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heart's content. In the winter he would wander about the town or village where they happened to be, and go in and out of the churches and museums or any places where he could gain that knowledge for which he thirsted.

Sometimes a kind old sexton would tell him the history of the church and tombs, and Giuseppe would weave wonderful romances around the long-dead knights and beautiful ladies who once had prayed in the place where now they slept so peacefully, and he would wonder whether they, too, had been lonely as he was.

The day's tramp was at an end, and the party of itinerant players went in to a wayside inn where they intended giving a performance. The little boy remained behind at the bend of the road to watch the last red glow of the sunset.

There was a sharp blow, a shriek, and darkness.

Giuseppe's brown eyes opened and gazed wonderingly around the room. It was large and cheery. A bright fire burned away merrily, making the brass bedstead shine like gold. The frosty autumn afternoon peered in over snowy muslin curtains. By his side stood a bowl of violets larger and sweeter than any he had found in the lanes, and near the fire sat a beautiful woman, with hair like the copper beach.

"Oh," exclaimed Giuseppe, as he tried to raise his head from the downy pillows.

"Do not move, dearie," said the "beautiful one" in a low voice which

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made him think of the Madre, and dear, dear Italy.

"You want to ask me all about it, where you are, and how you came here? Lie quite still and I will sit by your side and tell you everything." She moved her chair to the bed, and took his thin hands in hers. "Ten days ago I was riding along the sandy lanes, and did not notice a little boy standing in the shadows of the trees. It was terrible; my horse knocked you down, and the next moment I was kneeling beside you. I carried you in my arms to a cottage, where I found someone to send for the doctor and a carriage, and in twenty minutes we were driving you back here. All that night I nursed you and prayed for you, and in the morning the doctor told me you would live. I was so thankful, oh, so thankful, for I loved your wee brown face, which reminded me of the little son I lost a year

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ago." Giuseppe felt the warm tears fall on his face as she kissed him. "And now I am coming to a part of the story which I hope will make you very happy. I have seen Uncle Carlo, and, if you are willing to do so, you may live with me here, and I will bring you up as my own little boy, and try to make you a very happy one. Will you stay with me?"

The boy stroked her hand, and looked into her sweet face. "Is it all real?" he asked. "Let me keep your hand, and then I will know it is not a dream. I am so happy, so happy. I think the stone ladies on the tombs must have been like you when they were alive, only not half so beautiful."

He closed his eyes and smiled. "Now, dearie, you must rest a little while, for I am afraid I have excited you too much. I will sit by the fire and watch over you while you sleep."

"Is there no hope of his recovery?"

"None, I fear, although he may live for years, perhaps until he is a man, but he will always have to lie on his back, poor little fellow."

The kind old doctor sighed as he saw the sorrow in Lady Gethlyn's face, and remembered the misery through which she had passed at the death of her only child.

"Poor lonely woman!" he thought, as he drove away from the castle; in spite of her beauty, wealth and position, there is not a farmer's wife on the estate who would change places with her."

And he was quite right, for all her tenantry pitied the lovely, sad-faced young chatelaine of the grim old castle.

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