

# BELLEW WAS NEAR DEATH.

Ruptured Blood Vessel of Nose, and  
Only His Strength Saved Him.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Owing to having ruptured a blood vessel of the nose, Kyrle Bellew almost bled to death in his room in the Hotel Statler here this morning and his condition is such that it will be several days before he can resume his part in his new play, "The Builders of Bridges." His physicians announce to-night that possibly Mr. Bellew will be able to get out Thursday, but will not state definitely until to-morrow.

Mr. Bellew has been suffering from a cold and retired to his room early last night. About midnight he commenced sneezing, and so violently did he sneeze that he commenced to bleed. Being unable to stop the flow of blood, two physicians were summoned, but it was not until five hours after they had reached his bedside that they had stopped the bleeding.

Mr. Bellew slept the greater part of the day, and to-night appeared to be somewhat stronger, having a slight color in his face. He was to have opened a week's engagement in his new play, it having been presented but twice so far, at Utica and at Ithaca.

Mr. Bellew is 53 years of age, but his superb physical condition is all that saved him from death, as he lost more than two quarts of blood.

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