

HE MISSED THE PAIN.

EXPERIENCE OF A MAN AFTER TORTURE FROM SCIATICA

He Suffered Intense Pain for many Years but After the Agony Left him he could not Sleep Through Discomfort From his loss—A Strange Experience.

To suffer great pain and to bear it without complaint for years is not uncommon: but it is not probable that many persons have known of a person who has suffered for lack of pain. Still there are such cases, and one man who had been through an experience of that sort was a familiar figure about a New York few years ago.

He was a young and handsome man, who was always well dressed and not to be distinguished from the well-dressed crowd in New York, except for the fact that he carried a heavy walking stick for use, and walked with a limp. At first the observer would suppose that the limp was caused by one leg being shorter than the other, but a closer look would show that it came from a stiffness of the hip joint of one leg, which hip kept the thigh pointed forward considerably. When the man was sitting there was nothing apparently the matter with his legs. A man who had lived in the same hotel with the lame man for several years finally ventured to ask if he had been born lame is reply the lame man told this story:

"No," he said. "I was born in as perfect a form as any man, and remained so up to six years ago. By that time I had become head bookkeeper for a big business house, and was on the high road to business success. I lived uptown in a fashionable boarding house, where there were many nice young men and as many charming young women, and I was enjoying life very much. One Sunday night when a number of us young men had arranged to take the ladies to church, I had dressed in my best, and was sitting in the parlor waiting for the others to get ready, when, of a sudden, I was stricken with a pain, which was beyond anything I could suffer. I gave one wild yell, which alarmed the whole household, and fell to the floor. Then my senses left me, and the next I knew I was in a bed in a hospital. My first knowledge in coming to was of that great pain, and for three years thereafter it never left me, night or day. I had been stricken with sciatica. When the pain grew too great to be borne, the doctors gave me something to put me to sleep.

"I spent fifteen months in bed. When I was allowed to rise I found my leg fixed in the position in which it now is. I blamed the doctor for making me a deformed man. 'You will thank me many a time for that,' he responded. 'While you lay in bed your hip joint has grown to bone, and if your leg had not been drawn up in that shape while you lay in bed you would have never been able to sit on a chair again.'

"When I left the hospital the doctor got from me a blind promise to obey him in all things, and then prohibited me from ever taking a bit of morphine except under the direct orders of a physician, and by doing so probably saved me from becoming a morphine fiend. I went back to my desk to work, and for nearly two years the awful pain of the sciatic nerve was my constant companion. I was as conscious of it when I slept as when I was awake. In course of time, however, I became so used to it that I could ignore it, and I began to join again in pleasure parties and to enjoy life in spite of the pain. To my friends it seemed as if I must have got free from my tireless companion.

"As I sat upon my high stool at my desk one day, about three years after I had been first stricken, there suddenly shot through my frame a feeling as awful as that which had forced from me the cry of agony that accompanied my fall in the boarding house parlor, and again I shrieked and fell from my seat. As I picked myself up I felt as if some portion of my very being had been rent away, and I stood there half dazed when my associates ran to my assistance. Then suddenly I realized what had happened. My pain had left me as suddenly as it had come, and it was gone entirely.

"You would suppose that I would have been the happiest man on earth, but I was miserable. In place of the old pain was a lack of something which was almost worse than the pain. I can compare it with nothing except the feeling of discomfort experienced by men who have lost a leg and then feel an intolerable itching of their lost toes, which of course, it is impossible for them to allay.

"I had slept while I had the pain, but without it I could not sleep; my appetite fell off, and it was months before I gained a mastery over the loss I had experienced and a mastery over the loss I had experienced and become a well man again."

Storks.

The chief places to which the storks, so numerous in Belgium and Holland, migrate for the severe winter generally experienced in those countries, has been discovered by a Belgian nobleman. He succeeded in catching two hundred of the birds and attached to each, either round the neck or on one of its legs a label upon which was

written his own address, together with a request that anyone who caught or killed the bird during the winter season would send the label back to him, indicating the locality in which it was found. The next spring, one of the labels arrived from Western Algeria, and two years later another came from the mouth of the Senegal river. More labels have been received by the experimenter, all coming from the northern parts of the African continent, which clearly shows that storks follow the course of the swallows when the leaves begin to fall in Europe.

IMPORTATION SCHEMES.

Why Japanese Matches and Toothpicks are so Cheap.

It has often been a matter of wonder to casual purchasers that small articles of Japanese manufacture, such as toothpicks and fans, could be sold at such low prices. The small fans are sold at a cent apiece, while the dainty little toothpicks command the same price per bundle.

When one examines either of these products and speculates upon the amount of labor that must be spent to make them in any quantity, the natural inference is that the well known smallness of Japanese wages contains the explanation. At a first glance this seems to be the natural explanation. Such skilled workers as watchmakers get but a trifle more than \$4 a week for their services, and the less skilled and more mechanical trades command a pittance that to our western ideas seems incredibly small.

But small as the wages of the Japanese workers may be, there are considerations that indicate at once that some other cause must be found. There is a duty on both the articles mentioned, and in addition to this it must be remembered that Japan is a good piece away, and that, in the natural course, freights would give a considerable price in this market to articles that were entirely without cost in the orient.

A visit to several Japanese importing houses which deal exclusively in fine Satsuma and other native wares and in Japanese curios revealed the secret of the prices at which the small wares could be offered here. The large vases, which form the staple import of the concern called upon require the most careful packing, lest on their long journey they come to grief, and here is where the toothpicks and fans not only work their passage, but legally escapes duty. Packed in and around the vases are many thousands of these articles, and by this use they lose their character as merchandise and become merely so much "packing." It would be difficult to estimate the enormous quantities of this "packing" which would be required for a single shipment of vases. The market here is constantly glutted, and New Yorkers can purchase here at home these trifles at the same prices that are asked in Tokyo, and their wonderful cheapness makes American competition totally out of the question.—Jewelers' Review.

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A Greek-English Pun.

The Watchman records a witticism of the late Professor Kendrick, of Rochester University.

Having one day in the class room remarked that the Greek preposition *eis* invariable means 'into,' he was reminded by one of his pupils that a professor in another college had asserted the contrary.

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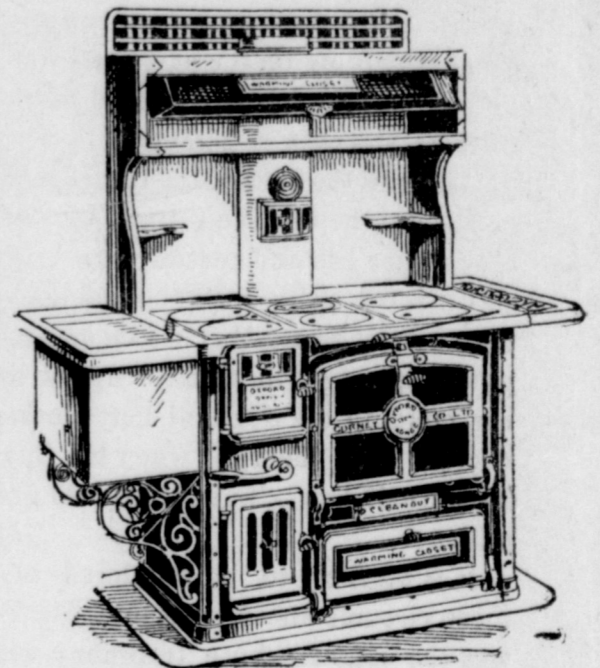
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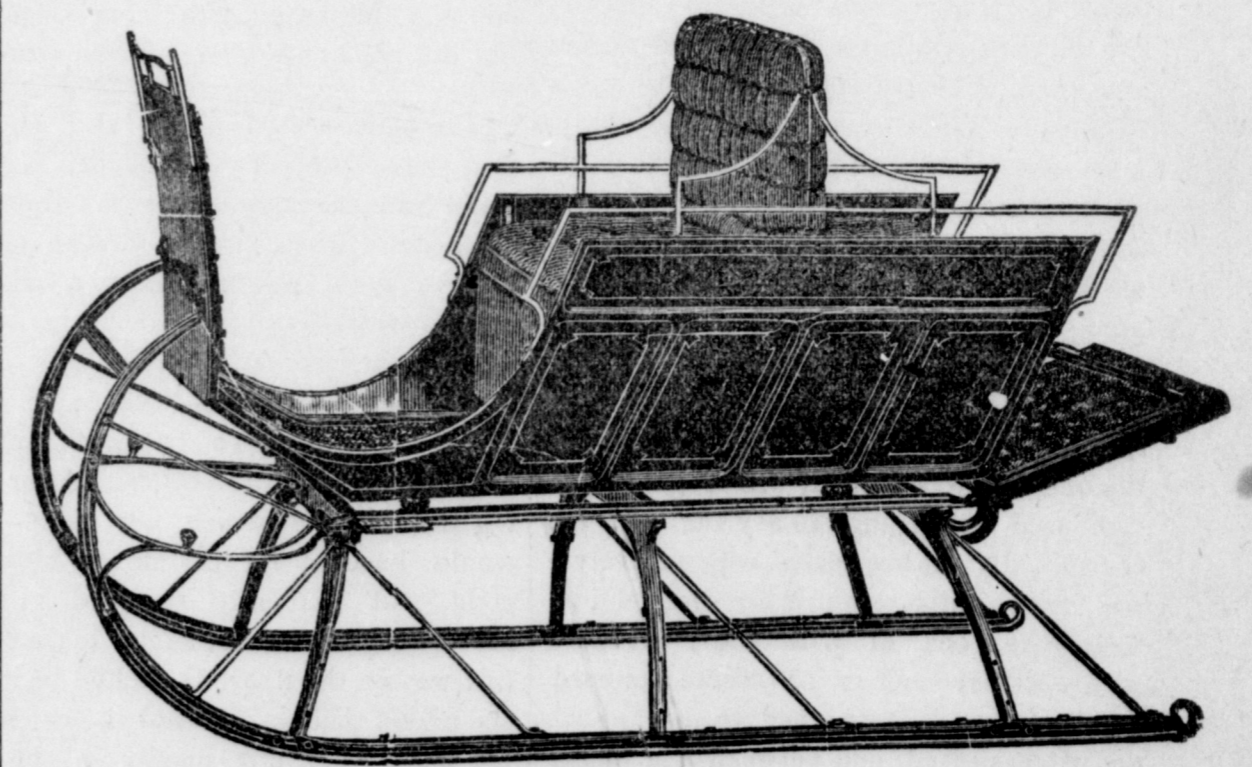
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