

WINTER.

Merry, though the moon shines pale And the wind tossed branches fall. Purest crystals float and fall. There they sparkle, Here they sparkle, On the pine and lonely wall.

THE ABBE'S DOG.

Abbe Sauten was the cure of a sleepy little village at the extreme end of Provence—the Provence of the olden time, when doubts had not yet crept in to corrupt the simple faith of the peasants. The old priest lived happily among his parishioners, kindly souls all of them, and so obedient to the commandments of God and our holy mother church that their lives were a real benediction for their spiritual father. The good man had no need to touch them up every now and then with a rousing sermon, nor did he ask the aid of others more eloquent than himself to convert his flock. They were born, lived and died in the fold, and their pastor discharged his simple priestly duties and led in anticipation the life of the blessed. The abbe adored nature, and every day you could have seen him strolling among the fields, reading his breviary, while from time to time he glanced at the gambols of Oremus, his little dog. They were as inseparable as St. Roch and his famous bowwow. Oremus enjoyed these strolls as much as his master, but in a different fashion. The priest's pleasure was purely contemplative, that of the doggie active.

going to have your miracle, and I'm going to have your soul!" It was Friday. Le Faiard had just killed his pig, and would probably have a sausage for dinner. The picnic soon reached his destination. "Good day, Le Faiard," said he, in a fatherly tone. "Good day, father," replied the disciple of Voltaire. With that they fell into a chat, interrupted from time to time by the yelps of Oremus, and punctured, so to speak, by the handfuls of seed that the young farmer scattered right and left as he walked along. Dinner hour. The two men seated themselves on a little hillock, and Le Faiard pulled a sausage from his pocket, a superb sausage, red as a tomato, and with an odor to have made a saint's mouth water. "Holy Virgin, Le Faiard, what a sin! On a Friday, in Lent too. Don't eat it, my son!" "Not eat it! That's good. The idea! I would eat it on Good Friday if I had it. Besides, haven't I seen with my own eyes bishops and archbishops, too, for that matter, in India, who always ate meat whether it was good or bad Friday?" "Your joking is ill timed. God is good, but he will not always have patience with you. Some day he will open your eyes by a miracle, but who can say if then the gate of mercy may not be closed for you."

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