

Separated Siamese Twins Reunited at Hospital



Discharged from Children's Hospital, Pamela Schatz is handed to her mother by nurse Sarah E. Smith. Patricia Schatz, who left the hospital ten days ago after being separated from her Siamese twin sister, is in the arms of her father, John, ready for the trip to the family's home in Carle Place, Long Island, N. Y.

Separated Twins Well, Leave Hospital for Home

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Pamela and Patricia Schatz, the Siamese twins who were separated October 5 in an operation at Children's Hospital, joined each other again yesterday—this time for an auto trip back home.

It was a most pleasant drive to 135 Park av., Carle Place, Long Island, because the parents of the 45-day-old girls, Mr. and Mrs. John Schatz, had more than a reunion with Pam to cheer about. (Pat went home ten days ago and returned yesterday for a checkup.)

No Surgeon's Bill

Dr. C. Everett Koop, surgeon-in-chief at the hospital who performed the two-hour-and-35-minute operation, had just told them:

"There'll be no bill from me."

And other hospital authorities said:

"Let's not discuss the charges now. All we're concerned with is getting the twins started toward a normal life. Perhaps, we might take up the bill at some later date."

Schatz said Dr. Koop and the hospital "didn't want the word spread around but I just can't get over it—such wonderful hospitality!"

Although Schatz didn't expect charity, he needed it.

"If they had asked me to pay, I don't know what I'd have

done," he said. "I guess I would have gone into hock."

Father Lost Job

A week after the children, who were joined by flesh and bone at the pelvis, were operated on Schatz lost his job as a tool designer when the U. S. Government cut back defense orders.

He remained jobless until a week ago, hoping to be called back. When things didn't pick up, he became a salesman.

"We're just managing to keep going," he said. "But that Dr. Koop, and that hospital . . . they've been wonderful."

Dr. Koop examined Pat as soon as her mother got her out of a pink and white sack.

"She's doing nicely," he said.

Pam Is Nine Pounds

Pat was the smaller of the twins, whose weight totaled 14 pounds at birth in Mercy Hospital, Rockville, Long Island. Now she tips the scales at seven. Pam, who weighs nine pounds, three ounces, stayed at the hospital for further treatment.

They posed for photographers a half-hour, then departed in the arms of their parents as Dr. Koop offered this bit of advice:

"Now don't treat those girls like hot-house children. They're just as healthy as the average girls their age.

"Toss them around. Let them get the breeze. They'll be all right."