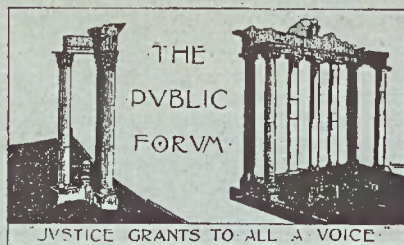


A KISS

A Kiss is always a pronoun because she stands for it,
 It is masculine and feminine gender mixed, therefore common,
 It is conjunction because it connects,
 It is an interjection, at least it sounds like it,
 It is a verb because it signifies to act,
 It is plural number because one calls for another,
 It is usually in opposition with a hug, at least it is sure to follow.
 A Kiss can be conjugated, but never declined.

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A DISTRESSING FACT.

Editor of The Caduceus:
 Dear Sir: I take my pen and write
 A fact that's most distressing.
 Please pardon this liberty,
 And give to me your blessing.

I really don't like to complain,
 But I'm upset quite a bit.
 I've tried my best to find a way,
 But don't seem to make a hit.

It's just this; since the quarantine,
 By means that are foul or fair,
 I cannot get a Caduceus,
 A treasure that seems so rare.

My humble dwelling doth abide
 Far away out in the "sticks,"
 And by the time I reach the "square,"
 It is often half past six.

And every single Caduceus,
 And each Caduceus seller
 Has betook himself from thence away,
 Yes, every single fellow.

And then one warm, dry afternoon,
 From my window I did spy
 A whole big stack of Caduceus',
 And a soldier lad go by.

I hurried out right after him,
 And I "chased" him one whole block,
 And yelled and called with all my might,
 But I could not make him stop.

Now that was just three weeks ago,
 And 'twas not until tonight,
 Could I buy and possess alone
 A Caduceus blue and bright.

I enjoy its reading very much.
 When perusing often chance
 Upon a "story" worth the while,
 And send to a friend in France.

Thus my sincere wish, you may know,
 Is to lift the quarantine,
 Bring back the "days that used to be,"
 When a Caduceus could be seen.

At the same old place, on the same old square,
 At half past seven or eight.
 And send a lad down the Boulevard
 That walks with a slower gait.

I like the Caduceus just the same,
 And I miss it, indeed I do,
 But I must close this now and say
 Best wishes, success to you.
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