

THE WILD BIRDS OF KILLEEVY

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CHAPTER XII—CONTINUED

This good advice Kevin took to bed with him, and he lay awake a long time wondering at the din of life that lasted so far into the night, and thinking about this wonderful chance for self-education that had come in his way. He was in London, and he must work to live, and he must stay in the great city till his quest for Fan should be happily brought to an end. Meantime he would wander away through the labyrinth of the streets, and in dreams he continued his search for the missing child.

his simplicity he looked for the name "Fanchen," or "Little Fan," in the lists of the performers, and longed for the moment to arrive when, having touched his first weekly wages, he should be able to begin his round of all the houses of amusement in London. It was something gained to have marked out a certain line for his search; and what with the courage this new hope had given him, the excitement of all the novel wonders he had seen, and the illumination from yesterday's reading still lingering about him and showing the way to paths of further enlightenment, he looked so radiant entering the dark little shop on his return that Mr. Must was quite startled at the sight of him.

"Are your parents dead?" "Yes; all but Kevin's mother. 'Tis she that will be fretting for me badly. I lived with them, and they are my own people, ever since the angels took my mother."

And Fan was literally put under the pump in the wash-house, with many exhortations from the char-woman not to holler or struggle, for it had got to be done.

anywhere else, except, maybe, in some new country." The other woman looked thoughtful for a while. She seemed to be making some calculations.

back room, furnished with the few articles, that they had been able to retain, they awaited the result of the furniture sale. Humble as Mrs. Curran's hopes had been about the latter, it was still with something of a shock that she read the figures on the auctioneer's check when it reached them.

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The other passengers—a crowd of card-playing "sports" and "bookies," returning from the Cork Park races—paid but little heed to the pale woman and the little girl who entered the Dublin-bound train and dejectedly took their seats near the window.

TO BE CONTINUED

THE MEANING OF LENT

That the institution of Lent dates from the Apostolic times we know from the authority of several of the great Fathers of the Church. St. Jerome, St. Leo the Great, St. Cyril of Alexandria and of St. Isidore of Seville mention it in their works.