











garded me with its little eyes, as if it was sensible our separation was near at hand, and as if it wished to thank me for my love and my tears. Then it concealed its little head under its wing, as if it were asleep.

CHAPTER II. THE NEW COMPANION.

I could not forget the dear bird, and I confess, though it may provoke your smiles, I long believed I should meet him again under a similar form. An adventure with a little dog brought my loss with renewed vividness into my mind. Fatigued one evening with walking in the Cathedral field, I took a seat on a bench under the wide-spreading chestnut trees, in order to view those who for pleasure were promenading up and down before me. Without my having noticed it, a beautiful young dog had crept close to me, and gently rubbed himself against my feet, as if he desired to show me marks of fondness. Although I gave him no special notice, at length he carried his familiarity so far that he raised himself up and placed both his paws upon my knee. I beheld the friendly animal with astonishment. He seemed to address a mute language to me by means of his eyes, and wagged his tail in the most friendly manner. I immediately conceived the warmest affection for this little dog. I eagerly fondled him. He was very handsome; his hair was snow white, soft and silky, with a patch of raven black on his flank and head. While we caressed each other a stranger, dressed in traveling garments, came near, and cried out with displeasure: "Beauty! The dog appeared terrified, and quitting me went submissively to his master, and from him returned timidly and slowly to me.

"How comes it, my friend," said the stranger, "that the dog knows you? Have we while traveling met somewhere before?" "It is almost impossible this should have ever happened," I answered; "I have never before beheld your dog, and have never been from home on any travels."

"This astonishes me," returned the stranger; "I now observe for the first time, this creature give caresses to a stranger."

He called the dog to him and went away. I followed the couple involuntarily. Beauty once more sprang back to me with a friendly barking, and ran in large circles around his master and myself.

which, but too frequently, they who receive them appear to be unconscious!

After awhile I left my native town and my accustomed school, and passed a period of several years at a higher university, in order to complete and perfect my studies. My faithful companion accompanied me everywhere. He likewise went with me on my travels through Germany and Italy, and partook in all things of my own weal and woe.

Towards Italy, I must explain, I was not exclusively drawn by the renowned natural beauties of the country, or the galleries of art in Florence, or the venerable ruins of Rome, but partly also by other circumstances. For many years had my deceased father's brother dwelt in Colono, near Parma. By means of commercial business in Livorno he had considerably increased his fortune, and afterwards, to favor his declining years, he took up his abode with his children at his beautiful country-seat in Colono. Since my father's death, the former interchange of letters due to kindred and friendship, had ceased entirely. I was very desirous of seeing this man, the brother of him who, of all human beings, was the dearest to me, and who bore an extraordinary degree of resemblance to him. I hoped, through the lineaments of my uncle, to acquire that knowledge which I lacked of my father's features, so that I might design his portrait.

But when I reached Parma, I learned that he was no longer among the living. He had suffered a horrid death, having been slain by the poniard of a murderer. All his children, too, my cousins, had left the Colono estate, having sold it and taken up their residence in other regions. They seem to have flown from that earth from which the blood of their unfortunate father cried to heaven. From such information as I was able, with much trouble, to acquire, it appeared the monks and priests were my uncle's implacable enemies. I proceeded myself to Colono, and visited the estate which had formerly been his. In the midst of hills planted with vines, and luxuriant fields of rice was situated the unpromising castle, and to which, on all sides, led shady walks of fruit trees.

My uncle appears to have held in honor that beneficent maxim of the Zend-Avasta which the Persian Zoroaster thus announces:—"He who cultivates the earth with diligence and care, acquires a greater merit with God, than he who daily repeats ten thousand prayers. But his rectitude and benevolence did not save his pious life. Would that his blood may be the last which shall be shed in consequence of the fury of intolerance. One false dogma, in particular, constantly leads us far from the truth, and engages us in a continual warfare against humanity and nature. This dogma is the idea that only one belief, among all beliefs, can be the true saving. This dogma has divided the four quarters of the globe with more human blood, and under color of pretended justice, has authorized more dreadful crimes than all the united and consolidated errors of heathendom.

fully, and dragged his bleeding body towards me. Twice had he been pierced through by the murderers. Weeping, I raised him up, bore him to the soft grass, and washed his wounds, while Matthias brought water from a neighboring spring of water to wash them. The moanings of my devoted dog became fainter and fainter. He licked my hand, and fixed his eyes steadfastly on my countenance, as if he knew he was about to take a long and arduous journey. In this moment of anguish and misery my bird's death—Beauty's first fawning upon me in the promenade of the cathedral grounds of my native city—his flight from his master to me—and the loved corner in my chamber which he and my bird preferred. Weeping, I again and again called his name; Beauty heaved his voice; once more he made the endeavor to lick my hand. With this act of affection he gave up the ghost, and with tears flowing from my eyes I dug him a grave.

"Rest in peace, thou dear dust!" I sobbed; "rest in peace; oh, Beauty, we shall meet each other again; thou hast a beautiful soul, and it cannot be annihilated."

Seventeen years after Beauty's death, when one day not far from a village, as I was returning home from a business journey, I beheld a youthful maiden who had just solicited charity from a passenger, and who was rudely driving her off with these words: "You are young, and should be ashamed of begging."

As I directed my steps nearer, my traveling carriage being at considerable distance behind me, the man turned indifferently away. Unconsciously I remained fixed to the spot where I was standing. I was animated with the deepest compassion for the poor girl, whose youthful and charming face was so full of grief. I contemplated the exquisite form of the suppliant, and perceived that she gave evidence of poverty and want. A glowing blush, like the brilliant reflection of the morning clouds, mantled her countenance. This was succeeded by immediate paleness, and tottering sideways, she was suddenly compelled to lean for support against an adjacent tree. I hurried to her. "You are not well, my child," said I, and she seemed to me like one that I had long known. She made no reply, although her lips opened, as if she would utter an answer. With the most evident innocence, she regarded me most attentively, as though she sought to read my soul. Then turning abruptly she walked away. Involuntarily I retained my position. At ten steps' distance she again leaned against a high oak, and gazed backward towards me. She wept, and yet appeared to use the greatest exertion to subdue her tears. I went to her, and said, "What is the matter with you, my child? Are you borne down with misfortune?"

She did not answer. Her anguish completely overcame her. She wept aloud; with her eyes streaming with tears she gazed at me, tottered as altogether prostrated, and sank down towards me. I caught her in my arms. Her eyes were closed, and her face was covered with a frightful paleness. I was terrified lest she should expire upon my breast. I quickly laid her down on the grass, and ran back to a living spring, which, gushing from the rocks a little way back, ran across the road, and scooping out the cool water in my hat, I again speedily hurried back. The maiden had recovered her consciousness. Hearing my footsteps she slowly rose up, aiding herself by an exertion of all her strength. Her cheeks were again colored by a pale redness, and she thanked me with a grateful smile, she informed she was not. I drew out my money-purse, and instead of selecting any of its contents for her, I presented her the whole sum, and still thought I had given but little.

her eyes, so full of feeling, again glistened with tears.

"Will you always remain in poverty?" I continued.

"Poverty does not make me miserable," sighed she.

"I wish to do everything for you," resumed I, after a pause; "I will procure you new and suitable clothing; I will furnish you with money for your traveling expenses, and you shall accompany me to my native town. I will also provide amply for your foster-parents, and they shall hereafter be always shielded from want."

The foster-mother heard my words. Cecilia cast down her eyes with deep disquietude. The woman hastily approached us, and exhorted all her eloquence in advice to Cecilia not to reject such good fortune. The young girl listened without repugnance to the counsel, and willingly obeyed. I gave the woman money, and dispatched her to the village in order to purchase better clothes for her foster-daughter. Cecilia also withdrew, and I was alone. In a little while I heard some stifled sobs. I recognized Cecilia's voice, uttered in soft and subdued tones, within the hut. I flew thither. A half-open door allowed me to see the poor girl in her chamber. Her back was turned towards me. She stood with her hands clasped and raised to heaven sobbing and weeping, and occasionally I distinguished some of her words: "Thou hast beheld my tears," said she, overwhelmed by her emotions; "Thou hast counted my sighs! Ah, my God, my God, how have I deserved that Thou shouldst make me so happy, and that Thou shouldst send thy helping hand to my foster-parents! Prayer, when it encounters her to a supplicant, changes and dresses her, resembles tears. It plucks the thorns from misfortune, and takes from joy its intoxicating poison. I sat down on the wooden bench, and in a few moments Cecilia came out with weeping eyes. We gazed fixedly at each other. "Why do you weep, dear Cecilia?" said I.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R. Co.—We have received this interesting railroad exhibit, and learn from it that the floating debt which in 1847 was so heavy as to render an assignment on the part of the company necessary, has been entirely lifted.

The land department of this company is one in which the public is largely interested.

EVIL: ITS SOURCE AND REMEDY. BY A. E. NEWTON.—This is the title of Mr. Newton's 4th Tract for the people. It is the Address delivered by him before the "Philanthropic Convention," in Utica, N. Y., September 12, 1858, revised and enlarged.

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