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A MISSION FULFILLED

She walked toward the stone wall, for moment looking over it in silence; then passed through the entrance and stood upon the narrow path which topped the precipice outside. Was the road for Keith? It was too dark to see hand before her face.

But even as her firm step was passing through the gate, and almost before she could reach the pathway, there came a sudden rush. In the darkest of the wall a figure had been crouching, which now, with a bound, leapt upon her. Two strong arms closed round her throat, and a burning breath of an assailant was in her face. She had no time to cry—only to cry out, half choked, the single word "Nino!"

Most before the name had left her the cruel hands dropped off her throat, and the man started from her. The suddenness of one shot, a word of horror on his lips, he might as well have finished his life work.

For an instant Margherita swayed, and uncertain, upon the unproven path; then, even as he began to turn himself, and was leaning forward to catch her in his arms, she fell backwards over the precipice, and

disappeared from sight with one more feeble cry.

He paused and looked over. There was neither sight nor sound; only the dim outlines of the rocks, the dimmer forms of clust-bushes, and far, far below, the pale gleam of an unlit sea, moaning softly.

There are moments of life in which some of us seem to draw aside the dark curtain of despair, and gaze straight into the depths of hell. It is a fate more bitter, a retribution more perfect than any meted out by the law of justice or the hand of man.

Keith had fetched the already-written check with which he intended to repay Fletcher; and now, before starting on his errand, he looked once more into the drawing-room to give a parting nod to Margherita. Fond, foolish child to agitate herself so needlessly! Strange, after spending so many years among these hot-blooded, childish-natured people, herself one of them, that she should not have realized the brevity of their fits of fury, the swiftness of their returning reason. The room was empty and the window open; she must have stepped into the garden. Turning toward the solitary candle, he lit his pipe—a cigar was a luxury to the loss of which he had learned to resign himself, together with many other of the formerly necessary luxuries of life, some months ago. Then he walked leisurely toward the window.

"Marghe!" he called, "Marghe!" At the same moment a figure appeared, but it was not that of his wife.

Involuntarily he drew back, bewildered and startled, so ghastly was the face, so wild the appearance of his visitor.

For a moment Geronimo's lips seemed sealed and he could only gesture frantically.

"What do you want?" asked Keith, sharply.

As he spoke he grasped his stick. He did not like the looks of the other. Then he suddenly remembered Margherita, and a horrible sickness came over him as he gazed at Geronimo.

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"Tell me," she repeated; "it will not hurt me. Ah, I remember: I fell, did I not?"

He bowed his head.

"Do not think of it now," he said. "Ah, but I want to," she replied, earnestly. "Listen to me, Keith, my husband. It was only I—it was all my own fault—no one else was to blame."

He groaned aloud, and hid his face in his hands, while she repeated, more eagerly:

"No one else—ah, no one else, dear Keith, indeed!"

He raised his haggard face abruptly. "Don't!" he said. "Why should you wish to spare a murderer? Besides, it is useless. I know it all."

Her eyes filled with a more painful earnestness.

"He did not mean to hurt me, Ah, Dio, it is true! He would have injured you, but not me. But now he will not; he will be sorry. Tell him I forgive him, Keith. Do not punish him—not for this!"

He looked at her for a moment pitifully, half doubtfully; then he once more bowed his head.

"As you will," he said. "He is a murderer—God will judge him! At present he is free."

Relief seemed to enter through the patient windows of her soul, and a faint smile swept over the pallid features.

"I have something else I want to say to you, Keith mio," she went on softly. "I want to thank you for all your love to me. You have been good, very good to me, sposo mio!"

"I?" he asked, a bitter remorse overwhelming him before so great generosity. "Nay, I have never been half good enough to you, Margherita!"

"We have always loved each other," she went on, laying her hot hand on his, as it rested on the coverlet. "I have never really doubted you, my Keith, if others did. You have made my happiness. Remember that when I am gone; and forgive me, Keith mio, for my mistakes. I did my best."

He made no reply. How could he? His eyes were blinded, his voice choked. "Now," she went on, wistfully, "it is all over. God's will be done. Give me your hand, dear. You will bring up our little one to be a good and noble man—you will never touch those cards again."

"Never—I swear it!" he whispered, hoarsely.

"No, you will be good—and some day happy, my Keith. And you will marry again—it will be better so—some pure young girl of your own rank, not a peasant like me, mio caro. But you will never forget the mother of your son, your Margherita, and you will not let him forget me."

"Hush!" he exclaimed, his face convulsed, "do not talk of such things. Do you think I could bear to let my child hear you? I shall never marry again. Oh, Margherita, my Margherita!"

"Bring the little one," she whispered, after a few moments. And for the last time the dying mother fed her eyes upon the rich beauty of his olive face, the perfect contour of its rounded limbs. Her lips trembled as she pressed them to the baby cheek; but the emotion soon passed, and she was calm again, for the Great Unseen began to press too closely before her fading eyes not to blind them already somewhat to things visible. And when the child had been taken away a great quiet fell over the room; and presently the dark eyes closed in peaceful sleep. Sleep or unconsciousness? He knew not.

[To be Continued.]

Advertiser Correspondence

LOCAL OPTION.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As considerable misunderstanding exists as to what local option really is, I have been asked to briefly state its operation and meaning.

Local option is a legislative mode of dealing with the liquor traffic, which permits citizens to decide by vote whether the sale or furnishing of liquors shall be allowed in a given locality during a period of three years.

It is not a new law. It has been on the statute books for over ten years, and is now in force in over one hundred municipalities in Ontario.

It is not a party measure. Both political parties have endorsed its principle, and made amendments to it from time to time.

The council of any municipality may submit a bylaw without a petition, but on the presentation of a petition on or before the first day of November, signed by one-fourth of the voters entitled to vote at a municipal election, the council must submit the bylaw to the electors on the day of the municipal elections.

If the bylaw is carried by a majority of three-fifths of the votes polled, it receives its third reading by the council, and comes into effect on the first day of May following.

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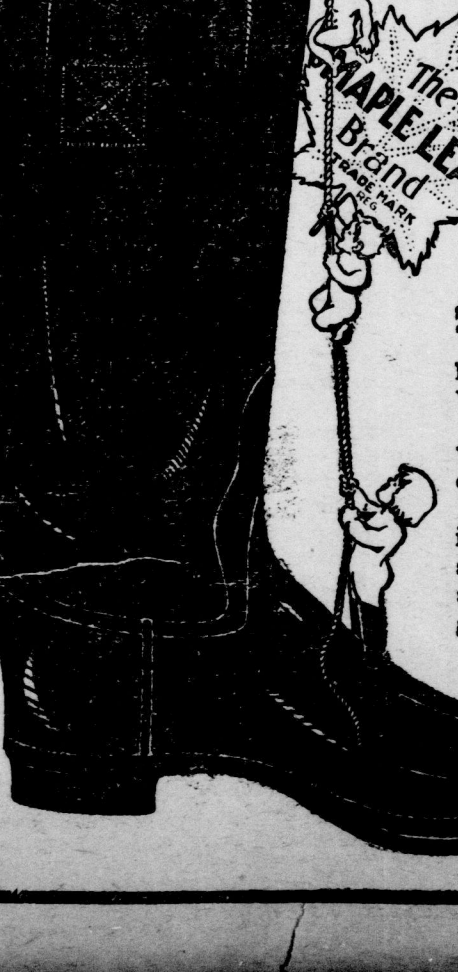
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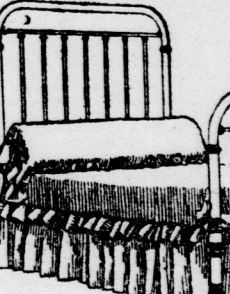
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