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rections for their dinner, smiled back into the garden and forward into the room beyond.

"Don't you love every one of them, 'Arriet?" she teased. 'Arriet didn't. "How can you help loving the queer, funny little bits of folks?" Then the door bell rang and she went to its sum-

A little Titian-haired Jewess stood on the step with a baby on her arm. come to see," she said. She walked in reservedly and viewed the babies in the prams. The thin bit one had cone asleep. Foot to foot with her Mike lay and smiled largely at the world. Mike was fat and brown and attired in scant drab calico, a happy little Pole, crooning and kicking alone. Upstairs the white cots had garnered a harvest of sleeping creepers and toddlers. From the garden came the shouts of fun of the older ones at games. The nurses looked kind. The tension on the face of the little Jewess relaxed. "It is good," she said simply. "I leave Izzy." And, putting him suddenly in Nurse O'Brien's arms, turned

But there were a few rules at the Day Nursery. One must know something of fathers, for instance.

her home, and the sobbing, responsible eider Marchuck went along for her own comfort and the further disgruntling of

So the June day sobered away from its sparkling, scented morning to the time of returning mothers and the home-going of little fcet. And beneath all the fun and responsibility and work and excitement and feedings and comfortings of the Day Nursery, there was a little pulse of pain, the memory of the tragic face of Izzy's mother and the quiet un-baby-like hostility of Izzy in his pram. Izzy's mother was the last to come, slipping in at six in her little black frock, and, a red spot on either cheek, catching Izzy to her heart with a little strangle of her breath. Izzy snuggled against her, burrowing his little olive face into the haven of her warm neck, holding her with convulsive arms. But that was all. No word, or cry from either. Nurse O'Brien told of his refusal to eat or play or be loved. His mother understood. "Bye-and-bye," she assured them. "Bye-and-bye." She would feed him at home. She bowed gravely. "The ladies, thank," she said and slipped away.

The months wore on till November.



A beautiful Fawn from the hills of the Highlands, commanding the complete admiration of

The little woman's mouth grew bit-ter. "My man, I leave him. He like Better times dawned for some of the too much pretty girls. I have spend all. I go work."

The Jew baby did not cry when the little woman, after a long heart-achey look at him, drew a black lace scarf over her tight drawn Titian hair and went away, but he turned his serious little olive face away from all ministrations or comfort, refused his bottle, and was more pitiful than any wailing.

Nurse O'Brien's eyes dimmed. Then there are two people in the North End not happy this lovely June weather, Izzy's mother and Izzy." A shadow lay

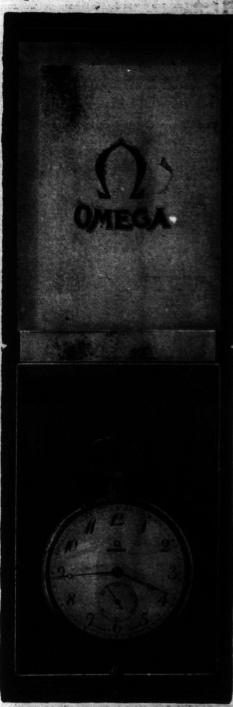
across her day. A sudden sobbing in the back-yard, a sudden clamor around the sobbing, and a rush of sobbing and clamor into Nurse O'Brien caught her away from tears to a new excitement. The elder Marchuck sobbed and the rest clamored until the matron understood that the vagabond day had got into Mary Marchuck's toes and she was lost. A search in the near-by streets and lanes did not reveal the missing Mary. So Nurse O'Brien, remembering Mary's former vagaries, rang up the police sta-tion. Yes, Mary was there, eating caraway cake, and adding to the gaiety of the sergeants. Mary was one person who regarded the olice station as a place of much pleasantness. A dis-

Better times dawned for some of the others and they might stay at home and keep their babies with them. Scotch Isabel had learned to be unafraid of the nurses. She had shrunk from their caresses when she came, her great blue eyes wide with terror under her cloud of tawny hair. The little thing had been beaten by her father when she cried. Now she learned love. Margrita Prinslow's eyes glowed in her pale face when she came at night for a small baby and an alert little toddler-and talked a bit to the matron of her day's work and tomorrow. The toddler had been months in the hospital and the mother was now helping to pay the heavy expenses. "I think he not go to walk more," she said, smiling fondly at him, as he was having the most interesting busy time ever, walking as fast as he could and catching up with a wonderful world.

And, with everything else, or nearly everything else, growing better, Izzy was still "the dour baby" as Nurse McIvor said. The little mother had softened a bit. She would not talk of her "man," would not forgive him, he had gone away after she had left him and before she had come to the Day Nursery, and it was all over. There remained Izzy. And, in spite of his aloofness, Izzy was adorable. It was gruntled 'Arriet was despatched to bring | the end of July before he would take

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