

drunken father. As he grew older he became more and more attached to his gentle winsome mother who was so good to him and loved him so dearly and tried so hard to brighten and cheer his sunless life.

One night the unhappy father came home hopelessly drunk, very angry. After venting his spleen on the dishes and furniture he tried to grapple his wife who easily eluded him. Furious he shouted at her :



Get out of this house ! Get out quick ! I don't ever want to see your face again.

Thinking it best to obey she walked to the door but before she reached it baby Jim threw himself at her feet screaming.

“ Mamma ! Mamma take me with you ! ”

She lifted him up and hesitated a moment holding him in her arms.

The child's despairing cry had suddenly calmed the madman who threw himself into a chair and was soon lost in a drunken stupor.