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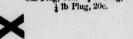
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Come, child, like a bird to its nest;
For I've promised the heavily laden Shall find in My Presence, sweet rest."
Thou knowest the sorrow, my Jesus,
The cross and the wearIness—all The cloud that hung over the mishine
Obscuring its light, like Syviour,
I am nothing at Thy Heart's Sacred portal
And cry dearest Lord, iet me in."
"Would you open wide the door
That the lance unlocked of yore?
Child, draw nearer, you shall find
Is My Heart, a shelter kind;
Leave your burden at My feet,
Here My yoke is light and sweet.
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That has cold and careless grown—
(Hardest cross of all to bear)
Place it calmly in My care.
Now I'll bless you; sweet repose
Over all the day should close.
You have felt the thorns—now rest.
In the Heart that loves you best."

GRAPES AND THORNS.

By M. A. T., AUTHOR OF "THE HOUSE OF YORK," "A WINGED WORD," ETC.

CHAPTER I.

CRICHTON, AND THE CRICHTONIANS. The delicate exuberance of a New

England spring was making amends for the rigor of a New England winter, and for its own tardy coming. Up titudinously all the little budding progeny of nature; out through rough bark burst the tender foliage; and all the green was golden green. Light winds blew hither and thither; light clouds chased each other over the sky now and then massing their forces to send a shower down, the drops so entangled with sunshine as to look like a rain of diamonds. Birds soared joy-ously, singing as they flew; and the channels of the brooks could scarcely contain their frolicsome streams. Sometimes a scattered sisterhood of snowflakes came down to see their an cestresses, and, finding them changed into snowdrops, immediately melted into an ecstacy, and so exhaled. This vernal freshness made the beau

tiful city of Crichton fairer yet, with curtains waving from open windows, vines budding over the walls, and all the many trees growing alive. It set a fringe of grasses nodding over the edges of three yellow paths ravelled out from a new road that, when it had travelled about a mile westward from the city, gave up being a road for the present. One of these paths started off outhward, and sank into a swamp. In summer, this swamp was as purple as a ripe plum with flower-de-luce, and those who loved nature well enough to search for her treasures could find there also an occasional cardinal flower, a pink arethusa, or a pitcher-blossom ful to the brim with the last shower, or the last dew-fall. The second path ran northward to the bank of the Cochece River, and broke of the top of a cliff If you should have nerve enough to scramble down the face of this cliff, you little cave imaginable, moss-lined, and rock divans. A wild cherry-tree had in some way managed to find footing just below the cave, and at this season it would push up a spray of bloom, in emulation of the watery spray beneath. Fine green vines threaded all the and, if one of them were lifted, it would show a line of honey-sweet bell-flowers, strung under its round

The third path kept on westward to a dusty tract of pine-woods about two miles from the town. No newlythis sombre foliage; but there was a glistening through it all like the smile on a dark face, and the neighboring air was embalmed with its fine resinous perfume.

Out from this wood came sounds of laughter and many voices. some shrill and childish, others deeper voices of men, or softer voices of women. Occasionally might be heard a fitful song that broke off and began again, only to break and begin once more, as though the singer's hands were busy. Yet so dense was the border of the wood with thick, low-growing branches that, had you gone even so near as to step on their shadows, and slip on the smooth hollows full of cones and needles they had let fall, not a person would

A girlish voice burst out sining ;

The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pealed.
The lark's on the wing.
The snall's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven—
All's right with the world!

"Only day is not at the morn," th voice added correctingly; "for it is near sunset. But," singing again,

" 'The year's at the spring;
The lark's on the wing;
God's in His heaven—
And all's right with the world!

which may be called making a posy

A young man's voice spoke: "All soon be wrong in a part of the world, Pippa, if I do not call the sheep And immediately a loud bugle-call sounded through the forest, and died away in receding echoes. Presently a Maying-party came crooping forth into sight.

First, stooping low under the boughs score of boys and girls appeared. their cheeks bright with exercise and pure air, their silken hair dishevelled. After them followed, more sedately, a group of youths and maidens, "Pippa. otherwise Lily Carthusen, and bugler, among them. All these young people were decked with wreaths of ground pine around their hats, waists, and arms, and they carried hands full

under the dark-green arch.

their everyday names, you would have described her as a noble-looking young woman, dressed in a graceful brown If you are a literal sort of person, woman, dressed in a graceful brown gown, belted at the waist, after a Grecian fashion, and some sort of cloudy blue drapery that was slipping from her head to her shoulders. You would have said that her hair was a yellow ish brown that looked bright in the sun her eyes about the same color, her fea tures very good, but not so classical in shape as her robe. You might have added that there was an expression that, really—well, you did not know just how to name it, but you should judge that the young man was romantic, though not without sense. If you should have guessed her age to be twenty-eight, you would have been

of light the eyes that, looking straight before her into space, seemed to behold all the glory of the skies.

The girl who came next was very

different, not at all likely to sugges poetical fancies, though when you looked closely you could see much fine ness of outline in the features and form. But she was spoilt in the color ing—a sallow skin, "sandy" hair, and light eyes giving a dingy look to her face. She was spoilt still more by the expression, which was superficial, and by being overdressed for her size and the occasion, and a little ragged from the bushes. This is Miss, or, as she likes to be called, Mademoiselle, Annette Ferrier. If at some moment unawares, you should take the liberty to call her Ninon, with an emphatic nasal, she would forgive you beamingly, and consider you a very charming person. Mademoiselle, who, like three generations of her ancestors, was born in America, and who had spent but three months of her life in France. had no greater ambition than to be taken for a French lady. But do not set her down as a simpleton. are not malicious, and may wear off. Have you never seen the young birds, clumsily they tumble about? yet afterward they cleave the air like arrows with their strong pointed wings. And have you not seen some bud, pushing out at first in a dull, rude sheath that mars the beauty of the plant, open at last to disclose petals of such rare beauty that the sole glory of the plant was in up-bearing it? have to work off a good deal of cling-ing foolishness before they come to themselves. Therefore, let us not

classify Miss Ferrier just yet. She had scarcely appeared, when one branch was released with a discourt-eous haste that sent it against her dress, and a gentleman quickly folpatient air, took his place at her side. Mr. Lawrence Gerald had that style of beauty which suggests the pedestalan opaque whiteness of tint as pure as smiles and blushes she expended on him, and which he received with the utmost composure.

The second branch swung softly back it, and Mr. Max Schoninger came into sight, brushing the brown pine-scale from his gloves. He was the last in order, but not least in consequence, of the party, as more than one backward glance that watched for his appearance estified. This was a tall, fair-haired German, with powerful shoulders, and strong arms that sloped to the finest of sensitive hands. He had a grave counenance, which sometimes lit up beautifully with animated expression, and sometimes also veiled itself in a singular manner. Let anything be said that excited his instinct of reserve or selfdefence, and he could at once banish all expression from his face. The broad lids would droop over those changeful eyes of his, and one saw only a blank where the moment before had shone a cordial and vivid soul.

When we say that Mr. Schoninger was a Jew who had all his life been associated more with Christians than with his own people, this guarded manner will not seem unnatural. He glanced over the company, and was hesitatingly about to join Miss Pemoroke, when one of the children left her playmates, and ran to take his hand. Mr. Schoninger was never on Mr. Schoninger was never on his guard with children, and those he petted were devotedly fond of him. He smiled in the upturned face of this little girl, held the small hand closely, and led her on.

The order of march changed as the

party advanced. Those who had been last to leave the wood were made to take precedence; the youths and maidens dropped behind them, and, as both walked slowly forward, the younger ones played about them, now here, now there. It was like an air

with variations.

The elders of the company were very quiet, Miss Carthusen a little annoved. She need not have wasted her eloquence in persuading Mr. Schon-inger to come with them, if he was fluttered into her cheeks, and faded going to devote himself to that baby. out again.

Lastly, two gentlemen, one at either hands, held back the branches, and Miss Honora Pembroke stepped from was the use of having ideas and fancies, if one was not to express them? Why should one go into company, if

all the scene with a light so rich as to seem tangible. Whatever it fell upon was not merely illuminated, it was gilded. The sky was hazy with that radiance, the many windows on the twin hills of Crichton blazed like beacons, and the short green turf glistened with a yellow lustre. Those level rays threw the long shadows of the flower-bearers before them as they walked, dazzled the faces turned sidewise to speak, turned the green wreaths on their heads into golden that the young man was romantic, though not without sense. If you should have guessed her age to be twenty-eight, you would have been right.

I, on the other hand, you are poetically Christian, ever crowning with the golden thorns of sacrifice whatever is most beautiful on earth, you would have liked to take the Mayflower wreath from this womanly maiden's hand, place the palm-branch in its stead, and to send her to heaven by the way of the lions. Her face need hardly have changed to go that road, so lofty and delicate was the joy that so lofty and delicate was the joy that slide out that pretty foot of hers now shone under her quiet exterior, so full hidden under the hem, and go floating round in a dance, advancing as she turned, like a planet in its path. It would have been a relief if she could have sung at the very top of her voice. She had looked backward involuntarily at Mr. Schoninger, expecting some sympathy from him; but, seeing him engrossed in his little charge, had dropped her hand, and walked on, feeling rather disappointed. "I supposed he believed in the creation, at least," she thought.

Miss Pembroke was usually a very

dignified and quiet young woman, who said what she meant, who never effervesced on small occasions, and sometimes found herself unmoved on occasions which many considered great ones. But when, now and then, the real afflatus came, it was hard to have her lips sealed and her limbs shackled As she dropped her hand, faintly fairylike in the distance she heard all

the bells of Crichton ringing for sun-Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, she sans softly, clasping her hands, still walk ing forward; and so went on with the rest of the hymn, not minding where

the others of the party were, or if there were any others, till she felt a little pull at her dress, and became aware that Mr. Schoninger's young friend had urged him forward to hear the singing, and was holding up her hand to the singer. But the Jew's

visor was down.

Miss Pembroke took the child's hand, which thus formed a link between the two, and continued her singing: Benedictus qui venit in nomini Domini. She felt almost as if the man, thus linked to her by that transparent, innocent nature of the little girl between them, were spiritually joining her in the Hosanna. How deep or bitter his prejudics might be she knew not. Their accuaintance had been short, and they had never dress, and a gentleman quickly fol-lowed her, and, with a somewhat im-That his unbelief could be profound, yet gentle and tolerant toward her belief, had never occurred to her mind. She would have been scarcely more shocked than astonished could the petal of a camellia, clustering locks she have known the the thought that of dark hair, and an exquisite perfection of form and feature. He and Miss Ferrier were engaged to be married, which was some excuse for the profuse miserable delusion be swept away! A slim, slight hand stole into Mis Pembroke's arm on the other side, and Miss Carthusen's cheek pressed close to her shoulder. Miss Carthusen was foundling, and had been adopted by a wealthy and childless couple. ng whatever was known of her

parentage. 'Lady Honora," she whispered. "this scene reminds me of something.
I am like Mignon, with my recollec cions gathering fast into a picture only my past is further away than hers was. I almost know who I am, and where I came from. It flasher We were dancing on the green, a ring of us. It was not in this land. The air was warm, the sward like rose-leaves; there were palms and temples not far away. had this band stretched forward to on who held it, and the other backward o one who held it, and so we danced and there were wreaths on our heads vine-leaves tangled in our hair Suddenly something swept over and through us, like a cold wind, sharp cry, or both, and we all became fixed in a breath, the smile, the wreath, the tiptoe foot, and we hardened and grew less, and the air inside the ring died with our breaths in it, and the joy froze out of us, and the recollection of all we were faded. We were like flames that have gone out. There was nothing left but ar antique vase with Bacchantes dancing round it in a petrified circle. you ever seen such a vase, with one figure missing?"
"Silly child!" said Honora, smiling

but shrinking a little. The girl was too clinging, her imagination too pagan. "It is said that, at the birth f Christ, that wail was heard through all the hosts of pagan demons. is dead!' they cried, and fled like dry leaves before a November wind. Pan is dead, Lily Carthusen; and if you would kindle his altars again, you must go down into the depths of perdition for the spark."

She spoke with seriousness, even

Miss Carthusen, still clinging to the arm she had clasped, leaned forward to cast a laughing glance into the face beyond. "To Mr. Schon-

edly, and stepped backward, so as to bring herself between Miss Ferrier and Lawrence Gerald. She took an arm of each, aud held them a moment as if she were afraid. "Annette, Lily Carthusen must not help us to trim the altar," she said. "It is not fitting. We will do it ourselves, with Mother Chevreuse."

"But Lily has such taste," was the reluctant answer. "And she is be displeased if we do not ask her. " And she may "Our Lady thinks more of devotion

than of taste, Annette," Miss Pembroke said earnestly. "It seems to me that every flower ought to be placed there by the hand of faith and

The children gathered about Miss Ferrier, and began piling their May-flowers and green wreaths into her arms; for the flowers were all to decorate the altar of Mary in the beautiful church of St. John the Evangelist. These children were not half of them Catholic : but that made no difference in Crichton, where the people prided themselves on being liberal. Moreover, Miss Ferrier was a person of influence, and could reward those who obliged her.

Then they scattered, dropping into the different roads, one by one, and two by two, till only three, heavily laden with their fragrant spoil, were left walking slowly up South Avenue, into which the unfinished road expanded when it reached the city. They were to take tea at Mrs. Ferrier's, and afterward go to the church; for this was the last day of a warm and forward April, and on the next morning the exercises of the Month o Mary were to begin. At the most ommanding spot on the crown of the hill stood Mrs. Ferrier's house; and one has but to glance at it to understand at once why mademoiselle is a person of influence

Seventeen years before, those who knew them would have imagined almost any change of fortune sooner than that the Ferriers should become people of wealth. There was Mr Ferrier, a stout, dull, uneducated, hard-working man, who had not talent nor ambition enough to learn any trade, but passed his life in drudging for any one who would give him a day's work. A man of obtuse intelligence, and utterly uncultivated tastes, but for the spark of faith left in that poor soul of his, he would have been a clod. But there the spark was, like a lamp in a tomb, showing, with its faint but steady light, the wreck of the beautiful, and the noble, and the sublime that was man as God made him: showing the dust of lost powers and possibilities, and the dust of much accumulated dishonor; showing the crumbling skelton of a purpose that had started perfect; and showing also, carven deep, but dimly seen, the word of hope, Resurgam!

Those human problems meet often, staggering under the primal curse, ground down to pitiless labor from the cradle to the grave, losing in heir sordid lives, little by little, firs the strength and courage to look abroad, then the wish, and, at last, the power, the soul in them shining with only an occasional flicker through the debris of their degraded natures But if faith be there buried with the soul in that earthy darkness, the word of hope is still for them Resurgam!

There was Mrs. Ferrier, a very different sort of yerson, healthy, thrifty, cheerful, with a narrow vein of stubborn good sense that was excelent as far as it went, and with a kind heart and a warm temper. The chief wished to shape and measure the world by her own compasses; and, since those were noticeably small, the impertinence was very apparent. She was religiously obedient to her husband when he raised his fist; but, in most matters, she ruled the house-hold, Mr. Ferrier being authoritative only on the subject of his three meals his pipe and beer, and his occasional drop of something stronger.

And there were five or six young ones, new little souls in very soiled podies, the doors of life still open for them, their eyes open also to see, and their wills free to choose. These little ones, happy in their rags, baked mud pies, squabbled and made up twenty times a day, ate and slept like the healthy animals they were, their greatest trial being when their faces were washed and their hair combed, on which occasion there was an uproar in the family. These occasions were not frequent,

The Ferrier mansion had but one room, and the Ferrier plenishing was The wardrobe also simple. The wardrobe also was simple. For state days, monsieur had a state costume, the salient points of which were an ample white waist-cost and an ancient and well-preserved silk hat which he wore very fac back silk hat which he wore very fac on his head, both these articles being Madame part of his wedding gen. Madame had also her galo attice, with which she always assumed an expression of complacent soleanity. This toilet was composed of a dark-red merino gown, a dingy broche shawl, and a large

straw bonnet, most unconsciously Pompadour, with its pink flowers and blue ribbons. For great occasions, the face beyond. "To Mr. Schoninger," she said," we are both talking mythology."

Miss Pembroke freed her arm decidold as themselves. The girls had the children had shoes, bought much grown; and they had hats nearly as old as themselves. The girls had flannel gowns that hung decently to their heels; the boys, less careful of their finery, had to go very much

patched. On Sundays and holidays, they all walked two miles to hear Mass, and each one put a penny into the box. On Christmas Days, they each gave a silver quarter, the father distributing the coin just before the collector reached them, all blushing with pride and pleasure as they made their ing, and smiling for some time after the children nudging and whispering to each other till they had to be set to rights by their elders. Contented souls, how simple and harmless they

Into the midst of this almost uncon scious poverty, wealth dropped like a bombshell. If the sea of oil under their cabin and pasture had suddenly exploded and blown them sky-high, they could not have been more as-tounded; for oil there was, and floods of it. At almost any part of the little tract of land they had bought for next te nothing, it was but to dig a hole, and liquid gold bubbled up by the barrellful.

Mr. Ferrer, poor man! was like, a

great clumsy beetle that blunders out of the familiar darkness of night into a brilliantly lighted room. something aspiring and only half dead in him cried out through his dulness with a voice he could not comprehend perhaps the sudden brightness put out what little sight he had: who knows? He drank. He was in a dream; and he drank again. The dream became a nightmare; and still he drank drank desperately-till at last nature gave way under the strain, and there came to him an hour of such utter silence as he had not known since he lay, an infant, in his mother's lap. During that silence, light broke in at last, and the imprisoned light shone out with a strange and bewildered sur-prise. The priest, that visible angel his ignorance, calming his fears, calling up in his awakening soul the saving contrition, leaving him only when the last breath had gone.

After the husband went child after child, till but two were left. Annette and Louis. These, the eldest, the

mother saved alive. We laugh at the preposterous extravagance and display of the newly enriched. But is there not something pitiful in it, after all? How it tells of wants long denied, of common pleasures that were so distant from those hopeless eyes as to look like shining stars! They flutter and run foolishly about, those suddenly prosperous ones like birds released from the cage, like insects when the stone is lifted from them ; but those who have always been free to practise their smooth flight through a sunny space, or to crawl at ease over the fruits of the world, would do well not to scorn them.

The house Mrs. Ferrier had built for himself in the newest and finest avenue of Crichton was, it must be confessed, too highly ornamented Ultra - Corinthsan columns; cornerstones piled to the very roof at each angle, and so laboriously vermiculated that they gave one an impression of wriggling ; cornices laden with carv ing, festoons, fancy finals wherever they could perch : oriels, bay-windows. arched widdows with craven faces over them-all these fretted the sight But the view from the place was

When our three flower-bearers eached the gate, they turned to conemplate the scene.

All found, a circle of purple hills stood bathed in the sunset. these hills the Orichtonians had bor rowed the graceful Athenian title, and called their fair city "the city of the violet crown." Forming their eastern boundary flowed the stately Saranac, that had but lately carried its last float of ice out to sea, almost carrying a bridge with it. Swollen with dissolv ing snows, it glided past, a moving mirror, nearly to the tops of the wharves. Northward was the Cocheco, an untamed little river born and brought up amid crags and rocks. It cleft the city in twain, to cast itself headlong into the Sapanac, a line of bubbles showing its course for half a

mile down the smoother tide. The Cocheco was in high feather this spring, having succeeded at last in dis-lodging an unsightly mill that had been built at one of its most pic-turesque turns. Let trade go up the Saranac, and bind its gentler to grind wheat and corn, and saw logs, and act as sewer; the Cocheco reserved itself for the beautiful and the contemplative. It liked that lov ers should walk the winding roads along its banks; that children should come at intervals, wondering, half afraid, as if in fairy land; that troubled souls, longing for solitude, should find it in some almost inaccessible nook among its crags; of all, it liked that some child of grace, divinely gifted to see everything in God, should walk rejoicingly by its "Omy God! how sweet are side. these little thoughts of Thine, the vioets! How Thy songs flow down the waters, and roll out from the clouds! How tender is the shadow of Thy hand when at night it presses our heavy eyelids down, and folds us to sleep in Thy bosom, or when it awakens us silently to commune with Thee!" such a soul, the river had an articulate voice, and answered song for song. TO BE CONTINUED.

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