

up over Constance's cheeks. She was ashamed of herself for this last thought. She must get Penelope to look over her work carefully, and it must be done without speaking.

Mr. Stebbins had his back to them, and was looking out of the window watching one of the April showers. Constance made violent motions toward the slate that was turned face downward on Penelope's lap. But Penelope, jealously suspicious of her, chose to think she was being made fun of, and called out, "Mr. Stebbins, Constance Perkins is making faces at me."

"Constance Perkins will stay after school," said Mr. Stebbins severely. Then the pink in poor Constance's cheeks changed to red, while Penelope presently turning her slate, rubbed out the "delt" and wrote it again with a crooked little "a" in it.

Well, Penelope Bates wore home the medal in triumph; and Constance stayed after school and learned another line in her spelling-book; and, so far as I know, neither Mr. Stebbins nor Penelope ever found out that the faces were made by a brave little heart trying to do right, though tempted to do wrong. Neither did Constance get the little dog, for her father was a man of his word; and yet I tell you, I don't think any little girl carried a quieter heart out of that old school-house, a hundred years ago, than little Constance Perkins.

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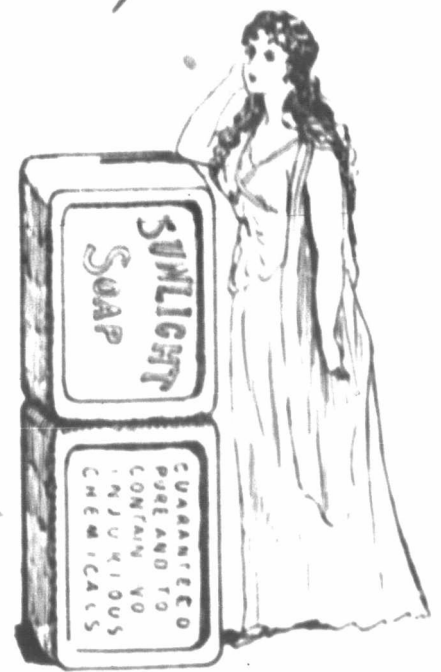
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