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"MISTER" AND "ESQUIRE"

"Mister" or "Esquire"? For that matter one might ask, "Why either?" The answer is that either in this country or in England; and courtesy is a good thing, easy to bestow, charish to withhold. There is a fancy that the address, "Thomas Smith Esq., carries a little more honour than Mr. Thomas Smith," but in America "esquire" means no more than "mister" if either means anything.

Matthew Arnold explained the difference in the English custom by an assertion which signified that a gentleman, or any one who is engaged in a gentlemanly occupation, is denominated "esquire" but that the tradesman is entitled to another better than "mister."

Nevertheless, the Englishman is not always sure of himself in making the distinction. One of the London papers amused itself with the experience of a correspondent who found that the railway companies vouchsafe to those passengers only who care sufficiently about their social standing to be holders of first class season tickets the honor of "esquire."

One day when the correspondent held a first-class ticket, he received a letter from the company addressed "esquire." But on the next day, when he transferred his patronage to second class, he was humiliated to find himself related to the common crowd known as "Mr."

This gentleman gives a barlesque etymology of the word. When the Conqueror came over in 1066, those of the retinue who could afford cushions to sit on at the audience were known as "es-

quires," and those who had to sit on hard wooden seats were called "misters."

The real derivation of the word is, as everyone will remember, from "escuyer," old French for "shieldbearer," and so came to be applied to the chief retainers as knights. When the feudal days passed the word remained.—*B. Ados Globe, Sept. 20th.*

WAS ASLEEP FOR TWO YEARS.

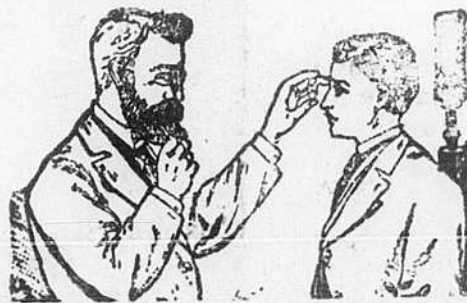
Waukesha, Wis., Aug. 20

Mrs. Clara Jorgenson, Racine, who has been asleep at the County Asylum for more than two years, has regained consciousness.

A sister-in-law of Mrs. Jorgenson's visited the institution, bringing with her her six year old son. It is thought that the child awakened memories in the woman's mind that restored her to a normal condition.

It has been necessary to feed and care for Mrs. Jorgenson as if she were a helpless babe, according to Mrs. Peters, matron of the institution. Yesterday she walked, used table utensils and fed herself with ease. She walked a short distance about the ward, but returned to her invalid's chair exhausted from the exertion to which she has been unaccustomed.

"I could not, no matter how I tried, break the spell which seemed to keep me bound in another world which I lived," said Mrs. Jorgenson in an interview. She said that although she could not open her eyes, utter a word, or move a muscle, she knew each day's events, and heard each word spoken to her.—*Ibid.*



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Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of U. S. September 20th, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY.
Despatching Secretary.

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Thursday the 14th of October 1920

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