

THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON.

An Historical Romance of the Times of Queen Elizabeth.

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CHAPTER I.

It is the custom of musicians when they are about to execute some melodious symphony, to commence with an introduction or prelude, to dispose the mind of their audience, whether by the sound of trumpet or drum, or with the gentler strains of flute or violin, for the leading air, which will recur with runs and variations ever and anon through the composition. Orators and preachers too, say a few words to introduce their subject, and even the hard-headed philosopher does the same. It is not my intention to deviate from such excellent examples, therefore I will prefix a few suitable explanatory remarks to the sorrowful but true history which I shall record in these pages, in obedience to the desire of my most gracious mistress, her Imperial Highness Isabella Clara Egenis, the consort of our Stadholder. And the task shall be performed to the best of my ability, according to the canons of art, that no one may apply to me the words of Virgil: Rastione ex Corydon! Thou art country-bred, O Corydon!

When I remember the day on which the Archduchess enjoined on me to undertake the work. It was one day last May, when, with Mary, my dear wife, I had the honor of accompanying her Imperial Highness, as was our wont, from the Castle at Teruereen to the monastery of the Capuchin Fathers which she had erected, and to whose chapel she went almost daily, when the Court was moved from the neighboring town of Brussels to our little hermitage in the wood.

On the day in question our diurnal pilgrimage had to be postponed until a late hour in the afternoon, because about noon, a heavy storm, with thunder and lightning, broke over Teruereen. I am thankful to say nothing was struck by the lightning, nor were the crops, which had just come into ear, beaten down by the hail, although a few large hail stones fell, and the aspect of the sky led one to fear much damage might be done. The blast bells of the parish church were duly rung by the sexton, and the little bell of our St. Hubert's chapel chimed in amid the roll of the thunder, like the voice of a little child raised in prayer. Thus we were protected by the power the Church possesses over the spirit of evil, as the old proverb says: fulgura frango.

Towards evening, the wind having driven away the clouds, the rays of the setting sun shone out brightly, and the varied hues of a beautiful rainbow appeared upon the arch of heaven. The archduchess, who is well read in the classics, recalled to mind the lines: Irim de oculo mihi Sitarina Jano. Only this time it was not the pagan goddess Juno, who sent this token of peace to the dwellers on earth, but the glorious Queen of Heaven, invoked by Christians in the hour of danger.

Quae picturata coelum distinguit amica Ingenitumque fuga secutis sub nubibus aera

Which lights up the heavens with her many-colored robe, And spreads her vasc bow beneath the clouds in their flight.

In a little while we stood in the oval window of the castle, admiring the bow which God had set in the heavens as a pledge of His mercy to Noe, when my gracious mistress remarked that the storm had passed over towards Lusitania. "In a few minutes the rain will cease," she said. "Then we can pay our accustomed visit to Our Lady of Dilection in the Chapel of the Capuchin Fathers; it is the only right to return thanks for the protection we have experienced." So then she led for her cloak, which was similar in shape to the worn by the Buzgines, and we three went down the stairs, followed by two maid servants. In addition to these attendants, the captain of the guard, Count R. de Milan, who had come to the Netherlands in the suite of the Prince of Parma, a good and prudent man, ordered two pikemen of the guard to accompany us, as there were a good many traps about in the wood through which our way led us.

After a short prayer in the chapel of St. Hubert, attached to the Castle, the Archduchess began to recite the Rosary, as was her custom, while we and the two maids, answered the responses, as we walked along the path by the side of the large pond, leading to the beechwood. The foliage had to some extent suffered from the recent storm; here and there a few sprigs of tender green leaves lay in our way, and some drops were now and again showered down on us, as the wind shook the overhanging branches. My lady paid no

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A PRAYER.

BY ELLIOT KAYS STONE.

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Just a little word, O Lord, A little word from Thee; Let me hear Thy "still, small voice" Calling unto me.

Just a little light, O Lord; Let it fall on me, And I will not fall so much When Thy beams I see.

Just a little love, O Lord, A little love for Thee, And my love for every one Will so much greater be.

Make these "littles" great, O Lord, Greater day by day, Then forever I can tread In the "perfect way." —Rosary Magazine.

F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means Freeze every body, and the man looked frozen in his ulster. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth, it invigorates the blood and speeds it along through arteries and veins, and really fits men and women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

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