

Suppose she bought some sweetmeats with it. She was acquainted with several venders of sweetmeats, and she knew pretty well how many she could get for a farthing. Black-eyed Sue and blind Joey, two children who, compared to Lassie, were quite well off, had often gone with her to spend farthings on sweets. It was quite surprising how many they managed to secure for this smallest coin of the realm; two barley balls or a large piece of lemon-twist, or eight peppermint drops, or twelve cough-no-more lozenges, could be purchased for one farthing, whether that farthing was bright and new, or dull and worn with use.

Lassie, as she hurried home, debating all these possible purchases in her mind, could not help thinking that it would be rather unkind of any vendor of sweets, to whom she might happen to apply, not to give her more of whatever good thing she might select for her new farthing than he would for an old one. She felt inclined to buy cough lozenges out of the money, first because she would get more cough lozenges than anything else, and in the next place it would be so thoroughly delightful to be provided with these infallible remedies for that complaint which was certain to seize her before the winter was half over.

Lassie was not a particularly strong child, and as she was always underfed and underclothed, it surprised none of her associates that she should cough often and long in the cold weather. The young folk who played with Lassie, and the mother who gave her all she could spare of mother-love and petting, would have been greatly surprised if she did not cough. It was in the nature of things for children like Lassie to cough and shiver and be miserable in the winter weather; it was also in the nature of things for a great many of these children to die.

It was very, very cold to-night, and the fog embracing Lassie as she hurried forward, coming in at her mouth and down to her lungs, and causing her to draw many involuntary sighs, and to shiver violently whether she liked it or not, gave her also a sense of satisfaction, for if the cough was certain to come, so also now was the remedy. A farthing

would buy twelve cough lozenges, and surely such a number must cure any cough that ever existed.

Her body was very cold by this time, but the thought of a farthing still kept her heart warm and glowing, and when she reached Green street she was in capital spirits.

Lassie's father was a cobbler; he and his wife and family of seven children occupied a small underground room to the front of the house. A flaming jet of gas threw a strong light over the cobbler as he sat at work. Most of Lassie's brothers and sisters were about on the floor, and Mrs. Minchin, her hard-worked mother, was making fruitless efforts to tidy the place and keep the troublesome children in order.

Lassie was hailed with a shout of delight; she was always a pleasant, good-tempered child, and the others flew to her now, and asked her to give an account of herself.

'Why, child, you look fair pinched to death,' said her mother, stooping down and glancing into her white face, which, in addition to its thin and cadaverous appearance, was now streaked with dirt from the ever-increasing fog. 'Haven't you had nothing to eat, lovely? Why, you do look dreadful bad, to be sure!'

'I expect it's the cough coming on, mother,' said Lassie, tossing off her torn hat, and speaking in a cheerful tone. 'The fog's werry biting when you're a swallowing of it for hours, and it have caught my throat like. Don't you fret, mother, it's nothing in life but the cough.'

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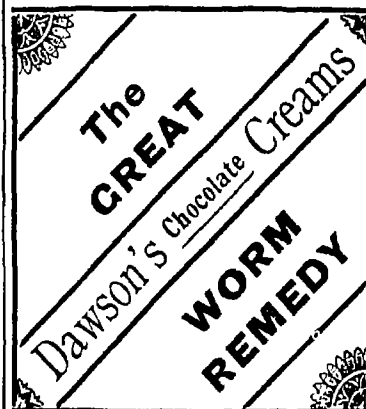
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