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Lord Assitas gave the bride away, but Lady Assitas refused to countenance the proceedings with her presence, to the secret delight of Miss Pragg.

Looking like a beneficent eagle, Miss Pragg, robed in a gown of silver grey brocade, lent an air of dignity to the ceremony as she walked up the aisle behind the lovely bride, leaning on the arm of Sir Lawrence Goss.

Mildred, from whom Margaret would take no refusal, had been hastily summoned from Appletree, and was the second bridesmaid, supported by Doctor Wilson, an energetic man some ten years her senior.

Doctor Wilson, a busy man with a large practice of his own, was accustomed to make sudden and momentous decisions, and he had no sooner looked upon Mildred's sweet, womanly face, than he knew in his heart she was the woman for whom he had been waiting all his life.

It was a day—not soon to be forgotten at the White Maisonette. Henry, wearing a white satin favour and a broad grin, although nearly run off his feet during the course of the day, still found time to plump down on one knee at the feet of the obdurate Bella, and with his hand on his heart once more declare his hopeless passion.

"It's in the h'air, Bella—that's wot it is, an' I've got it bad," asserted the precocious youth.

Phebe, amid immoderate giggles, declared she would never get that there confetti out of the house in a month of Sundays, while Mrs. Law was so overcome by the sight of the bride, that she subsided in an emotional state of exhaustion into the easy-chair and for the remainder of the day, "toasted" herself so repeatedly and copiously, that she had to retire to bed early in the afternoon in a state of blissful uncertainty as to whether it was her own or some one else's wedding that had been celebrated.

Thus to the sound of wedding bells, did Arnold Bassingbroke lead his happy bride to her home in Harley Street, where she ably supported him in filling once more his place in the world.

[The End.]

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**M**R. PATRICK MacGILL is librarian at Windsor Castle. Until a short time ago he was a navy, and had always been a navy every since late childhood. Therefore, he knows his subject when he writes the autobiography of a navy, published as "Children of the Dead End." Of course, he is a socialist. And if atheism is an actual state of mind, and not a pose, then he is an atheist. It follows that he is an extremist.

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