

alone that night I sprang up and threw myself on my knees before St. Anne."

Mrs. Dorio pointed to a tiny colored picture of the Saint on the table.

"My mother gave that to me twenty years ago," she said "and I have always prayed to it.

"Oh, St. Anne, I cried, save me from this pain, and I prayed on my knees for ten minutes.

"Then I stood up. All the pain was gone, and I called to my kind neighbor to come and give thanks with me.

"My foot, however, was badly swollen, so that I was unable to put on a shoe. I gradually improved, but yesterday it was still swollen and discolored. So I said I would go and venerate the blessed relic in the church.

"It was hard for me to get there to-day and when I reached the altar my foot was aching again. I prayed before the relic and when I started home my foot was as well as before I hurt myself. It is the faith. One must believe, that is all."

At the church Mrs. Dorio had to tell her story over and over to her friends and the nuns. In proof of her thankfulness, she wrote this paper:

"I, Marie Dorio, having been grievously lame, have this day been made whole by the virtues of the relic of the blessed St. Anne."

There were many more, one of the priests told me, who had been cured. An aged woman who had suffered for years from rheumatism went away without a pain, and another was cured of insomnia. I saw no discarded crutches, but was told that many had recently been left there.

In the church I saw rows upon rows of silent worshippers, most of them women and children. They knelt in the pews and the aisles, and crowded on the floor about the altar of St. Anne. Countless lights blazed in glittering candlesticks, glowing like tiny stars in the twilight of the church. Near the door stood a statue of St. Anthony, and around it pressed kneeling women by scores.

As each one rose she slipped into the outstretched hands of the figure a scrap of paper bearing some heartfelt prayer. All day long the church was crowded. Nearly eight thousand persons visited it and worshipped the relic of the blessed St. Anne.

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