



DUKE'S BUBBLE.

It Burst But It Led to a Great Discovery.

It is a dreadful thing to live in the house with a thief, and worse not to know who the thief is. Dorothy and Mabel had tried over and over to solve the mystery. There seemed to be no solution to it. The mystery was this: One day in the winter a cousin of mamma's, a very beautiful young lady, had come to visit at the house. When she was dressing for dinner, she carelessly left a valuable ruby pin on the dressing table. After dinner the pin was not there!

Such a hubbub as Cousin Gladys created. She cried and cried and almost had hysterics, for the pin was her most cherished treasure. It had been given her by her grandmother, whose grandmother had in turn given it to her, so you see it was very, very old and valuable.

It was out of the question to accuse either Maria or John of dishonesty, for they were as honest as the day is long. Duke had been the soul of honor or ever since he had been an inmate of the household—and what would a small fox terrier want of a large ruby broochpin, anyway? Topsy had denied any knowledge of the affair; they could not suspect her. She might have been guilty of stealing a piece of fish—or a mouse—but what would a cat want to steal rubies for?

The only possible solution was that some one had entered the house while the family was at dinner, stolen the pin and gone off without being seen. If there had only been footsteps in the snow to trace the thief—but there was no sign.

So the matter was dropped entirely, except by the children who had created wonderful tales about the loss of the ruby.

One beautiful June day Mabel and Dot had a "bubble bee" all by themselves. Harold—disagreeable boy!



Duke Begged for a Bubble.

had gone off fishing and refused to take any girls. He declared they were "always in the way."

"I'd rather blow bubbles with my new pipe anyway," said Dot airily, as Harold went down the walk. There was a suggestion of a sob in her voice, but she held her head high. Mabel said not a word. One thing she did love—and that was to fish. Duke pushed his cold little nose comfortably into her hand. He liked to go fishing, too. But blowing bubbles was very fascinating, especially with the new colored bubble soap, and it was not long before the two little girls were happy again and Duke was wild with delight. As each bubble grew bigger and bigger, Duke barked louder and louder, and begged that one should be given him to play with. But for little dogs, bubbles are poor play-

things and last but a minute. It required great attention on the part of both blowers to prevent their work meeting instant destruction.

Dot blew the best, there was no question of that, but Mabel's bubbles seemed to last longer. And it was one of Mabel's that went bouncing along on the breeze, with Duke in hot pursuit. Both girls were laughing merrily at the queer antics of Duke and his plaything, when the bubble descended and Duke pounced upon his prize. Of course, it burst at once, and the dog jumped back with a sneeze. Then, seizing something with his teeth he sprang back.

"Poor old Duke!" cried Dot. "I'll blow you one just as big; just watch."

But Duke was not interested in bubbles; he had found another plaything.

"Oh, drop that old stick and come along!" cried Mabel. "See, Duke! See the nice big bubbles. Catch it, sir! Catch it!"

But Duke would pay no attention.

"I believe he has something alive!" said Dot. "Perhaps it's a poor, dear little toad. Oh, Duke, aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

Duke wagged his tail, not a bit ashamed, and deposited at Dot's feet a queer and dirty object.

"It isn't a toad," said Dot. "It's only an old—why, Mabel Eloise Fletcher, it's—it's—" and Dot gasped in amazement at the object in her hand.

"It's Cousin Gladys' lost ruby pin!" shouted Mabel. "Where under the sun did it come from?"

Pipes were dropped in a hurry and the two little girls stood and gazed at each other in silence. Duke was jumping impatiently for his plaything. Then Mabel looked up at the nose. The window in the spare room where Cousin Gladys had slept was open and the ruffled white curtain blew gently in and out. As they stood spellbound the curtain blew in toward the table and out again, and on the edge of the ruffle was a scrap of paper, which fluttered slowly to the ground.

"Ah!" cried Dot softly. "I see the thief!" And then they rushed indoors to tell the news.

Great good news it was, too. The ruby pin had apparently been caught by the same curtain and gently deposited outside on the ground, as the scrap of paper had been, and there it had lain hidden in the snow and mud and new spring grass.

Cousin Gladys received a telegram that afternoon, and in reply this letter came:

"My dear little cousins, and Duke, too: I am so happy to hear that my treasure has been found, that I want you to bring it to me and to spend a week with me in the city—all three of you. So ask your mother to pack your trunk, tell your father to put you safely on the cars and I will meet you. We will have a jolly good time, and you will be here just in time to be bridesmaids at my wedding, for which you will each have a pretty new frock presented to you. I won't take 'no' for an answer."

Soon after the receipt of the letter two very important-looking little girls, and an equally important-looking little dog, started for the city, leaving Harold on the station platform waving an envious good-bye.

"Isn't it fortunate," sighed Dot as they settled back in the big cushioned seat, "that we didn't go fishing that day?"—Nancy Scott, in Washington Star.

Teacher (reading aloud)—The weary sentinel leaned on his gun and stole a few moments' sleep.

Dottie—I bet I know where he stole it from.

Teacher—Where, Dot?

Dottie—From his "nap"-sack.

Something Wrong.

The little girl had gotten up very early in the morning for the first time.

"Oh, mamma!" she exclaimed, returning from the window, "the sun's comin' out all right, but God's forgotten to turn off the moon!"—Judge.

dust from settling on the contents, if wished.

Absolutely Innocent.

Circumstantial evidence pointed very clearly toward old Peter, who, if not caught actually red-handed, was discovered prowling around the spot soon after the hen roost had been robbed. Nevertheless he protested his innocence strenuously.

"But," said the judge, "if you did not steal those hens, Peter, what were you doing? Just taking a midnight constitutional, eh?"

"Deed, jedge," pleaded the old ducky, earnestly. "I wasn't takin' nuffin! Jedge, you know my people what I b'longed to befo' de wah, an' dey'll tell you, jedge, dat I was neber 'scused ob takin' nuffin!"

His Rewards.

Patience—He jumped overboard and saved the lives of six girls.

Patrice—But what was the use? He couldn't marry all of them?

"But he did. He lived in Salt Lake City, you know."—Yonkers States man.

Witness of Brainy Unbelievers

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Men of brains, though they be not Christians, cannot fail to give to the Bible a very high place as a literary, ethical and religious force in the world.

Such a man was Benjamin Franklin, who said: "Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest."

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the "Declaration of Independence," said: "I have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers and better husbands."

Daniel Webster, than whom a brainier man has not lived under our flag, said: "The Bible is the book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rule of conduct." "It is a belief in the Bible," wrote Goethe, "which has served me as a guide of my moral and literary life. No criticism will be able to perplex the confidence we have in a writing whose contents have stirred up and given vital life and energy by its own. The further the ages advance in civilization the more the Bible will be used."

Matthew Arnold has not been accused of sympathy with Christianity, but he had brains and he wrote: "To the Bible men will return because they cannot do without it."

The Bible Essential.
Diderot, the French unbeliever, when he looked from the ecclesiastical machine which he had cause to criticize, to the Bible itself, wrote: "No better lessons can I teach my child than those of the Bible."

Even Prof. Huxley, though he had a narrow, scientific spirit, was compelled to write: "I have always been in favor of secular education without theology, but I must confess that I have been no less seriously perplexed to know by what practical methods the religious feeling, which is the essential basis of moral conduct, is to be kept up in the present chaotic state of opinion on these matters without the use of the Bible."

Rousseau, strong and independent, though skeptical, wrote: "Peruse the books of philosophers, with all their pomp of diction. How meager, how contemptible are they when compared with the Scriptures. The majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with admiration."

We could fill volumes with quotations from famous Christian scholars, but these are from skeptical men of brains and culture who view the Bible simply as an intelligent, moral and educational force.

Great men, though not Christians, give the same high estimate of Jesus Christ. Daniel Webster wrote: "I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles which he wrought establish in my mind his personal authority and render it proper for me to believe what he asserts."

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Jesus is the most perfect of all men that have yet appeared."

Napoleon Bonaparte, with a mind as discriminating and logical as Webster's, held the same view. "I know men," said Napoleon, "and I tell you Jesus Christ was not a man."

On one occasion Gen. Bertrand expressed to Napoleon his doubt as to the deity of Christ. "If you do not believe that Jesus Christ was divine," returned Napoleon, "I did wrong to appoint you general."

Ernest Renan, who lost his professorship in the University of Paris on account of his infidelity, wrote of Christ: "All history is incomprehensible without him. He created the object and fixed the starting point of the future faith of humanity. He is the incomparable man to whom the universal conscience has decreed the title of Son of God, and that with justice. In the first rank of this grand family of true sons of God we must place Jesus. The highest consciousness of God that ever existed in the breast of humanity was that of Jesus. Repose now in thy glory, noble founder. Thy work is finished. Thy divinity is established. Thou shalt become the corner stone of humanity so entirely that to tear thy name from this world would rend it to its foundations. Between thee and God there will no longer be any distinction. Complete conqueror of death, take possession of thy kingdom, whither thou shalt follow thee, by the royal road which thou hast traced, ages of adoring worshippers."

PERUNA EDITORIAL NO. 2.

Dr. Hartman has claimed for many years that Peruna is an EXCELLENT CATARRH REMEDY. Some of the doctor's critics have disputed the doctor's claim as to the efficacy of Peruna.

Since the ingredients of Peruna are no longer a secret, what do the medical authorities say concerning the remedies of which Peruna is composed?

Take, for instance, the ingredient HYDRASTIS CANADENSIS, OR GOLDEN SEAL. The United States Dispensatory says of this herbal remedy, that it is largely employed in the treatment of depraved mucous membranes, chronic rhinitis (nasal catarrh), atonic dyspepsia (catarrh of the stomach), chronic intestinal catarrh, catarrhal jaundice (catarrh of the liver), and in diseased mucous membranes of the pelvic organs. It is also recommended for the treatment of various forms of diseases peculiar to women.

Another ingredient of Peruna, CORYDALIS FORMOSA, is classed in the United States Dispensatory as a tonic.

CEDRON SEEDS is another ingredient of Peruna, an excellent drug that has been very largely overlooked by the medical profession for the past fifty years. THE SEEDS ARE TO BE FOUND IN VERY FEW DRUG STORES. The United States Dispensatory says of the action of cedron that it is used as a bitter tonic and in the treatment of dysentery, and in intermittent diseases as a SUBSTITUTE FOR QUININE.

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OF HYDRASTIS, BARTHOLOW SAYS it is applicable to stomatitis (catarrh of the mucous surfaces of the mouth), follicular pharyngitis (catarrh of the pharynx), chronic coryza (catarrh of the head). This writer classes hydrastis as a stomachic tonic, useful in atonic dyspepsia (chronic gastric catarrh), catarrh of the duodenum, catarrh of the gall duct, catarrh of the intestines, catarrh of the kidneys (chronic Bright's disease), catarrh of the bladder, and catarrh of other pelvic organs.

BARTHOLOW REGARDS COPAIBA as an excellent remedy for chronic catarrh of the bladder, chronic bronchitis (catarrh of the bronchial tubes).

BARTHOLOW STATES THAT CUBEB, an ingredient of Peruna, promotes the appetite and digestion, increases the circulation of the blood. Useful in chronic nasal catarrh, follicular pharyngitis (catarrh of the pharynx), increasing the tonicity of the mucous membranes of the throat. It also relieves hoarseness. Useful in atonic dyspepsia (catarrh of the stomach), and in chronic catarrh of the colon and rectum, catarrh of the bladder, prostatorrhoea, and chronic bronchial affections.

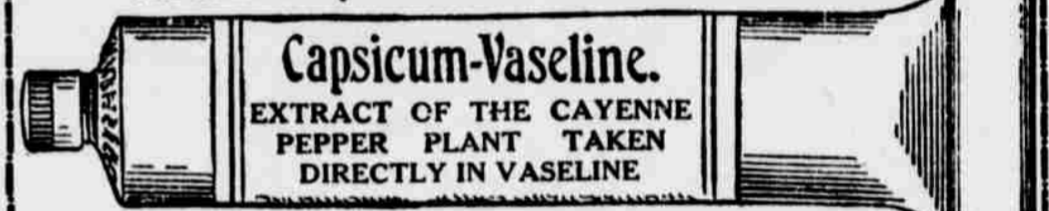
MILLSAUGH, MEDICINAL PLANTS, one of the most authoritative works on medicinal herbs in the English language, in commenting upon COLLINSONIA CANADENSIS, says that it acts on the pneumogastric and vaso motor nerves. It increases the secretions of the mucous membranes in general. In the mountains of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Carolina, collinsonia canadensis is considered a panacea for many disorders, including headache, colic, cramp, dropsy and indigestion. DR. SCUDDER regards it highly as a remedy in chronic diseases of the lungs, heart disease and asthma.

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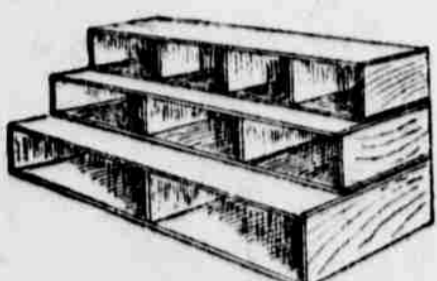
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