church he walked on quickly, as he

had gone out of his way to perform his wife's request, and was obliged to

go some distance in order to regain the path which led to his day's work.

Suddenly he heard the sound of horse's hoofs in the distance. They seemed

to be coming at flying speed, and with a fear of some danger, he knew not what, Joe stood still and waited. He had not long to wait, for suddenly,

round a turn in the road came a white horse at full speed, his head down and

foam issuing from his mouth, and in the wagon which he drew was a little child, her face as white as the coat

of the flying steed, her golden curls floating on the air, and her tiny hands

instant to be overturned as it swayed from side to side in its terrible passage

Joe Crawford was a strong man and he had been used to horses from his

childhood. He advanced to the middle

of the street and stood like a rock.

As the horse came near him, murmur

thought of his own little May, he dashed

forward and seized the bridle. So great was the speed of the animal that he was dragged some dis-tance forward and his arm nearly

wrenched from its socket, but soon his

strength prevailed, and the horse stopped and stood still trembling in every limb, the sweat pouring off its

reeking hide. Joe recognized him at once as one that he had often groomed

at Mr. Dacre's, and the sagacious ani

mal, feeling that he had found an old friend, rubbed his head against Joe's

shoulder and testified in every way his recognition. Turning to the carriage,

Joe saw that the little girl had fallen to the bottom where she lay white and

motionless. Picking her up as if she had been a feather and passing his right arm through the bridle, Joe

walked quickly home, where he left the horse before the door and running up

stairs opened the door of his little

kitchen and put the child in the arms

Joe had not driven far when he saw

carriage driving furiously towards

almost before it stopped and exclaimed, "My little girl! Is she safe?" Joe

removed his hat and answered respect-

Ah! I'm afraid you've met with some

injury yourself," as Joe turned very white and leaned against the carriage

"I think I must have wrenched my

little of my wife's good linament rubbed on it will soon set it right; but I don't

think I'd do a fair day's work with it, so if Mr. Gray will kindly tell Mr.

Wentworth that I won't be there to

day I'll be obliged to him. But, sir,

tell him please that I'll come the first day this week that the sprain is all

the owner of the white horse. "What

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shoulder, sir; but it's not much.

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I. "On your way to work, Joe. just step into St. John's and drop the intention in the Apostleship box."
"Is it the same intention, Mary?"

"Yes, dear,—that we may get a little home of our own that we will tand no danger of losing and not have to bring up our little ones in this wretched tenement."

Just then a man's voice was heard in

loud, angry tones in the next room, evidently followed by a blow as a woman screamed loudly, and then ran down stairs exclaiming, "He'll kill me next thing with his heavy fist. I'll bring the first policeman I meet to him!

"Just think, Joe, of our poor little ones hearing the likes of that. If our prayer would only be answered now and we would get a nice little home to ourselves as we used to have !"
"The truth is, Mary, I'm tired drop

ping that same intention in the box month after month. I wont go there to day and be disappointed again. Why its two years since we first recom-mended it to the prayers of the League, and no answer yet. If you want it to go to-day you'll have to take it yourself." "For shame, Joe! We must per-

severe if we want anything. Perhaps the very month we leave off recommending our intention is the month it might be granted. Take it with you
—there's a good fellow."

"You'd better go over with it your-

self, Mary, as you have so much faith in the answer. I've given up all hope."
"Now, Joe, you know very well

Now, Joe, you know very went that I must get the children ready for school, and, besides, I can't leave Robbie and the baby alone. Here I'm putting it in your left breastpocket. Don't forget it;" and the little woman turned away saying to herself: "I know he'll put it in, and maybe it will be answered this time."

Five years before our story opens

Joe Crawford occupied the gardener's cottage on the estate of a country gentleman. Joe was head gardener,

and by his honesty and industry had won for himself the confidence and

esteem of his employer. Mr. Dacre,

of his astonished wife, saying: "Here, Mary, look after this little one till I come back." Then, getting into the wagon he drove quickly along the road by which he had come, expecting the owner of the estate, was a bachelor in the prime of life, and his passion was flowers, which were cultivated all through his grounds in great pro-fusion. Joe was in his element. He loved to care for the beautiful and rare to meet the owner of the run-away. him. Three men were in it, one of whom was white-looking and excited. plants which bloomed so freely in Mr. Dacre's lovely gardens; and when his They slackened their speed as they saw the white horse, and Joe stopped day's work was over he enjoyed a pleasant evening in his own neat little and alighted. The pale-faced gentle-man jumped from the other carriage cottage with his wife and three lovely children, who amused him with their childish prattle and pretty baby tricks. One morning there was a great commotion at the great house. Mr. Dacre was found dead in his bed. The estate fully: "She's all right, sir. I left her with my wife. She's a plucky little was left to his nephew, who, as soon as thing. She clung on to the wagon until I managed to stop the horse and then she fainted. If you go to No. 110 Benton street and ask for Mrs. he obtained possession of the beautiful homestead, dismissed all the servants, closed the house and went abroad. So Joe and his wife had to leave the pretty cottage so endeared to them by tender memories of the past, and go to the city of Hamilton, where Joe hoped that he might get a situation as gar-dener, and in time own a hothouse of his own. But, alas! poor fellow, he was doomed to disappointment. Situations of any kind seemed hard to get ions of any kind se that year, and, when he could not get any gardening to do, he was obliged to content himself with a day's work wherever he could procure it. What he and his good wife regretted most of all was that they had not a little home of their own in which to bring up the family growing around them, where they would not be exposed to the sights and sounds too often to be met with in the crowded tenement houses of our large cities. After they had been about three years in Hamilton little May, their eldest child, who was about seven years old, began to go to school to the nuns of the Congregation of Notre Dame. One day on her return from school she was the proud bearer of tickets of affiliation to the Apostle-ship of Prayer, which the good superioress had sent to her father and mother. They gladly accepted the offer of being inscribed as members. and promised to fulfil all the duties o the three degrees. Visiting the convent, and receiving some further explanations about the holy League, they at once decided to recommend two special intentions to the prayers of the associates—namely, that Joe might obtain steady work, and that they would get once more a home of their own. Joe had never been a day idle since, but he had not a permanent situation, and the prospect of owing a house seemed as far off as ever. With all their faith, they were almost discouraged, but little Mrs. Crawford, was sprained shoulder with the had set out ear women like proven given in holding on ing out in her fright. Her father then to Mrs. Crawford was sprained shoulder with the had set out ear women like proven give in holding on ing out in her fright. woman-like, never gave up what she had once set her mind on, and to-day

The town clock was striking 5 as frightening him so that he started to run away. The two gentlemen saw Joe Crawford emerged from the door of the dingy dwelling where he rented that they found it impossible to keep three small rooms. He was to work sight of him, and were obliged to harthree small rooms. He was to work for the day in the garden of a gentleman who lived nearly three miles out of town, which place he was anxious of town, which place he was anxious to reach so as begin work at 6. It was a lovely summer morning. The sun had just risen, and every object that met his eyes was bathed in a sea! when Joe had finished his part of the whom the pressed to his breast and covered with kisses as he beheld her alive and well before him.

"So you are a gardener?" he said that met his eyes was bathed in a sea! when Joe had finished his part of the whom the pressed to his breast and covered with kisses as he beheld her alive and well before him.

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she had again written the intention that had been dropped into the inten-

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of golden glory. He walked on briskly, taking the street that led to the little Catholic chapel of St. John.

Dacre's, sir, about fifteen miles from The church doors were just opened, and, after depositing the intention in

here."
"Why did you leave there?" "He died, sir, and all the men were dismissed and the house closed." the box, he knelt and breathed a fervent prayer to the Sacred Heart to help him in his struggle. He arose consoled and comforted. Leaving the

"How would you like to go there again?"
"Indeed, sir, the happiest years of our lives were spent there," said Joe, while his wife's eyes overflowed with

tears. "Well, Crawford, if you'll come back you shall be head gardener there once more. No need to ask you for recommendations. The fame of Mr. Dacre's gardens was widespread. My father was Mr. Dacre's nephew, and when he died a year ago he left the old place to me. My wife and children are there now, and as I told you I came to the city to-day to look for a gardener."

So the house No. 110. Page to the city to-day to look for a gardener."

So the house No. 110, Benton street lost one of its families, and Joe Craw ford, with his wife and children, once more took up their abode in the gardener's house, where the early years of their married life had been spent, and clinging with all her baby strength to the wagon which threatened every on the morning after their arrival Mr Brownley, the new owner, brought hi wife and little ones to see the man who had saved their darling Lily; and Lily herself was the proud bearer of a mys terious package bound up with a grea deal of red tape and heavy seals, ing a prayer to the Sacred Heart for help, with one glance at the white face in the carriage and one package proved to be no less than a deed of the head gardener's house, which, with all its improvements and its garden and orchard, was to be for

ever the property of Joseph Crawford.

And after all the thanks had been spoken, and the family from the great house had taken their leave, Mrs. Joe said earnestly:

"Now, Joe, we owe all this to the League. If you hadn't gone out of your way to drop the intention into the Apostleship box you would not have been on that road at all and would never have seen the runaway horse

Joe agreed with her, and so did all the children; and nowhere to-day has the League a more faithful and devoted member than Joe Crawford, who never fails to say to anyone in distress:
"Recommend the matter to the

League, and even if you don't get an answer at once you'll be answered fully if you only persevere."

#### A Word to Mothers.

Perhaps God has called away one of your little ones. Do you miss your baby? You do. You are oft-times sad and lonely. You long for a little baby head to rest on your boson; you would give all you possess to feel the clasp of baby arms around the neck, at twilight's holy hour : you want to hear little feet making music on the stairs you are hungry for baby kisses. You think if your darling could only come back, you would never be cross again; nothing should trouble you. Too late, too late! Learn a lesson from it. Be kind to those with you. Children need more than food, raiment and shelter; they need petting and loving, and some one to sympathize with them. Then, mothers, we beg of you, love your little ones; they are angels in your household, and God will call you one day to a strict account of the souls placed in your charge. Many a poor mother has lived to see her boy astray, her daughter grow to be a worldly woman, and in looking back, perhaps, she cries out, "If I had but known." Toke, warning, then, Crawford you'll get the little one, sir. I must hurry now, for I have to be at Mr. Wentworth's at 6 o'clock to do a day's work, and I'm afraid it's getting known." Take warning, then, mothers, before it is too late, and re-"My friend, Mr. Gray, will pass there and he step in and tell Mr. Went-worth that you cant be there to day. You must tell me about that runaway member that word "mother," should be to children, goodness, mercy, patience, and, above all, a world of horse of mine, how you stopped him.

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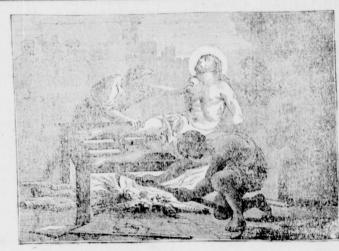
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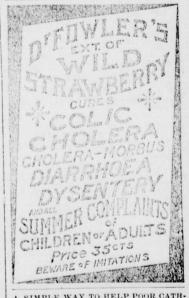
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