

OAKVILLE MIRACLE

Remarkable Case of Mr. John W. Condon.

A Helpless Cripple For Years—Treated by the Staff of the Toronto General Hospital and Discharged as Incurable—The Story of his Miraculous Recovery as Investigated by an Empire Reporter.

For more than a year past the readers of the Empire have been given the particulars of some of the most remarkable cures of the 19th century, or nearly all of them, in cases hitherto held by the most advanced medical scientists to be incurable.

Recently rumors have been afloat of a remarkable case in the pretty little town of Oakville, of a young man recovering after years of helplessness and agony. The Empire determined to subject the case to the most rigid investigation, and accordingly detailed one of its best reporters to make a thorough and impartial investigation into the case.

Acting upon these instructions our reporter went to Oakville, and called upon Mr. John W. Condon (who it was had so miraculously recovered) and had not long been in conversation with him when he was convinced that the statements made were not only true, but that "the half had not been told." The reporter found Mr. Condon at work in one of the heaviest departments of the Oakville Basket Factory, and was surprised, in the face of what he knew of the case, to be confronted by a strapping young fellow of good physique, ruddy countenance and buoyant bearing.

Mr. Condon, an Englishman by birth, came to this country with his parents when nine years of age, and at that time was as rugged and healthy as any boy of my age. I am now 29 years of age, and it was when about 14 years old that the first twinges of inflammatory rheumatism came upon me, and during the fifteen years that intervened between that time and my recovery a few months ago, tongue can hardly tell how much I suffered. My trouble was of the cold lake water. The joints of my body began to swell, the cords of my legs to tighten, and the muscles of my limbs to contract.

I became a helpless cripple confined to bed, and for three months did not leave my room. The doctor who was called in administered preparations of iodide of potassium and other remedies without any material beneficial effect. After some months of suffering I became strong enough to leave the bed but my limbs were stiffened and I was unfitted for any active vocation. I was then hampered more or less for the following nine years, when I was again forced to take to my bed. This attack was in 1886, and was a great deal more severe than the first. My feet, ankles, knees, legs, arms, shoulders, and in fact all parts of my frame were affected. My joints and muscles became badly swollen, and the disease even reached my head. My face swelled to a great size. I was unable to open my mouth, my eyes being fixed together. I, of course, could eat nothing. My teeth were pried apart and liquid food poured down my throat. I lost my voice, and could speak only in husky whispers. Really, I am unable to describe the state I was in during those long weary months. With my swollen limbs drawn by the tightening cords up to my emaciated body, and my whole frame twisted and contorted into indescribable shapes, I was nothing more than a deformed skeleton. For three long weary months I was confined to bed, after which I was able to get up, but was a complete physical wreck, hobbling around on crutches a helpless cripple. My sufferings were continually increasing, and frequently when I would be seized with a paroxysm of pain and would fall unconscious to the ground. During all this time I had the constant attendance of medical men, but their remedies were unavailing. All they could do was to try to build up my system by the use of tonics.

boxes when I left off. By this time I had taken on considerable flesh, and weighed as much as 160 pounds. This was a gain of 50 pounds in a few weeks. My joints assumed their normal size, my muscles became firmer, and in fact I was a new man. By April I was able to go to work in the basket factory, and now I can work ten hours a day with any man. I often stay on duty overtime without feeling any bad effects. I play baseball in the evenings and can run bases with any of the boys. Why I feel like dancing for very joy at the relief from abject misery I must feel so long. Many a time I prayed for death to release me from my sufferings, but now that is all gone and I enjoy health as only he can who suffered agony for years. I have given you a brief outline of my sufferings, but from what I have told you can gauge the depth of my gratitude for the great remedy which has restored me to health and strength.

Wishing to substantiate the truth of Mr. Condon's remarkable story the Empire representative called upon Mr. F. W. James, the Oakville druggist referred to above. Mr. James fully corroborated the statements of Mr. Condon. When the latter had first taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills he was a mere skeleton—a wreck of humanity. The people of the town had long given him up for good as dead, and would hardly believe the man's recovery until they saw him themselves. The fame of this cure is now spread throughout the section and the result is an enormous sale of Pink Pills. "I sell a dozen-and-a-half boxes of Pink Pills every day," said Mr. James, "and this is remarkable in a town the size of Oakville. And better still there is perfect satisfaction." Mr. James recalled numerous instances of remarkable cures after other remedies failed. Mr. John Robertson, who lives midway between Oakville and Milton, who had been troubled with asthma and bronchitis for about 15 years, was cured by the use of Pink Pills, and this after physicians had told him there was no use doctoring further. Mr. Robertson says his appetite had failed completely, but after taking seven boxes of Pink Pills he was ready and waiting for each meal. He regards his case as a remarkable one. In fact Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are recognized as one of the greatest modern medicines curing such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration and the tired feeling resulting therefrom, diseases depending upon humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills restore pale and sallow complexions to the glow of health, and are a specific for all the troubles peculiar to the female sex, while in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature.

The Empire reporter also called upon Mr. J. C. Ford, proprietor of the Oakville Basket Factory in which Mr. Condon is employed. Mr. Ford said he knew of the pitiable condition Condon had been in for years, and he had thought he would never recover. The cure was evidently a thorough one for Condon worked steadily at heavy labor in the mills and apparently stood it as well as the rest of the employees. Mr. Ford said he thought a great deal of the young man from the grave and his wondrous deliverance from the grave and his restoration to vigorous health.

In order to still further verify the statements made by Mr. Condon in the above interview, the Reporter on his return to Toronto examined the General Hospital record and found therein the entries fully bearing out all Mr. Condon had said. Thus leaving no doubt that his case is one of the most remarkable on record, and all the more remarkable because it had baffled the skill of the best physicians in Toronto.

Suicide by the Smoke Route.

There are multitudes of young men smoking themselves to death. Nervous, cadaverous, and at last my medical attendant, as a last resort, ordered me to the Toronto General Hospital. I entered the Hospital on June 20th, 1890, and remained there until September 20th of the same year. But, notwithstanding all the care and attention bestowed upon me while in this institution, no improvement was noticeable in my condition. After using every available remedy the hospital doctors—of whom there was about a dozen—came to the conclusion that my case was incurable, and I was sent away, with the understanding that I might remain an outside patient. Accordingly from September 1890 to the end of January 1891, I went to the hospital once a week for examination and treatment. At this stage I became suddenly worse, and once more gained admission to the hospital, where I lay in a miserable suffering condition for two months or more. In the spring of 1891 I returned to Oakville, and made an attempt to do something toward my own support. I was given light work in the basket factory, but had to be conveyed to and from my place of labor in a buggy and carried from the rig to a table in the works on which I sat and performed my work. In August, 1891, I was again stricken down, and remained in an utterly helpless condition until January 1892. At this time Mr. James, a local druggist, strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I was prejudiced against proprietary medicines as I had spent nearly all I possessed on numerous highly recommended so-called remedies. I had taken into my system large quantities of different family medicines. I had exhausted the list of liniments, but all in vain, and I was therefore reluctant to take Mr. James' advice. I, however, saw several, strong testimonies to the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood purifier and nerve tonic, and thinking that if I could only get my blood in better condition my general state of health might be improved, I resolved to give Pink Pills a trial. With the courage born of despair, I bought a box, but there was no noticeable improvement, and I thought this was like the other remedies I had used. But urged on by friends I continued taking Pink Pills and after using seven boxes I was rewarded by noticing a decided change for the better. My appetite returned, my spirits began to rise and I had a little freer use of my muscles and limbs, the old troublesome swellings subsiding. I continued the remedy until I had used twenty-five

Five Helpful Hints.

Pure beeswax and clean, unsalted butter make an excellent substitute for creams and balms. Sage-tea, or oat-meat gruel, sweetened with honey, are good for chapped hands or any sort of roughness. A slice of apple or tomato rubbed over the hands will remove ink or berry stains. Ingrowing nails, if serious, should receive the doctor's attention. In the first stage they can be helped by raising the edge and slipping a bit of raw cotton under the nail. Sometimes a drop of tallow, scalding hot, will effect a cure. Whenever a nail gets broken into the quick, wear a leather stall over it until nature heels the breach.

TAKEN CAPTIVE BY CANNIBALS.

Experiences of an English Missionary. In May of last year an English missionary, Dr. Montague, who occupied a station near the coast in the western part of British New Guinea, suddenly disappeared, and for some time nothing was known as to his fate. It was discovered finally that while out in the forests beyond his station he had been captured by the Tugore cannibals, a tribe living further west in Dutch New Guinea, that had never before been known to venture so far east. The savages carried Dr. Montague off to their own country, a land that was practically unknown to white people. There he lived until February, when he was rescued by a Dutch steamer. Very little news has yet been received with regard to Dr. Montague's experiences. We know only that as a captive he had nothing seriously to complain of, except the poor quality of the food served to him. The

PEOPLE WHO CAPTURED HIM

still live in the stone age. The eastern limit of their country begins about twenty miles west of the Dutch-British boundary and extends westward to Prince Frederick Hendrik Island. Along this extensive coast live a number of warlike branches of this tribe, and the region is thickly populated. They inhabit large villages both on the coast and inland, and on the coast the towns are so numerous that the whole shore seems to be lined with unbroken rows of huts. In their intellectual and physical development, these people belong to the finest of the New Guinea tribes. The men are handsome, muscular, well-built fellows, with high foreheads, and many of them are light yellow in color. Although they wear no clothing whatever, they lavishly paint and adorn their bodies. They wear nose rings, and their weapons consist of bows and arrows and stone clubs. Their arrow tips are poisoned. They build rude canoes from thirty to forty feet in length, which they propel with paddles. All the subdivisions of this large family maintain with one another the friendliest relations. Among their household animals are pigs and dogs, both of which are esteemed as table delicacies. The dogs are used on kangaroo hunts, which are a favourite diversion with the natives. Sago, yams, and sugar cane are cultivated. Food is in great abundance, and the fruits of harvest are stored away for future use. Along the coasts and in the interior the cocoa palms thrive finely, and the lowlands are very rich and fruitful. The improved area is very extensive. The fields are kept in excellent condition, and the natives have quite advanced ideas of irrigation, which they practise to some extent in their agriculture. The plains are specially adapted for raising rice. The cane and sugar cane, and Dr. Montague believed that portions of this new region could be turned into profitable plantations under European management.

THE FORESTS

swarm with butterflies, birds of paradise, and various kinds of pigeons, and abound also with the most valuable sorts of wood, such as cedar, sandal wood and other kinds of timber. The rivers and lagoons along the coast are full of fish and water fowl. The climate says Dr. Montague, is as good as can be found anywhere in tropical countries, and is far more healthful than most other parts of New Guinea. Dr. Montague lived in the country nine months, and although his food was bad, he enjoyed excellent health. Only one language, with some dialectic differences, is spoken along the whole coast and the mission is now engaged upon the preparation of a dictionary of the language. He found that the people are afflicted to some extent with leprosy.

That Welcoming Smile.

Far be it from me to sneer at it! That smile, so honored in tradition, story and song, with which the good wife always greets her returning husband, that very popular smile! I have nothing to say against it (though I have laughed at "Samantha Allen's" story of the deacon, coming in from the barn with a badly cut finger, and shouting to his pattern wife on the doorstep, "What ye grinning at, ye dum' fool? Git me a piece of pie, and eatin' depends on their being 'on time'") If he does, please in the optimistic of it that the smile is not always forthcoming, and I want to tell you, for the benefit of some of the Johns who read the Housekeeper's Weekly. May they profit thereby. One of them has lately been eulogized amongst us as a man who "understands women's work and ways. Does he understand that women's work must be done according to some system if it be well done, just as men's must? Does he realize that the three meals a day are the three great divisions of time for the working women of the household, and that much of comfort of all concerned in the cooking, serving, and eating depends on their being "on time"? But we must be brief, and optimistic of it that the smile is not always forthcoming, and I want to tell you, for the benefit of some of the Johns who read the Housekeeper's Weekly. May they profit thereby.

A Terrible Warning.

Judge (to a woman arrested for shoplifting) "When did you begin this sort of thing?" Woman (weeping): "I began by picking my husband's pockets at nights when he was asleep. Then the descent was easy."

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But be sure of this: Teach your children to be punctual. Remember you are training Jack and Benny and Phil to be somebody's husbands, and be sure that somebody will "smile" all the more because of your training.

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A gentleman who had been absent for a considerable time and who during his absence had raised a luxurious crop of whiskers, etc., visited a relative, whose child, an artless little girl of seven years, he was very fond of.

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GRIMSBY, July 21st, 1892.

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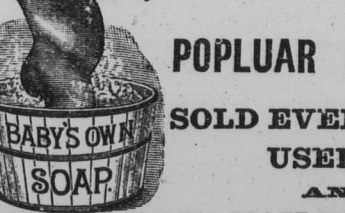
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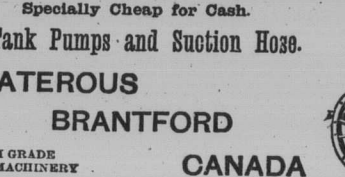
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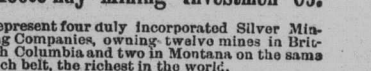
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