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HIRED WEDDING GARMENTS

Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, or so says a ministrel whose harp notes, less grand perhaps than those of Tara, have yet a pretty, old-fashioned melody of their own. And, possibly, this wide-reaching sovereignty may have helped sweet in the atmosphere of No. 91 Ridge street for the fastidious . 91 Ridge street for the fastidiou Norman Keith, pacing the filthy pay Aroman Keith, pacing the filthy pavements for as short a space either way as would permit him to turn. Some wariness even then was necessary to avoid stepping on various mudencrusted children who wandered between the doorsteps of "M. Schneider, Ladies' Tailor," and the gutter; or being jostled by sallow women passing with jostled by sallow women passing with shawls over their heads, or unclean, foreign-looking men in long beards and coats and shabby, tall hats.

He had been waiting now nearly an hour for the reappearance of his wife—upstairs with M. Schneider.

"Ah, dere, Mister Duke!" said a grimy

chin, purposely running against him; d strong words rose to his lips. But t then a tall young lady, brown eyed way brightened, for they had been married but a few months and it was an undemonstrative belief of his that the sun, moon and stars shone in her

"Here, take my arm. We must force way through this mob. What a beast-place! Even to hang on to the plat-perm of a Grand street car will be bliss

How did you ever hear of him?"

"Oh, it was Mrs. Hatton found him from something she saw in the paper; and lost her way the first time, but has all her dresses made there now. My dear, his price is absuredly low, and such a beautiful fit."

"He is a little rough," Isabel admitted; "twists and twiris you about like a dummy when he is measuring."
"He does?"—lightning gathering.
"I wish you would not seewl like that. With glasses it makes you resemble Emin Bey, and you know, dearest, like Ben Belt's sweet Alice, I tremble with fear at your frown."
Her laughing coquetry did not wholly dissipate the cloud.

On, see here," she said, pressing his "On, see here," she said, pressing his arm a little closer, "is it not delight fully rediculous?" In a small shop window, near Grand street, was an inscription: "Wedding Outfits to Hire." A draggled white satin gown hung side by side with a rusty dress coat, and on a cushion in front lay a pair of soiled white slippers and a crushed and tawdy orange flower wrestly. orange flower wreath.
" 'To hire!'" Isabel repeated, with

her pretty, low laugh. "Imagine hiring one's wedding suit and returning it

next day."
"It is a droli," he asserted, peering at the things and foregetting his irrita-Just then their car came along, and

ed in getting or. But by ill chance she was squeezed into a corner in a decidedly rough-looking crowd of pass-engers, and he, near the door, could see but the top of her little toque, and stood next a man whose breath was violently suggestive of the cup which cheers and also inchriates.

"It would give me a beautif !! fit, I know, to attend his proceedings again. As it is a tailor, however, you will all find his gowns 'better fashioned, more quaint, more pleasing, more commendable, than some industrious woman's work. What a crowd in that little den when we went up, and, a surly brute he looks,"

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THE CATHOLIC RECORD

The part and a gray and a gray of the control dividual, and all the less as the day of the manifestation recedes through the hazy mist of the passing ages. What will the Incarnate do? What new mys-tery will He unfold in order to be mine to-day, as I live remote in space from Palestine, remote in time from the morning when angels bade the shep-herds hurry to the lowly crib where lay the new-born Sayiour? Rabeld Leave.

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