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A NOVEL DECORATION.

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PETER SAVATORE, an eight year old urchin, now suffering from a pronounced limp, is reported to “bear his limp with pride.”

Peter came to his limp by being run down by an automobile, the mishap bruising his right leg.

The rest of the story runs this wise:

There were three persons in the big limousine car that ran over Peter—the chauffeur and two fur-clad young women. John Murphy, of No. 245 avenue B, picked up the boy, carried him to the automobile, and told the chauffeur to make all haste for the East Fifth street police station. When the machine reached there a call was sent for an ambulance to Bellevue Hospital. At the time Dr. Tyson arrived the boy had recovered consciousness. The chauffeur was not arrested, and the names of the young women with him were not taken by the police. The license number of the car is registered as belonging to W.K. Vanderbilt. The chauffeur returned to the police station later with a young man who represented the Vanderbilt family. He was given the name of the boy run down. Although the boy’s family retained a lawyer there will be no law suit. An amicable arrangement was reached with the boy’s family. The nature of the arrangement is the cause of the pride with which Peter bears his limp.

Lo, anew (a novel?) decoration, title to which is to be a sort of patent of nobility, to be borne proudly, like decorated invalid veterans, and possibly fished for, and proudly attested to through life by limps and other mayhems carried away from millionaire limousines.

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