UNDER THE KNIFE

PATHETIC SCENES AT THE HARPER HOSPITAL.

A Farmer on a Surgeon's Operating Table for Over Four Hours—Physicians Could Not Tell What Ailed Him—A Lucky Discovery.

DETROIT, Mich., June 20.—Hezekiah Vaughan of the township of Gosfield, Essex county, Canada, was lately discharged from Harper hospital in this city, after undergoing a serious surgical operation, without any relief for his malady or any hope of relief. It was impossible both before or after the operation for the physicians to tell with certainty what ailed him. He suffered considerably from bloating. He was greatly constipated and on one occasion his bowels refused to act for seventeen days. For months, the taking of a drink of water would make him vomit. As might reasonably be supposed, his sufferings were intense. Different doctors ascribed his trouble to the kidneys, the liver and the bladder, but none of them could cure him.

Finally, he came to Harper hospital in this city for treatment. His case excited much interest, but the doctors could not agree in their diagnosis. They decided to cut him open and see what the operation would disclose. They kept him on the operating table for four hours and a half, and were so much at the end than the beginning. After shoe weeks Mr. Vaughan was discharged from the hospital as incurable and went home.

On his arrival there he heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and some of the cures effected by them. He began using the pills and in five days was convinced he was improving. The first favorable symptom he noticed was the regular action of his bowels. Six boxes of the pills cured him. His whole trouble was some kidney disorder which the doctors did not suspect.

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That drives our hearts away.

We sometimes sit and wonder
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But it hasn't happened yet.

There was once a lonely woman
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Of what might befall her children
All should perished be.

Now, this particular woman
Who thus did fret and fret,
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—Lasting Journal.

BLIND JUSTICE.

BY HELEN B. MATHERS.

CHAPTER XVI—CONTINUED.

When I had read the last word, and the famous name appended, I threw my hat up in the air, I stamped, I shouted, I could have rolled on the turf in my extravagant joy and then I seized the little doctors hands, and nearly wrung them off his arms.

"Stop!" he cried. "Who would have thought you were so strong?" Then I let him go so suddenly that he nearly fell backwards, and I knew I bore no resemblance to Job.

"Keep your box!" I shouted, "keep it and bad luck to you! Your secret is no secret now, and the woman you could take anywhere, and would be saved without you. Listen—" standing opposite him, while Dr. Cripps placidly sat down just inside the door, I translated the telegram into Austrian to him.

"So," he said calmly, though his face was that of a defeated devil, "you English are not such fools as I supposed. You do sometimes hear of what goes on in other places, but you have poor stomachs—you starve your people in this—we are, and our meat is your poison."

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CHAPTER XVII.

Judith's case was not re-tried, but the new evidence was duly laid before the home secretary, and shortly afterwards supplemented by the written statement of the Styrian, who, wearying at last of his confinement, and having told all he knew, was suffered to die.

Judith died in due leisurely course, her majesty's most gracious pardon was extended to Judith for a crime which she had never committed, and on the morning she was set free a curious and pretty scene was enacted outside the jail gates, at which I myself was present. There came flocking matrons and maids, men and youths, little children with chubby hands quite full of flowers, and even big strapping men-in-buckram were