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An Angel In Disguise

By Virginia Lella Wentz

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At Twenty-third street Kennard turned dismally from Broadway into Fifth avenue, Saturday aftern nothing to do! Thanks to that con founded cotton broker, who couldn't be seen till Monday, he was obliged to re-main in town over Sunday. Well, he might as well walk up to his hotel-a constitutional of thirty odd blocks would do him good.

It was the first week in May, and in local swelldom wooden boardings

were already beginning to go up and hideous green shades were appearing down the entire length of drawing room windows. Outside the florists' shops tissue papered pots of blossoms still remained, savoring of Easter and April, but the doors stood open reveal-ing a rich vista of bloom against back-grounds of palms. Once Kennard no-ticed some fashionably frocked women standing within, choosing the last of the senson's violets.

"Bah!" he said, deliberately turning his head away and looking at the spires of St. Patrick's cathedral instead. "Why do women all love those foolish flowers ?"

Now, once there was a girl, a neigh bor of his, down on an old Mississippi plantation, whose eyes in certain lights matched the velvety heart of violets, plantation, whose eyes in certain lights matched the velvety heart of violets, and often enough down by the bawling little brook where the colony of violets grew he had told her so. But always it had been her way to shake her head with a tantalizing little smile and say: "That's because you write books and are inclined to be poetic!"

Pretty much the same answer she had given, too, that night when the mocking birds were singing in the mocking birds were singing birds were singing in the mocking birds were singi



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