



## DIALOGUE 31. What have you done with Mabel?

( Weak forms 2 )

SERENA: Barnabas, what have you done with that packet of biscuits?

BARNABAS: Well, there's a sort of an alligator in a cage over there. He looked sort of hungry.

SERENA: Barnabas, you didn't . . . ? But you must *never* feed an animal in a cage. I should think you've given it a bit of a stomach ache.

BARNABAS: He's been brought here from America.

SERENA: And anyway, I bought those biscuits for tea. What shall I tell Mother?

BARNABAS: I wish I'd got some cake for him as well, Serena. He's a nice alligator.

SERENA: But, my goodness, what have you done with little Mabel? Where's she gone?

BARNABAS: Well, she's . . . sort of . . . gone. He did look so sad so far from America, and *very* hungry.