

## A FARMER'S TALE OF WOE

THE INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF A GRENVILLE CO. MAN.

His Spine Injured While Working in the Woods—A Long And Painful Illness Followed—How He Regained Health and Strength.

There are few readers of the RECORDER who are not familiar with the fact that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People enjoy a reputation for excellence, both at home and abroad, not equalled by any other proprietary medicine. That this reputation is deserved is amply borne out by the evidence of many of the best newspapers in the country, which have been carefully investigated the most noteworthy cures following the use of Pink Pills, and have given the facts to their readers, with a clearness and conciseness that admits of no doubt as to the truthfulness of the reports. Recently a reporter of the RECORDER was informed by Mr. John A. Barr, the well known druggist, that the particulars of a case quite as striking as many that have been published could be learned from Mr. Samuel Sargeant, of Augusta township, who had been benefited most remarkably by the Pink Pill treatment. The reporter determined to interview Mr. Sargeant, and accordingly drove to his home in Augusta, about six miles from Brockville.

Mr. Sargeant was found busily engaged in loading logs in the woods near his home, and although well up in the sixties was working with the vigor of a man in the prime of life, exhibiting no traces of the fact that he had been a great sufferer. When informed of the reporter's mission Mr. Sargeant said he could not say too much in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and expressed his willingness to give the facts in connection with his restoration to health. "Two years ago," said Mr. Sargeant, "I went over to New York state to work in the lumber region for the winter. One day while drawing logs one slipped and rolled on me, injuring my spine. The pain was very severe and as I could no longer work I was brought back to my home, and was laid up for six months. I suffered a great deal and seemed to be growing worse. I became badly constipated and as a result piles developed which added to my misery. The various treatments did not appear to do me any good, and one of my neighbors, advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. My wife went to town and procured a supply, and I had not been taking them long when I found myself growing stronger and the pain leaving me. The pills made my bowels regular again and the piles disappeared, and by the time I had taken six boxes I found myself as well as I ever was, and able, as you see, to do a good day's work."

Mr. Sargeant further said that he had been troubled with hernia for fourteen years during all which time he was forced to wear a truss. To his surprise that trouble left him and in April last he threw away his truss and has had no occasion for it since. Mr. Sargeant declares his full belief that this too was due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but whether this is the case, or whether his release from the rupture is due to his prolonged rest as a result of his other trouble, the reporter does not pretend to say—he simply tells the story as Mr. Sargeant gave it to him. One thing is certain, Mr. Sargeant and his wife are very enthusiastic as to the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Incidentally Mrs. Sargeant told the reporter of the great benefit Pink Pills had been to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, who lives in Essex Co., England, and who was a sufferer from paralysis and unable to move hand or foot. The trouble affected her stomach to such an extent that she was unable to retain food, and to stimulants alone she owed her existence for a considerable period. Mrs. Sargeant sent her sister a supply of Pink Pills, which soon showed that she had secured the right medicine. The treatment was continued and a further supply of the pills procured after the company opened its London house, and when Mrs. Sargeant last heard from her sister she had regained almost all her strength after having been prostrated for several years.

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### THE RUSSIAN THISTLE.

A Description of the Plant Which is Causing the Dakota Wheat Farmers so Much Trouble. At maturity the average plant is two to three feet in diameter, weighs, when dry, from two to three pounds. It is estimated to bear about 25,000 seeds. It breaks from the ground in cold weather and is blown rapidly over the surface by the winds, scattering its seeds as it goes. The young shoots and leaves are eaten eagerly by cattle, but in the dry weather of August the plant hardens and spine-pointed leaves appear. The Russian thistle flourishes in dry weather. It robs the soil of nourishment that might otherwise go to useful plants. To wheat and flax it is especially troublesome, as it crowds out and starves the crop. Barley and rye rank next in order as grains injured by the weed. Last year in many fields of the Dakotas the crops were left standing in the fields as not being worth harvesting. The rigid, bushy weeds are apt to make harvesting machinery get out of order and the spines from the plants irritates men and horses. The weeds are also said to promote prairie fires.

It is believed that the weed was introduced into the United States in 1873 or

1874 in flaxseed brought from Russia and sown near Scotland, Bon Homme County, S. D. At present its ravages extend over an almost continuous area of 35,000 square miles, comprising all the counties of South Dakota east of the Mississippi River, 20 counties in North Dakota, two counties in Western Minnesota, three in Northern Iowa, and four in northeastern Nebraska. In addition the weed is found in isolated localities along the railroads as far East as Madison, Wis., West to Denver, Col., and South to the south border of Nebraska.

It is a great pest in Russia, where it has devastated thousands of miles of fertile land and where no remedy for its spread is known. Many farm lands given over to barley, wheat and flax, near the Caspian Sea, have been abandoned to the weed, because efforts to keep it in check proved futile.

### PROFITS IN FARMING.

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Farming is the one business which is generally conducted in such a loose manner that those who follow it seldom know what their products cost, or whether there is any profit in the business at any given prices for their crops. Except for oats, prices of farm products are very low at the present time, and farmers say that they are losing money. This is a guess, as scarcely a single farmer can tell whether his crops cost him more than he got for them. Recently the Department of Agriculture published a bulletin of estimates of cost of raising wheat and corn, compiled from the returns of nearly 30,000 farmers all over the country, and from the experiments of 4,000 graduates of agricultural colleges. These returns agree very closely, and may be taken as a general estimate of the cost of these two crops.

The general average of cost over the whole country is put at \$11.69 per acre for wheat and \$11.71 for corn. But according to the statistician's figures in the annual reports of the Department, the average value per acre of a crop of wheat is \$6.16, and for corn \$9.21, on the farm when

READY FOR MARKET.

The Department figures, on their face, show that wheat and corn are grown in the United States at a positive loss to the producers. Yet we find, that, according to a recent census bulletin, the farmers of the West and Northwest, where most of the wheat and corn of the country are grown, are actually paying off the mortgages on their farms quite rapidly. The Department suggests, in view of this discrepancy in the two estimates, that the straw and stalks, of which no account was taken, must have brought the farmer considerable income because of their feeding value, and that prices of wheat and corn were abnormally low when the estimates were made.

A look at the estimates of cost will throw some light on the subject. The value of the land is averaged at about \$50 per acre, and a rental of \$3 per acre is among the charges against the crops. In the West and Northwest large proportion of the farming land cost the farmer from nothing under the homestead law to \$7 per acre at the outside for railroad lands. The improvements on the farm were paid for from year to year as made, from sales of crops, and therefore, while really added to the farmer's capital, it is hardly fair to count the interest on the cost of such improvements, as a charge against the crops. The interest on such capital should properly be charged up to the farmer's living expense account. He is entitled to

INTEREST ON HIS INVESTMENTS,

but if in any other business he would have house rent and living expenses to pay, and in most cases the interest on his capital would not pay these. It is only just, therefore, to charge the crop with only the cost of labor and seed.

Experiments made last year in Nebraska show that the cost of a crop of wheat in that State is only \$3.55 for "planting" and \$2.90 for harvesting. The average crop in that State being 16 bushels per acre, the crop costs only a shade over 40 cents per bushel. The cost of labor and manure in the experiment was greater than the average farmer would bestow, but the crop was 23 bushels per acre and cost a little more than 19 cents per bushel. The Department estimate for Nebraska was \$5.42 per acre as the cost of a wheat crop, and this at 16 bushels per acre makes the wheat cost 34 cents per bushel. Senator Peffer told the special committee on agricultural depression that wheat raising cost 35 cents per bushel in the Northwest, and 22 cents in California. Other testimony of the same sort might be given to show that the Department estimates of cost of crops are too high, and that the farmers, or, at least, most of them, can earn a good living and come out even, or somewhat ahead, at the end of the year.

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### A Sad Affliction.

Little Johnnie—"Tommy Dodd's father wants to send him to college, but it won't be any use. He's near sighted." Aunt—"He might wear eye-glasses." Little Johnnie—"Huh! The idea of anyone tryin' to play foot ball with eye-glasses on."

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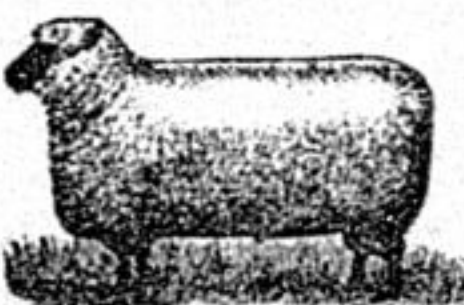
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