

Conan Doyle,

her parents, religious questions were not obtruded upon her. The child at the age of nine knew nothing of God or of Christian teaching. She had attributed everything in her fanciful way to mother nature. One day, however, some over-zealous woman told Helen a lot of things which she believed were necessary for the child's well-being. The result was that Helen was thrown into a state of great mental distress and wrote in her diary that night a thoroughly agnostic view of the subject of her origin, which indicated reasoning powers, considering the untaught condition of her mind, of a high order.

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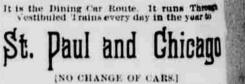
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