



# DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT

## ROCKEFELLER'S MILLION DOLLAR CURE

The man who proved that he was five years ahead of Prof. Loeb in discovering that "Electricity is Life" now says that he can cure John D. Rockefeller, and agrees to give \$5,000 to charity if he fails.

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John D. Rockefeller offers a million dollars to the man who will give him a healthy stomach. He made the offer to a doctor who called upon him, saying that it would be worth a million to him if he could fix his stomach up so that it would digest his food.

"A million dollars for a healthy stomach," said John D. Rockefeller.

"I accept the offer and will forfeit \$5,000 if I fail to deliver the cure," said Dr. McLaughlin.

This looked to me like material for an interesting story, which led me to Dr. McLaughlin's office for more particular details.

The first meeting from the doctor convinced me that I had met a man of convictions, and strong ones. The doctor was enthusiastic over what he termed a long-sought opportunity, and entered gleefully into a discussion of the subject.

"I would like to accept that offer," said the doctor. "I think that I can earn it, and further, I believe that no medicine on earth in the shape of a drug will do what Mr. Rockefeller wants done, simply because there is no vitality in the secretive glands of the stomach, and until he gets that vitality, which no drug can give him, he will never be cured."

"Just understand one point clearly: His food does not digest because certain functions related to digestion are powerless to act. They are weak, incapable of doing what nature intended. You see that. Now you can see that to get him right you must revive the strength in the parts which are weak. That is plain. Drugs will not do that. They never did and they never will, and every doctor on earth knows it."

"What will do it, then? Electricity?"

"I would pay \$5,000 this minute to see John D. Rockefeller walk into this office and permit me to tell him what I can do for him," said the doctor. "I am certain that I can build up his digestive apparatus as I am that I have done the same thing for hundreds of others. His case is not incurable by my method, and I would consider my fortune made if he would but grant me a trial."

"What is my method? The restoration of vitality—nothing more. To appreciate what I am going to say you will have to understand that it is now generally conceded by medical men that the motive energy of human organs—the force which keeps the heart pulsating, the stomach digesting and the brain scheming—is electricity."

"Three years ago, Professor Loeb, recognized as a high authority, stated that he had discovered, after ten years of studious research, that electricity is the basis of human vitality."

"Just glance at this book of mine, written in 1886, and read what I say in the introduction."

I took the opened book from the doctor's hand and read: "I anticipate still greater results from my efforts toward demonstrating the truth of my lifelong claim that electricity is the basis of all animal vitality, and without it we could not live."

"That indicates that my discovery was years ahead of Professor Loeb," continued the doctor, "but I claim no credit for that. I did not discover it at all. It was my belief twenty odd years ago, as it is the belief of every thinking man to-day, and I have simply developed the theory until now it is a proven fact."

"I quote Professor Loeb simply to clinch my right to say that if Mr. Rockefeller's stomach is unable to digest his food it is because it has not sufficient vitality, and we have already shown that 'vitality' means 'Electricity.'"

In another part of his book Dr. McLaughlin gives a more comprehensive solution of the heat problem than that advanced by Professor Loeb. Dr. McLaughlin says:—

"The food that we eat is treated as fuel by the stomach, just as is the coal in a furnace. The chemical action which is produced upon the food by the acids and juices of the stomach burns the food and causes a carbonic heat. This heat is electricity, and it is forced into the nerves and vital organs and is their life."

Further, Dr. McLaughlin says: "The electrical heat generated by the consumption of our food should keep healthy every vital organ of the body. Debility of the vital organs arises when the waste is greater than the

repair—when the stomach is not able to generate sufficient electrical heat to supply the demands of nature.

This excessive waste is due to over-taxation of the vital forces by hard work mentally, grief or worry, extra physical exertion, severe fevers, such as typhoid or malaria, which drain away the vitality and leave the system debilitated."

Now here is where Dr. McLaughlin passes beyond the period covered by Prof. Loeb and shows how this vital electricity, which is the basis of life, may be replaced in the body when lost by the causes producing debility.

He says: "When the stomach is not able to generate sufficient of this energy to supply the demands of the vital organs, the natural result is a lowering of nerve, organic and muscular power over general debility. Then an artificial agent must be used to assist the stomach. That agent is Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt."

"This is the remedy for Mr. Rockefeller. To prove my faith in it, I would be willing to put up \$5,000 to be given to any public charity which he may select if I fail to cure his stomach in four months, he to wear my appliance for six hours each day or night during that time. And he may be the sole judge as to the results obtained."

"How about Mr. Rockefeller's offer of a million dollars, doctor?"

"That is a secondary matter. I want it, of course, but not for my own use, as I don't need it, and a million dollars wouldn't increase my happiness one quiver. I want much rather have the satisfaction of seeing my invention successful in curing a case where so many noted physicians have failed. When a man has devoted the greater part of his life to the development of an idea which he thinks will benefit humanity he is passionately fond of his idea and money holds little fascination for him."

"What would you do with the money, doctor?"

"If I should earn the prize I would gladly consent to having it go to some public charity, which I would reserve the right to name."

"And the \$5,000 which you offer?"

"On the day that Mr. Rockefeller agrees to use my treatment and observe my simple instructions I will put up my certified cheque for the amount, to be paid to any public charity which he may designate if he says that I have failed in my work."

"Then you leave the matter entirely in his hands?"

"Entirely. I am willing to trust to his decision."

"A great many wealthy men are suffering tortures and dosing themselves with drugs without relief who never try a remedy like mine because they impose entire confidence in their family physicians, who believe that electricity is a remedy of the future, not of to-day," and so advise their patients."

"I tell you that electricity is a remedy of to-day. It has been a grand remedy for the past ten years. I have studied this subject more carefully than any physician ever studied his textbooks, and I can show you results. I am curing men every day who were never able to get benefit from drugs."

"Is it true, doctor, that your patients are mostly people of the middle or poorer class?"

"Yes. When a rich man is sick he calls in his doctor, who writes a prescription and looks wise, and the rich man has confidence that he will be well to-morrow. He feels better, perhaps, because the doctor can fool nature for a while. But after a while the doctor looks wise and it doesn't do the rich man any good, and the first thing he knows nature demands her price and he has to pay it, as the doctor can help him no more."

"When a poor man gets sick he does the same way, but he soon gets tired of the doctor's bills, and takes his case in his own hands and comes to me. I cure him with Electricity, and that is why my patients are usually poor men. Rich men's doctors will not let them come to me."

"You cannot possibly estimate the true import of this discovery of Prof. Loeb," said Dr. McLaughlin. "It means more happiness to the civilized race than has followed any discovery for years. It will bring about the general recognition of the great possibilities which exist in the application of electricity for the preservation of the vigor of youth."

"I have for years contended that old age was nothing but the freezing of the blood when there was no longer sufficient vital heat in the body to keep the blood warm and the organs active. I have said that years did not cause decay, and proved it by citing cases where some men have been made vigorous under my rejuvenating treatment at eighty, while you have examples all about you of

men who are old and decrepit at sixty.

"Now Prof. Loeb says that the animal heat is electricity. That I know to be true. We get that heat from the chemical action of the acids and juices of the stomach upon our food. That is combustion. This combustion produces carbonic heat, and carbonic heat is electricity. That is the basis of life in every vital organ. As long as the stomach is able to generate enough of this heat to replenish the wear and tear upon our vital energies we are strong and active. It is when the stomach finds the strain too heavy that we grow old and begin to decay."

"An old fellow, a patient of two years previous, asked me to have his belt overhauled, as he wished to put it on again. I reminded him that he



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had reported himself as cured two years before, and I did not see the need of the belt now. 'Precaution,' said he. 'I was cured two years ago, strong and sound, but I am 71 years of age and am not as well able to stand knocking about as I was in my youth, and I wear the belt occasionally, not because of present need, but just so that I will have strength to spare in case of demand. If you are riding a bicycle on level ground and see a hill before you, what do you do? Put on more steam, eh? I am getting older every day, and I need more steam. That is why I wear my belt.'

"This is upon the same principle that an engine pulls a train of cars up a hill. On level road it goes easily, but when it goes up hill the strain is heavy, and your engine, making power from burning coal, just as your stomach makes it from burning food, is taxed beyond its limit, is unable to keep the blood warm and the organs active, and exhausting all its energy. It breaks down when the physical energy is overtaxed. That means of replenishing the electricity of the body and that is the basis of my treatment."

"Decay in old men is similar to

general debility in younger men. Years have nothing to do with it. In each case it is the failure of the stomach to generate sufficient energy to supply the demands made by the vital organs."

"How quickly we fall when the stomach fails to digest the food. That shuts off the supply of energy."

"I have on record hundreds of instances where men of 75 to 80 have returned to the hard labor of their youth with a vitality having worn my appliance three months."

"One decrepit old man of 75 had in my opinion a blacksmith. After using my appliance he took up his tools and says he can work as hard as he did at 35. He says he is an old man made young."

"Another man of 73 said he had been crippled with rheumatism for forty-five years. He pronounced himself cured, and as vigorous as he ever was in youth."

"Another who was a wreck at 40, and said that he had been so for

Then I questioned Dr. McLaughlin in regard to his Electric Belt, and asked him wherein it was so much better than other similar contrivances.

"That is very simple," replied the doctor. "Having spent twenty-four years in study and experiment, I have found means of perfecting my appliance, of removing defects as fast as they appeared in actual use, and of supplying features, such as a regulating device, non-burning electrodes, reversible battery, and of increasing the power of my appliance until it is five times as strong as that of any other electric body appliance on the market. My appliance is conceded to be the only one of the kind which is constructed upon purely scientific lines. Compared with it, all other so-called electric belts are the inveterate of the blacksmith's hammer. It is not upon that point, however, that my success has been founded. My immense business is due to my knowledge of the effect of elec-

Thereupon Dr. McLaughlin showed me a file containing letters from many of the best known people in the city and some from outside places. At random I picked out several and reproduced some of them here. The doctor told me that many of his best testimonials could not be published, as the patients, though recommending his treatment privately, objected to publicity."

MRS. WM. HOLMAN, 462 Quebec Street, London, Ont., says:—"I am well satisfied with your Belt. It has cured me of indigestion, and I have had none of the pains in my head since I got the Belt."

MR. WILLIAM BOWERS, Box 198, Brantford, Ont., says:—"I can certainly recommend your Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt to all men suffering as I did with nervous debility and general weakness. It cured me. Here is a letter to show that drugs are no good:

MR. G. HERMAN, Wardrop's Camp, Whitesmith, Man., says:—"I wish to tell you that your Belt has done for me. When a lad of eighteen years, I was carrying a heavy bag of corn, and somehow or other I must have hurt myself. A pain came on soon after, like a cramp in the stomach, and it was getting steadily worse until four hours after your Belt. I tried doctors and patent medicines with no benefit. I then read in the papers of your Belt and their wonderful cures. I purchased one of your Belts. I found relief at once, and it has now completely taken the trouble away, and I can now lift anything without feeling that hated pain. My food digests better, and I can now enjoy pleasure, whereas before it was a pleasure to be where it was. I am very well pleased with your Belt, and would not part with it at any cost. It would gladly recommend it to any sufferer, as I have proved it to be a cure for what medicines would not reach."

The next was a letter from the well-known boxer, Tommy Ryan, who says:—"When I got your Electric Belt my stomach was very bad—so bad that it was impossible for me to get into good condition. The Belt has done wonders for me, hour after hour, and I can now lift anything without feeling that hated pain. My food digests better, and I can now enjoy pleasure, whereas before it was a pleasure to be where it was. I am very well pleased with your Belt, and would not part with it at any cost. It would gladly recommend it to any sufferer, as I have proved it to be a cure for what medicines would not reach."

There were dozens of letters from prominent men, whose names I have not space to give. Dr. McLaughlin was permitted to publish them, would be sufficient guarantee of the genuineness of his case. Among them were several prominent physicians, who spoke highly of the treatment from personal tests."

Dr. McLaughlin then handed me a letter from a very grateful man, MR. CHAS. W. WAKEFORD, Salem, Corners, Ont., says:—"I take pleasure in telling you that I know what your Belt has done for me. I should have done so before. The place of your Belt for me is a fair trial, and I think it is all right. I have gained in flesh and muscle, and have worked hard every day. I shall not fail to recommend it."

"You can take a man who is thin, puny and unenriched in appearance, and pour this electric life into his body every night for a few months, with the proper exercise to draw it into the muscles and tissues, and you can add twenty-five pounds to his weight, double his energy and vitality and transform him into a giant in strength, as I have often worn my Belt and you will see men of force, men of power and confidence, men who respect themselves and are respected and admired by their fellow-men."

"Poor digestion, inactive liver, constipation, sluggish heart, slow thinking, dormant energy, laziness are all due to lack of electricity. Understand that electricity is the motive power of the human machine, and you will see what I mean. In such cases you can see how my Electric Belt will pump action into the body. It renews the electric life and transforms the sluggish into a bundle of vigorous energy."

MR. ANDREW W. LANGFORD, Stratford, Ont., writes:—"I will state that your Belt cured me completely of indigestion and lost vitality."

Nature is the great doctor on earth. When she can't cure you because she needs aid. Now, most people have an idea that this aid is suffer from pain of any kind they proceed to dose their stomachs with the stuff that is sold for medicine. That doesn't help any in fact, it does a great deal of harm. The dose you put into your stomach is poison, and it poisons the organs and nerves of your body. What Nature needs is electricity."

"This agitation of the subject is fit to the future health of our race. Just satisfy the people that they can procure a renewal of bodily vigor and health by simply renewing the electricity in the body and they will give you a great deal of business. Convince a man of a woman that drugs will not cure them, and that all they need is a new supply of electricity, and you have made them happy."

So many people suffer from pains and aches, called rheumatism or lumbago or neuralgia, due to impoverished nerves crying for aid. The life-giving electricity, and nothing else will cure them. I can send a gentle current from my Electric Belt so that it will convey the relief is often felt in an hour. I frequently cure such cases within ten days."

"Your Belt cured me of rheumatism four years ago," T. J. WHITE, Copper Cliff, Ont., writes.

I feel grateful indeed for what your Belt has done for me. It cured my backache." A. RUSSELL, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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