

## A WOMAN'S TRIALS.

A Happy Release From Years of Suffering.

Mrs. Blondin Relates a Story of Deep Interest to all Women. Thousands of Whom Suffer as she did—Life was Almost Unbearable.

From the Cornwall Freeholder.

Since the publication in these columns some months ago of the particulars of the marvellous cure wrought on Mr. William Moore by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, there has been a largely increased demand in this section for this sovereign remedy for the many ills that weak human flesh is heir to, and the druggists report an immense sale. That Dr. Williams' Pink Pills possess genuine merit does not admit of a shadow of doubt. Not a week passes that cures of long standing illness are not reported through the agency of this marvellous remedy, and columns might be filled with the experiences of persons who have been restored to vigorous health by reason of their life-giving properties. A very noticeable case has been brought to the attention of the Freeholder, and that the facts might be given for the benefit of other suffering mortals we have taken the trouble to verify them.

Everybody in Cornwall knows John B. Blondin, who has for several years been employed by Almon B. Warner as an agent for the sale of sewing machines, furniture, etc., especially among the French section of the town, where he is thoroughly acquainted and highly respected. Those who were intimate with Mr. Blondin sympathized deeply with him in the heavy affliction he suffered for many years in the continued illness of his wife, who from a complication of diseases was unable to render any but the slightest assistance in household matters, which were perforce left to himself and his small children. Mr. Blondin at that time lived in the north-west part of the town, which for lack of drainage is rather unhealthy, and to the bad sanitary condition of his house, among the other causes, Mr. Blondin attributes his wife's breakdown. Mr. Blondin now resides over the old post office, and when the reporter called there he was introduced to Mrs. Blondin, who appeared well and hearty and certainly very far removed from the wreck of humanity such as she must have been from all accounts, a few months ago.

"I wish you could tell me something about your case, Mrs. Blondin," said the reporter, "though I should hardly think from your looks you had been an invalid."

"Well sir," said Mrs. Blondin, "I was for several years a very sick woman. I had a constant racking headache, no appetite, my skin was dry and peeling off, I had pains in my back, neck and shoulders, and was constantly tired and indeed very miserable."

"Yes," interjected Mr. Blondin, "I began to give up all hope of ever seeing her well again. I had spent a good deal of money in doctoring and she seemed to be getting worse instead of better, in fact I had made up my mind she was going to die, and most people were of the same opinion."

"What was it that cured her?"

"Well," said Mr. Blondin, "I was talking to a neighbor one day, and he said why don't you try those Pink Pills that are so much talked about? I had not paid much attention to them, but thought they might be worth trying."

"I didn't want to take any more medicine," said Mrs. Blondin, "but after some persuasion I sent for a box of the Pink Pills and I must say I had not finished the first box before I began to feel better. The first benefit I experienced was that my headaches were not so severe; then they disappeared altogether and with them the pains I had been complaining of. I began to take more interest in the affairs of the house, and was able to send the children to school again. My neighbors noticed the difference, and by the time I had taken five boxes I was as well as ever in my life. I had been very thin but gradually regained flesh and strength again, and feel altogether like a new woman. I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to many of my friends and neighbors and know of several cases where they have done much good. There are many women suffering as I did and I earnestly recommend them to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a thorough trial."

Druggists say that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have an enormous sale, and from all quarters come glowing reports of results following their use. In very many cases the good work has been accomplished after physicians had failed, and pronounced the patient beyond the hope of human aid. An analysis shows that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for 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, anæmia, chlorosis or green sickness, general muscular 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, 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.

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### Not Willful Suicide.

Of all carnivorous and venomous creatures, scorpions have perhaps the worst reputation. Among the vices which they are accused of are general ferocity, cannibalism, infanticide and suicide. But they have found a defender in a gentleman who kept several of them for months as pets, and observed them carefully. As to their ferocity, he writes, "I never saw them use their destructive weapons except in procuring food and as a means of defence when attacked. Naturally they do not like to be handled, but when one lets them run over the hand they do not try to sting; they hurry away, seeming to want to get on a more congenial surface than the human skin."

"It has been said that in captivity they become cannibals and kill and eat each other. I saw them live together cheerfully, and apparently understanding each other very well. Only once did I see a large one eating a little one, and then I think the little one died a natural death. Like many other animals, they can be excited to combat by artificial means, but I never saw such battles have any serious consequences. The participants seemed to prefer to stop without shedding blood."

"There has been much discussion as to whether scorpions commit suicide by plunging their stings into their own bodies, when they are driven to despair by being surrounded by a ring of fire, or by being otherwise tortured by that dread element. Certain experiments have shown that the scorpion's venom has no effect on himself nor upon a scorpion of a closely similar species, and also that scorpions are quickly killed by even a moderate heat."

"When they are distressed by heat or chloroform fumes they wave their tails in the air, and thrust out the sting as if to strike some invisible enemy. Clearly the explanation of some of the apparent suicides is that the animals died of heat, though their distressed waving of the tail and sting might have given the impression that they had stung themselves."

"My own experiments point to this conclusion. I put a scorpion in a glass tube, and held him near a fire; he gave signs of great distress, beat the air with his tail for several seconds and then became unconscious. At this moment the glass tube was only slightly warm to the hand. The animal revived in the fresh air. I twice repeated the experiment; the third time he died. He had not once tried to sting himself."

"However, it has been positively stated by observers that scorpions have stung themselves; in one case it was said that blood spurted from the wound. It is possible that a chance blow directed toward an invisible enemy might strike the scorpion himself. Certainly it is easy to imagine that his mental faculties might be deranged by torture and the prospect of death, and that in his confusion he did not recognize by sense of touch his own body, and stung his own body in his wild attempts to defend himself. A sharp blow directed thus might lacerate the brain or the great dorsal blood vessel, and cause death independently of the venom of the sting."

"So it seems to me that it is admitted that scorpions do sometimes kill themselves, our verdict should be accidental suicide, or suicide from temporary insanity."

### FIT FOR A QUEEN.

#### The Royal Family's Christmas Cheer.

The Royal baron of beef for the Queen's dinner party on Christmas Day will be roasted at the great kitchen fire in Windsor Castle, and sent when cold to Osborne, where, after being garnished with Her mogram in shredded horseradish, it will, with the boar's head and game pie, adorn the Royal sideboard in the palace dining-room. A fine wild boar from the Queen's herd in Windsor Great Park has been sent to Sandringham as a present to the Prince of Wales. We learn that Her Majesty has been pleased to order that a grand Christmas entertainment for the first time should take place for the benefit of the children of the Royal servants at Buckingham palace. There are over a hundred of these, and the entertainment will consist of an evening tea in the Royal mews, at which the principal attraction will be a huge Christmas tree, with valuable presents for all. The officials are interesting themselves in the arrangement of this most gracious command. A friend who has been making extensive investments of late in Christmas presents informs me (says a London correspondent) that the Queen's orders to West End tradesmen for the same purpose have been large this year. Her Majesty, it may not be generally known, entertains a most excellent and conservative view of that time-honored festivity. Besides her semi-public gifts to the villagers near Osborne, nearly every member of the household receives some mark of the Royal regard, and of course no member of her own family is forgotten. When the goodly array of her sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, is taken into consideration, it will be seen that such wholesale kindness must cause Her Majesty some expenditure of time and trouble. Of course, the Princess is ready on all occasions to come to her mother's assistance with a well-trained taste in matters artistic.

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