

A LINCOLN COUNTY MIRACLE.

The Terrible Experience of a Well-to-do Farmer.

Mr. Ezra Merritt Suffers Untold Agony—Told by a Physician that only Death Could End His Sufferings—How he Secured His Release From Pain—Anxious that Others Should Benefit by His Experience.

Grimby Independent.

How often we hear the expression "Hills are green far afar" as a term of disparagement. So it may be with many of our readers when they hear of anything occurring at a distance from home bordering on the wonderful. They may place little confidence in it, and even if they do believe it allow the matter to pass from their minds without leaving any permanent impression. Not so with local affairs. When anything startling occurs in our midst, affecting people whom we all know well, every one is interested, and all are anxious and even eager for the most minute details. For some months past there have been published in the columns of the Independent from time to time, accounts of remarkable cures made by that now justly famous medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Possibly some of our readers have looked upon some of these accounts as describing cures highly improbable, if not impossible. And yet this should not be the case, for they are all vouched for by respectable newspapers, who could have no object in stating other than the facts, and who would be disgraced by their own readers were they to do so. However, seeing it is believed, and Mr. Ezra Merritt, of South Grimsby, stands forth to-day as living testimony to the wonderful curative powers of this not at all over-estimated medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Having heard that a most remarkable cure had been effected in the case of Mr. Merritt, the editor of the Independent, with that desire possessed by most newspaper men for verifying things coming under their notice, resolved to investigate the case and satisfy himself as to the truth of the story. Some days ago he drove over to Smithville, and at once called upon Mr. D. W. Eastman, druggist, a straightforward business man whose word is as good as his bond with all who know him. Mr. Eastman stated that he knew the case of Mr. Merritt, and considered it a most remarkable one. Mr. Palmer Merritt had come to him one day and asked him if he could give him anything that would help his brother, Ezra Merritt who was suffering untold agony in all his joints, his back and his head. Mr. Merritt stated that his brother had tried everything, and could find nothing to help him and that the doctors could give him no ease. One doctor from the United States had told him positively that there was no help for him, and that death only could set him free from his agony. Mr. Merritt further told Mr. Eastman that his brother wished to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and asked him if he thought it would be any use. Mr. Eastman advised him to try them, as wonderful cures had been worked by their use. Mr. Merritt acted on his advice and continued the use of Pink Pills until he is now a well man and sound as ever.

The editor then drove over to see Mr. Merritt, and found that gentleman sound and hearty, looking over his cattle in his farmyard. Mr. Ezra Merritt is a well-to-do farmer owning two fine farms about 3 1/2 miles west of Smithville, in the township of South Grimsby. When the newspaperman told the object of his visit Mr. Merritt expressed his willingness to give the fullest particulars of his case, and we cannot do better than give it in his own words: "The first time I was troubled," said Mr. Merritt, "was on July first, 1891. We commenced haying on that day and I felt sore and stiff in all my joints. I know believe the trouble originated through my washing some sheep in cold water the preceding April, when I went into the water and stayed so long that when I came out my legs were numb, but I did not feel any bad results until July as I have said. I gradually grew worse until I could scarcely do anything. I kept on trying to work but it was a terrible struggle, and the way I suffered was something awful. Every joint in my body was stiff and intensely painful. As time passed on I gradually grew worse, and pains went into my back and at times my agony was almost unbearable. I tried all home-made remedies but without avail. I then consulted a doctor but his medicine had no effect. At the time of the Smithville fair a doctor was over here from the States and I consulted him. He said that my case was hopeless, and I need not expect anything but death to release me from my pain. As winter came on the pain got into my head and my sufferings were something terrible. About dark the pain would start about my ear and work up until it reached the crown of my head. As morning came on the pain in my head would subside, but the pains in the rest of my body never left me, and at last I grew so bad that when I would lie on my back I could not get up to save my life without assistance. Although I had not lost my appetite I became weak, so bad that though I could walk around I could not stoop to lift a pound. I became so weak in this way that I got discouraged and lost all hope of ever getting better. It was about this time that I heard of the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and Mr. Eastman, of Smithville, advised that they be given a trial. My brother got me a box and I took them but felt no good results. I took still another box and still no perceptible benefit, and I felt so weak and discouraged that I decided not to take any more. At this time a lady from Hamilton came to visit at our place and she strongly advised me to continue using the Pink Pills. She had known Mr. Marshall at that city and knew that his case was bona fide. I thought it useless to continue, but at the urgent solicitations of my friends I did so, and by the time I was through with the third box I began to feel a benefit from them. This gave me hope which did not again waver, as I found myself steadily growing better, and continued the use of the Pink Pills until now I am as well as ever I was in my life. I know that it was Pink Pills that saved me when all else had failed, and I have no objections whatever to having the story of my cure being published, as it may be the means of helping some other sufferer back to health and strength and gladness." Mr. Merritt further said that he had now no fear of a hard day's work, and has not had the

slightest return of the pains or the stiffness in the joints.

Returning to Smithville the editor again called upon Mr. Eastman and was informed by that gentleman that his sales of Pink Pills were something enormous, Mr. Merritt's cure having something to do with the increase in sales lately. There are other cases also in this vicinity little less than marvellous of which we may speak later on.

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MR. GLADSTONE'S DAILY LIFE.

Regular Habits and Resultant Good Health of the Grand Old Man.

Mr. Gladstone's extraordinary regularity is even carried to the number of hours he remains in bed. Except when he is unwell, which is very rarely, he consistently sleeps eight hours. He has consistently slept eight hours for the last thirteen years. Mr. Gladstone, however, did not always adhere to this rule. It was on Sir Andrew Clarke's advice, when his health broke down, in 1880, that he remained in bed so long as eight hours. The premier likes to retire about midnight, never later than 12:30, and sleeps, with seldom an interruption, until his eight hours have expired. This is invariably his habit whether in town, in the country, or abroad. His diet, too, is regular and severely plain. Breakfast with him is a small meal, a cup of tea, a few slices of bread, and egg or tongue. He lunches in the middle of the day and has a cup of tea and a slice of bread at 5 o'clock, not from necessity, but from choice.

Dinner with him is the chief meal. Mr. Gladstone has as little belief in fancy dishes as in French cooking. His favorite "solid" is a cut from the joint, roast beef being with him an especial favorite. The premier does not like made-up dishes except when he is certain of what they are made of. Neither is he by any means partial to condiments. He never uses mustard and has a perfect abhorrence of vinegar and oils. Salt and pepper, however, do not come under this rule. Mr. Gladstone is not prejudiced against sweets after dinner, although he does not patronize them always. He is particularly partial to rice pudding.

The G. O. M.'s wine list is neither extensive nor extravagant. He commences with a glass or two of claret or champagne and winds up with a glass of port. These are his favorite wines for dinner and if the premier consulted his own tastes he would seldom indulge in any other liquor. Until quite recently he was very fond of bitter beer and he likes it still, only it has a tendency toward giving him lumbago. If Mr. Gladstone's menu ever varies it is not from choice, but merely a disposition on his part not to displease his hostess. The above may be taken as more the manner in which Mr. Gladstone lives when in the bosom of his family than when he is the guest of a friend.

AGES AT WHICH MEN MARRY.

The Era of Matrimony Governed by the Various Occupations of Men.

Statistics show that a law of chances governs in the vast majority of cases the ages at which men marry who are engaged in certain occupations. Workmen and artisans take up to themselves wives at an earlier age than those whose vocations are of a more intellectual kind. Thus miners, textile factory hands, laborers, and artisans marry at an average of 22 years. Of these the miners are first in the field, more than 100 of every 1,000 of them securing wives before they have become of age. Workers in textile fabrics run them close; then comes shoemakers and tailors, and they are followed by artisans and laborers. Farmers and farmers' sons consider 25 early enough. Commercial clerks seek the pleasures of matrimony at 26. Shopkeepers and shopmen postpone the rapture a little while longer. Professional men and gentlemen of independent means rarely care to encumber themselves even with so delightful a burden as a wife until they have toed the line of over 30 years. Though the rich marry at a more ripe age than the working fraternity, they continue marrying until long after the last named have ceased to wed. Whereas fourteen miners and twenty-five artisans in every thousand marry between the ages of 35 and 40, nearly 100 of the professional and independent class do. It is explained in this way: The rich like to see something of the world and its pleasures before settling down to sober matrimony. A laborer has neither desire nor opportunity for it.

His Relationship.

The friends of the middle-aged bachelor couldn't for the life of them tell whether he was after the buxom widow of forty or her pretty daughter of twenty, so very devoted was he to each of them. At last her curiosity overcame them and one approached him on the subject.

"Come," said the questioner, "we want to know what you are going to do in this matter. Will you be stepfather to the daughter or son-in-law to the mother?"

"Neither," he replied good-naturedly. "I'm going to be uncle to the daughter."

"What's that? You're not going to marry the girl's aunt?"

"No, not that I am aware of," he said with faint gleam of hope, "but her mother has promised to be a sister to me."

New Cure for a Wart.

In an Eastern city, recently, two physicians were walking together on the street, when one of them lifted his hat to a lady whom they met.

"A patient?" asked the other.

"Oh, in a way," answered the first doctor; "I treated her the other day for a small difficulty."

"What was it?"

"A wart on the nose."

"And what did you prescribe?"

"I ordered her to refrain absolutely from playing the piano."

The other doctor was astonished.

"Ordered her to leave off playing the piano—for a wart on the nose! Well, I can't understand your treatment."

"If you knew the circumstances, you would," said the first doctor; "she occupies the flat just under mine."

Arctic Explorations.

Frederick Jackson, who is planning to make an expedition this summer to the North Pole by way of Franz Joseph Land, has completed his preparations. He is going to take only ten men with him, and dogs, sledges, and food for about three years. Jackson's belief is that Franz Joseph Land extends to the eighty-fifth degree, or within about 300 nautical miles of the pole. This is based on the vast icebergs that are found in the adjacent seas and the continental size of the glaciers which have been observed upon it. This will make three expeditions which will start this spring for the north. Lieut. Peary will push on his work begun in Greenland. Dr. Nansen will try to float across the pole from the west to the east, and this of Jackson overlaid by Franz Joseph. It is a question with geographers whether much of general value will be obtained by any one of them.

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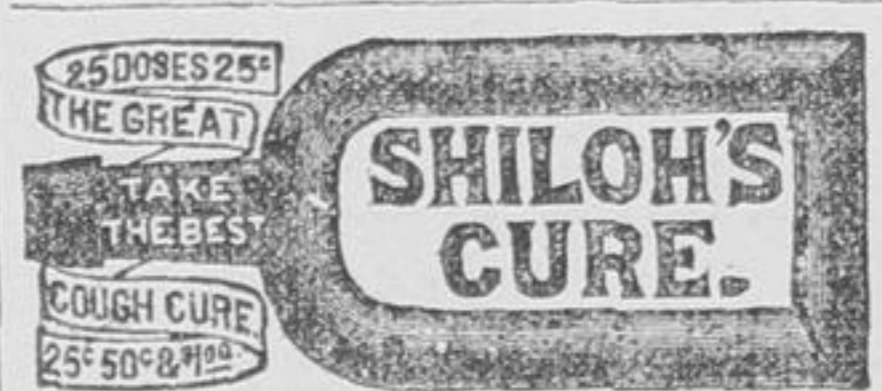
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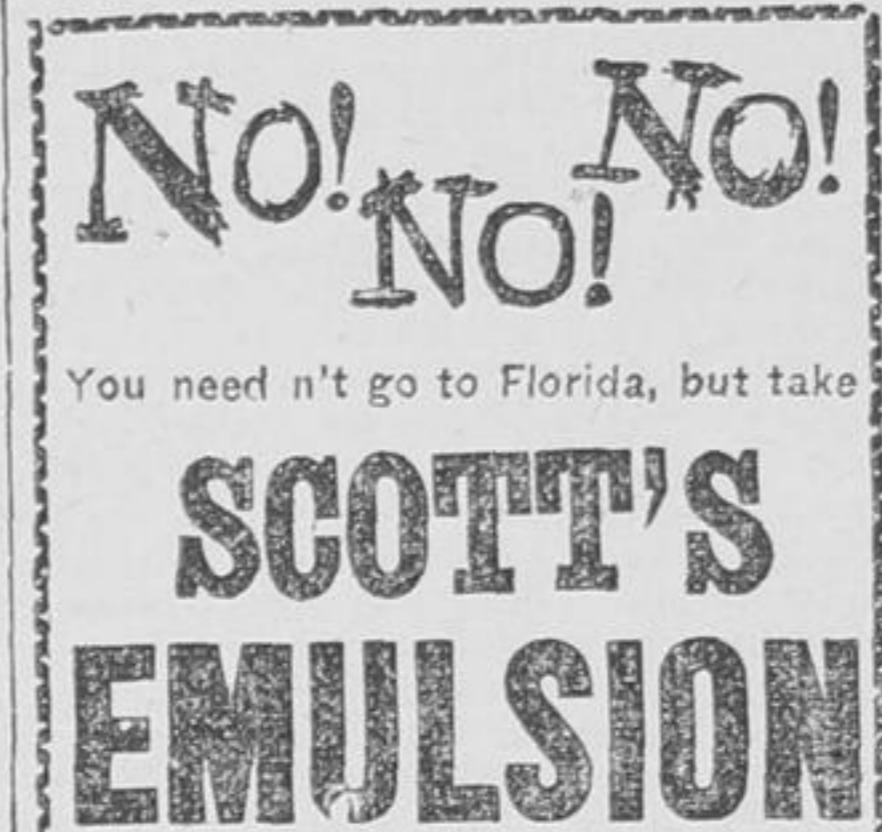
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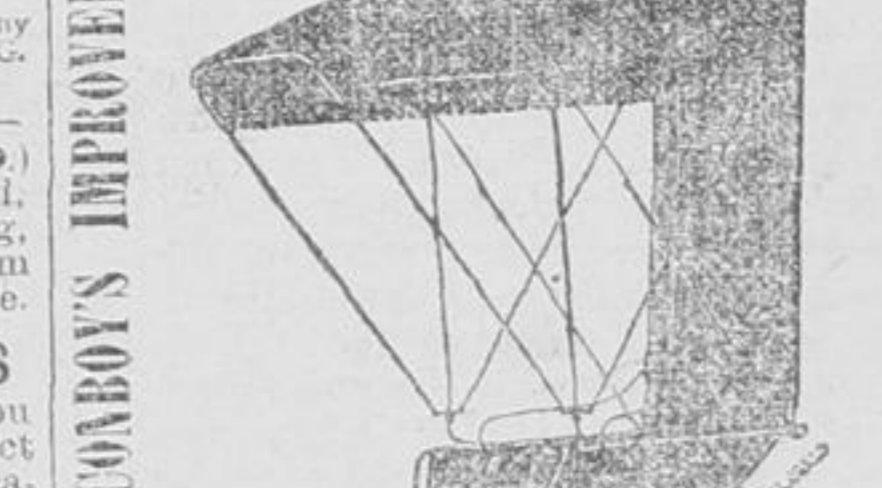
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