

RHEUMATISM

CURED TO STAY CURED BY

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I had Rheumatism a great deal worse than anyone I know. When Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured me they did more than all the doctors and medicine put together. They are the only real cure for Rheumatism," said Mr John Lewis, the well-known mining engineer, who only recently left New Zealand to take up a responsible position in Charters Towers, where he is counted as one of the most straightforward and honourable men.

"I never had a pain or an ache in my life until Rheumatism began to cripple me a few years ago," added Mr Lewis, whose splendid physique bears out his boast that he never before had a day's sickness. "The Rheumatism came on gradually by my life again. It started out very slowly. The pain in it was something awful. Then the disease spread to my legs. From my knees down I was crippled with the pain. My legs felt as if they had been crushed till every house was rocked. They swelled up, showing what a bad state my blood was in. When I pressed my finger into the flesh, a dent stayed behind just like a thumb. No words can paint what I suffered. If a surgeon touched me I would scream. I couldn't bear even a sheet over me. When I moved I felt as if I were being torn to pieces. I was an absolute cripple and suffered fearful agonies day and night.

"For the next five or six years, until I was finally cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I was never free from the dread of this torture," Mr Lewis continued. "Sometimes I could just hold myself together, shuffling one foot before the other. Occasionally, I was better for a spell, and able to work—but a couple of hours later one of my nerves would have to take my place, and send me hobbling home again, doubled up with the agony. Every year, for three or four months at a stretch, I would have one of my bad attacks. Life then was one long agony. God only knows how I bore the pain. I went to fancy work, and so I had when I lay flat on my back with my feet propped up on three or four pillows, higher than my head. But it was agony beyond words to get me into that position. I could have shrieked with pain every time they touched me. But every morning I had to be lifted from my bed to the couch—and then lifted back at night. I felt as if every bone in my body, doubled up against the other. I could not move my toes without sending a spasmodic pain right up my legs. Many a time I had to clench my teeth with the pain, while an agonised sweat beaded off my face. At last I was worn right out with the long-drawn agony. Mr Lewis went on: "I grew thin and pale, and had hardly the strength of a child. I had no appetite and no interest in life. Sometimes the pain didn't let me get two hours' sleep in a week. Nothing did me the least good. My legs were bathed in hot water till they were pre-heated—but the Rheumatism was just as bad as ever. When the doctors failed, I tried every remedy I saw advertised to cure Rheumatism. I threw away £300 in this way—and didn't get one hour's ease in return. I had a last hope. I had a last doctor. My last doctor would help me. Many a time I prayed for Death. If I had had poison I would have taken it. I had lost all faith in medicine, and Mrs Lewis had had work making me give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial." Mr Lewis concluded: "To my surprise they did me good from the jump. The second box gave me a bigger appetite than I had for years. I looked up heart, and after that every day did me good. The pain eased up and the swelling went down. I gained in strength and weight. My insides loosened, and my nerves grew steady. At last every trace of Rheumatism was driven out of my blood. Today I am one of the healthiest men in the district. I have been drenched to the skin many times since—but the Rheumatism has never come back, so I know I am cured for good."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured Mr Lewis by driving the rheumatic poison out of his blood. They actually make new blood—just that, nothing more. In the same way, they drive out the germs of other diseases, and build up the blood to carry healing, health and strength to every nook and corner of the body. Right here, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have cured the worst cases of bloodlessness, indigestion, biliousness, liver complaint, kidney trouble, weak lungs, asthma, influenza, headaches, back-aches, neuritis, rheumatism, nervousness, spinal weakness, skin complaints, and the special ailments of girls and women whose blood supply becomes weak, scanty, or irregular. If anyone tries to pain off substitutes on you, get the genuine Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Wellington 3/ a box, six for 10/6, post free. Medical advice given free.

Stamp Collecting.

The Gibraltar 10c. carmine stamp of 1889, with value omitted, sold by auction in London for £15.

The 5s. blue stamp of Trinidad is now appearing in a much deeper shade than that of the first printing.

British New Guinea has now added a 2/6 stamp to the current set. The colour is brown and black.

Norway has added a 25 ore lilac and 50 ore brown violet to the current issue of stamps.

Gwaber has now a Christmas stamp bearing the King's portrait. The colour is olive green.

For Dahomey a 50c brown on azure stamp has been issued with the name in blue, instead of rose as formerly.

Three new values have been added to the current set of Hungary on the new watermark paper:—1 filler grey, 25 blue, and 50 magenta.

The following new colours are announced for the stamps of Santander:—5c. pale blue, 10c. dull red, 20c. emerald green, 50c. rose lilac, 1p. deep blue, and 3p. rose.

In connection with this it is of interest to note that a block of six Niue stamps, four with violet and two with green surcharge is offered in London for £25.

Several overprints are reported on the post-cards of Abyssinia, 5c centimes being 1 garish blue, also 10 centimes, and 20 centimes. The overprint is in aniline red.

Tasmania has now a post-card with the portrait of the King. The design is similar to the well-known one, the only change being the substitution of King Edward's picture for that of Queen Victoria.

A fine specialised collection of Barados stamps, mounted on cards, including provisionals, 1d. on half 5s., dull rose of 1878, a very fine unsevered pair, and two single specimens (the three varieties), sold for £49. The collection included 278 used, and 62 unused specimens.

The insurgents in Paraguay looted stock from the Post Office of Villa del Pila at the end of 1904. Stamps have now appeared overprinted in black in three lines in script, "Gobierno provisoria, 1904." On the second type stamps of 1904, with date at top, the overprint appears on the 1 centavos apple green, 2 do. orange, and 5 do. blue, also on the first type of 1904, with date at foot on 10c brown, 20 rose red, 30 dark blue, and 60 mauve. In the light of current events in Russia the question arises whether collectors may expect a special issue of stamps from the tiny floating republic on board the warship at present held by the mutineers. If there is a printing press on board they might be able to make money out of the gullibility of collectors, by issuing stamps with all sorts of varieties by changing occasional letters, or merely by incompetent printing. The more the errors the better appears to be the worth of specialists in new issues.

Some interesting correspondence appears in E.W.N.N. with regard to the first issue of the New Zealand penny stamp, overprinted for use in Niue. Mr. W. Gray, secretary, states that the stamps were overprinted at the Auckland Post Office in November, 1901, & at the instructions given were that indel-

ible ink of dark green colour was to be used, that Mr. Maxwell, postmaster at Niue, had been questioned, and stated he was quite certain that no stamps of the first issue overprinted in violet were sold by him. Mr. Gray adds, "It appears clear, therefore, that the violet overprint is a forgery." To this E.W.N.N. adds a foot note that the specimens discovered were received direct from Mr. Maxwell. The editor adds, "We are quite willing to believe that he did not notice the unusual colour, as he did not make

any remark thereupon in his letter, but there is not the slightest doubt as to their genuineness. We reconcile their existence with Mr. Gray's very definite statement that the whole 1200 stamps were surcharged in green, by the hypothesis that the ink used in their preparation had been previously saturated with violet ink—and that insufficient green ink was at first applied to convey the colour. At least two vertical rows of a sheet had been overprinted before the pad was sufficiently re-inked.

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