"The air is full of voices faint: The rain is cold and dim the day No ear gives heed to my complaint Tis time I were away!" -The Acades

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. BY ERIC L. GREY. Once there bloomed a radiant maiden In the days of long ago, Who with sin was never laden,

Purer than the Alpine snow For this maid who'd bring release And should bear the Prince of Peace

Her we bail, that radiant maiden. At early morn, at evening late, And by tender names we call her-Maid, Mother, Spouse, Immaculat Maid, loved by our Heavenly Father :

ed by thy dear Sor Spouse, thy Holy Spirit cherished Persons three, in Godhead one. Brighter art thou than the morning, And we call thee "Heaven's Gate; Fairer thou than star of evening, Maid, conceived Immaculate When we call upon thee, Mary

When upon thy name we call, By thy stainless, pure Conception Hear and guard thy children all DANTE-

That singer who in Italy of old tirew lean of sorrow and his grea To lead life by a passage high and bold To gaze upon its destiny, while ever Love to the living should out mercy hold-

They say was proud: nor could his own From what he claimed its due from men

True! He who with an unclogged pur-

Had love a secret that she hid from him? Her graciousness and glory he had seen; Her all-sufficing beauty was made dim,

ought first to find in her the Seraphim Of their desires exalted to be Queen. Dethroning her they knew not, but h Yet, was there something hidden from his

Nay! All that eye could tell of her he

Rapt in majestic vision high he flew,

Till on the clear steps of God's throne h

His heart. But had she come with gentle And leaned to him, perchance he had found

- Macmillan's Magazine.

THANKSGIVING.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER The little brown house by the road With vines running up to the eaves, Where, the summer long were bursts

song,
And a flutter of wings in the leaves; Oh! the little brown house was merry In the days that used to be, When the boys and the girls with the sunny curls Were close at the mother's knee

But the little brown house by the road Is lonely now and still, For Robert is dead, and Alice is wed, And Louis must bide at the mill; Father is gray and silent, And the mother's foot is slow, And you hear the clock with its faint tie

tock,
As you could not long ago.

The little brown house by the road, From the swift train flashing by, I watch it stand in the quiet land Under the quiet sky; From the time of the gol

To the hour of the falling leaves, Erom the time of seed to the waving And the flush of the ripeased sheav The little brown house by the read,

The little brown house by the road,
When I passed it yester e'en,
Sudden and sweet it laughed to greet
My eyes with a dazzling sheen;
There were tamps in the twinkling wind
I knew as I rattled past
That the fire was bright on the heartha
And the children home at last. To the fittle brown house by the road
Had come thanksgiving day,
And the winter air if they felt it there,
Had the tender warmth of May.
The father's tongue was loosened,

Had the tender warmth of May, he father's tongue was loosened, And the mother's laugh was clear, or the chrism of love was poured abo. The home, in the waning year, he little brown house by the read—Oh! mother old and gray, onest and true they return to you, The children who went away; and Ray, who is off in the army, And Frank afar on the was, over longest the tanks they were set, At home, by the mother's kness.

CHAPTER VL-[CONTINUED] Meanwhile, poor Agueda saw her ather's anxiety, suffered from her lover's jealousy, and had the mortifica Captain daily wrote and received let- coaled her admirir shall be taken to last of it, as you would see! ters. One night he said, on reading prison, said the Alcalde.

norrow my pardon will arrive."

omising affair that worried him more em far from bere." 'Not a word,' answered Simon, cheer-

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of his annoyance, and of the extreme darkness of the night. the Alcalde is just as sour as ever, man's sufferinger his hair was white and would be too glad to find us out

'Be quiet, mother-if he

mother, still crying bitterly. W! at?' asked Simon anxiously

He has carried off the child! unhappy father, 'which way did they go? tel! me quickly-what road did 'No one saw or heard them.' replied

his mother, sobbing. Simon threw his bat on the ground, and tore his hair wildly.

calling in vain upon your father! A horse! a horse! a gun!" exclaimed Simon, rushing to seek both. 'Neighbors, companions! Lend me a helping hand means most potent-he of joy forlorn crimes ever imagined by a God-foreaken man! As you are Christians, With eyebrows drawn, and sad, averted Senores, help a father whose daughter has been torn from his house!"

The neighbors assembled around the decracted father with indignant sym-And with austere hand holds his robe in pathy. Many brought horses, mules, and guns, preparing themselves, with Most silent when men's laughter is most the ready kindness of the country peoand before it was possible to distin- and delicate, tried to smile at him as day. nim proud;
Yet he himself knows well what is his loss,

'Pather, Julian has saved me!' murcould kiss the ground you walk on.

lood in my veins!' Briefly, what had happened was this. At nightfall the Captain told Agueda that his friends were coming for him. and begged her, by means of a folded paper, to find out if they were in the live-yard close by. Greatly surprised, Agueda hastened to do what he wished. and a man immediately came forward Agueda at once announced him to the Captain, and placed the ladder against he garret window that he might de-

word, which he did without saying a word, and Agueda quietly followed Julian, and all will be made right. The sweetness of her look. Still pain word, and Agueda quietly follo him to shut the gate of the yard after him. Hardly had she opened it when there, who tied her hands and feet gagged her, and placed her on a horse greans, and the voices of the neighbors who were talking about Agueda's disappearance. Julian went home, where he chanced to meet the innkeeper, and said to him in an agitated yet firm

the horse yourself while I get arms.'

way to Portugal.

Hardly had the fugitives gone a les

Julian obered. you as you have served my horse, con- adding, with country frankness,

Senor Simon Verde, I hear that toing scene that had touched so many

Julian this from me. rrow my pardon will arrive.'
Hurrab! said Simon, delighted.
It has to pass through various darkness, solitude, and silence replaced anyer. Agueda, though Julian leaves darkness, solitude, and silence replaced anyer. Agueda, though Julian leaves to nie to nied his cause. I only give you

the birds, and bowed the heads of the got to tell you that Julian asks you t and more each day. But you must il were that brighten the country in give him the carnation. e-lemnly awar to say nothing until I Addalusia, even in winter. The river flowed turbid and swoilen by the cur-

eruelly their chilly destititution.

Along the riverside, leading from Triana to Gelves, a man was walking grandmother's blindness, the oud seemed long to him, on account ins annoyance, and of the extreme slowly and sadly. His face bore the poverty into which they had fallen, which compelled them to live upon and his expression, though good and broken this tender, delic in anything. We must not be dis- kind, was so sorrowful that it was

> ing of this unfortunate family, it was of the man. 'Simon, my son,' said the poor, blind nother, do not be discouraged. You a second time sold. What would be

wn good words. strong against misfortune, we had the neys to Seville on foot, and, as may be est possessions of the poor—health lost both, and you, my mother, your than ever, for it had been raining, and yes from weeping, and all by my

alt. It is through no fault of yours, my having no others to put on. 'Agueds, how do you feel?' said he s n. What has happened has been G d's will and in believing this you will find comfort and resignation.

Mother, I am resigned, but I must feel and weep. Let me mourn for the smiling, though the dimples that once daughter who has suffered so much. lent grace and youthful charm to her he mother who could not see him, yet ple, to accompany Simon, when the upon him as she did caresses when he swift heavy tread of horses was heard, was a child, to his daughter, who, pale

That perverse, wicked Alcoide! da, when her father repeated the ques Yet he himself knows well what is nis to a Lulian and Logonin 'mi nind' and a neighbor, whose team showed ton. her deep compassion, 'God has already judged him. Simon, for if he shut you his tears with difficulty, 'I passed 'Julian' said Simon earnestly, 'you ip in prison, he has had a cancer in his face for the last year, from which could kiss the ground was walk on I be can never recover. It is a last year of the half-courter had be can never recover. ould suss the ground you wats on.

of God. You have come out of your to-day, which are barely sufficient for prison on foot, but he will never come buff a loaf of bread oil and charcoal out of his alive; and it serves him to make a meal.

right, Simon.' His trouble won't cure mine, Beatrig. God forbid I should wish

mother. We lose the fruit of our tribulation if it makes us uncharitable o those who have done us evil.' Approaching Agueda, so as only to be heard by her, Beatriz said, 'When

'Il' exclaimed Agueda, her pale face suddenly flushing; 'I marry Julian, after all that has been said of me? Pray, do not think so, Tia Beatrig! Julian is much too good for that. When away at full speed. Half an hour afterwards Julian was passing Simon's house when he heard poor Tia Ana's testimony, no man could marry me

through me.

'Come, Aguedilla, with all your pretended humility, this is pure pride, my child. Don't you see that his marrying you would set all to rights?

'No one can get like the parket, and will read the parket, and will r

'No one can get all to righte but the he horse yourself while I get arms.'

'Where are we going?' asked 'mi It is not in Julian's power to restore Host to the church, and accompanied the Sacred

Benacoz; these rascals are on their way to Portugal.'

Agueda felt this so deeply that since simon for you to come, as the dying saying, Julian started at full speed, followed by 'mi nino.'

Hardly had the fugitives gone a leasure of the state of the s gue, when they heard the gallop of borses behind them.

The graph of the unhapy girl heard his voice there is no time to be lost. horses behind them.

'We are lost, it is the guard,' said the Captain.

'Rurry your horse,' said the others, perceiving that the horses in pursuit, better than their own, were gaining better than their own, were gaining the said of th One day 'Mi Nino 'entered Simon's feee enveloped in bendages, house where he was always welcome topetessity dying, yet with an in since he had assisted in the resone of tal soul. As soon as he saw Sim

Surprised at the disturbance he heard, the Alcalde went from his house to the scene of Agueda's return, and was not particularly pleased to see in his son the heroic rescuer of Simon Verde's daughter, and in this panting and fatigned horse the victim of the chivalrons adventure.

The first person he happened to meet was 'mi nino,' whom he attacked saying 'Who gave you authority you reque and scoundrel, to take my horse 'He will be miserable, Agueda.'

'He dan't halp it. I know,' answered the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bitter smile on her pale in the poor girl, with tears in her bleak gere and a bleak gere and a

s a stray

"I told him to take it, father," said 'I assure you be does not forget you." 'I have something to say to you,' on his ample cheet.

"I have something to say to you,' on his ample cheet.

"I belive it. but rem buried in the Campo Santo.

But you are not going to die,' said 'Leave my presence, or I may serve 'Mi Nino,' looking at her fixedly, and tion of hearing the passionate declara-tions of the Captain, when she mounted the ladder to take him his food. The of her conduct; and the man who con-'I shall not see it,' answered Agueda

the hap in pass torough various forms, but they expect to be able to send it to me to-morrow. However, I must ask you to stay at the inn till it arrives, which may not be before evening, said the guest.

I will wait there for it with pleasure, replied Simon, gladly seeing time of the properties of t

'Tell him,' answered Agueda concaned overhead It was, in short, frost kills them." Hardly had Joaquin departed when

I'be home of the late Alcalde was far in anything. We must not be disc graged, however. If the pardon has
not come to-day, it will, please God,
t remorrow.

As Simon approached his house at
should find at home—a daughter distouching beyond words. This was
from a happy one. Besides his terfrom a happy one, although the did
dienated by his conduct the affection
of his only son, who, although he did Gelves, he heard his mother exclaim, crying; Son, he has fled."

honored by calumny, and a mother slowly but surely dying, already blinded by weeping, both dependent upon from him in feelings. So much mi but—but—my dear son,' said his the poor. Upon the first painful meet.

CHAPTER VIII.

Simon had the grief of seeing his poor ass die of ill-treatment after being once said that a good conscience was a soft bed, and it is true. Therefore, do t be disheartened; remember your lame, emacisted, covered with wounds and bending under heavy loads.

When I said that, mother, and felt At that time Simon made his jur sed, his earnings were very small. and reputation. My darling child has One night he had come in more tired the road was beary and muddy. He CENTS felt quite exhausted in his wet clothes

her grandmother's shoulder. 'Very well, father,' replied Agueda, Simon cried bitterly, as he looked from face were no longer visible in her thin 'Have you had anything to eat?' Si-

non asked of his mother. She did not answer. They had eaten nothing that

'My child,' said Simon, restraining enough. I have only earned two reals half a losf of bread, oil, and charcoal

At that moment the heard to ring for the passing of the Sacred Hoet. Simon rose and uncor barm to my greatest enemy, gred his head. His mother recited the 'Well said, Simon,' added his 'Pater Noster,' adding at the end, 'In mercy receive the soul that de

'To whom goes His sacred Majesty? asked Simon when the prayer was over.

'If I had a cloak I would acc His sacred Majesty, although I as neither friend nor relation of the Al-calde's,' remarked the good Christian. 'Go all the same, my son,' replied am dissonance by his land and the solution and reverence that make your outtestimony, no man could marry me
tion and reverence that make your outward appearance acceptable to the
Lord, who sees all hearts, and will read

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To Porsuna, to seek the road to denacaz; these rascals are on their his.'

Yes, you Let Miguel take a way

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One day 'Mi Nino' entered Simon's house where he was always welcome since he had assisted in the resone of Agueda, under a pretext as clumsy as ince he had assisted in the resone of Agueda, under a pretext as clumsy as himself, and said to her in a loud wisport, at all events.'

The pursuers approached still nearer, and the Captain, placing Agueda by the side of the road, quickened his pace, his companions having already done so. Seeing herself free, Agueda succeeded, by a violent effort, in releasing one of her hands, with which she removed the handkerchief from her mouth, and cried out, 'Helpi' at the very moment the horseness came up, But it was no goard that came near to aid her; it was Julian.

Surprised at the disturbance he succeeded to him his emaciated arms, hopetensity dying, yet with an important hopetensity dying, yet with in hopetensity dying, yet with a minor had been as all soul. As soon as he saw Simon he extended to him his extended to h

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