LUCIA'S ROMANCE

Martino's confectionary "round the corner" had always been a place of enchantment to the children of the neighborhood. What glories . it represented to eyes that were too often the companions of a hungry mouth. The tall, icing cake of two or three stories, profusely decorated, appeared perenially in the window not the same one, of course, but its facsimile was shown there, week after week, month after month, year after year, generation after generation. Like the confectionery itself, the immortal secret of its fabrication was handed down from father to son.

It was not, of course, alone in the window, or its delights might have palled upon those to whom it was so utterly unattainable. It was supplemented by wares which catered to every taste and suited almost every pocket. Numbers of queer little figures in sugar, at a variety of prices, were particular favorites. There were also cakes, coated with icing of varied color and flavor, ginger-cakes, doughnuts, macaroons, jumbles, shrewsburys, cocoanuts, in fact, all those that appeal to the ordinary particularly the special tenement, American child who is in a position wherein the Mallons had their abode to taste cakes at all. There were and the courtyard upon which their late. If you were to change, then-" others in that Italian emporium, how- windows looked, were very much in- A look of pain that was almost agever, far more mysterious in their terested to disrover that the girl had ony shot across the young man's compound, bestuck with pistachio- a beau. Not one of the idle, admir- face at the thought; what if Lucia, nuts, pecans, the humble peanut, and ing sort, that had been disposed to in the wider knowledge of life that the lordly almond. In their foreign flock about her, but a sober, mar- would come with years and improved fashion they were most tempting to riageable sort of man, who, as it ru-circumstances, should ever repent? the small epicures, who gazed and mored, desired to invest her with a who, alas! rarely tasted. They were gold ring and the dignity of wife. the girl demanded, with a gravity mental jars of glass or stands of por- personage. No one had seen him into the likeness of some pictured celain, destined to be the anticipa- with Lucia, which circumstance was Madonna. "You do not mean after neighborhood.

be said at once, was not aristocratic, that the verdure veils a moss-rose. was not exclusive, was not even She did not desire to parade her lovclean. It was scarcely, in the opin- er before the eyes of the neighborion of the world, respectable. It hood and she could not be induced to of the metropolis, had its own indi- laughter: vidual joys and sorrows. Home, that meant to many of its denizens a banns are called, but not till then." room or two in a crowded tenement. was oftentimes as dear and precious as is a mansion on Fifth Avenue to its favored inhabitants. Hope bloomed and died in that populous thoroughfare. Happiness had its spring and love its fervid summer. The children, of course, had their empire there, as elsewhere, which can always be founded even upon ruins.

In this, the kingdom of childhood, the Italian confectionery stood supreme, thing of beauty and a joy forever. As for the confectioner himself, who enjoyed a far higher-sounding title in his native Italian and in more pre-Few of them had ever caught a glimpse of him. They beheld him only in his works, and regarded him as an almost omnipotent potentate, scarcely more real than the magician

Lucia often stood before the con-fectioner's window, raising one little of which no poet as yet has sung. Nebare foot and then another from the vertheless, it has a world of poetry she said briefly. ground when the pavement began to in the sweep of its broad, level surgrow cold, arrayed in the poorest and face, flashing in the sunlight, agitatshabbiest of frocks, only kept toge- ed to mimic storms and waves by can think of time." ther by the mother's patient indus- the trunt winds, winding past the He made no further objection, howtry. And so standing, Lucia used to great cities lying upon its banks ever, for he knew that it was wise you," sne cried. speculate upon what she would buy and upward into the heart of the of Lucia always to return homeward if she were rich. She had her favor- country. It looked its best that with the first stars that peeped out pectation. They formed a picture ites among the sugar people. For in- levely evening, with the deep crim- in the sky. Only, as they arose to there in that squalid courtyard, with stance, she very much coveted a tiny son from the western sky turning thread their way back again through the tall tenements disfigured by the bride in robes of frosted sugar and a it into ruby and opal under the those swarming streets where sight, fire-escapes, towering above them so veil upon her head, accompanied by a eyes of the lovers. It was suffihearing and the olfactories were all as almost, but not quite, to exclude dapper little gentleman in white ciently poetic, at all events, for)Lu- offended, he exclaimed: trousers and blue frock coat.

for the unattainable, and her daring breadth. of the cake. She felt an eager desire dock, clad in a simple frock of she answered simply, "once the banns ness its demolition and to taste its marvelous coloring and accentuated component parts. Perhaps she was a the glint of her bronze-tinted hair. a sweet, merry, unconscious maiden, chiaalrous, and the most deferential the quarter, old and young, as chanccarolling like a bird, through the sun- of lovers, strongly imbued, more- ed to be assembled in the courtyard claimed Lucia impressively. scarcely aware of her poverty and its He gazed upon Lucia with an almost light took some of the ugliness from ery!" echoed the chorus, fairly stuconsequent privations, though Mar- wondering admiration before he ven- the scene, and rendered the expectant pified. Lucia nodded and there was a more than anything else of those sad was never weary, indeed, of admir- fairly glorified Lucia as she stood pation, a half doubt that the girl realities.

should not be permitted to form part highest aspirations would be satisfied. of any neighborhood, took a pride in Moreover she way deeply, warmly and "Luigi, the barber?"
Lucia's beauty. The quarter, and honestly in love with the young man "Better than that."

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"I will tell you all just before the which you will never be." She spoke thus, usually, when surrounded in the evening by an audience composed of many of the children of the vicinity, with whom she was a beauty," she went on, "it was not favorite and who could never realize for anything like that. It was, pershe had really grown up, and a number of the young people about Lucia's own age. It was their cus- you. tom to gather in the courtyard as long as the weather permitted, and to talk of all manner of things. Occasionally Lucia's sweetheart, after especially at the holiday time, when the two had been betrothed, preits window burst into an exuberance sented her with horns full of almonds of marvelous products, and became a or the most delicious of the nut cakes answered. for shich she had once sighed, and she among her cronies. Only she could been gently reticent, captivatingly generally distributed these offerings been styled a caterer, he remained to the children a vague abstraction.

name, his occupation, nor when they were going to be married. Her fathnever be induced to tell her lover's the children a vague abstraction. Few of them had ever caught a consequence of the conseq own counsel, however, and that suf-In spite of environment, Lucia's was

of their fairy books or Aladdin of the mance. Its hero was a young man, vid Italian tongue come so naturally Among the most constant frequent- girl he had chosen. He was dark rying me because I am richer than ers of the window and the most en- and thoughtful of face, slender and you, and can give youthusiastic admirers of its marvels, somewhat stooped of figure, with a was Lucia Mallon, who, it must be general air of respectability and of she inquired, a ripple of laughter owned, devoured the good things dis- being beyond the range of those with overspreading her face at the thought. played therein much more frequently whom Lucia ordinarily associated. A moment later the laughter faded with her eyes than with her pearly They had, or more properly speak- and her expression changed to one of little teeth. Lucia was a very pretty quarter. The girl was anxious to the deepest gravity. child, Irish on the fatheris side, Ital- keep her secret as long as possible. ian upon the mother's and she inher- Only her parents knew where she "I would not marry you if you had ited the beauty of the two races. was going when she set out im- all the wealth that is in this city. Steel Alley She lived in the most unpropitious mediately after her early supper, I would rather go barefoot for the surroundings, in a courtyard over- dressed in her most becoming frock, rest of my life and wear ugly frocks looked on all sides by tall tenements. with a flush upon her cheek, a joy- and feel hungry, as I have done very The Mallons, though honest and decent, were undeniably poor. Her fa-upon her lips. Antonio and she and let often." ther, who had never been taught a found their principle happiness in a they sat in a happy silence, looking trade, was glad to eke out a scanty walk which they took every fine out over the water, watching the sustenance for his family by attend- evening together. Once-it was in ing to furnaces in winter and doing an exquisite summer twilight - the its radiance from the thick clustering any sort of odd jobs in the summer. pair extended their walk as far as roofs and spires of the city upon the old woman who sat by in an arm cia, who found something satisfying

She sighed, thus it may be seen, to her nature in its freedom and dreams even scaled to the third story | She sat down upon the edge of the to tear it down, or at least to wit- dark red, which brought out her are called, we need not delay." Nihilist at heart. If so, she was un- Despite his prosaic surroundings, An- kept her promise of disclosing her an eager chorus. aware of the fact, and went her way tonio was the most ardent, the most lover's identity to such denizens af ny pathe of childhood. She was over, with the poetry of the south. after supper. The mellow evening tino's window, in fact, reminded her tured to seat himself by her side. He group unconsciously picturesque. It that he was not rich, so as to take had to impart: Having thus sung her way, as it her away to Italy, and cause her to "I am going to be married in three were, through the May-time of child- be painted by famous artists. Deep weeks' time," she announced with a hood, plucking the flowers upspring- down in his heart he hoped that this faint, pretty flush; her voice was soft ing in the arid soil about her, she dream might some time be realized, and rich, like a melody. reached the June of early woman- and who can say? For is it not of- "To whom, Lucia?" exclaimed sevhood. She was beautiful, and she ten the unexpected which comes to eral voices. was fairly well-plucated, having as- pass, and the fancy of to-day besiduously attended the parochial comes the fact of to-morrow? It school. She was, therefore, enabled seemed as fae off and as unattainable

to earn a moderate sum monthly, by as Lucia's childish dream of poswhich, besides assisting her parents, sessing and demolishing the three-spokesman for the rest, began to ago, they are now a strong force she procured for herself shoes which, story cake. The girl could never have check off, upon her fingers, Lucia's in business. They advocate the preof course, were whole, and frocks imagined how far these ambitious known admirers: that, though inexpensive, were decid- projects threatened to carry her lovedly becoming. She had an artist's er, even to the breaking through of instinct for the colors which best traditions and the cutting loose from cld ties. Lucia's horizon was The whole neighborhood, leaving a limited ore, and she felt persuaded aside the envious and malicious, who that in her approaching marriage her

THREE Trying Times in beside her, and for his sake would have been willing to give up everything. As she looked out over the water, the salt breath of the distaat sea bringing a slight color to her cheek, the lover said, suddenly:

"You are so very beautiful, Lucia, and I am not worthy of you. You should have married a great signor, who would have taken you into his world."

Lucia, opening her eyes wide, turnthem in astonishment upon her

'Why, you foolish Antonio," she cried, "what would I do among lords and ladies?" "They would worship your beauty

even as I do, ma mie," declared Antonio, fervently. The happy laugh of the girl's unconsciousness floated out over the wa-

"My beauty!" she exclaimed, "and always my beauty. Why do you let these fancies trouble your mind when you are offering me so much, and are going to make me the envy of every girl in the quarter?"

Antonio shook his head. "What I am giving you is not much," he said, sadly. "You do not know your own value. Pray God you never may when it is too

"What do you mean by too late?" the complement of candies in orna- There was some mystery about this which transformed her beautiful face tion, the delight, or the despatr of entirely due to management upon her we are married, and the priest has ?he children thronging that populous part, and to a certain shy reticence given his blessing and united us unin matters of the sort, which veiled til death do us part. You surely can The neighborhood, it may as well her beauty in much the same way not mean, Antonio, that I should ever change after that!"

"You are such a child!" sighed the young man.

"I am a Christian," Lucia said, came perilously near to being describ- talk. When she was sore pressed with solemnly, "and when we are married ed as a slum. Nevertheless, that questions, she replied, with twink- I shall have the grace of the sacraportion of New York, like the rest ling eyes and face rippling over with ment. A wife does not change after that, even if the husband is bad,

> Antonio bowed his head, rebuked by the dignity of her attitude and her simple faith in the power of the sacrament.

"If the good God has given me hape, to make you love me, as I love

There was something inexpressibly winning in the look and tone with which these words were said. Antomo raised his head.

"You do love me, then?" he asked. "With all my heart and soul," she

She had never told him so much before in so many words. She had reserved, letting her tenderness and fess this now, in the soft loveliness of the twilight.

"Lucia, my adored one!" he cried, certainly a very pretty little ro- using those epithets which in the fersomewhat older and graver than the to the lips, "you are not, then, mar-

"Sugar plums and almond cakes?

"Unless I loved you," she cried,

Antonio was satisfied at last, and sunset fading away and withdrawing

"Oh," sighed the lover, "you love money in the bank." me less than I love you, since you

"I brought you here that you might have not yet done so.'

"Let it be what day you wish,"

Before the banns were called Lucia ing her and idealizing her, regretting among them, smiling at the news she

"Guess!" "Oh, how can we guess?-"

"You must." A girl, who constituted herself as

big hotel?" Lucia shook her head. "Marco, the image vender?"

"John Carroll, the bricklayer?" "No, indeed." "Luigi, the barber?"

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danced with merriment. "Stupid people, I shall have to tell

The crowd waited in breathless ex-

the gleams of the dying sunshine. "I am going to be married in white name our wedding day, Lucia, and you with a veil upon my head, like the sugar bride," the girl announced-and

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breathless pause of wonder, of anticimight be romancing. It was broken by the murmured inquiry: "Tell, oh, tell us quick, Lia, who

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