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FOR GOODNESS' SAKE

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heard him grappling with the dog I said to myself: "For goodness' sake!"

I don't know just what the cross dog did to the good man, or what the good man did to the cross dog, but the two of them together certainly made an unholy disturbance. And three or four timid pedestrians, scenting danger in the commotion, took their cue from me and began to run.

It was exceedingly disagreeable to me to be the cause of so much public excitement; and when windows began to go up and men and women poked their heads into the night, I felt positively humiliated. By the time I got into our back alley there was a perfect stampede of boys and men coming down the street. There did not appear to be any clearly defined notion among them as to what it was all about, but, so far as I could judge, the crowd was made up of two factions—one running away from danger and following me as the leader, and the other impressed with the conviction that I was being chased. Included in the latter faction were two policemen.

Fortunately, I happened to know one of these, and when they nabbed me as I was about to scramble over the fence I said to him: "Believe me, O'Hara, this is all a very painful mistake. I am simply running away from a dog charged with a mission to injure me and disgrace me."

After a moment's consultation, in which O'Hara assured his fellow-officer that he knew me to be a perfect gentleman, they agreed to allow me to proceed unmolested, with the understanding, however, that I would appear in court should developments make it necessary.

Our cook having in the meantime opened the back-yard gate to ascertain the meaning of this unusual commotion in the alley, I slipped in and told her it was all over and that she had better lock up and go to bed.

The family were somewhat surprised to hear me come into the house through the kitchen, but I said nothing to them at the time concerning my misadventure, except to confide to my sister Ellen that I had inadvertently got some ice water down my neck, and that one of her hot lemonades, with a dash of brandy and nutmeg, would be particularly agreeable.

She responded at once with her usual tact and goodness, manifesting no curiosity and asking no questions until I tossed the fateful pocketbook upon a chair. Then, with a little start of surprise as she picked it up she said: "Why, where did you find this? I have been looking everywhere for it. It has in it the name of a dressmaker on Euclid Place that I want to go to tomorrow, and I have been racking my brains this whole evening trying to recall her address."

Said I to myself: "For goodness' sake!"
—Lippincott's Magazine

From the Valley of the Wheat

I sing to the trample of feet on golden floors—

A continent's court whose dust is drifting gold;

I chant with the voice of the flood that over it pours

Five hundred leagues at a lapse to the huge Gulf's hold.

I sing to the yielding of bolts of mountain doors.

To the echoes of iron that beat their measures bold,

While east and west, to the strain of bursting stores,

Five hundred leagues asunder, the gates unfold.

Where the blind, quick seed of life for a thousand shores

Is blest by the harrow that sinks in the silent mold,

I sing to the tremble of steel where the trestle roars,

I chant to the throbbing of ships on seas untold!

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