

BIGELOW

These are some of our finest faculty members, Dr. Bartholomew Billings, and Dr. Robert Hightower.

HARLOW

Doctors.

BILLINGS

Would you care for a drink, Dr. Harlow.

HARLOW

Just a glass of water, perhaps. And please call me John.

BIGELOW

We have been following your case with great interest, John. It truly is remarkable how you were able to save your man.

HIGHTOWER

Where did you study medicine, sir?

HARLOW

At the Philadelphia School of Anatomy. I graduated from Jefferson Medical College, also in Philadelphia, five years ago.

BILLINGS

So young? And did they train you in any situations such as you encountered with this patient?

HARLOW

Well, sir, in theory only. This accident proved most exceptional.

HIGHTOWER

It seems as though a hearty congratulations are in order for your ingenuity then.

HARLOW

It was mostly luck and the will of the almighty to be sure.

BILLINGS

Your patient- What can you tell us about the man?

HARLOW

He was...is... a perfectly healthy, strong and active young man, twenty-five years of age, nervo-bilious temperament, five feet six inches in height, average weight of one hundred and fifty pounds, possessing an iron will as well as an iron frame; muscular system unusually well developed-having had scarcely a day's illness from his childhood to the date of injury.

BILLINGS

And his education?

HARLOW

Of that I could not be sure of. I am still getting to know the man myself. He is literate. Apart from his iron constitution he is unremarkable in comparison to his peers.

BILLINGS

An Everyman. If we must categorize his literary archetype. An average man much like you or I. Well, that may be a bit of an overstatement. Pity, I had thought you were bringing us A Hero.

HIGHTOWER

You said "nervo-bilious temperament". I am not familiar with the phrase.

BIGELOW

It is a Phrenology term that denotes an unusual combination of excitable and active mental powers with energy and strength of mind and body.

HIGHTOWER

Phrenology?