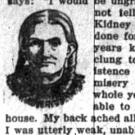
FREED AT LAST

From the Awful Tortures of Kidney Disease.



Mrs. Rachel Irie, Henrietta, Texas, says: "I would be ungrateful if I did not tell what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. Fifteen years kidney trouble clung to me, my existence was one of misery and for two whole years I was unable to go out of the house. My back ached all the time and I was utterly weak, unable at times to walk without assistance. The kidney secretions were very irregular. Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to good health, and I am able to do as much work as the average woman, though nearly eighty years old."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

WERE STILL SUPPLIED.

"Have you given some fresh water to the gold fish, Anna?"

"No, ma'am, they have not finished what I gave them the other day."

TORE HIS SKIN OFF

In Shreds—Itching Was Intense—Sleep Was Often Impossible.

Cured by Cuticura in Three Weeks.

"At first an eruption of small pustules commenced on my hands. These spread later to other parts of my body, and the itching at times was intense, so much so that I literally tore the skin off in shreds in seeking relief. The awful itching interfered with my work considerably, and also kept me awake nights. I tried several doctors and used a number of different ointments and lotions but received practically no benefit. Finally I settled down to the use of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, with the result that in a few days all itching had ceased and in about three weeks' time all traces of my eruption had disappeared. I have had no trouble of this kind since. H. A. Krutskoff, 6714 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., November 18 and 28, 1907."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Schools for Tuberculous Children.

Special schools for tuberculous children have now been established in Providence, Boston, New York, Rochester, Washington, Hartford, Conn., Chicago and Pittsburg. New York has three schools and Washington, D. C., two. The board of education of New York city is proposing to establish three more, and similar institutions are being planned in Detroit, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Newark, N. J.

In cities like Providence, Boston and New York, where outdoor schools have been conducted for two years, the results obtained from the treatment of children in special tuberculosis open air schools seem to show the great advantage of this class of institutions. This, coupled with the experience of open air schools in Germany and England, proves that children can be cured of tuberculosis and keep up with their school work, without any danger to fellow pupils.

Pathetic Pride.

Willie had had a tumble when he was a baby and his hip was so hurt that ever afterward he was obliged to use a crutch. On one occasion, when his mother had bought him a new crutch of the latest and most approved style, Willie expressed his enthusiasm and delight in the roundest terms. "And oh, mother!" he exclaimed, in conclusion, referring to a little friend of his who having the use of both legs had no need of crutches, "won't Johnny Knowles be jealous!"

He Knew the Reason.

"I can say one thing in favor of Mr. Featherly," remarked Mrs. Hendricks, the landlady; "he never takes the last piece of bread on the plate." "No, indeed, Mrs. Hendricks," assented Dumley, cordially, "Featherly ain't quick enough."—Bazar.

SECRET WORKERS

The Plan Upon Which Coffee Operates.

Coffee is such a secret worker that it is not suspected as the cause of sickness or disease, but there is a very sure way to find out the truth.

A lady in Memphis gives an interesting experience her husband had with coffee. It seems that he had been using it for some time and was an invalid.

The physician in charge shrewdly suspected that coffee was the "Worm at the root of the tree," and ordered it discontinued with instructions to use Postum regularly in its place.

The wife says: "We found that was the true remedy for his stomach and heart trouble and we would have gladly paid a hundred times the amount of the doctor's charge when we found how wise his judgment was.

"The use of Postum instead of coffee was begun about a year ago, and it has made my husband a strong, well man. He has gained thirty-five pounds in that time and his stomach and heart troubles have all disappeared.

"The first time I prepared it I did not boil it long enough and he said there was something wrong with it. Sure enough it did taste very flat, but the next morning I followed directions carefully, boiling it for fifteen minutes, and he remarked 'this is better than any of the old coffee.'

"We use Postum regularly and never tire of telling our friends of the benefit we have received from leaving off coffee."

Look for the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The Better Circumstance

By Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews

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Lying awake, the boy could not bear to think that the dear horse and cow stood hungry in the barn, on their last night of life; how he stole into the kitchen and found the coarse bread and the milk that were saved for his own breakfast, and carried them out to the stable; how, as he came to the door, he heard strange hoarse voices speaking low, and listened and found that it was Friedel and Minna talking together; how then he remembered that once a year, at midnight on Christmas Eve, dumb beasts may find speech in memory of the night when the Christ-child lay among beasts, in the manger; how little Hans listened to the thin old horse and the hungry old cow and heard them grieving for the poverty of their master and mistress and heard them speak of the secret which, if the beasts might have speech to tell it, would make everything right; how Hans went in boldly then and gave the animals his breakfast, and asked them to tell him the secret; how they told him, in unused, rusty voices, that beneath the empty stall of the stable was a treasure of gold, buried a thousand years before by the Romans, which would make his mother and father richer than they could dream; and how just then the bells of the distant village rang for Christmas morning, and the poor beasts were dumb again, and Hans went back to his bed and waited for daylight to tell his father and mother, who dug for the treasure and found it and were happy with the horse and cow, and rich ever after."

"Don't Go to Sleep, Benny—Listen."

The story ended and the children were quiet, as if listening, thrilled, to those stammering hoarse tones of the good brutes in the chilly stable.

"Now, chickens, you must go to your roosts," the mother broke their dream, and her words ended in a sigh. "Father! It's too bad to have him left out of Christmas Eve, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is," agreed Benny sturdily. "Nobody can say 'Pdaceful Was the Night' 'cept father. It's too bad for father he had to go to the thing-ma-jig's funeral;" and, being Christmas Eve, Benny went unreproved for the description of his great uncle.

"Father'll be home before morning, won't he?" asked the girl, and went on. "Oh, I remember. You said some time in the night, but we can't tell when, 'cause the trains get late. Well, I hope he'll be here in the morning when we wake up. It wouldn't be Christmas without father, would it, mother?"

"I can't bear to have him out so late," the little woman said, and her tones were troubled. She went on as if thinking aloud—a way she had with her big babies. "Father isn't well—he ought to go south—I wish he could go," and Benny answered in strong baby tones:

"Oh, he can't go, mother. We have not got money enough—you said we hadn't."

"No, dear, we haven't," she sighed; and the girl shook her mane of hair back thoughtfully.

"I wish I could find a lot of money like Hans, for father," she said.

The fascination of the firelight as the children lay in their beds, their mother gone, held the drowsy eyes open. The girl, the more aggressive, the more imaginative of the two, went back, with a thought working its way in her mind, to the story which had a hold on both, the story of how two dumb brutes may talk once a year on Christmas Eve.

"Do you believe it's true, Benny?" she consulted her brother. "Mother didn't say it wasn't, you know."

"Then it's true, and I believe it's true," said Benny stoutly. "I'm glad they can. I know Nigger would enjoy a talking. He looks like he wanted to talk when he squeals, and he squeals words sometimes. I heard him say 'corn bread' one day."

Alice lifted her brown head from the pillow and leaned on one elbow and stared into the fire. "Nigger's out in the barn," she reflected. "Father took Mr. Jarvis' horse because Nigger's foot was lame. Benny—", she began excitedly, and stopped.

Benny gave an enormous yawn and turned his heavy yellow head. "Wha-ut?" he inquired.

"Don't go to sleep, Benny—listen!" the girl begged. "I've got an idea—something lovely, really. Why can't we go to the stable to-night—it's Christmas Eve—and listen to Nigger talking, like Hans listened to Friedel and Minna? And maybe he'll know about some treasure and we could get lots of money, and give it to father to go south with. Mother would be glad."

The boy's sleepy eyes opened and gazed at her. "Wouldn't it be naughty?"

As happened once before in a garden, "the woman tempted him." Benny was swept out on the tide of his sister's adventurous spirit, and while the fire steamed and purred an undertone they made their plans. Very nearly were the plans shipwrecked by Nature, however, for, as they waited till the night should be older, the clock ticked, the fire sang a lullaby, and the children fell asleep.

But at half-past eleven a log dropped noisily, the light of it blazed up and the adventurer-in-chief, the deed to be done in her veins, awakened. It needed all her energy to persuade the boy, numb with sleep, that sleep was not the one possibility in a midnight world. But there was a persistent spirit in her, and in ten minutes two muffled little figures crept through the shadowy house and out over the white lawn, misty with still-falling snow, and up the slope to the door of the stable.

There were half-visible footsteps in the white carpet on the ground, but the big flakes had blurred them, the children did not notice. An hour before a man had hurried along the road from town, a powerful man, walking fast. As he walked he spoke to himself in a low tone.

"The note about Pat O'Hara's broken leg ought to take him three miles, out of his way—I ought to delay him an hour. Lucky I remembered where the horse and trap would be kept."

He passed a stream, tinkling silverly in the stillness under its roof of ice and snow. He halted and stared down.

"I took my first trout in that hole," he murmured, and swung on.

But the ghost of a boy had caught his arm and clung to him and went with him down the road. He could not shake the ghost-boy loose.

"Dr. Harding took you home to lunch that day," the boy whispered, "and the trout was cooked, and they made an event of it."

"Well, what of that?" the man answered the memory aloud. "I'm not going to hurt Dr. Harding, am I?"

"He won't give up what he has set himself to guard."

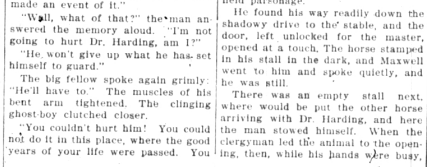
The big fellow spoke again grimly. "He'll have to." The muscles of his bent arm tightened. The clinging ghost-boy clutched closer.

"You couldn't hurt him! You could not do it in this place, where the good years of your life were passed. You made a mistake—never threw away his birthright for a mess of pottage. He's gone from success to success without an effort." The man groaned. "I hate him!" he muttered. "I'm his flesh and blood, and he never throws a thought to me. We had our Christmas trees together, and played with our rocking-horses on the rug before the fire. He was kind as a big brother to me then. But now, the ends of the earth are no farther apart than he and I—Carl Maxwell, my chances all gone, a failure, a pauper." He shuddered. "This night a thief. Ah!" The syllable snapped sharply and he threw out his powerful arms. "No, my chances are not all gone—there's one left." He struck his breast with his hand where the letter lay inside. "My one chance of beginning new is this night. I'll get that money which ought to be mine, and to-morrow I'll be off for China, and take up Bill Bacon's offer, and be an honest man, by Heaven, a successful one this time! I've got it in me, and I've learned my lesson. My God! I've learned my lesson. I'll work hard and earn my life and I'll send back this three thousand to Sidney Maxwell with my first savings. I will. Jove—it's a straight road—it's a chance in a million for a man at the last gasp. I'd be a cowardly fool not to take it—and after all I'm just borrowing—not stealing. I'll send it back sure as fate."

The sophistry which has soothed many conscience was good enough for this desperate one. Something which felt like self-respect, the unused sensation of a hope, sent him springing over the two miles from the railroad town to Fairfield, and through dim, well-remembered lanes to Fairfield parsonage.

He found his way readily down the shadowy drive to the stable, and the door, left unlocked for the master, opened at a touch. The horse stamped in his stall in the dark, and Maxwell went to him and spoke quietly, and he was still.

There was an empty stall next, where would be put the other horse arriving with Dr. Harding, and here the man stowed himself. When the clergyman led the animal to the opening, then, while his hands were busy,



"He's Talkin'—Nigger's Talkin'!"

know every foot of this ground—every foot of it has a happy association. You've played hide-and-seek in that barn of Harding's, and gone to sleep in the hay-loft. Can you go there and take money from him?"

The man's hand flew out. "It's not his money—I wouldn't rob him. It's money that ought to be mine—it belongs to Sidney Maxwell, my cousin, and it's Maxwell money—family money. They make millions a year—I'm one of them and I've nothing—worse than nothing. I ought to be as rich as he—it's a drop in the bucket to what I ought to have."

"Whose fault is it, that you haven't it?" the insistent whisper came. "You threw away your chance."

"I know it—I was a fool—I couldn't be controlled. But I was young, five years ago. If my father had lived, my uncle wouldn't have turned me out. It was Sidney who was down on me—reliable, satisfactory Sidney, who never had a temptation—never made a mistake, but always did the right thing. Sidney who was always right, and I always wrong. Sidney who was always right, and I always wrong. Sidney who was always right, and I always wrong