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HAWTHORNDEN

A STORY OF EVERY DAY LIFE

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CHAPTER V. CITY LIFE

We will now leave our friends on the prairie a while, and return to Rosine Benton, and her life in town. She was, as Sister Agnes had written, a pet in Colonel Hartland's family, especially with the Colonel himself, who placed her at school in the best institution the city afforded, and gave her every opportunity for intellectual and physical culture.

"Pshaw, Ned! Laura Marten! A leek has better taste." "Speak for yourself, old fellow," retorted the brother; "I think I saw Miss Marten in your office this afternoon. Perhaps it is immaterial to her which bird she captures."

"A bold, imprudent girl, boys!" said Mrs. Hartland. "I hope you will neither of you have any thing to say to her. In your office, Ned? What business has she, or any other young girl, in your office?"

"I should say that was a silly question, if my mother hadn't asked it," replied the Doctor. "But we were speaking of Rosine," he added peremptorily closing up the subject of Miss Marten; "she has fine intellectual powers; thorough, too, in all she undertakes. I like that, but she's too dreadfully plump. I am willing a woman should be decently religious, but these women, righteous overmuch, are dreadful bores. I don't wish to meddle in that matter; it isn't my province; but I trust when she goes into society, this amazing scrupulousness will wear off. This growing intimacy with Laura Marten will help the matter; please not to disturb the friendship, mother. They must be counterparts, according to one definition of the word."

With something between a sigh and a laugh. "You are very lonely," said Rosine with real pity, "you must come and see me. Colonel Hartland wished me to invite any of the girls I liked."

"So you like me, do you?" replied Laura, giving her a quick, hearty caress, "thanks; you sha'n't repent it."

At that moment the gong resounded through the halls, summoning them to recitations. "Don't let me hear you 'Miss Marten' me, you little chickadee," said Laura, as they went into the hall together, "unless it be 'High Betty Marten,' after the manner of Dr. Hartland."

he wears a moustache, also a soldier's coat. The first is bold; the last will be, when his time comes. I see an oldish woman; she stares and frowns at a young girl who is looking in the glass opposite. This girl is dark, very brown, with rosy cheeks, and such eyes! She has pluck and plan, and will defeat—yes, she'll outwit the old woman. The girl is going through the sea—a terrible sea. She is watching a ship—reaching out her arms to it—a man-of-war ship; she has a bright ring on her left hand—but she sinks. O, dreadful!" cried the woman, "she is under the waters; now she rises. O, there is a monster—a shark! He will have her! don't let him!" and she screamed convulsively.

At this instant the wretched-looking man drew his hand rapidly over his face, and quiet returned after a short struggle. Rosine could with difficulty restrain her emotions of terror, and even Laura was daunted. She hurriedly slipped a dollar into the man's hand, and was making for the door, when he passed between her and it, saying, "The little Miss will have her's now."

Rosine shuddered, and begged Laura to go. "Don't be chicken-hearted," he said; "those great eyes of yours are not for nothing; they'll bring somebody's heart out of their chest."

"O, she's only a child," exclaimed Laura, who began to be essentially frightened by his familiar manner. "Her turn will come by and by," he replied, with a coarse smile; "but it is against our rules to admit even such as spectators."

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The nephew took the money, three thousand dollars in all, and went to St. Louis to pay off the debts and buy new goods for the fall and winter trade.

The goods came promptly, but the nephew did not return. He was called South, he wrote. One afternoon a few days later, the old man received a letter from the wholesale house expressing surprise that he had not remitted for the past due account, and stating that unless such remittance was received by the tenth they would draw on him for the full amount, the new bill included.

money. He wouldn't feel right about it you know. It isn't so much the loss of the money; he can make that back in three or four years, but it's just taken all the stuffing out of the old man, and he's lost all heart. If we could fix it some way so he could go on with the store and see some way to pay out, it would be just the boost he needs."

"Say, don't you suppose that Adams would lend him the money," asked one. "Oh, Adams would loan it to him quick enough, if he can get the security; but how's he going to get it?" asked Willie.

"He lent me fifty dollars when I was hard up," said one. "He helped Ted get through school when I was too poor to help him myself said a father who was now well-to-do."

"After working all day many is the time he came over to my house and sat up with me when I was down with the slow fever," said a neighbor. "Fifteen years ago," remarked a prosperous young man, as he sat down to sign the paper, "I was too worthless to help. But Uncle Charley called me into the store one day and persuaded me to go to school, got me some books, and sold me clothes on credit. Nobody thought he would ever get a cent for it."

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CATHOLIC HABIT OF PRAYER

Nothing bespeaks the practical Catholic so much as the salutary habit of prayer. In temptation, in each surprise of danger, in fear, anguish or grief, the well-trained soul, like a confiding child runs to the protecting arms of its mother, turns instinctively to God, and in so doing but follows the maxim of Our Lord: "Pray always." Prayer for the Catholic is the armor of the soul, which from constant use, is kept clean and bright; it is the ever-present shield against which the fiery darts of enemies strike, but are powerless to harm. It is as natural for the good Catholic to pray as to breathe, and prayer will always spring spontaneously to his heart and lips with even the first intimation of danger. If he be victorious over temptation; if he be successful in overcoming an inclination to evil; if he is to accomplish any good whatsoever, it is traceable always to prayer. All good things must come to him through prayer.

CATHOLIC TEACHER THE ONLY

TEACHER

Hilaire Belloc, addressing the Guild in London recently, said that today the Catholic Church is the only organism having a definite teaching on the subject of property. Today she is the sole bulwark of the maintenance of property. He said we see in Russia Bolshevism, but we do not see it in Poland, France, Spain, Ireland or Bavaria. They have it less in Belgium. Why? Because, he said, of the Catholic Church. Mr. Belloc might also have

"Nor call up all the blood that warms her trembling heart, To fill her cheeks with blushes."

She'll make a charming pretty woman by and by; one would suppose she had been kept all her life in a convent."

"She has been kept very strictly at home," replied Mrs. Hartland. "Mrs. Benton is very straight-laced in her notions; but by your account I should think you had succeeded in frightening the child pretty thoroughly. Do you believe in governing by fear?"

"I believe there is no true love or friendship without it," said the Doctor, "especially in the commencement; that's why you see me as a bachelor. I never could love a woman unless I stood some hat in awe before her, and I have never seen but one where acquaintance did not wipe off the bloom of love, which is the fear. As to my dear brother here," he added, pointing to the Lieutenant, "he has such a profound reverence for the whole sex, that he will never have any other feeling. There's Captain Marten's daughter, just ready to eat him, shoulder-strap and all, but the poor fellow stands in such awe, he doesn't dare venture near his clay idol, to see if it will bear touching."

"Where is your mother?" said Rosine, gaining confidence by the free and easy manner of her companion. "My mother's last hour came with my life," replied Laura, her countenance becoming grave. "Ah, if she had lived, I should have been more like other girls, but 'twas to be, as my old Aunt used to say," she added,

"I do believe, Rosa," exclaimed Laura as she ended the reading, "this is that wonderful woman Ned Hartland spoke of last night; you know how marvellous he thought her performances. I want to see some one in the trance state. Come, let us go up."

"O, how I wish I were a man!" exclaimed Laura, as she endeavored to make her companion see a vessel in the distance, striving to enter the port; "I'd like to be out there, dashing over those foaming waves, instead of being mewed up here all my days, to dig and delve into these abominable heathen languages, when if I had only had the good fortune to have been a boy, I might have been cruising with my father on the coast of Africa."

"Haven't you any brother, or sister?" inquired Rosine. "Not a scintilla but poor me, and I shall never do anything to distinguish myself, unless I disguise and offer myself as a middy."

Rosine looked at her, with horror depicted in her countenance. "Don't be taken aback," continued Laura, laughing at the consternation of her new friend, "I'd go through fire and water if I could enlist; but after all, freedom as I am is better than the slavery of the service, and I dare say I should desert the first chance, but I do want to see the world."

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