tract, your—w in spite of the painful out-look which he presented—elbows out, knees out, toes out; this is Jimmy Jones, the brother of "Jimmy Jones' sister."

A small room on the third floor; one small window through which the light struggled feebly, stained with dirt and curtained with cobwebs; floor carpeted with the dust of many months; two forlorn little heaps of straw covered with rags, and dignified with the name of bed; a broken chair or two; an old box which served as a table, and on which were the remains of a breakfast—the home of Jimmy Jones and Jimmy Jones' sister. A very different place from the home their mother told them about when she went away two long year's ago; but then, in view of what they were going to have one of these days, they could bear a few discomforts now, and put up with a few inconveniencies. And the two little things would sit together in the doorway, after Jimmy's work was done, and talk about it hopefully and with fond anticipation.

"Oh, my! won't it be jolly, though to have some whole cloe's on, that ain't a grinnin' all along the seams, an' goin' back on the tailor at every jump a fellow makes, an' where nobody won't call me 'Patches,' an' 'Tricolor,' an' 'Boquet.' They isn't real gentlemen as says such things though, if they *is* my reg'lar customers," he added, with a shake of his wise little head.

A soft arm upon which the ragged sleeve had fallen back stole around his neck.

"I would'nt care," said Jimmy's sister; "you know we won't have such things to trouble us by and by. Mother said it would be all right then; and don't you know, she said when things plagued us we must say 'Our Father.'"

"I'm 'fraid I'm goin' to forget all she ever teached me," he answered sadly.

"Oh, Jimmy dear, how I do wish she'd come back!" and the little golden head leaned against the boy's rough jacket, whilst the pansy-purple eyes overflowed with tears. "Do you s'pose we can ever find it?"

"Find what sissy?" and he wiped the tears away tenderly with a delicate lace handkerchief which he took from his pocket.

"The home, Jimmy, the big, nice home, full of beautiful things, where there aint any dirt. I want to go, I'm tired of waiting any longer," and she looked up at the boy wistfully. Just then her eyes fell upon the delicate bit of lace in his hand.

"Where'd you get that, Jimmy?" and she looked at it with a sort of awe.

"You may have it, sissy; I found it on the sidewalk, and I 'spect it belongs to one o' them grand ladies whose dresses shine, and *swish! swish!* so when they goes by," answered Jimmy, glad of anything that would attract his little sisters' mind from her grief. She held it in her hand and looked at it longingly. She buried her face in its fleecy folds, and inhaled with delight the delicate perfume which clung to it; and that night, when the little creature crept into her wretched nest of straw, she carefully wrapped the bit of gossamer in a piece of paper, and hid it in her bosom; it seemed to whisper "Hope." "There is a home somewhere, and I'll wait," she whispered softly.

A crowd on the street—a little limp form, lying white and still in the policeman's arms, and a pitying look in his bronzed face, as he looked down at his burden. A sweet-faced woman, elegantly clad, and holding by the hand a little child, bent over the lifeless form, and said tearfully, "Poor little one! she saved my precious child, at the price of her own life, I fear," and asked eagerly, "Do you know where her home is?"

"Home!" he repeated scornfully, "The likes of that have a home! Mebbe a barrel or a dry goods box, turned away from the wind, to sleep in nights, a few broken crusts to eat, an' as fur her cloes, you can see fur yourself her wardrobe aint very extensive," and the rough but kind hearted policeman smiled grimly.

"Then come with me," said the lady quietly, and she led the way to a large elegant house near by.

A little face almost as white as the dainty lace-edged pillows on which it lay like a broken lily, and over which rippled the lovely hair which a soft brush had drawn out to burnished gold. The purple-pansy eyes wandered curiously about the room, a glad, satisfied expression in them which deepened every moment. Silken curtains hung about the bed, and lay in lustrous folds on the rich carpet; beautiful pictures adorned the walls, and marble statuary glamed out whitely from the shadowy corners. On a small table near the bed stood a costly vase, with delicate half blown roses pouring out the fragrance of their full golden hearts. "Jimmy Jones' sister" drew a long breath, and smiled contentedly.

"I knew we'd find it somewheres," she whispered. A fair white hand pushed aside the curtains, and a lovely face smiled down on the little figure.

What is it, little one? I heard you speak." There was no answer, but the beautiful eyes scanned wistfully the lady's face.

"Will you tell me your name, little girl? she asked gently.

"I'm Jimmy Jones' sister; that is all I guess."

"But what does Jimmy Jones call you?"

"Just Sissy. I used to have a mother a long time ago, and she'd tell me I was her jewel, and called me a pretty name. She said ladies wore my name sometimes 'bout their necks, an' in their hair."

"Was it Pearl?"

"Oh, yes, that is it; but there is something more—Pre—Pre—Precious Pearl. Oh, that's it; I'm so glad." I'm so glad."

There were tears in the soft eyes that looked down at her.

"Poor little one! and you haven't any mother or any home; no one to care for you."

"Why," she answered in a surprised tone, "there's always Jimmy. He takes care of me."

The white hand sparkling with jewels was laid on the child's brow with a gentle caress. "Pearl," said the lady, "look in my eyes now, and listen to what I am going to say. You saved my baby's life the other day, when she ran across the street, and when the carriage passed over you I thought you were killed. But when I found it was only your arm broken, I wanted to bring you home and help you to get well. Two months ago there was a little boy and girl here about your own age, but they have gone away to a better home now, and I am very sad and lonely without them; and the house that was full of the sound of their pattering feet and sweet voices, is so still now that my heart aches. Would you be willing to come and stay with me always, and be my precious Pearl?"

The purple-pansy eyes looked up sorrowfully. "Oh, I'd like to come," she sobbed, "but I couldn't leave Jimmy, ma'am; he'd be lonesome without his little sister."

The Lady rose and left the room. "I am going to send someone else to talk with you, Pearl," she said as she closed the door.

There came a step outside, to which the child listened eagerly. "That's my Jimmy," she whispered to herself; but no, the door opened, and a little boy came in whom she thought she had never seen, and looked at her. She gazed at him eagerly and asked, "Won't you tell me your name?" then he smiled, and the smile was Jimmy's very own. She clasped her little arms around his neck and cried, "Oh, Jimmy, have we got home now?" He nodded, half ashamed of the tears which were filling his eyes.

You're Jimmy, and you ain't Jimmy," she said, looking at him with delight.

"I was allers Jimmy Jones inside." he explained, "only them old ragged cloes made me look like somebody else. I tell ye, sissy, I was gladder'n anything when I saw 'em burn up."

"Burn up?" she questioned wonderingly.

"Yes, all burnt up, an' yours too. But oh my! you oughter see the grand things you're goin' to have. Dresses that's got the reg'lar *swish! swish!* in them, and such shoes as you never did see; and sissy, were allers going to live here now, 'cause this is our home, and next week I'm goin' to school. Ain't it like one o' them pretty fairy stories *she* used to tell us?"

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