

**Impure Blood**

**A Pennsylvania Railroad Man Tells of Remarkable Cure of Scrofulous Humor—Read It.**

Mr. Baber makes the following statement, in a well known railroad man, running on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Columbia, Penn., and Philadelphia: "I feel that I wish to tell what has been done for me and for my little boy by Hood's Sarsaparilla. He is now six years of age, and until a short time ago, has ever since birth been a terrible sufferer from scrofulous humor. Sores would appear on his head and spread until they were as large as a dollar, and then discharge, only to be followed by others, so that the larger part of his body was one mass of sores all the time. The scrofula was especially severe on his legs and back of his ears and on his head. His hair was so matted that combing was sometimes impossible. His ears became so thin that we could see through them, and were actually afraid they would drop off. His legs were so bad that sometimes he could not sit down, and it was impossible for him to run and play like other children. Frequently when he tried to walk, his leg would crack open and the blood start from different places. The humor had a very offensive odor, and caused intense itching, so that at night we had to tie his hands in mittens or stockings to prevent his scratching and tearing himself. We cannot tell how that poor boy suffered for nearly five years, now his terrible condition distressed us. We did all we could to relieve him. Two or three physicians agreed in calling it scrofulous humor, large and not a cure. We tried salves and ointments and other things but without benefit. At last I decided to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, as my DRUGGIST RECOMMENDED IT. In about two weeks the Sarsaparilla began to have effect. The sores commenced to heal up; the sores began to look more natural and healthy. Then the scales came off and all over his body new and healthy flesh and skin formed. When he had taken two bottles he was entirely free from sores, having only the scars to show where they had been. These are gradually disappearing. The little fellow was FULL OF GRATITUDE to Hood's Sarsaparilla when he found it was curing him, and he would call for 'My medicine' when the time came for him to take it. We are unable to express our thanks for the good Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for our little boy." HARRY K. RUBY, Box 288, Columbia, Pa.

**A Later Letter**  
From Mr. Ruby states that his son is now in perfect health, has no trouble from the humor, which is entirely cured. He has many inquiries about the recovery of the boy, and advises all who suffer with such diseases to try Hood's Sarsaparilla.

**What Can Be Added**  
To the above statement to make more emphatic the evidence of the cleansing effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla upon the blood? It would seem to be the positive duty of all who suffer from any disease or affection caused by impure blood, to at least give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial. It is many wonderful cures have won for it the title of "the greatest blood purifier ever discovered."

**Every Confidence.**  
"Among the few proprietary articles I recommend to my customers Hood's Sarsaparilla is one in which I place every confidence. My patrons seem to have the same confidence, judging from the fact, which is more than all the other blood purifiers together." G. B. LITTLE, Druggist, Greensburg, Pa.

**100 Doses One Dollar**

**THE OLD PLaid SHawl.**  
Not far from old Klavars, in the merry month of May.  
When birds were singing cheerily, there came across my way,  
As if sent the sky above an angel chance to fall,  
A little Irish Caitin in an old plaid shawl.  
I courteously saluted her—"God save you, miss," says I.  
"God save you, kindly, sir," said she and shyly passed by me.  
Of went my heart long with her, a captive in her thrall,  
Imprisoned in the corner of her old plaid shawl.  
I've heard of high way robbers that with pistols were armed  
Made trembling travelers yield them up their money or their lives,  
But think of me that handed out my heart and hand and all  
To a simple little Caitin in an old plaid shawl.  
Oh! some men stah for riches, and some men live for fame,  
And some on history's pages hope to win a glorious name;  
My aims are not ambitious, and my wishes are but small—  
You might wrap them all together in an old plaid shawl.  
I'll seek her all through Galway, and I'll seek her all through Clare,  
I'll search for talk or tidings of my traveler everywhere,  
For peace of mind I'll never find until my own I find,  
That little Irish Caitin in her old plaid shawl.  
—Frank A. Fugh in N. Y. Tribune.

**A FOOL AND HIS MONEY FISHING.**

**The Costly Outfit of a Poor Little Millionaire.**  
From the N. Y. Tribune.  
"Well, we strolled into the store and began to price things, when a dapper little fellow entered dressed in the height of fashion, and told the clerk that he was going fishing this summer and wanted an outfit.  
"Yes, sir," said the smiling clerk, "what will you have?"  
"I don't know in the least, I assure you," said the customer. "I was told this was the best place to come to and I suppose you know your business." "Put me up a complete fishing outfit, and send it up to my club," and he threw down his card, which bore the letters 'Jr.' after the name of a well-known name.  
The clerk recognized as able to buy out the whole establishment with a week's income.  
"Yes, yes," said the clerk breathlessly, "I know my business, and you can get the most complete outfit in the world. If you'll just sit right down there, sir, I'll bring you the goods and you can choose between them."  
"Now well begin on the rods. That's the first thing, of course. Here you are for black bass. This is the best rod in the market, and no more selected than the split bamboo, mountings of German silver and hand-made in every particular, ter-tubules absolutely waterproof, a waterproof cushion of zylonite, adding great strength to the joints, fine raised tie-guides, three pieces in all, two tips, eleven feet long and the whole thing only weighing twelve ounces, and strong enough to land a whale. It costs \$25.  
"A good rod like that merits a good reel. This is a newly invented automatic reel. Those who are for fish requiring a long line will appreciate its good qualities, particularly the rapidity with which it re- covers the slack of line caused by the eccentric movements of a gamey fish. In- deed, with this reel properly manipulated, there can be no slack. By simply touching a spring, the recovery is practically instantaneous. Another advantage is that the resistance of the spring is just sufficient to curb the fish without impeding his forward tearing out. The adjusted pressure will not only hold, but bring in a fish of less than five or six pounds weight as speedily as any one could desire. It is certainly an ingenious piece of mechanism and when one gets used to it, the old-fashioned reel must seem both slow and cumbersome. In rubber and German silver, with steel spools, it will cost \$12. If you think an automatic reel not sports-manlike enough, take this best balanced reel in the market, at \$11.  
"I'll take both," said the customer carelessly.  
"Now for hooks," continued the clerk with a satisfied grin. "You can get lots of hook complete at one cent, but don't let any one fool you like that. The best Marana gut costs more, of course, but if you hook a trout you will find it pays for the extra cent. Three lozen of these superior ones, assorted sizes at 30 cents a dozen, will be sufficient, no doubt.  
"A strong enamelled silk line, at 30 a hundred yards, will give you four ex- cellent lines, enough to start with. A minnow bucket, \$2; a dozen extra quality double gut bass line, \$2; a fly-book, morocco cover, containing a complete assortment of gangs, \$1.50; a couple of ordinary trolling bait, \$2; some huckabucks, \$1; frogs, \$1; a phantom minnow, \$1; landing net, \$2; and a pair of fish tongs, \$1.50.  
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**THE SEASON FOR BASS.**  
A Belief That It Will Prove a Good One. Some Points For Anglers.  
In black bass fishing, says the Philadelphia Ledger, the first thing to be considered is the tackle.  
This should be chosen with the greatest care, for the bass is a wary fish, carefully avoiding anything that looks suspicious. With this end in view the best line to select is an E oiled or quinine oiled, and for bait fishing a three-foot, and for fly fishing a six-foot silk worm gut leader, and both the silk line and the gut leader should be of the very best quality, as the cheaper grades are very apt to prove treacherous at critical moments. A multiplying reel, holding about 40 yards of line is the most convenient and, for all practical purposes, quite sufficient.  
A medium-sized hook, such as one used for catfishing, it is believed, will attain better results than one much larger or smaller, the particular make, whether it be the Carlisle, Limerick, Aberdeen, Sprout, New York trout or snook-bend, being of secondary importance. It is also a very good idea to use a small hook for a large fish, and a large hook for a small fish. Let the patent contrivances warranted to prevent the fish from getting away when hooked severely, and the angler should be without a doubt between brains and cunning and between science and brute strength. If a fish gets away after being hooked, its cunning and brains are greater than the angler's science, and deserved his liberty. All these patent safety hooks are unscientifically made and would not be used by a fisherman who ever takes a trout.  
Many fishermen in bait fishing use a long rod; this is a mistake. With a stiff rod about eight feet long bait can be cast nearly to any distance, and with a rod by a rod 12 feet long, and is much more convenient to handle.  
The black bass loves a stream that has its bottom sand plentifully studded with rocks and with moderately deep rocky pools, in the shadows of which they lurk, ready to dart forth into some neighboring riffle or pool, or into any shallow place to bait fish, therefore have such a locality in view, even though the water is comparatively speaking, shallow, rather than a deeper spot, but with the indi- cations point to a muddy bottom. The pools below a dam, for instance, are nearly always better than any other place for this fish. In bait casting, unless the water be very shallow, around the rocks near the shore should not be neglected, because such are likely to be the haunts of fish. There is probably no fish so capricious as the black bass in the matter of bait, and no careful fisherman will go in the stream without bringing a variety of crawfish, and even big fat earth worms, or any bait to which the fish are accustomed.  
In fly fishing, flies having combinations of several colors, the most effective of the best, and there is no use in casting the fly anywhere except in riffs or shallow pools just below them. In casting, where it is possible, the fly should be cast with the head of the fly in the air, and the fly cast a little up stream and allowed to float down so that it be sunk about six inches, the best results are obtained. Those who have observed closely any fly coming downward, and on the first few feet of the retrieve, the most strikes are obtained.  
In consequence of the few black bass that have been caught thus far this season, there have been positive assertions made by a number of anglers that there are but few fish in the streams hereabouts. The majority of fishermen, however, deny this, and claim that there were never so many black bass in the waters of this vicinity as at the present time. Black bass will rarely take bait when the streams are muddy, and it is also almost useless to attempt fly fishing in the presence of mud. There is another factor that has rendered the fishing poor thus far, and it lies in the uniformly cool weather of the past spring. It is this that has caused the bass to begin spawning in the latter part of April and finish their labor about the latter part of May. This year, however, the spawning season, on account of the cool weather, which kept the water cold, did not begin until fully three weeks later, and in some cases the bass have not yet finished their spawning. This is why black bass takes but little food. It is true that they are frequently caught on the spawning beds, but it is asserted, that this is not so much on account of hunger, but because of a desire on the part of the fish to keep the spawning bed clean or to drive away a supposed intruder. It is said, in support of this, that a black bass will chase a lake hook dangled over her spawning bed. Anglers who have made a study of the fish claim that as soon as the spawning season is over, the spawning season, on account of the cool weather, which kept the water cold, did not begin until fully three weeks later, and in some cases the bass have not yet finished their spawning. This is why black bass takes but little food. It is true that they are frequently caught on the spawning beds, but it is asserted, that this is not so much on account of hunger, but because of a desire on the part of the fish to keep the spawning bed clean or to drive away a supposed intruder. 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