

A GLENGARRY MIRACLE.

Mr. James Sands' Wonderful Restoration to Health.

After Three Years of Paralysis Incurability, and Uselessness, He Tells the Tale of His Recovery and Renewed Work in the World—His Story as Told in a Free Press Reporter.

OTTAWA FREE PRESS.

The town of Alexandria, some 55 miles south of the city of Ottawa, on the Canada Atlantic Railway, has been completely astonished, recently, at the marvellous experience of a young man, who, after having been bed-ridden for nearly twelve months, and his case pronounced incurable by Montreal and Alexandria doctors, is now restored to complete health and strength.

Mr. James Sands is a young teamster, well known and extremely popular throughout the country side, and his illness and wonderful recovery have been—indeed still are—the chief topics in the town and neighborhood. The story of his miraculous cure having reached Ottawa, a member of The Free Press staff journeyed to Alexandria and sought out Mr. Sands for the purpose of ascertaining the truth of the statements made regarding his recovery. Mr. Sands is a slimly built, but wiry-looking young man of about 32 years of age, and when met by the newspaper man the bloom of health was on his cheek and his whole frame showed signs of unimpaired vigor and vitality.

The newspaper man told Mr. Sands the object of his visit, and the latter expressed his perfect willingness to give all the facts connected with his case. "I was," said Mr. Sands, "a complete wreck, given up by the doctors, but now I am well and strong again, and gaining strength every day. I was born in Lancaster in 1860, and up to three years ago I was always healthy and strong, living in the open air and being well known throughout the whole county of Glengarry. It was in the winter of 1888-89 that I first felt signs of incipient paralysis. I was then teamster for the sash and door factory here, and had been exposed to all kinds of weather. I then experienced violent twisting cramps in my right hand. I was in Cornwall that winter when the first stroke fell, and remained there for three days before I knew anybody at all. A medical man was called in but could do nothing for me. After that I came home and appeared to get all right for a time, but after a few days the old trouble began again, my hand continuing the twitching and cramping that had preceded the stroke. Up to twelve months ago these twitching fits were the only symptoms I suffered from. Then in August, 1891, when I was in Huntingdon village I sustained a second stroke, and remained unconscious for about seven hours. A doctor attended me and I recovered sufficiently to be brought home. After my return home the paralysis steadily gained on me, and I lost the use of my right arm and leg entirely; my right eye was distorted and my tongue partially paralyzed. I was prescribed for by an Alexandria physician, whose treatment I carefully followed, but it had no effect. I still got steadily worse, and about a month before Christmas last, I went to the English hospital at Montreal. Prof. Stuart and all the doctors came around me, as mine was a curious case, and the professor treated me. All the doctors could give me no satisfaction and did not appear to understand my case. I questioned some of them, but they told me it was a hopeless case. I remained in the hospital a month, without the least improvement, and was then brought home, and remained in my bed till May day. I had constant medical advice, but continued to grow worse and worse. My right arm withered and I grew so weak and useless that I could not turn myself in bed. Meantime I had tried all sorts of patent medicines without the least effect. In May I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the papers, and said I would try them as a last resort. I had heard of the wonderful cures worked by Pink Pills, and told my folks to get me some. I had not taken them long when I found myself improving, and this determined me to continue their use. My strength gradually returned, the muscles of my arm and leg became invigorated and stronger, and I was able to sit up. I still continued taking the Pills and gaining strength, until at last I was able to go about, and finally to return to my old place at the sash and door factory. I gave up the Pills for a while, but did not feel so well, so I again began their use. I now feel as well as ever, though perhaps not quite so strong as formerly. You can see my right arm, which was withered, is now all right," and Mr. Sands stretched out a muscular limb, which would have done credit to a blacksmith. In reply to the reporter Mr. Sands said he thought his trouble had been brought on through exposure to the weather. "I am completely satisfied," said he, "that it is entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that I owe my wonderful restoration. Besides the medical treatment I had tried electricity and patent medicines, both internal and external, but without the slightest avail. After beginning Pink Pills I began to mend, and they have made a new man of me."

The newspaper man then called on Messrs. Ostrom Bros. & Co., widely known druggists, and interviewed their representative, Mr. Smith, as to his knowledge of the case. Mr. Smith was fully conversant with the facts, and vouched for the story told by Mr. Sands, and further said, that his hopeless case and remarkable recovery are known throughout Glengarry County. In reply to the query if many of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold, Mr. Smith replied that the sale was remarkable and that in his experience he had never handled a remedy that sold so well, or gave such general satisfaction to those using them, as everywhere glowing reports are heard of the excellent results following their use. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not a patent medicine in the sense that word is understood. They are the result of years of experience and careful investigation. They are not a purgative medicine, but act directly upon the blood and nerves, supplying those constituents required to enrich the former and stimulate and restore the latter.

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Profitable Poultry.

An observing farmer writes:—Many have at this date, several late broods of chickens that they are desirous of forcing so that they will have size and stamina to withstand the rigors of a long winter. Isolate such from the older broods and give them especial care. It is common practice to withhold the morning feeding of the hens until the other chores have been performed. The fowls in the meantime have left their roosts and are wandering among the dewy grass of September, in search of bugs and worms. This is wrong; especially with the late broods, for they are not strong enough to withstand having their plumage sopping wet so long before the sun is high enough to dry them. With the older fowls, perhaps there is little danger, but with the late broods there is great danger that you will fetch up at the first of November, with a lot of chicks running at the nose. These late broods should of course have exercise, but give it to them after they have had a morning feed of some flesh-and-bone-forming grains, confining them until the sun has dried off the grass. These young chicks should have at least four meals a day, the first one quite early in the morning, say sunrise, the next at 10 a.m., next 3 p.m., and the last just before sunset. Let them gain stamina by having a good run among the bushes during the day but lead them to expect that at the above hours they will receive a feed near their house. Confinement never agrees with young chicks; they must have an unlimited run; they will then frolic and fight among themselves, and obtain all mineral and animal matter necessary.

Their coops at night should be perfectly dry, free from lice, and supplied with abundance of fresh air. There is probably no one thing that keeps chicks back in their growth like lice. You cannot be too careful about lice.

Another thing, don't keep too many of these late hatched chickens in one flock, and above all don't keep a stunted, wizened chick among the flock; all such should have their necks wrung. Their weakness will furnish a good point for the attacks of disease, which will contaminate the healthy members of the flock.

In the fall of the year good results can be got by putting a few crystals of copperas (sulphate of iron) in their drinking water. There is something about these crystals that gives young chicks a ravenous appetite; and good health is shown by the deep red color of their tiny combs.

When the "hen fever" first struck me, it was along about the middle of August. I scoured the country around for several miles in search of young chicks. Some 150 were got together by the middle of September, and such a motly crowd they were—a broken-breasted, bob-tailed, mishapen lot. I took anything anybody would sell. About the first of November I didn't "have a circus." Croup struck in, and I was the laughing stock of the whole family, yes, and the neighborhood; every remedy mentioned I tried; out I would go to the hen-coop, (if you could call it that,) after they had got to roost and down their gullets I would force this or that medicine. I was fairly loosing flesh myself in my zeal to cure my large family of chicks. But all to no avail—a few "threw up the sponge" every day.

By chance I got hold of an English work that informed me of the good effects of copperas. I fed it but three days when the mortality began to decrease, and when the February sun had commenced to shed its warmth, I had succeeded in pulling through about fifty chicks, and by the first of May my first egg was laid.

This experience was a good lesson; it taught me never to enter winter, yes, in fact late fall, quarters, with a chick that was lacking in vigor, and to prevent that I have practiced taking especial care of late hatched chicks in their chickenhood.

A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

Fight Between Navvies and Military in the Congo State.

A London despatch says:—A despatch from St. Paul de Loanda, the capital of the Portuguese provinces of Angola, West Africa, tells of a serious affray in which a number of persons were killed and wounded. Two hundred and fifty navvies who were intended to be used in the building of the Congo railway arrived at Boma. They refused to go ashore to be forwarded to their destination, unless the Congo authorities should accede to the terms of employment which there was some misunderstanding. The Governor boarded the steamer and urged the navvies to go ashore and proceed to their work. The navvies received the Governor with angry demonstrations, and flourished revolvers with which they threatened to shoot him. The Governor summoned 50 soldiers to the steamer and again ordered the navvies to go ashore. The latter replied with shouts of defiance. The soldiers attempted to force the men to land, whereupon the latter fired upon the military. The soldiers also fired and a general fusillade commenced. The navvies did not yield until three of them, and a passenger not concerned in the conflict, had been killed, and 12 navvies wounded, some of whom are likely to die. The survivors then consented to go ashore. The affray will undoubtedly lead to an investigation as to the methods of obtaining labor for the Congo state.

Orange peel, dried and grated, makes a fine, yellow powder that is delicious for flavoring cakes and puddings.

Telephony is making rapid advances in France, and Paris will shortly be in telephonic communication with all the principal towns in that country. There are already systems between Paris, Bordeaux, Lille, Lyons, and Marseilles, and these installations are continually being extended.

How Many is a Dozen?

The child is taught at school that a dozen means twelve every time, but when the child grows into a man he finds that a dozen is a very elastic term. A baker's dozen is thirteen, and so is a publisher's or a news-agent's in many parts of the world. In some sections a dozen of fish means twenty-six, and there are other anomalies of this kind. But to find a dozen indicating anything from two to fifty, it is necessary to go to the earthenware trade. Here the size and weight of articles decides how many make a dozen, and in jugs, bowls, plates, and so on there are two, four, six, eight, or more to the dozen. A dozen composed of twelve articles is a very unusual thing in the wholesale pottery trade, and as a result there are few clerkships more difficult to hold than in this line. I tried the work once and failed ignominiously. To have to find the cost of 500 articles at so much a dozen, when that dozen may mean anything, is a very difficult task until a man gets thoroughly used to it. That is easy then, I have been told, though I never got used to it sufficiently to know of my own knowledge.—(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

For many occasions, a cloak has been lately adopted for the use of girls, which is simply a wide circular gathered in, quite full, at the top, under a yoke at the top of which there is a choker collar. Below this there is a double pleated ruffle, the lowest of which comes out bristling on the shoulders, both sitting out in a flaring effect. This cloak will be seen in spongee as now in cheviot and various light plaided woollens and it falls to the hem of the dress. It is used for girls of all ages.

One evening I was engaged in cutting up silk pieces for a portiere. A friend came in, so I provided her with a pair of scissors, that we might work together. She soon asked me if I always used such dull scissors. I replied that I had been waiting for some time for a chance to get them sharpened. "Well, never wait again, if there is a bottle in the house," she said; and looking around she took a bottle from the mantel, and proceeded to sharpen the scissors in this way: She snipped at the neck of the bottle as if she were trying to cut it off. She kept doing this for a few seconds, and then asked me to try them. They cut like new scissors.

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