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"No, let me alone!" he called back. "We're all right."

Half an hour later the same voice, again in earnest, pleading tones: "Arthur, dear!"

"Well, what do you want?" he responded. "Anything wrong in the house?"

"No, Arthur, dear, but you have been wheeling Clara's doll all the afternoon. Isn't it time for the baby to have a turn?"

Naturally.

It was founder's day at the school, and the children sat in bored silence as the head master introduced a famous speaker who was noted for his patriotic fervour.

Towards the end of the discourse he waxed eloquent.

"And now, boys," he cried, "if you saw your glorious flag waving triumphantly over the battlefield, what would you think?"

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There is a perfectly straightforward, scientific reason for some of the miracles mentioned in the Bible—as, for instance, when the walls of Jericho fell down.

"You can't tell me that you believe in a lot of fairy stories like that! Absolutely ridiculous! They couldn't possibly have happened."

That is the sort of stone wall you are up against if you happen to believe in Bible stories and miracles. And what can you say? You're finished so far as any further argument is concerned.

But here at last is some definite and reliable evidence which proves that these "mythical" Bible stories are not so impossible after all. The evidence is supplied by Dr. Schofield—famous for his travels and discoveries in Palestine—as a result of exhaustive inquiries, examinations, and investigations carried out by himself on the actual scenes of the stories.

When the Jordan Dried.

Take, for instance, the story of the drying up of the River Jordan, which enabled the Israelites to pass over to the Promised Land. It sounds, on the face of it, incredible, and yet Dr. Schofield's explanation is quite a simple and rational one. The Red Sea has frequently, he says, dried up in a shallow gulf when a strong east wind has been blowing all the night before.

Similarly, the drying up of the Jordan has been accomplished by natural means. There is one place where the cliffs on either side are so close that when a landslide occurs the whole course of the river is blocked and an artificial dam is formed for some hours. The "miracle" was, of course, that God used this natural means at a definite time to fulfil his promise to the Israelites. That, at any rate, explains how the Israelites escaped from bondage with dry feet.

Everyone knows the story of the fall of the walls of Jericho after Joshua and his troops had marched round the city for seven days.

While he was in Palestine Dr. Schofield met Professor Seilin, who had discovered and excavated the Jericho of Joshua's time. The professor, who had found the top of the walls of Jericho in the surrounding ditch, took Dr. Schofield along with him to see the remains of the city.

People of Jericho Crowded Walls.

The walls were found to be of sun-dried loam and measured about 4ft. thick by about 8ft. high—not very substantial. The circumference of the city, says Dr. Schofield, was not much more than half a mile. That disposes of the belief that Joshua's troops could not possibly have surrounded it.

Various arguments have been brought forward to account for the disappearance of the wall, such as that it descended miraculously into the earth, but none of them will stand against Dr. Schofield's theory.

He believes that, although frightened at first by the nearness of the hostile army, the inhabitants became bolder when they found that the troops outside did nothing more than walk round the city. In time these extraordinary manoeuvres became almost farcical, and the walls were crowded with large numbers of curious sightseers.

They All Turned to Fly.

Then, on the seventh day, when, according to God's command, the priests blew with their trumpets and the soldiers all shouted, the people on the walls were so panic-stricken that they rushed with one accord from this sudden and unexpected development. Imagine thousands of feet thrusting against that unsubstantial wall at the same time! What more natural than that the wall should fall outwards into the surrounding ditch, filling it up, and thus leaving the way clear for Joshua and his army to pass in and take possession? Again, God uses natural means to perform His wonders, thus transforming a natural accident into a miracle.

Dr. Schofield also found the house from which Rahab the harlot let down the two spies, and he has published photographs in the June Pearson's Magazine of the natural window from which the spies were lowered.

The story of the swine which "ran down a steep place into the sea" has been discredited because no place could be found on the shores of the sea of Galilee where this could have been possible. Once again Dr. Schofield has confounded the sceptics, for he has brought back to England the photograph of a steep cliff on the shore of the lake, at the top of which lies the modern village of Ghersa. This village he identifies with the biblical village of Gedona.

This and other photographs (one of which was forbidden, but can be published now the Turks have left Capernaum), together with several interesting and important discoveries relating to miracles which have not been mentioned in this article, were published in Pearson's Magazine.

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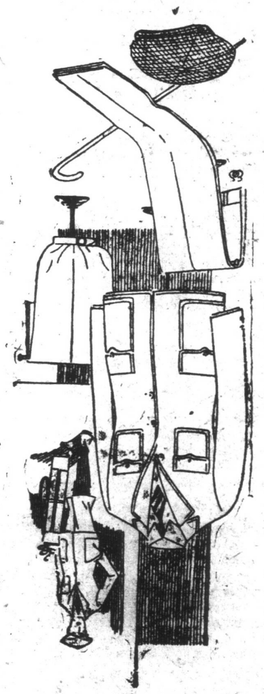

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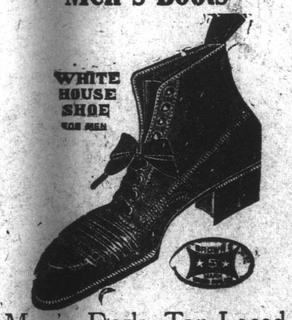

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