

The old woman then trimmed the lamp that burnt before the image of the Virgin, and causing her daughter to rise, both prayed until the break of day:

A superb winter's day succeeded the dreadful night ; the trees even green in our happy country, were loaded with drops of water which glistened in the sun like diamonds. The pure, mild air resembled the spring, and a hundred light barks glided silently over the immoveable surface of the gulf. Peppa did not fail to make her daughter remark this happy change as a blessed augury of the divine mercy. The two women attired themselves in their holiday clothes and went down to Amalfi, where they were seen in the church taking the holy communion ; but they spoke to no one.

At night, after the sun had gone down, Tonia kneeling before her mother on Renzo's rock, supplicated her to grant her a last favor more precious a thousand times than the gift of life.

— I shall never have the courage to do it alone, help me mother !

Her mother kissed her, crossed herself.... A few minutes after, the body of a young girl was found on a terrace in the town : it was that of Tonia.

Peppa told all herself the next day, appealing to the Virgin as a witness to the truth of her story. The authorities took cognizance of the affair, and after a year of detention, she was declared to be alienated in mind, and placed at liberty.

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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION OF GIRLS.

Females, from their earliest years, should be allowed these sports and amusements in the open air, so necessary to a proper developement of their bodies, and which are now confined entirely to boys. Instead of being constrained to walk demure-