

15 YEARS' AGONY

Dared Not Eat Meat or Vegetables

The life of a Dyspeptic is a life of torture. The craving for food—the burning pain after anything substantial is eaten—the monotonous diet of gruel, etc.—make the sufferer often long to die.



Avondale, N.E., Oct. 15, 1907.
I have been a great sufferer from Indigestion and Constipation for about fifteen years. I was forced to deny myself all such hearty food as beans, meat, potatoes and other vegetables, and could not drink tea or coffee. For the last two years I have lived on oatmeal porridge, stale bread, etc.

In June, 1907, I saw the testimonial of Hon. John Costigan, and I concluded to give "Fruit-a-lives" a trial. I had nearly four boxes of "Fruit-a-lives" and they have made me feel like a new man altogether. I can eat all kinds of hearty food without suffering and am not at all constipated. I recommended my brother, Hugh Brown, to use "Fruit-a-lives" for chronic constipation and he has been greatly benefited too.

(Sgd) Lemuel A. W. Brown.
Letters of gratitude like this are received daily at the offices of "Fruit-a-lives" Limited. People are glad to testify to the great benefits they have received from taking these wonderful tablets, made of fruit juices and tonics. They will help you. Begin today to take them. At all dealers, or sent on receipt of price—50c a box—\$6 for \$2.50. "Fruit-a-lives" Limited, Ottawa.

Advertiser Patterns

DESIGNED BY MARTHA DEAN.



NO. 867—AN ATTRACTIVE DESIGN FOR A ONE-PIECE CORSET COVER.

To the women who take pleasure in fashioning their own underwear, this design will appeal at once because of its dainty simplicity. It is most easily and quickly made, being cut in one piece. The neck and armholes are finished by lace, and ribbon-run beading. At the waistline the fullness is held in place by a tape inserted in a casing. If preferred, hand embroidery may take the place of the lace and beading. Button-holed scoops with a row of eyelets below being a very pretty mode of decoration. Lawn, nainsook and handkerchief linen are all good materials for the making. For a 36-inch bust measure 1½ yards of 26-inch material will be needed.

Ladies' One-Piece Corset Cover, No. 867. Sizes for 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

A pattern of this illustration will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents in silver or stamps.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE ADVERTISER.

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Measurement: Bust Waist

Age (if child's or misses' pattern)

CAUTION.—Be careful to inclose above illustration and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is sent measure you need only mark 32, 34, or whatever it may be. When in waist measure 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure, representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from the date of order. The price of each pattern is 10 cents in cash or in postage stamps.

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FOR A MILLION OF MONEY

BY ARTHUR W. MARCHMONT
Author of "By Right of Sword," "When I Was Caesar," etc., etc.
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"Have you finished, Miss?" The question was little more than a whisper at first; but when Olive did not reply, it was repeated in a louder tone, and with more confidence.

The lantern was put down, and Mrs. Tisley advanced into the room, closing the door behind her. At first she did not see Olive, but presently made her out, and then crossed the room to her side, and looked closely into her face.

Olive did not open her eyes, and breathed heavily. She felt her hand lifted, and when it was released, she let it fall listlessly.

An oath of satisfaction slipped out of the woman's lips, and she shook Olive by the shoulder. "You sly devil, you've taken it all right. Curse you, you'll waken up presently, and then I'll fall listlessly."

She got no further than that, for the next instant Olive had caught her by the throat, and with a dexterous twist, threw her on to the bed, and held her down. Caught thus entirely by surprise, the woman had no chance in the strong hands that gripped her throat, and squeezed it till the breath could not pass.

But that was not all Olive's intention. She was at bay, fighting for her life, and she had a further task.

Raising the head she looked over the cowering wretch, and threatened to beat out her brains if she uttered a sound; and then taking the little jug of milk, she forced her to swallow it.

In dire fright, the woman tried to resist; but Olive held to the task until, little by little, much as she would have forced them on an animal, the whole contents of the jug had been drunk.

Watching her intently, she saw the drug take effect; and as soon as the woman appeared to be unconscious, she stripped the woman's outer clothes off, and tearing off her own, changed dresses with her.

She made the change as rapidly as possible; but it took so long that she paused a dozen times in fear that she had heard Merridew coming up to the room.

Despite the woman's unconsciousness, it was no easy task to put the clothes upon her; and when Olive had finished, there were a hundred signs which to a man's eye would have indicated the deception.

But Olive calculated that Merridew would be to the full as excited as she was herself; and in the darkness the trick might pass successfully.

Fortunately, Mrs. Tisley had been wearing a head; and now she saw Olive put this on cunningly, so as to conceal the greater part of her face.

At this point, her plans were changed. The idea of her violent resistance of striking Merridew down had been repugnant from the first; and now she saw another way. She would keep her weapon by her in case of her use being detected; but would only use it in the last extremity.

Her first thought in changing dresses was to increase the chances of catching Merridew unawares, and so have a better opportunity of striking him down.

But now she saw that was infinitely less distasteful. If her ruse succeeded, the two she would let him continue in that belief until they had left the house.

Again she set herself to consider what he would do when he came and found that his victim was now at his mercy. He was a powerful man, and quite capable of carrying her unaided the short distance to the mine shaft. She would not be expected to follow; as he would probably be unwilling for her to see the actual murder committed.

That would be her chance to leave the house and fly. She had thus everything to gain by continuing the deception as long as possible.

With this thought to urge her, Olive set to work to do all she could to lessen the chances of Merridew's discovering that the insensible body was really that of his accomplice.

In addition to the dress she had put on the woman, she now put on her jacket and hat, and fastened a thick veil over the features.

He could easily explain that, as she was supposed to be walking when she fell down the shaft, it was necessary that she should have on her walking clothes.

This addition, especially the veil, was a masterpiece of deception.

BLOOD AND SYSTEM CLEANING IN THE SPRING MAKES GOOD HEALTH ALL SUMMER.

In spite of all your careful habits, it's safe to say that in the spring you feel poorly—have a throbbing sensation in the head—skin is pale or yellow, with dark rings under the eyes. If not actually bilious the system is so full of bile that you feel heavy and tired all day long.

Clean up, work off the winter's accumulation of waste, purify your blood—do this and you'll feel fresh as a prize-fighter. "For ten years," says W. E. Sangster, of Concord, "I suffered greatly from impure blood which made me feel debilitated and unfit for work. I had no appetite, suffered from indigestion and gas, had some pains in the back caused by poor kidney action. Spring was the hardest time of all, languid enough to throw up the sponge. I was impressed by the marvelous work done by Dr. Hamilton's Pills and tried them. They suited me exactly. In one week I felt like new. I was braced up, got rid of the blood waste, my appearance and spirits were like those of a man in short order and I urge young and old to use this grand tonic medicine."

Dr. Hamilton's Pills are a perfect spring medicine. They destroy germs and poisons of every description and to weak, poor blood they bring nutrition and strength whereby the system rallies and the patient quickly enjoys the blessings of perfect health. Get Dr. Hamilton's Pills today—25 cents at all dealers.

rendered discovery infinitely less problem. Olive held the lantern to the prostrate figure, and surveyed the result with great satisfaction.

Then another thought occurred to her. She turned the lantern lower, until the light was so dim that anyone accustomed to the dark would be scarcely able to see anything at all by it.

All was ready at last. But when Merridew did not come, the delay rendered Olive restless and uneasy. He might have told Mrs. Tisley to go down and tell him when all was right; and in that case her absence might start his suspicion.

She spent a few moments in adding to her own disguise; holding the dim lantern up to her scrap of a mirror as she adjusted the shawl so as to conceal her features most effectively.

Then the delay started, yet a new fear. The woman might recover consciousness; and all would be to do over again, with its terrible uncertainty and possible failure. She might even have recourse to the more distasteful course of the sudden attack upon Merridew. And at that she went and bent down over the woman, listened to her breathing, felt her pulse—feeble, flickering, and uncertain—and lifted her hand, and watched it fall flaccid and helpless, and nerved.

Then at last she heard a movement below.

A door was opened and a heavy tread came out into the passage.

"How long are you going to be up there?" called Merridew, with an oath. "With a start of pleasure, Olive noticed that the voice was unsteady, and the speech was thick. He had been nerving himself for the grim work of the night; and had drunk too much. He would be the less likely to see the trick she had played; and she felt a little thrill of delight and encouragement.

With her weapon in her hand, she crossed to the door, and opening it, slightly called, "Ready now," with as close an imitation of the woman's voice as she could assume, seeking to make her voice thick and stumbling as with drink.

"What the devil's the matter with you, you old fool?" cried Merridew. "I suppose you're drunk again, as usual," he muttered, as he began to mount the stairs.

Olive set the lantern down by the door, and crossed to the bed, taking care to stand well in the shadow.

Merridew came up, swearing to himself at the narrow stairway, and when he reached the top, he lurched heavily against the door, sending it flying wide open, and staggered clumsily into the room.

"Hush!" whispered Olive.

"To the devil with your hushing!" he replied. "Where are you?"

"Here."

"Is it all right?"

"Yes," Olive spoke in the same whisper, so that her voice was the more likely to pass unobserved.

"Why the devil don't you have a proper light?" he grumbled.

Next he picked up the lantern, held it high over his head, and crossed the room toward her. Then suddenly he stopped with a start, and let out a sharp oath.

Would he recognize her? Her fingers closed on the iron bar, and ready to strike him down at the first sign of recognition, she waited with bated breath for his next movement.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Murder?

When Merridew stopped so suddenly in his approach to the bed, by the side of which Olive stood in such a high-wrought suspense, she believed that he had noticed something which had aroused his suspicion, and the second's pause before he spoke again was like an hour.

He broke the silence with a laugh. "Why, you've dressed her for a walk," he said, and swore with intoxicated good humor. He had been drinking much more heavily than she had thought. As he stood gazing at the still form on the bed, the lantern swung and wobbled in his hand, and he had to steady himself by the table. "Is she right off?" he asked, with a hiccup.

"Dead," whispered Olive.

He started and recoiled slightly at this, not understanding her. "Do you mean you've overdone it, you old fool?"

At that Olive took a bold step. Stooping as if to uncover the face, she whispered angrily: "See for yourself."

He stretched out a hand hastily, and stopped her. "No, no. I don't want to see her. Stop that!" he cried.

She growled an incoherent retort under her breath and drew back.

He paused and stroked his forehead, as if in some doubt. But Olive was certain now that he had not a shadow of suspicion that all was not just as he saw it. He was stupefied with drink, and his wits were muddled.

This was all in Olive's favor; but now if he had a result on which she had not calculated. He was too unsteady on his legs to attempt to carry down the woman by himself; and dimly he realized this.

He set the lantern down on the table, and bent over the bed.

"Come on. You must help carry her."

She was to help in her own murder.

With a shudder of disgust, she drew back and mumbled a refusal.

This angered him and he swore at her viciously.

"Do what I say at once. Do you think I'm going to let you off your part in this? We do it together—or you shall go first to make a soft spot for her to fall on," and he laughed with drunken brutality.

Still Olive hung back; but he grew so violent and threatened her so loudly that she feared he would wake the woman and thus discover everything.

That must be prevented at any cost. Putting restraint upon herself, therefore, Olive bent down and took the woman's feet, while Merridew put his arms round the shoulders.

"She's not so heavy as I expected," he muttered. Then: "Take the light, somehow," and Olive picked up the lantern as she passed it.

(To Be Continued.)

Pale, Weak, Tired Women Have a True and Worthy Friend

THAT FRIEND IS

A Friend that will quickly drive away that painfully tired feeling, that will make the weak and delicate system strong and robust, and turn the wan, pale cheek into the bloom of youth, health and vigor.

Pronounced
Dr. KEEN

HERE IS AN INSTANCE:
I have to thank PSYCHINE for my present health. Two years ago I was going into a decline. I could hardly drag myself across the floor. I could not sweep the carpet. If I went for a mile or two on my wheel I was too weak to lift it through the gateway, and from fatigue, my father would give me no peace until I procured PSYCHINE, knowing it was excellent for decline or weakness. I improved. Instead of a little, pale, hollow-checked, listless, melancholy girl, I am today full of life, ready for a sleigh ride, a skating match, or an evening party with anyone, and a few months ago I could not struggle to church, 40 rods from my home. I have never had the slightest cause to fear any return of the disease. ELLA MURIEL, WOOD, Brownsville, Ont.

No woman can be healthy if her digestion is weak and unsatisfactory, or any of the other vital organs fail to perform the functions nature intended. PSYCHINE regulates and strengthens the stomach, aids digestion, tones up the whole system, and gives vigor and exhilaration to every organ that makes her forget that she was weak and pale and listless, just as Miss Ella Muriel Wood did. For sale at all Druggists at 50 cents.

Dr. T. A. SLOCUM, Limited, Toronto.

TERMS OF FALLS POWER CONTRACT

Presented to the Municipalities Association by the Niagara Power Commission.

Toronto, April 3.—The representatives of the Municipalities Association and the Niagara Power Commission were in conference today when the proposed agreements of the commission with the power companies and the municipalities were presented.

The Contract Agreement.
The sum of \$10.40 for power at 60,000 volts, until 25,000-horsepower or more in all are taken, and then \$10.

If power is taken at a higher voltage than these named above, the price is to be fixed by arbitration. The estimated maximum cost in power ready for distribution in Toronto is \$18 per horsepower.

The contract sets out the following conditions under the agreements between the municipalities and the hydro-electric power commission.

1.—To construct a transmission line for the transmission of electric power to be delivered to the municipalities, on the date named in the agreement, said power to be approximately 25 cycle per second frequency, and also at the end of three months, written notice, which may be given, from time to time during the continuance of the agreement, to supply corporations with power in blocks until the total amount supplied shall be 30,000 horsepower. At the expiration of nine months shall exceed three-fourths of the amount supplied shall be up to 100,000-horsepower.

2.—The corporation agrees to pay interest at 4 per cent on the money expended by the commission on capital required for the construction of the transmission line, and to pay an annual sum to form in thirty years a sinking fund for the retirement of the securities to be issued by the province for such transmission line.

3.—The corporation agrees to pay for the line loss and cost of operation, maintenance, repair, renew and insure said line.

4.—The corporation agrees to observe and conform the covenants and provisions and conditions of the contracts.

5.—The corporation agrees to pay for the maintenance by the commission of approximately the agreed voltage at approximately the agreed frequency at (to be named) shall control the supply of all power involved in the agreement. When this is done the electric characteristics are under the sole control of the corporation.

6.—In case of any corporation, person or firm shall suffer damages by reason of neglect on the part of the corporation, the commission may bring action to recover damages on behalf of any municipal corporation, upon the consent of the corporation, person or firm to guarantee costs, if such action is unsuccessful.

7.—The commission shall annually advise the corporation of the amount of power delivered during the year.

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