

pivot on which all his fortunes turned, both in body and purse, as the reader will presently see.

He commenced taking the medicine in small doses, and in a few days a favourable change was apparent. His eyes looked brighter, and his countenance more cheerful, and the palpitation of his heart less distressing. Soon he had an inclination to eat something. Dreaming fancies that this or that thing would taste good would come over him as he fell into a calm sleep. In a week he could nibble a crust of bread with a relish, and what was more pleasing, it did not distress him as formerly. Neighbours who called to see him noticed the change, and Briggs would sell them a bottle of the medicine out of his little stock, and the profits on these bottles enabled him to provide some relishing food. The poor man had been a long time in reaching this low state of health, and it could not be expected that he would be restored to his former state of health in a moment; but improvement was gradual, although slow. In a few weeks he was able to go out for a little walk. When friends would congratulate him on his improved condition, the conversation would naturally turn to the medicine he was taking. People reasoned among themselves that if a medicine would produce such marked results in a case so desperate as that of Briggs, it must indeed possess merit. The consequence was that the people went to Briggs and bought the medicine for themselves, so that in a short

time he established quite a business in selling this new American Extract of Roots; so much so, that he was enabled to provide the comforts for his family out of the profits on the medicine sold by him.

All this time he kept on taking the medicine, which was having a marvellous effect upon his system. His eyes and skin had resumed their natural colour. The cold clammy hands and feet were now warm, and the pain in the side and back had ceased. The secretions from the kidneys were fast resuming a natural colour and quantity. The bowels had become regular. Briggs now felt enthusiastic. He could walk all around the country, and was gaining flesh and strength very rapidly. Everywhere he went he sold the medicine, for his recovery was like a miracle. He felt that he had been snatched from the jaws of death. As fast as he would sell out one box, he would send the pay for it and get another, sometimes selling a box a week, for the medicine was gaining a wide and excellent reputation, because Briggs' case was not the only one that had now been relieved. It was effecting astonishing cures for miles around. Briggs after a time felt that he was entirely cured, for, like a strong man, he was able to walk miles every day without fatigue, and with a cheerful spirit, as in former times. Wherever he went he sold the medicine, for, knowing he himself had been rescued from death, he could recommend it with an eloquence that could not be resisted.

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