

in sight of the school and its lighted windows look at the carriages and the flowers inside the door; and there's music too. Oh!"

Yes, there was music, the time-honoured but suggestive strains of "God save the Queen," and it wound up with one final burst from the fiddies. As they listened, the carriages were driving rapidly away through the gate; lights were getting fewer. Evidently Dot's Paradise was on the point of shutting up.

"Stand ever in the light, All rapture through and through."

Dot choked down a sob; there was a mistake somewhere. This could not be the place they had sung about. Dick who had strayed into the crowd, came back to her.

"I've found out what it is. Just a concert some fine ladies and gentlemen got up to get money for the hospitals. A nice walk you've given me for nothing, Dot. Next time you come upon a Paradise, just go in by yourself—don't bother about me."

Dot was too cast down for any answer. She pattered home beside him in absolute silence, too tired to fancy any "next time" then.

And for long afterwards there seemed no likelihood of any "next time." The bleak March days lengthened into spring. There came warm flushes of sunset light into the sky away down the river; a softer feeling in the air; the docks were more than equal to other people's parks and gardens, and Dot was sublimely indifferent to the charms of the watchman's fire behind the rubbish heap, and exalted the charms of "Bonnie Annie Laurie" in a shriller key than ever.

She was giving it this afternoon with great emphasis, and sundry flourishes and variations that had never been thought of in the original version, in front of a restaurant much frequented by strangers landing from the docks. There was one at the window now, a gaunt American captain. He had listened to every note attentively with a curious twinkle in his eyes. When she finished, with a prolonged jerky quaver on the last word, he flung her out a half a crown.

The look on Dot's face as she pounced upon it was well worth the money—the first time in her life she had owned a coin of such magnitude. Clutched tight inside her ragged bodice, she felt quite weighted with the responsibility of it, as she hurried off in quest of Dick.

Dot had never heard about looking for a needle in a haystack, but finding Dick in business hours was not at all unlike that hopeful undertaking. She even visited their own attic, and put her head in at Mrs. Smithers' her landlady's door, to inquire if she knew anything of his whereabouts.

"Not I," said Mrs. Smithers shortly, without glancing up from the baby she was rocking on her knees; "I've had enough to do nursing the this child all day, without looking after a will-o'-the-wisp like Dick."

"Is it sick?" asked Dot, looking at the hot, flushed face on her arm.

(To be continued.)

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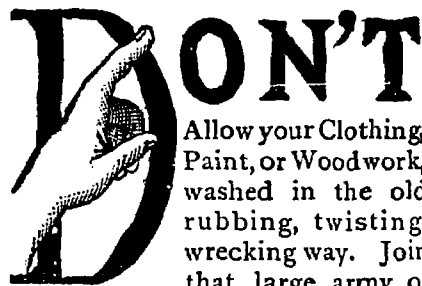
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