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### The Case of Miss Judd.

#### *Editors Expressman's Monthly:*

Her sickness having been referred to in the MONTHLY, the following correspondence of the *New York Sun* relative to Miss Carrie Judd, will be of interest to many of our readers, especially those of the American Express company who are acquaintances of her father:

BUFFALO, November 3, 1879.

One of the most marvelous cases of restoration to health has been made public in this city. Miss Carrie F. Judd, eldest daughter of Mr. O. K. Judd, of 260 Connecticut street, this city, is the person who has been cured. Mr. Judd has been connected with the cashier's department of the American Express company here for nearly twenty-nine years, and is well and favorably known. The story as told by Miss Judd, who is an intelligent young lady of nearly twenty-one years of age, and substantiated by her father and Mrs. Hambleton, her nurse, is as follows:

For some time prior to January, 1877, Miss Judd fell into a decline. On the 6th of January, 1877, she was prostrated by a violent attack of nervous fever, having its origin, it is conjectured, in the spine, which had been injured by a fall on the sidewalk. She grew worse, the disease taking on a settled spinal difficulty which was accompanied by hyperæsthesia of the spine, hips, knees and ankles. In a short time those parts of her body became so sensitive that she could not even bear her own hand upon them, and means had to be devised to lift the weight of even the bed-clothes upon her. The spinal nerves and those of the large joints were so unnaturally alive that they seemed to be bare, and the slightest noise or jar in the room made them vibrate. The pain in her head was acute and the aching of the eyelids was so intense that for hours she could not open them. She had to be kept in a darkened room, for a ray of light could not be withstood, so sensitive had her eyes become. Her hearing was unnaturally acute, and great care had to be taken to prevent rude sounds from falling upon her sensitive nerves. No person was permitted to be in the room except the nurse and other members of the fami-

ly whose attentions were absolutely necessary.

This state of things continued until Miss Judd became so weak that she could not even turn in bed, or move herself in any way. For over eleven months she was unable to sit up a single moment. During all that time she was under the care of Dr. Hoxsie, one of the most popular homeopathic practitioners in the city. After the eleven months of struggling almost between life and death, she began to improve, and in the following summer was able to sit up for a short time every day. She was yet unable to help herself, and, in being taken from her bed, the attendants had to place their hands under her arms, for she could not bear any pressure whatever upon her body. At the time when she was gaining very slowly the weather was very hot, which, in addition to the great effort she made to help herself, threw her into a relapse, and she again grew worse. This violent renewal of the old trouble continued all that fall and winter, until last spring, when she was so far reduced that she could hardly whisper.

During all these weary months, all that the ingenuity of the best physicians could devise was done for the patient little sufferer, but all to no avail. Dr. Davis, a well-known physician of Attica, tried his skill, but failed. Dr. Baethig, of this city, also treated the case with like result. Then Dr. Lon See On, a Chinese physician, educated in his country, was called. He is a gifted fellow, and treated the case, but was unable to do any good. About \$2,000 had been paid out by Mr. Judd; the daughter was slowly failing, and they were almost discouraged. She got so weak that she could only move her lips.

About this time Mr. Judd read a paragraph in the *Buffalo Courier*, copied from the *Springfield Republican*, in which a colored woman (Mrs. Edward Mix, of Wolcottville, Conn.,) was credited with having effected some wonderful cures by power of faith and prayer alone.

Mr. Judd managed to make the patient understand, and by her request her sister Eva, twelve years of age, wrote to Mrs. Mix that the sick girl believed that Mrs. Mix's great faith might avail for her if

she would only pray for her recovery. On the 25th of February the family received the following:

WOLCOTTVILLE, CONN., Feb. 24, '79.

MISS CARRIE F. JUDD: I received a line from your sister Eva, stating your case, your disease and your faith. I can encourage you by the word of God, that according to your faith, so be it unto you, and besides you have this promise: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Whether the person is present or absent, if it is a prayer of faith it is all the same, and God has promised to raise up the sick ones, and if they have committed sins, to forgive them. Now, this promise is to you as if you were the only person living. Now, if you can claim that promise, I have not the least doubt but what you will be healed. You will first have to lay aside all the medicine of every description. Use no remedies of any kind for anything; lay aside trusting in the arm of flesh, and lean wholly upon God and his promises. When you receive this letter I want you to begin to pray for faith; and Wednesday afternoon the female prayer-meeting is at our house. We will make you a subject of prayer between the hours of three and four. I want you to pray for yourself, and pray believing, and then act faith. It makes no difference how you feel, but get right out of bed and begin to walk by faith. Strength will come, disease will depart, and you will be made whole. We read in the Gospel, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Write soon.

Yours in faith,

MRS. EDWARD MIX.

Miss Judd obeyed the instructions to the letter. She dropped her medicines and gave herself wholly into the care of the Almighty. She prayed as well as she could in her weak and emaciated condition, and was filled with faith. At the time when the women's prayer-meeting in Wolcottville, Conn., was to make Miss Judd the special object of prayer, all the members of the Judd family lifted up their prayers, though not in the sick girl's room. Miss Judd says that at about half-past three o'clock she felt a sudden and remarkable change, and, without the least fear of hesitation or doubt, she turned over and raised up alone in bed for the first time in over two years. When Mrs. Hambleton, the nurse, who had cared for Miss Judd for over a year, saw this, she sank upon her knees and began a prayer. Then the nurse burst forth in songs and praises, and while doing so, gave Miss Judd a little assistance, and she walked about nine feet to a chair.

Up to this time the girl had not borne any weight on her feet for two years and two months. During the hour that prayer

was being offered in her behalf, the nurse says, a great change was perceptible in her color, circulation and pulse. Miss Judd then referred to her diary, which was kept by Mrs. Hambleton, and read the following entries:

February 27: "This afternoon after sitting up she walked from her chair to the bed, a distance of nine feet, by taking hold of my arms." February 28: "I gave her a sponge bath, and could not help but notice the change in the color of her flesh; instead of the yellow, dead look, it is pink and full of life." March 1: "This morning she drew on her stockings." March 2: "Her chest and lungs have been strong. She has talked aloud a good deal, appetite good, color fresh and clear."

In three weeks from the day the girl began to improve she was able to walk all over the room without any one near her, and in four weeks she was able to go down stairs with a little assistance. She could walk steadily from the first. She improved so rapidly that the swelling of the muscles was almost perceptible. On the first pleasant day in April, Miss Judd called at a neighbor's, and every body rejoiced.

The strange fact of the walking is made appreciable when it is known that the spine and large joints had become so weakened by the hyperæsthesia that they were like cartilages, and if she had been placed upon her feet when in that state, she would have settled all out of shape. They, however, became strong and firm at once, and have continued to strengthen every day. Now Miss Judd can walk long distances without fatigue. She teaches her class in Sunday-school every Sunday, and her friends say she looks better than ever before in her life. On Wednesday last she went into Genesee county, a distance of forty miles, to attend the marriage of her brother.

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### History of Express Business—Minnesota Division, 1851-1879.

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#### *Editors Expressman's Monthly:*

In July, 1851, J. C. Burbank undertook the bold enterprise of starting an express business, from Gena, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn., the former point at that time being the chief depot of the steamboat trade of the upper Mississippi, and the terminus of the American Express company's lines to the Northwest.

Mr. Burbank was the pioneer messenger of his own express, making the first trip of the new Express company himself, and continued these trips throughout the win-