

**How the Doctor's Daughter won Dakin's Boy.**

Dear me, how it rains, said Hetty Wallis. She had opened the door the least bit in the world, to see if there was any prospect of its clearing up, but the rush of wind and rain that swept in at the crevice, compelled her to close it again almost instantaneously.

It was a little brown house, on the edge of the lonely western forest—a brown house, with sloping eaves and a bay window, and a dooryard full of roses whose crimson clusters gleamed faintly in the late autumn twilight.

Doctor Wallis lived here—Doctor Wallis, who had come West with his two daughters scarcely six months ago, and was the only physician in a radius of thirty good miles around.

Hetty stood by the fire, one foot on the fender, her dark, dreamy eyes fixed on the red glow of the burning logs. Sibyl, the other sister lay luxuriously back in a cushioned easy chair, waiting for the lamps to be lighted before she went on with a bit of Berlin wool work in her lap.

Sibyl was a rosy-cheeked, scarlet-lipped beauty—one of those fair, human flowers which, like the lilies of Solomon, are destined neither to toil nor to spin.

Doctor Wallis was a poor man and kept no servants; but no one ever expected Sibyl to do any of the rough and disagreeable offices consequent upon house-keeping.

Sibyl dusted the parlor, kept the vases full of flowers, washed the tea china, and did up her own pretty laces and pocket-handkerchiefs; and Hetty, the second daughter—a brown little elf, with jetty hair growing low on her forehead and a colorless olive skin—cheerfully took the prosaic part of life, as if it were her natural inheritance.

"To think of poor papa out in all this tempest!" said Hetty mournfully.

"Gentlemen don't mind such things," said Sibyl serenely. "And, of course, it's just what a doctor must expect."

"Hush!" said Hetty, suddenly turning her head in a quick, bird-like fashion.

"Some one is knocking at the back door."

"Perhaps you had better go and see who it is," remarked Sibyl, serenely.

It was a man all wrapped up in oil skin until nothing more than the tip of a very red nose was visible.

"Oh, I say, miss," said the dripping visitant, "where's the doctor?"

"He isn't in," said Hetty.

"Where's Doctor Wallis?" reiterated the man.

"He's out," said Hetty, speaking loud and distinctly, under the impression that the inquirer was deaf.

"It's Dakin's boy," said the man; "he's choking to death!"

"Oh!" said Hetty. "Croup, I suppose?"

"Don't know what it is," said the messenger. "Ain't no doctor myself. All I know is that I must bring back Dr. Wallis," said he with a nod at his lumber wagon at the gate.

"But you can't see him if he is out," said Hetty.

The man stood a moment, shifting from one foot to the other, evidently in a quandary.

"I'm blamed if I know what to do," said he. "Well, I'll tell-ee, miss. Yee just send the doctor on to Dakin's just as quick as he comes back. If Dakin's boy chokes to death it ain't no fault of mine!"

And away rumbled the wagon into the mist and twilight.

It had hardly disappeared when a little lad arrived with a note for Hetty.

It's from Papa, said Hetty, hurriedly opening it and reading aloud the following brief message:

"DEAR GIRLS:—Old Eldwood is very bad, and I shall probably be detained all night. Lock up the house as usual, and don't expect me until I come.

Affectionately, H. W."

"Oh, dear," said Hetty, blankly; "and what is to become of Dakin's child?"

"I never saw such a child as you are, Hetty," said lovely Sibyl, with a pettish contraction of the brows. "You're all ways shouldering other people's troubles. What is Dakin's child to us, I'd like to know?"

But only think of it, Sibyl, said Hetty, clasping her hands, a dear little baby suffocating to death, all for the want of the simplest remedies.

"We can't help it," said Sibyl settling back among her cushions.

"But I am not sure of that," said Hetty, briskly. "I know the remedies I use for a case of croup, and how to use them. I'll go myself."

"Hetty, cried the elder sister, are you crazy?"

"Crazy?" said Hetty. "No, I'm only ordinarily human. The child sha'n't die, if I can help it."

She went to her father's drug closet, opened it and took out several little vials.

"Syrup ipecac," said Hetty, with a little nod of her head to each. "Asafoetida, live syrup. Simple remedies, but very effectual if taken in time."

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THOMAS REILLY, CATHERINE REILLY and MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian, Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

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