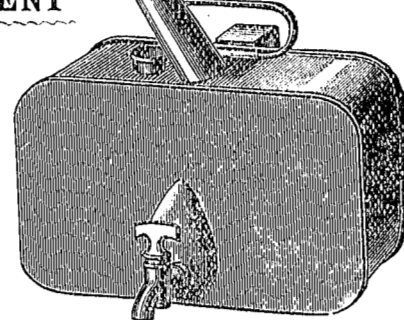
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