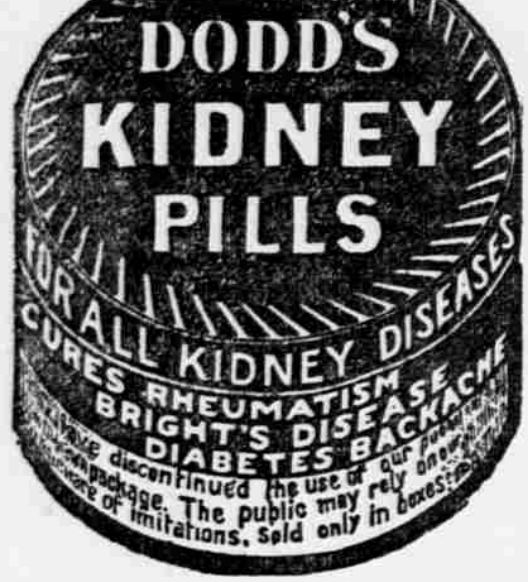


Needed Help.

A 10-year-old street urchin, a product of the tenement, was recently accused of stealing jam from a woman living in an adjoining house.



As He Pronounced It.

Teacher—Dickey, how many silent letters are there in "through?"

AWFUL EFFECT OF ECZEMA.

Covers: with Yellow Sores—Grew Worse—Parents Discouraged—in a Week—Cuticura Drove Sores Away.

Prepared.

"Does your husband let you attend bargain-sale jams?"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable.

French Wealth.

The population of France is about 40,000,000; the wealth of France is nearly \$45,000,000.

Political Chat.

"I expect the successful candidates will be fearfully tired after the election is over."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets.

There is something uncanny in traveling at great speed in a balloon.

Mr. Whittaker's booming reply to children begging money for the Irish famine.

Between Two Fires

By ANTHONY HOPE

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."—Francis Bacon.

CHAPTER XIX.

In spite of many anxieties, after this eventful day I enjoyed the first decent night's rest I had had for a week.

The return of the day, however, brought new troubles. I was roused at an early hour by a visit from the Colonel himself.

"That's about it," said I; "but then you haven't got much more money."

"He looked very savage, and muttered something under his breath."

"You're carrying things with a high hand," he said.

"You weren't always so scrupulous," he sneered.

"I took no notice of this insult, but repeated my determination."

"Look here, Martin," he said, "I'll give you twenty-four hours to think it over; and let me advise you to change your mind then."

"All right, Colonel," I said, "I'll think it over. I don't pretend to like it; but after all, I'm in with you and we must pull together."

"There's another matter I wanted to speak to you about," he went on.

"I invited him into the breakfast room, gave him a cup of coffee (which, to my credit, I didn't poison), and began on my own eggs and toast."

"Fire away," said I briefly.

"I suppose you know I'm going to be married?" he remarked.

"Not even Whittingham?" I asked maliciously.

"You won't be doing any business today, then?"

"What about settling the government?" he asked, grinning.

"On my way up I met several people and heard some interesting facts."

"He laughed," said the Signorina, with tragic intensity.

"What?" I cried.

"Oh, out of this somewhere."

"You're full of rage against McGregor, but I couldn't afford the luxury of indulging it, so I gave my whole mind to finding a way out for us."

"You know my little steam launch? It will be dark to-night. If we get on board with a couple of hours' start we can show anybody a clean pair of heels."

"I don't mind that, Jack," she said.

"I have my five thousand, and aunt will join us with the rest. But how are we to get on board? Besides, oh, Jack! the President watches the coast every night with the Songstress—and you know she's got steam—Mr. Carr just had auxiliary steam put in."

"No," I said, "I didn't know about that. Look here, Christina, excuse the question, but can you communicate with the President?"

"Yes," she said, after a second's hesitation.

"And will he believe what you tell him?"

"I don't know. He might and he might not. He'll probably act as if he didn't."

"Well, we must chance it," I said.

"At any rate, better be caught by him than stay here. We were, perhaps, a little hasty with that revolution of ours."

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- 1806—Cape of Good Hope surrendered by the Dutch to the British. Vienna evacuated by the French. 1813—William Jones of Pennsylvania became Secretary of the Navy.

- 1815—Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated British at Battle of New Orleans. 1840—Penny Post introduced in England by Rowland Hill. Chartist rising at Sheffield, England.

- 1841—Samuel Scott, daring American diver, accidentally hanged himself on Waterloo bridge, London, while giving exhibition. 1842—Francis Coppee, French poet, born.

- 1844—Sir Hudson Lowe, governor of St. Helena during Napoleon's captivity, died. 1854—Astor library, New York, opened.

- 1861—Steamer Star of the West fired upon at Charleston. Jacob Thompson of Mississippi resigned as Secretary of the Interior. Philip F. Thomas of Maryland resigned as Secretary of the Treasury.

A Little Linguist. Beesie Doyle, the 4-year-old child of an iron manufacturer in Basic City, Va., has a good working knowledge of six languages beside English.

TERRIBLE TO RECALL. Five Weeks in Bed With Intense Painful Kidney Trouble.

Mrs. Mary Wagner, of 1367 Kosuth Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., says: "I was so weakened and generally run down with kidney disease that for a long time I could not do my work and was five weeks in bed."

Thoroughly Reliable. If ever there was a reliable and safe remedy it is that old and famous porous plaster—Alcock's.

Had Grown Cautious. Lorenzo Dow on one occasion took the liberty, while preaching, to denounce a rich man in the community, recently deceased.

Genuine Coffee Will Float. Coffee was formerly adulterated extensively with chicory, but is very much less so at present date.

WHITE BREAD Makes Trouble for People with Weak Intestinal Digestion. A lady in a Wis. town employed a physician who instructed her not to eat white bread for two years.

More work is put upon naval guns in target practice each quarter than they were required to stand during the Spanish war.



The upper house of the Austria, or Cisleithan, reichsrath has accepted without amendment the bill establishing universal suffrage, which previously had been passed by the House of Representatives.

London papers reported that James Bryce had refused a peerage and would go to the United States as ambassador without changing his name, and thus be the first plain citizen to represent his country at Washington.

Just as it came from the French Chamber of Deputies, the new church and state separation act was finally passed by the Senate, 190 to 160.

START OF A FLORIDA FEUD.

Man's Farm Built on Coral Floated Away and a Neighbor Took It.

"Speaking about feuds," said John L. Humphries of Tampa, Fla., "I think that the strangest, in its inception, is one between two families in Marion county, in our State. It came about this way. You know in our State sometimes land disappears during the night and a man wakes up to find his garden a great sinkhole. This is, of course, due to the fact that Florida is built on coral and not very substantially built at that, especially in some of the interior counties. Harry Redding had a nice patch of Irish potatoes, and Oliver Vance, his neighbor, had what he called a farm and near the house was a sinkhole."

"One night Redding's potato patch disappeared and the next morning he had a nice large sinkhole filled with water where his garden was. The same night Vance, who had a sinkhole when he went to bed, woke up to find that the hole was filled with dirt in which there seemed to be a lot of pebbles about the size of a man's fist. Naturally he was surprised. He examined the pebbles to find them potatoes, and after calling the family up they got to work and gathered in six bushels of potatoes ready for market."

"That's where the trouble began. Redding claimed that under the law where a man's stock wanders on to the premises of another, without his fault, he can go after it. He argued that the same doctrine applied to potatoes which had wandering habits. For he was very sure that the potatoes on the Vance farm belonged to him. Vance and his friends invoked another principle of law that a man owns his land from heaven to hades and he refused to dig up the potatoes for the benefit of his neighbor."

"All that happened ten years ago," continued Mr. Humphries, "and the Reddings and the Vances are still armed against each other. Two or three skirmishes have taken place between the parties and one of the Vance boys, 18 years old, was wounded by fire from the enemy."

"They are never spoken to each other since that eventful night ten years ago. Lawyers and politicians have gone out to help them settle their difficulties, but they were obsolete, and if the feud grows for twenty years as it has already Florida and Marion County will have a feud equal to the best that Kentucky has ever produced."

The people of Tibet rarely visit, finding it warmer to be dirty.

"I suppose so," said I.

"Yes, I do. Nobody likes to be called a thief—especially when there's a kind of truth about it. But I should mind losing you more."

"Are you really very fond of me, Jack? No, you needn't say so. I think you are. Now I'll tell you a secret. If you hadn't come here, I should have married General Whittingham long ago. I stayed here intending to do it, and he asked me very soon after you first arrived. I gave him my money, you know then."

"I was listening intently. It seemed as if some things were going to be cleared up."