

The Wind of Fortune.

Confound this wind! Breathless and unexpectant far beyond the ending point of the curb, Richard Winmore halted on the curb and watched his hat disappear down the opposite sewer. In a mad pursuit of over a square he had failed utterly to recapture it, and the wind, seeming to understand and gain strength in the knowledge of its conquest, now howled tauntingly in farewell, as, with a final mercurial buffeting, it shrieked and whistled itself wildly away.

It was of small importance to Winmore that the vanished hat was a new one; the all-absorbing considerations were that he was now without hat or umbrella; that heavy raindrops were beginning to pelt upon him, and that it had been just two weeks since his physician had dismissed him as recovered of a prolonged and well-nigh fatal attack of pneumonia.

A pleasant prospect this? He murmured with appreciative irony, as his breath partially restored, he recovered his gaze from the spot where his unfortunate hat had disappeared, and let it wander up and down the almost deserted street.

Not a cab in sight, of course, and little likelihood of one's appearing if I wait here all night, which by the way, I don't intend to do. He glanced up at the provokingly indifferent faces of the houses lining the pavement, and the humorous side of the situation seemed suddenly to strike him. "How would it do to ring one of these respectable doorbells and ask the inmates for the loan of a hat? By Jove! I'm tempted to try it, just for the sake of witnessing their astonishment! The most probable result—for me—would be a ride in an ambulance to the nearest lunatic asylum, but as my rate—with a shiver—"I'd be safely out of this wretched downpour."

With a return of the restlessness that had driven him out to wander aimlessly through the streets on a night when every instinct of the convalescent cautioned him to remain warmly ensconced before a blazing fire, Winmore turned out, and walking as rapidly as his strength would permit, directed his steps toward the nearest car line. He had gone only a square, however, when he heard the soft tones of an organ, and glancing around, found himself in front of a small church, from the partly opened door of which issued a light, as once suggestive of a warmth and companionship. Heedless of a moment, Winmore mounted the steps, and passing in the vestibule, looked through the aperture into the interior.

The peaceful solemnity of the scene presented to his gaze, was so utterly completely a contrast to the one of turmoil, to the one he had just left, the young man felt a sensation of awe creeping over him, and for the moment forgetting his predicament, with an involuntary impulse of respect raised his hand to remove his hat. The absence of that article, however, recalled him to himself, and opening the door a little wider, he entered and slipped quietly into the last pew.

The church was filled with worshippers, but Winmore scarcely noted them. His gaze was arrested by the little procession just then passing in the aisle—a dozen or more of tiny acolytes, each bearing a lighted candle, the soft glow of which cast a radiance about their serene, boyish faces. In front a taller, surplised figure bore a large crucifix, the extended form on which seemed almost lifelike in the agony of portraiture, while a priest, prayer-book in hand, brought up the rear. Winmore recognized the Roman collar, and became aware that, for the first time in his life, he was in a Catholic Church.

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self?—brought him so unexpectedly to the little church of the Sacred Heart. The Stations drew to a close, and to the concluding strains of the 'Stabat Mater' the procession returned to the Sanctuary. Winmore drew a long breath and, becoming suddenly conscious of the tension he had undergone sank back in his seat. He felt strangely elated. Truly, here was a faith which could make me die, and greater still, live for Him who lived and died for them.

Our Father, Who art in heaven. The prayer came back to him as the priest uttered the words. He recalled the Sunday school he had a few times attended, but how incomparably different, holier it seemed to him now, as though the soul of the petition, lacking before, glowed again in the words with an immortal fire.

They will be done. Winmore repeated it softly to himself as the prayers concluded, the priest rose to leave the sanctuary. It was almost the first real prayer his heart had ever uttered, and it brought with it, as prayer always does, its own sense of restfulness and peace. He had surrendered his own will; God would do the rest.

Once more the soft, lingering tones of the organ sounded in the preludes through the church, then high above them, a beautiful voice rose and fell in perfect harmony. "My child, give, oh, give Me thy heart."

Winmore scarcely breathed, as clear and full, the voice rang out, a wealth of pleading tones:

For I have loved thee with a love, No mortal heart can show; A love so deep, My saints in heaven Its depths can never know, When pierced and wounded on the Cross.

Man's sin and dome were Mine, I loved thee with undying love, Immortal and divine!

The singer ceased then a strong chorus of youthful voices took up the refrain: "Draw, draw us closer still to Thee, Oh Sacred Heart Divine! In joy or grief, in life or death, Our hearts are ever Thine!" Still with the sensations of one in a dream, Winmore listened to the succeeding stanzas, which to his imagination, strangely stirred by the emotions he was experiencing, seemed a direct call from heaven itself. The voice, too, thrilled him unaccountably, and despite the spiritual metamorphosis he was undergoing in a minor current of thought, the young man found himself wondering who the singer could be. But the priest was already returning to the sanctuary, so, with an effort he put the last thought out of his mind and again directed his attention to the altar.

Throughout the solemn moments of Benediction Richard Winmore remained absorbed, and at the ringing of the little bell bowed involuntarily, his not expressing the mate "Ordo!" which without doubt or question his heart had already realized. He did not attempt to analyze his emotions; he merely felt that there was the faith, that he had been in search of. And when, at last, the final hymn was sung, and the congregation had dispersed, the young man walked up the aisle and entered the sanctuary.

The winds of March were once more whistling through the country, howling low and still leafless branches, and with a whirl and clatter, driving before them the last lingering vestiges of winter's snow and ice. But in the warmer southern clime their utmost efforts were powerless to raise more than a revivifying breeze through the pine forests, or sweeping across the valleys, gently away the opening banners of their slender stems. So in August, they blustered impotently on. And as Richard Winmore sat in the library of Colonel Laverly's beautiful home, only a soft air, moist with the perfume of spring's earliest blossoms stole in through

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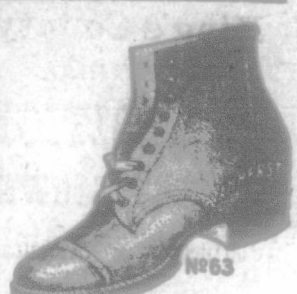
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