

diminutive Egyptian *sais*, who appeared, as by magic, from behind the bend of the whitewashed wall; and, detaching his parcels from the hump of the red-leather saddle, pushed open the heavy wooden door and passed into the seclusion of the court beyond.

The little domain consisted of a range of rooms opening on to this square courtyard, in the middle of which there was an old Byzantine well-head sheltering under a tamarisk. The rooms were protected from the sun by a series of small whitewashed domes supported upon rough pillars, these forming a kind of cloister along the four sides of the square; and opposite the main entrance an open archway led into a small garden surrounded by a high whitewashed wall, wherein grew palms, hibiscus, roses, and many a luxuriant flower. At the far side of this well-kept plantation stood a little chapel, also whitewashed, up the walls of which climbed a vivid mass of purple bougainvillea; and behind its domed roof the towering cliffs formed a rugged and tremendous background to the placid scene.

In this quiet retreat, from which the racket and bustle of the restless world was shut out, and news of high events penetrated only with the weekly newspapers, themselves ten days old, Father Gregory lived every year from October to March. As he crossed the Mediterranean on his journey from England each autumn, flights of migratory birds could be seen hastening in the same direction away from the approaching winter; and when, in the late spring, he returned to his native land there passed above him these same adventurous companies seeking the temperate summer of the North.

Throughout his life, from the days when, as an unknown young member of a famous preaching order of the Anglican Church, he had spread the Gospel of his Master in the slums of London, to the

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