

ODDS AND ENDS.

A MORNING PRAYER.

Let me today do something that shall take
A little notice from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of my too scanty sum a little more.

Let me not hurt, by any selfish deed
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend,
Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need
Or sin by silence where I should defend.

However meagre be my worldly wealth,
Let me give something that shall aid my kind,
A word of courage or a thought of health,
Dropped as I pass for troubled hearts to find.

Let me tonight look back across the year
Twist down and dark and to my conscience say,
Because of some good act to best or man,
"The world is better that I lived today."
—Miss Wheeler Wilson in Youth's Companion.

DARK EYED MAID GAVE A WARNING

A Story of Moonlight Jealousy and a Salletto.

By Samuel McLeary Waller.

When Trooper Paul Mills gave the bread and coffee, he had little idea of the havoc he was raising for the well ordered existence of three who thought they were happy. But he could not have been expected to know that the girl with the blue black hair and the form drawn by famine had a lover and a sickle well, and he had never thought so well of himself as to imagine that he had a gallant figure and an earnest eye capable of turning the maiden's head. Else he might have hesitated as he stood in the blue haze of the tropical morning and singled out the one of the misery laden throng of refugees who seemed nearest the borderland of exhaustion. For he was of the kind that love constancy and shrink from sullying a pure heart.

When the maiden had eaten the dry bread and drank the hot coffee and Mills had returned to his tent to get more of his small allowance of food to give to some other of the unhappy exiles, he wondered at the quivering eyes she had turned back after stumbling away without thanking him. They had looked like twin fires of gratitude and fear kindled by sparks from a tender and terrified conscience.

The maiden moved on with the forlorn host who were struggling back to the deserted city. The bundle poised on her head pressed with less insistence. Her veins were warm. Into them had stolen the strong beverage and the greater strength of a sublime emotion sent on the subtlety of a kindly glance.

From out of the shell torn bull ring at the edge of the city came a graceful youth in blue and scarlet and gold. His cap was tasseled, his leggings seemed with buttons of bronze, and the fringe of his blood red sash touched the jangling row of his spur. His step rang on the roadway as he hurried forth to meet the maiden.

"Ah, Manuela, I have watched the throng since daylight! I watched it all yesterday. Why are you so tardy?"

He had reached out to clasp the girl's hands, but they slipped behind her back. The youth stopped as though he had felt a jar. Then passion came out of the gloom in the deep of his soul and eyes spread down his face.

"What, Manuela, is this the greeting I get—I who burned my heart out for you and sat on top of the bull ring and gazed out over the hills to where you were when the big guns were roaring death over the valley? Come, speak to me, child, and say you are glad of my welcome!"

"Had you been brave, like the men behind those guns, you would have gone through their work, thin line and come to me. I am not glad of the welcome of a coward!"

All through the weary days of starvation in the foul village to the north and in the purple forests around it she had sighed to press the lips of this same coward; had vowed eternal fealty at the throne of his picturesque personality; had breathed fervent caresses that the free evening air might waft them over the intrenched heads of the gullen armies to the vine clad balcony where he was used to sit in the moonlight. On the hot road homeward she had thrilled with joy that each heavy step brought forward the time of blissful meeting and that each moment was a messenger from the day when they should walk between their wealth of friends down the long cathedral aisle. Then had come the pair of gray eyes, and the vaulted will of the Cozuzans had melted away like care at twilight.

The face of the youth became scarlet as his sash, then white as his palm. It is not the habit of a Latin to control his passions, rather he cultivates them to fierceness, but Jose choked back his fury. Perhaps the spiken, pallid face of the girl suggested physical or mental imbalance—perhaps he had learned diplomacy. Again he held out his hands.

"Come, Manuela, these troublesome times are passing, and we'll be happy again as when we strolled through the groves by the harbor. Say a kind word. It will warm your heart and brighten mine. Say that you are glad to see me."

His tones were soft, his glances tender. But the girl knew not restraint if the youth did. She spurred the outstretched hand with her own. A heavy gold ring fell from her thin finger and rolled away in the dust. She looked at it a moment, half stopped to pick it up, then turned and walked away. She gave the youth no word. The white and red of his cheeks changed into each other like a struggle between right and wrong. Right finally triumphed, for, although muttering in a rage of anger, jealousy and humiliation, he picked up the bang of gold. He wiped the dust off gently, touched the ring close to his lips and put it in

COULD BEAR A SHOCK.

He was short on lungs, but decidedly long on nerve.

The young man was either an optimist or the possessor of a harveized steel armor plated nerve. Perhaps he was a little of both.

A short time ago he came to the conclusion that he would like to insure his life. With this object in view he made application to a prominent company. After filling up the necessary form he received an invitation to call upon the medical officer of the company and undergo the usual medical examination. In due course he presented himself at the office of the examining physician.

Requesting the young man to remove his coat and vest, the doctor produced a stethoscope and began his examination. All at once he stopped and regarded the candidate with an expression of alarm.

"Young man," he said, "do you think you can bear a shock?"

"Oh, I think so!" was the cheerful response. "Fire away and let me hear the worst."

"You have only one lung," announced the doctor solemnly.

"Well, what of that?" retorted the candidate, with the utmost composure. "I never told you I had any more, did I?"

"What," exclaimed the doctor, "do you mean to say you were aware of your condition?"

"Of course I was. Do you suppose a man could have only one lung without being aware of the fact?"

"And yet," said the doctor, "you apply to a respectable company for a policy of life insurance. Do you expect to get it?"

"I certainly do. Not only that, but I think I ought to get it at a substantial reduction in the premium."

"Upon what ground, may I ask?"

"Upon the ground that, having only one lung, I am 50 per cent less liable to contract consumption than if I had two lungs."—Rivier.

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Miss Emma Wilmam.

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ANNON B. BLACKER.

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