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Doctor Goldsmith's Medicine

Oliver Goldsmith, the author who was sometimes called Dr Goldsmith because he had studied medicine, gave away so much to the poor that he had little money for himself.

One day a poor woman called at his house and asked him if he would come and see her husband who was sick and would not eat any food. When Goldsmith called on the family he found that they were very poor because the man had had no work for a considerable time. He discovered there was no food in the house.

"Come and see me this evening" said Goldsmith to the wife, "and I will let you have some medicine for your husband."

When the woman called that evening Goldsmith gave her a small box which was quite heavy for its size.

"This is the medicine" he exclaimed. "See that it is properly used and it will do your husband the world of good. But please do not open the box until you get home."

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

"You will find full directions inside the box" he replied.

Immediately on reaching home the woman sat down beside her husband and opened the box very carefully.

It was full of money, on top of which was a slip of paper bearing the words:

"To be taken as often as necessity requires."

Once again Oliver Goldsmith had given his money to help the poor.

Fill the gaps with a word or words that have the same meaning as the text.

- 1.** The author's name was Dr Goldsmith and _____.
He had _____ because he gave it to his patients .

- 2.** Goldsmith called on the family and found there was no food in the house because _____.
The husband was sick because _____.

- 3.** He told the wife to _____
_____.

- 4.** He asked her to see that the medicine was used properly and not to _____.

- 5.** As soon as she was home she _____ with her husband.

- 6.** Once again Dr Goldsmith had _____.