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## AN EASTER DREAM.

A large pleasant room, with two windows looking toward the south and through which the sun's rays are pouring down upon the head of a fair-haired woman who is so occupied with her own thoughts as to be entirely oblivious to the warmth and glory of the February sun. Tossing her book down, for she had been reading or toward the pian ).

On the music rack was a song a friend had handed her the night before with the request that she would advise him whether to sing it at a sacred concert to be given the tollowing week. She runs over the accompanement, humming as she plays in the most meaningless manner possible.

"This will never do," she exclaims turns to the title page and begins agains thi time singing.

She begins the recitative for the third time and sings it very well.

Behold ! there shall be a day when the witchman upon the mountain top shall cry aloud : Arise, ye ! arise ye ! Get thee up into Mount Zion, unto the Lord your God ! to; thus said the Lord."

A stranger would be deceived into thinking that another person was singing, so different was the voice that just declaimed the last lines. Now the voice takes up the refrain which was so melodious, and sings it quietly and with a simplicity that only a tender, loving nature is capable of. After the crescendo, "For I the Lord am with thee, and will save thee," comes with inexpressible tenderness : "I have loved thee, I have loved thee with everlasting love, and have redeemed thee, redeemed thee." She makes nothing of these beautiful lines and the voice that was so full of expression fails now. With her extreme sensitiveness she teels how infinitely beyond her is the interpretation of all that is suggested here. A nature so impressionable, although it realizes its deficiency, still experiences such an overflow of feeling as to choke all means of expression. She closes the piano without finishing the song, but the desire is so intense to sing the lines that she cannot get away from them. She tries to sew, and, failing, takes up a book, only to read between the lines the music and words : "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and have redeemed thee, redeemed thee. She finally closes her book and hums the lines over and over to herselt. The look of annoyance leaves her face-the flush in her cheeks dies away, she stops humming, leans her head on a chair cushion, dreamily conteni. Suddenly she starts and listens, smiles half incredulously. "What an imaginative creature I am !" lays her head back on the cushion, closes her eyes and aleeps. # "I have redeemed thee, redeemed thee." She hears the retrain distinctly, but the voice is like nothing she has ever heard betore. Surely no one upon the earth can sing like that ! I must be dreaming ! The air is filled with splendor awakened by the vibrations of this marvellous voice! The light radiates its absolute purity ! and now envelopes me from head to foot and gently raises me from the ground ! Where is this voice taking me?" She slowly, but with difficulty, opens her eyes, for the intense light blinded her tor a short time, and sees in the distance the lotty spires of a great city. She wonders if that is her destination and approaches with considerable curiosity. As she gently decends she hears the vesper chimes, and they ring out in joyous tones : "I have redeemed thee, redeemed thee." "Was it the bells I heard? No! No! It was tar more beautiful and vibrated in the very depths of my soul."

so kindly and with such delicacy of tenderness as to her progress, and then spoke of the officiating priest, the look of hea-venly exaltation which had suffased his

countance, carrying p-ace and hippiness to all beholders. Mrytle had not seen him at all, and tively, overpoweringly enjoyed than the

tremolingly exclaimed : "Way did I not see him ? "Child, he reflects the glory of his Mas-

ter and your eyes are not strong enough comes when Jesus has washed all sin from the heart.'

biding place, realizing for the first time her unworthiness Two women follow her as sho passes down the street and she overhears their conversation : "I have decided not to go to the chapel any more-what is the sense? We haven't discovered the

again ! woman by her side. "Please do not say you will not go to Master can forgive, cannot I stretch out of the roads. It is with great humility the chapel again. I heard you tell your a helping hand and make the way easier? she sees with what apparent ease those friend, and it hurt me so that I tremble I took her in, did my best to comfort her who have come to her for help stand the now with pain. Go with me to-morrow, and the next morning awoke in Paradise. intense rays of lights which beat upon her and I am sure we shall be in time for the But what will become of her now that I own soul with overpowering intensity. service. I have never seen the priest, but | am here ?" I have heard him intone the service many times. I have never seen the boys, but the divine music of their heavenly voices has been waited across my soul. I was so disheartened to-day that I had never seen in the sanctuary those who wait upon our Lord. My cup seemed running over, but now I know that it is not filled to the brim. The kindest, sweetest old lady met me betore I entered the chapel for the first time and told me to meditate and pray and God would grant my hear's desire. Come with me tomorrow. let me help you, and together let us wait humbly for the presence of God." The next day they wend their way to church. Myrtle's heart is overflowing with compassion for the woman at her side. She enters the chapel, talls on her knees and prays, not for herself, but that God would lighten this poor woman's burden and remove the scales from her eyes. She hears the most exultant peal of music, raises her head and beholds the priests at the altar. His robes are pure white and the expression on his face is tenderly compassionate. The faces of the boys suffused with a reflection of divine purity are so restful that she feels as it she could stay there forever. She does not know how long she has been in the chapel when she hears her friend preparing to leave and follows her out. She starts to speak, but seeing the tears in the other's eyes is unable to say a word. The girl humbly and feelingly exclaims: "I have heard the most beautiful voice intone the service of our Lord, I have been edified beyond the most extreme imaginings in my inmost heart. I thank you! thank you for your faith in me! Your wondertul faith in God's mercy !" When Myrtle sees this girl's happiness and how it has flooded her soul with infinite turn. delight; when she realizes that it has been brought about through her instrumentality, she resolves to devote her time to relieving and inspiring those who have become discouraged through the suggestions of the flesh which they have not been able to shake off entirely. For with some the soul is so covered, so imbued with the desires of the flesh, that after having left the body it is still tingled with the all-pervading hue of its worldly life. It must be plunged into streams of pure living, elevating desires which will lave away all after through the marvelous comprehension effects of past indulgences. The love of | of the sacrifice of God the Father and of self which has been developed through the | His Son Jesus Christ. A faith which slowcomforts and pleasures incidental to a worldly life and which takes years of preparation to eradicate must be met with a tender patience; the way must be revealed, step by step, through little acts of selfsacrifice, until all thought of self, even salvation, is entirely obliterated in doing the pleasure of God. Myrtle meets some very interesting people, among them a young woman who has puzzled her considerably. She was the first person the girl encountered in her Go to the chapel, meditate and pray, and walks around Paradise and she was the desire for righteousness which He has quite curious to learn where she was. implanted within your soul will be fulfilled, With sweet womanly tact Myrtle drew

downward in sin leads us away from the light, eventually bringing us to a blackness ot despair which ends in total annihilation. But some there are who love the blackness, delighting to wallow in it, each succeeding accumulation of mire being more seducproceeding Tais overwhelming sensuality

of desire never turns back but plunges one on every side in Hades.

She opened her eyes and sees in the heavens the sign of the cross; it radiates with light and Myrtle's eyes close beneath the splendor of its glory. She talls upon her knees and the bells ring out : "I have redeemed thee, redeemed thee.'

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"What does it mean? I must find out!" She rushes on to the street to hear that One is coming tomorrow to concecrate steadily on to death. With horror I turned those who are ready and waiting for the my face from what seemed to me the in- light of His countenance, to encourage trying to read rather, she walked aimlessly yet to lock upon even the reflection of that tensest misery imaginable, and resolved to those who through the imperfections of glory. Pray for spiritnal sight, which do what I could to keep out of that terrible their worldly life are struggling for the whirlpool of passionate sin. It was very good. She puts the desire, the longing hard to tollow the path atter having strayed | for consecration, from her through the Myrtle turns dejectedly towards her a- for so many years, and temptation assails feeling that she is utterly unworthy to receive it. But may not He speak some

"But I will not weary you with all my little word of encouragement! She tells discouraging attempts, but will tell you herselt, no! What has she done to about a poor wo nan who came to my door. | deserve encouragement ! Even now she She had been harried to desperation by is praying that she may be allowed to women who prided themselves on their | gaze upon the radiancy of His glory, prayright hour for service yet. It is so dreary virginity; a virginity in name only, but ing for selt, that she may be satisfied, and cold there, no music, even, and one that is all sufficing for some women. She when there are so many she could be helpgets tired saying one's prayers all alone in had tallen before coming here and these ing to prepare to come into His presence. that great church-no, I shall not go self-righteous souls had turned their backs With the dawn comes such a brighness upon her. My heart was filled with pity in the heavens that all who behold marvel. She leaves her companion, and Myrtle, for the poor creature, may she not have As the day advances the light becomes so trembling with pity, turns and addresses been more sinned against than sinning? intense that Myrtle seeks the shade of the her. See had forgotten her own unhappi- Her repentance was so intensely real, she doorway to the chapel-house. She cannot

ness and depondency in her grief for the bemoaned her sin with tears of great sor- stay on the street and is so surprised to row which came from her heart. If my see the crowds that gather in the middle

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A sweet little woman approaches, and on her tace is such a look of peaceful content that Myrtle involuntarily lowers her head as she draws near.

"Will you kindly tell me where I am ?"

"My dear child, you are on the borderland of Paradise. God in his goodness has allowed you to come here, that you may prepare to come before his preserce on that day when he sees fit to call you. Thank bim in humble gratitude and pray that you may be able to look upon the brightness of his glory when your summons o nes."

The little woman turns to leave and Myrtle exclaims: "What must I do to make myself worthy ?"

"Nobody can help you but yourselt.

"God will take care of that. You have work to do here; we all have. It will be thought she was better than they ! With revealed to you. Watch and pray, and the work that has been planned for you to do will be made known unto you."

Myrtle joins the woman the next day as she is leaving the chapel, for she knows that her heart will be filled to overflowing with disappointment. She must be met with exceeding tenderness, and it is with great pity Myrtle realizes, in her total selfeffacement, the other woman's suffering; and fearful that it may awaken the tends ency to uncharitableness which she had not entirely overcome. Myrtle prayerfully entreats that she may be the means of leading this woman to a clear understanding of herself which will open the way to a com-

plete revelation of God's great mercy. She approaches her and the woman says nothing; she looks almost defiant in her misery. Myrtle speaks to her and she bursts forth in a torrent of words-complainining, wondering, incredulous.

the entered the chapel filled, yes, Movercome with the sense of my unworthiness." begged with extreme humility for forgiveness-my life has not been all bad! I have wept over the sufferings of the poor, the degraded, those deeper in sin than myself !" "Yes, but have you ever stretched out

your hand to help them--ever given them a kind word, any little encouragement ?" "No, only the woman I cold you ot."

She looked at Myrtle, and Myrtle, laying her hand on her arm, exclaimed : "Inasmuch ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

She turned, retraced her steps and entered the chapel. She was such a creature of impulse that the least suggestion taken was acted upon immediately.

Myrtle smiled, started to follow her, hesitated and finally decided to await her re-

In a few moments she emerged from the chapel, and hastening towards Myrtle exclaimed : "I who have prided myself upon my faith do not know the meaning of the word! Tell me what it is? What did you pray for that has brought such a look of ineffable peace to your countenance?"

"I asked for a faith that is in harmony with God, that reflects the divine compasssion and loving kindness of the master, that kills all regard for self-glorification ly and progressively leads us step by step to a realization of the divine loveand exceeding glory of the Most High."

"And that will bring peace ?"

"It will bring a desire to be like Christ, to serve Him, which leads to all obliteration of self, to the loss of self in Christ." "And what did I ask for ?"

"You desired to bring God's actions down to the level of your little, petty desires. You requested, demanded gratificasion for your worldly desires. He must stoop and answer you whether it was for

She must go down to them ! Must tell them how she had wronged them -- has difficulty she descends the steps, but when she reaches the road there comes such an

outpouring of glorious light as to trans-Douglas, a son figure her inmost soul. The chapel bells ring out again : "I have redeemed thee,

redeemed thee." But above the bells she hears a marvelously clear and beautiful voice : "The Lord has litted up his countenance upon you and given you peace. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'

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Taylor to Victoria Jenkins North River, March 27, by Rev. J. E. Spiddell, A. W. Higgins to Mabel Lands

Truro. April 1, by Rev. A. L. Geggie, George Archibald to Minerva McNutt.

Salmon River, March 28, by Rev. W. Purvis, Wm. L. Taylor to Victoria Jenkins.

Stewiacke, April 3, by Rev. A. D. Gunn, William Brown to Mary Olivia Bently.

Shubenacadie, March 20, by Rev. John Murray, W. H Leck to Martha Barnhill.

Indian Brook, March 26 by Rev. J. Fraser, Capt. John McLeod to Jane D. Matherso

Truro, April 1, by Rev. John Robbins, Robert Higgins, 1 C. R. to Jessie McKenzie.

Upper La Have, March 21, by Rev. G. L. Rankin, James B. Conrad to Clara A. Randall. New Glasgow, March 28, by Rev. A. Robertson John R. McKeigan, to Maggie McIsaac.

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Juvenile, March 31, by Rev. W. Wass, J. A. Charl-ton to Annie M. Bell, both of Blissville, N. B. East Jeddore, April 5. by Rev. L. J. Slaughen-waite, George A. Hartling to Euuice Arnold.

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Grafton, N. B., by Rev. A. F. Baker, John A. Bragdon to Minnie McAllister, of Edmunston, N. B.

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Northfield, March 21, by Rev. G. Martell, James Singer of Noel Road, to Emma Spicer of North-field.

Dalhousie, March 25, by Rev. Wm. Grant. Roder-ick McLeod, of Port Morien to Catherine Mc-Donald.

Port Hawkesbury, March 26, by Rev. C. W. Swallow, A. B. Allan McLean to Christie Mc-Kinnon.

Boston, March 27, by Rev. Scott Hershey, D. Wil-son Moffatt, formerly of Moncton to Lucinda Johnson.

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