

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1921

WHAT IS IN THINE HAND

"If I had them" said one with longing heart.
"The world's things to say the great
and mighty must.
And cheer it on, how gladly would I
but these sparse moments are so few!
And so these precious moments, run
and sing fast.
When I had and held, would yield
abundant wheat.
Of deals that from a tiny effort grow
Unseen, but hidden, no hidden finger
through.
"If I had wealth," another sighing
"The poor would shiver bladders on
I'd gladly spend my all for their relief,
And lavish comforts that would banish
But I have taught to give," and sorrowed more,
Unconscious of the wealth she had in
of golden, sunny smiles, to make them
glad.
Be the poor pavished and mad.
"If I were only talented and wise!"
Another croaked, with upturned, wistful eyes.
"What joy to use my eloquence to
From galling bonds the tormented and
But all gifts are dull and common-
place."
Nor headed in a little child's fair face,
Uplifted to her own, a way to teach
The inspiration of persuasive speech.
—Rejected.

Doctor Dick's First Call

By Dennis Giovall

"GOSH, I'll go!" There was an expression of impulsive decision on the young doctor's face as he turned into his office. It had fallen on his ear, like lightning, and made a hasty examination of his mother's case, the caller had recounted and rid him of through the storm. "I'll go," he said, and dashed off to his room. Then he had quickly played across his fine-cut features, "This is my first call and it's queer that it should come from old Dick. He's been ill since that needed me—well, I don't know."

The young doctor's eyes lit and rose steadily on an oak-framed, glass-enclosed, legend on the wall of the office wall just beyond the matted medical school diploma. "That legend was done in peculiar, old-style type of red and purple. Around the border of the legend, which was long fingers pointed a constant reminder of the words the legend contained. Those words the young doctor knew well. He had committed them to memory, when he had been a client but all-abiding "King of Hippocrates" and to this oath, in all certainty, Dick McDonald had appended his name, sealing himself, in service out in purpose, to all it meant, and all it implied.

The back door opened and shut. A young girl entered the office. It was Ruth, Dick's hired man who had been a maid at the old man's place. She stood for a moment, watching him in his week of preparation. Her eyes twinkled happily in the knowledge that he had received his "first call." She had come over from the house when she saw the horse ride off. Yet there was a note of anxiety in her voice when she remarked:

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