

In the evening the woman called. The doctor gave her a little paper box that was very heavy.

"Here is the medicine," he said. "Use it with care, and I think it will do your husband a great deal of good. But don't open the box until you reach home."

"What are the directions for taking it?" asked the woman.

"You will find them inside of the box," he answered. "Read them when you get home."

When the woman reached her home she sat down by her husband, and they opened the box. What do you think they found in it?

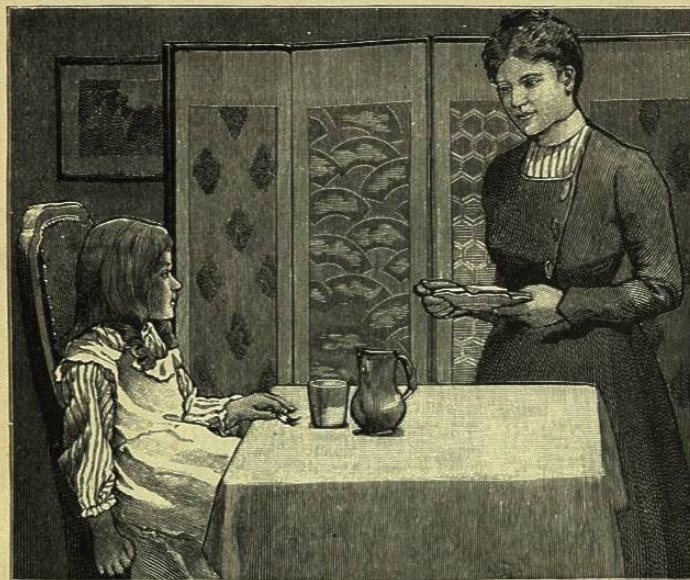
It was full of pieces of money. And on the top were the directions:—

"To be taken as often as necessity requires."

"What does he mean?" asked the man.

"He means that we are to use the money to buy what we need most," said the woman.

Doctor Goldsmith had given them all the ready money that he had.



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cheer'ŷ	mĭll'stōnes	knēad'ing	plāte'ful
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ALICE'S SUPPER.

Far down in the valley the wheat grows deep,
And the reapers are making the cradles sweep;
And this is the song that I hear them sing,
While cheery and loud their voices ring:

"'Tis the finest wheat that ever did grow!
And it is for Alice's supper — ho! ho!"

Far down by the river the old mill stands,
And the miller is rubbing his dusty hands;
And these are the words of the miller's lay,
As he watches the millstones grinding away:
"'Tis the finest flour that money can buy,
And it is for Alice's supper — hi! hi!"

Downstairs in the kitchen the fire doth glow,
And cook is kneading the soft, white dough;
And this is the song she is singing to-day,
As merry and busy she's working away:
"'Tis the finest dough, whether near or afar,
And it is for Alice's supper — ha! ha!"

To the nursery now comes mother, at last,
And what in her hand is she bringing so fast?
'Tis a plateful of something, all yellow and
white,
And she sings as she comes, with her smile so
bright:
"'Tis the best bread and butter I ever did see,
And it is for Alice's supper — he! he!"



