

and hauled by the breakers and the surf.

At the end of an hour, Alec and Evan had dumped on the sand twenty heaping basketfuls of fish. By night they had sold their entire catch from house to house, and their gains came to—ten dollars! American sardines are delicious, and a rarity on Conch shore, but it is my private opinion that people bought for these reasons no more than because the little fishermen were such splendid fellows. The next day Alec and Evan were the envy of the old fishermen, and the boys' good stroke of business made them what Alec's father called "the chummiest pair of chums that ever chummed."

When it came time for Alec to go to Washington and Evan to Boston, the boys changed caps and promised each other to be friends forevermore.

But which was boss?

THE OLDEST DOLLY IN THE WORLD.

"She's so old!" Comfort said a little crossly. "An' so 'lapidated all over!"

"Well, why not? She's been lap'ed so much," remarked the big boy, who made jokes and laughed at them himself. The big boy was Comfort's brother.

"I don't believe there ever was such an old doll as Diana-of-the-'Phesians is," lamented the little mother voice ruefully. She was holding the poor dolly up for the aunts to see, and the aunts both laughed. The curly-haired auntie held out her hand for the doll. "Poor, poor Diana-of-the-'Phesians Smith!" she said gently. "She does look old and as if she had met perils by land and by sea"—

"Yes'm, she has—both of them," said Comfort briskly. "She's been earthquaked and drowned, and once she caught a sunstroke. An' I guess she's 'most a hundred years old!"

"The doll I saw last summer was twenty-two hundred years old," the smooth-haired auntie quietly remarked.

"Twenty-two hundred years old!" Comfort's shrill, astonished little voice chimed in.

"Twenty-two centuries!" cried the big boy in big boy language. The curly-haired auntie looked just a little bit amazed, too. Certainly that was a most remarkable old doll.

"I s'pose she b'longed to Mr. Methuselah's little girls, but I shouldn't s'pose you'd have seen her," murmured Comfort.

The "smooth auntie" (that was Comfort's name, because she had such smooth, shiny brown hair) smiled. She took dilapidated little Diana-of-the-'Phesians Smith into her arms and rocked her as if she had been a baby.

"Yes, as old as that—possibly a little older. She wasn't very handsome, of course. You couldn't expect such an old, old dolly as that to be handsome. They told me (the people who take care of her) that she is the oldest doll in the world."

"Why, auntie, why!"

"Dearie me!" murmured the curly auntie.

The big boy whistled. "Has she—is her little girl main-ma 'live to see to her?" Comfort queried in rather an awed tone. She always felt awed in front of very old people—and twenty-two hundred years old!

"No," auntie said gravely. "Her little girl mamma died three centuries before Christ, Comfort. She was a little princess and lived in Egypt. When she died they wrapped her little body in soft, strange wrappings that kept it all these twenty-two centuries just the same."

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"Little girl mummy," muttered the big boy to himself.

"Yes, a baby, mummy. And when they opened her tomb (people of this century) they found the old, old dolly held tight in the little princess' hand. She had held it there twenty-two hundred years!"

"The princess' dolly is made of wood, rudely cut out. It is little and homely, but the little princess loved it."

"O yes, she loved it," Comfort whispered.

"It is in the British Museum now," the smooth-haired auntie went on. "They keep it among the sacred relics: and there it lies under the glass, looking up at this queer, unfamiliar world of to-day. If it could feel, how it would wonder where its little dark-faced mother is!"

"An' how lonesome it would feel!" finished Comfort softly. "Poor little dolly!"

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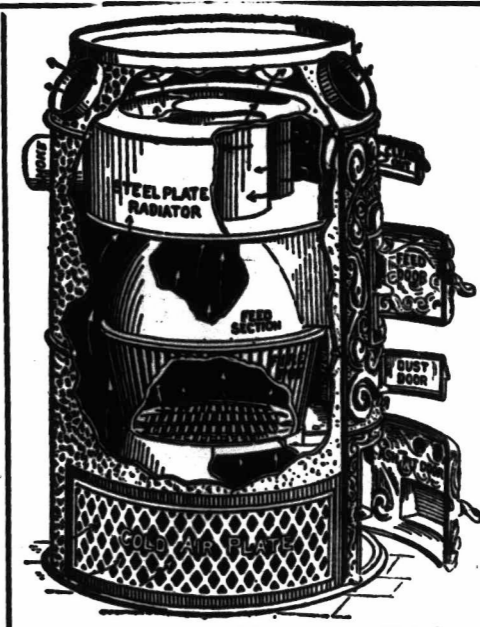
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