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Biographical Note: Thomas Winston was born in Devinock, Breckonshire, Wales on October 17, 1829. His family made the journey to the United States when Winston was two years old. Following the untimely death of his mother and father at a young age, his uncle apprenticed him to a tailor. At the age of seventeen, he was running a tailor shop in Milwaukee. Following a move to Illinois, he enrolled at Rock River Seminary in 1849, where he developed an interest in anatomy that inspired him to become a doctor. He received his degree from Rush Medical School in 1858. Shortly thereafter he married Caroline Mumford and in 1861. At the outbreak of the Civil War, despite having a severe struggle between his anti-war and his anti-slavery sentiments, Winston enlisted as a surgeon in the Union Army. Following the war, he used the money he earned to buy land out west, and he maintained a busy countryside practice as a physician. He was also surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad, and for a while held the post of post master in the town of Forreston. He died in Lawrence, Kansas in May of 1928.

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