

Resume' of accident - December 1936.

While riding as a passenger in a bus, a head-on collision caused the following injuries:

Severe concussion of the brain.
Badly sprained neck,
Two fractured vertabrae (between the shoulders)
Injury to Brachial plexus,
Nearly severed trunk nerve at spine causing;
Partial paralysis of right arm,
Injury to trunk nerve leading to abdominal cavity causing
Partial paralysis of intestinal tract.
Possible fractured jaw,
Multiple bruises and contusions over entire body,
Severe shock - partially conscious for about three weeks.

All corrective treatments, other than rest, brought on poor reaction. Was warned to avoid massage or adjustments as there might be damage to the spinal cord. However, about one year later, because the pain in the head and neck was so severe I attempted Chiropractic adjustment for the misplaced bones in the neck. The result was bad. My temperature remained around 100 degrees for months, the pain became more severe, and was unable to move my head. Was kept in bed then for about three months. Severe muscle spasm of neck continued, and recurred frequently for years.

Although my doctor said I would not be able to work again, In about a year I was able to do an office job requiring no physical strain. While the pain at times became quite severe, I managed fairly well, and step by step regained strength and health. During that time however, I had an intestinal disturbance which sapped all my energy. Was told that it was caused by a protein deficiency, and was instructed to eat one-half pound of ground beef three times a day. In about one month I was back on my feet again, feeling quite well.

After seven years of office work, I had regained my strength sufficiently to return to nursing work. After two years of nursing work, which proved quite a strain, I was laid up again for three months with high blood pressure and pains around the heart. After that recovery I seemed to be much better. I felt stronger and was free from pain; although there was constant pressure and frequent headaches from the neck.

Always I had the best doctors available - many X'rays, and all necessary for correct diagnosis and advice.

For the past five years I have been quite well, until May 1950 when I began to feel very weak. Again, it seems I was not assimilating my food, and collapsed in the doctors office. Was taken to the hospital with an attack of cardiac asthma brought on by an acute anaemia. Large daily injections of concentrated liver extract was used, and after two months I was able to return to work.