

was too manly to resort to the former method, after having given his promise and received Rob's thanks, and gradually the disagreeable conviction forced itself upon his mind that that must be his Lenten work.

It was too humiliating that he, the wealthy son of a highly honored man, should be carrying around newspapers like any urchin from the streets.

But gradually there came to his help the thought of the Suffering One, and all that had been borne for him—the harsh mockery, the cruel taunts, and the bitter agony upon the Cross—and that night Archer Hartley gained his first real victory over self.

The next day he began his self-imposed labors. The work itself was not so difficult, but the performance was thoroughly galling to his sense of pride. However, he determined that no one should recognize him, so he hunted up an old cap which had belonged to his older brother, pulled it well over his head, and turned up his coat-collar. To his great satisfaction none noticed him, and he had just time before lunch, after going his rounds, to conceal his new-found disguise.

After a day or two he became somewhat accustomed to this work, but the thought of the snow-cleaning haunted him, and most earnestly did he hope that winter was gone. A slight flurry of snow at the beginning of Lent vainly frightened him, but after two weeks an unmistakable snow storm commenced early in the evening.

A pretty fix I've got myself into now, sighed Archer, as he started off for full particulars from Rob; the other is bad enough, and this is ten times worse; but I've got into it now, so I might as well go full figure.

But, horror of horrors! when Rob gave the name of the gentleman who had engaged his services Archer gave a great start; it was the father of his most intimate friend, and somebody would be sure to know him. They sha'n't, though, thought the resolute boy, as he turned away from the Duttons; I'll disguise myself still more.

Fortunately for his pride, the snow ceased to fall during the night, so that Archer could start off early in the morning. He slipped down the cellar, begrimed his face with charcoal, in addition to his other new adornments, as if poverty and dirt must necessarily go together, and dashed off.

Very luckily for him, owing to the early hour, he escaped detection, as the money was delivered to him by a servant. Though his very rosy countenance, caused by vigorous rubbing to remove the dirt, drew forth some wondering remarks at the breakfast table, nothing further came of it; and, to his intense relief, no more snow fell that season.

It was weary work carrying around the papers day after day, but he persevered, and finally Holy Week came on. By that time the doctor had pronounced

Robert well enough to take up again his daily duties, and, though he really wished now to do the work himself, Archer begged him not to take it away from the other fellow until after Lent.

Robert had already begun to suspect who this other fellow was, and, though he had promised never to tell, his astonishment and gratitude knew no bounds.

It was with a feeling of real pride, very different, however, from his old enemy, that, late on Easter Eve, Archer walked around for the last time to Robert Dutton's to carry to him the hardly earned money.

His kindness to Robert was amply repaid by the grateful boy's really sincere thanks, and still more by the significant smile and glance which Robert cast upon him the next morning, as the gift was placed upon the plate to be laid upon the altar and sanctified thereby.

Easter Day dawned bright and beautiful; it seemed to Archer as if never had the whole earth been so radiant, and never before had he so realized the beauty of the services of the glorious Resurrection Day as after his well-kept Lent.

His joy was complete when Mr. De Forrest, in his sermon that day, spoke of the peace of those who, unknown to others, had gained some victory, or in some way denied themselves for the Master's sake, and assured them that, though perhaps unnoticed here, it would never be forgotten or finally unrewarded by him.

That Lenten experience and discipline wonderfully influenced for good the after life of those two boys; the one perfected through bodily suffering, and the other by a conquered pride and a real self-sacrifice. E. H. K.

Turning sunshine into night, and making misery gratis when we are not miserable, is anything but Christian, though, alas! some very good people do sometimes make a merit of it.

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