

# DIGBY COUNTY MIRACLE.

## Remarkable Experience of a Well-Known Sea Captain.

**Captain James McKay Tells His Story of Suffering and Release—His Recovery Was Despaired of and He Longed for Death—"The Darkest Hour is Just Before the Dawn," and With It Came a Ray of Hope—Health and Strength Again Restored.**

From the Weymouth, N.S., Free Press.

Probably one of the best known men in Digby County, N.S., is Captain James McKay, of Tiverton. The Captain is known among ship owners as a first-class mariner and pilot, has been chiefly engaged in the West Indies trade, and has been very fortunate with the vessels under his charge. Some three years ago, Captain McKay had a very severe attack of the grippe, which gradually developed into more serious troubles, until his life was despaired of. It was with deep regret that his employers and friends saw him sinking gradually under a terrible disease, until his death seemed only a question of a few weeks. At this time, physicians could do nothing for him, he was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and by that wonderful medicine was restored to health and strength. Captain McKay's almost miraculous recovery created no little amazement, and so much interest was manifested in it, both in his own village and in the adjacent places where he is so well known, that The Free Press thought the matter of sufficient importance to the public, to get a statement of the facts from Captain McKay, and accordingly detailed a reporter to interview him with that end in view, when the following facts came into his possession:

"I have heard," said the reporter, "that your recovery was wonderful, and was brought about entirely by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Would you let me have the particulars of your illness and restoration to health?"

"Certainly," replied Capt. McKay. "I have told this story a hundred times already, but as the truth never wears out, one more won't hurt, and besides I always think I may be aiding some person who is now suffering as I suffered, and giving them a clean bill of health. To begin at the beginning, I had the grippe about three years ago and that tied me up pretty well. I wasn't fit to take charge of a ship, so sailed south as far as Milk River, Jamaica, as nurse and companion for an invalid gentleman. The weather at that season was simply melting and I used to lie on the deck at night, and in my weakened condition got some sort of fever. When I reached home I was completely used up and continued to get worse until I could hardly move about. At times my limbs would become numb with a tingling sensation, as though a thousand needles were being stuck into me. Then my eyesight began to fail. It was difficult for me to distinguish persons at a distance. My face became swollen and drawn, and my eyes almost closed. At times my flesh would assume a greyish color and remain for days in that state, being at the same time cold and death like."

"Could the doctors do nothing for you?" enquired the reporter.

"Seemingly not. They gave advice, sent medicine, and rendered their bills promptly, so that I think they derived the most benefit, for under their treatment I did not improve a bit. At last I got so bad that I lost all ambition, I suffered terribly, was only a burden to my friends, and actually longed for death, which all thought was soon in store for me. But the darkest hour is just before the dawn. I had become so bad that I hardly cared how soon I slipped my cable, for I was now almost completely paralyzed, but at this time the statement of a man down at Cape Breton, whose case had been somewhat similar to mine, came to my notice. He attributed his cure to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I thought that there might be a chance for me, though I confess I had at that time but very little faith in any medicine. To make a long story short I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and soon found that they were helping me, and their continued use soon put me on my feet again, and I went to work after months of enforced idleness, to the great astonishment of my acquaintances, who never expected to see me around again. Since that time I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to several persons who have used them with good results, and I feel it my duty to advise their use by people who are run down or suffer from the effects of any chronic ailment. I believe they saved my life, and you may be sure I am grateful."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N.Y., a firm of unquestioned reliability. Pink Pills are not looked on as a patent medicine but rather as a prescription. An analysis of their properties shows that these pills are an unfailing specific from all diseases arising from an impoverished condition of the blood, or from an impairment of the nervous system, such as loss of appetite, depression of spirits, anemia, chlorosis or green sickness, general weakness, dizziness, loss of memory, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus' dance, the after effects of la grippe, all diseases depending upon a vitiated condition of the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, correcting irregularities, suppressions and all forms of female weakness, building anew the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of any nature. These pills are not a purgative medicine. They contain only life-giving properties, and nothing that could injure the most delicate system. They act directly on the blood supplying its life-giving qualities, by assisting it to absorb oxygen, that great supporter of all organic life. In this way, the blood becoming "built up," and being supplied with its lacking constituents, becomes rich and red, nourishes the various organs, stimulating them to activity in the performance of their functions and thus eliminate diseases from the system.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper, (printed in red ink). Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are never sold in bulk, or by the dozen or hundred, and any dealer who offers substitutes in this form is trying to defraud you and should be avoided. The public are also cautioned against all other so-called blood

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## BULLETS FIRED BY GAS

### Gun That Makes Little Noise and No Smoke Tried in England.

The Giffard gun, which was tried recently at Nottingham by a board of English army officers, seems likely to be the first gun which uses any other propelling agent than powder to attain anything like a practical success. The propelling agent of M. Paul Giffard's rifle is liquefied carbonic acid gas. The gun itself is not new, nor is the principle upon which it is constructed. M. Giffard has had a gun before the public for more than three years, but since that time he has made several improvements and considerably modified it in detail. The propelling agent which he uses makes very little noise and no smoke and leaves no odor. Only a very slight recoil follows the discharge and the gun does not foul. The propelling agent is always completely under the control of the person handling the gun.

In appearance the Giffard gun is something like a Winchester shotgun. It is an ordinary octagon barrel, underneath which is fitted a Giffard reservoir as the magazine is called. The reservoir is a steel cylinder closed at one end and fitted at the other end with a valve. The reservoir contains a supply of liquefied carbonic acid gas at a pressure of two tons to the square inch, sufficient for from forty to sixty rounds, according as the gun is to be used at a long or short range. These reservoirs are tested in the manufacture up to three times the strength necessary to hold the gas under pressure, and are guaranteed to be perfectly sound and safe. The special valve at the end of the reservoir is so contrived that at each pull of the trigger the regulated quantity of gas enters the bullet chamber.

The rifle is of the hammerless type and is neat in appearance and handy in form. All the parts are interchangeable and can be replaced. Such a safety catch is used as is ordinarily fitted on hammerless shotguns. The throwing forward of the lever, which serves also as the trigger-guard, opens the bullet chamber for the insertion of the bullet, which is conical shaped. It also cocks the gun and moves the counter which records the number of charges fired. The same action places the gun at "safe." By returning the lever to its position the bullet chamber is closed. A movement releases the safety catch.

When the trigger is pulled the tumbler strikes the firing pin, which presses against the valve of the reservoir, opening it momentarily. This permits the regulated quantity of gas to escape into the chamber, where it instantly expands, forcing the projectile through the barrel with increasing impetus until it leaves the muzzle. The charged reservoir may be kept for any time, under any conditions of climate, without suffering deterioration or waste.

The provision for informing the users as to the number of charges fired is a rotating dial, on which an indicator marks at every tenth round the number of charges remaining.

The rifle is especially adapted for light shooting, and will kill at sixty yards. Its work is accurate, and it gives good penetration. Bullets fired through one-inch bores were flattened on the iron sheeting behind the target. —[New York Sun.

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## Kangaroo Rats of the Arid Region.

Death valley, that curious depression where men die of thirst with water in their canteens, has flowers and animals of its own. Much of the valley is far below the level of the sea, and so hot and dry is it that birds flying over are said to fall dead on the alkali. It is not very wide but no man can cross the flaming desert when the sun is high. Yet some animals live on it. These are all small and peculiar. There are rats and mice that look like kangaroos seen through the small end of an opera glass. They have the disproportionate hind legs of the kangaroo, the over-developed tail and the feeble front paws. Their manner of progression is that of the Australian beast. They sit upon their strong hind legs and when they move they go by great leaps. Prospectors first brought the stories of kangaroo rats from the desert, but they were thought to be mythical until the United States Government sent its scientists into the country a couple of years ago. They saw the jumping things and brought out many specimens. The wandering scientist found that while the rodents differed from common rats and mice in length of limb and strength of tail, their habits were still those of house vermin. They gnawed the tents and provision sacks, raised havoc with the flour and were generally a nuisance around camp. The scientists had the fun of watching coyotes chase the uncanny jumping rats, which, however, were usually too spry to be caught. —[San Francisco Examiner.

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