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## Patsy

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But he did come again about six weeks later. I was alone again when he appeared at the little opening in the door. Instead of the cap, he wore a stiff black hat, probably found in some refuse barrel. There was a band of coarse black crape around the crown of the hat, and his eyes were not quite so bright as they had been before.

"Well, Patsy," I said, "you have been having trouble, haven't you?" "Yis, sor." He took off his hat and began smoothing out the crape with his finger.

"What is the crape for, Patsy?"

"Me gran'mother. It's wan wake this day she's dead."

His blue eyes filled with tears and his lips trembled as he added: "She was the best friend I ever had, gran'ma was. She never beat me in me loife an' she's saved me many a batin' from me father an' mither."

"Well, what do you want, little fellow?"

"Is it here ye give things?" he said.

"Yes, we do have things to give away sometimes. What do you want?"

"Sure, I do be wantin' more thin ye givin' away," he replied with his eyes twinkling. "I want all them Vanderpifts has, but if ye could have me have a pair of breeches the day, sor, maybe I could wait a bit for the rest."

I opened the door and told him to come in. He did so without any sign of embarrassment; and yet his manner was not bold. His need of "breeches" was evident.

Those that he had on were nothing but rags and patches. His stockings had holes in them, and his shoes were on the point of dissolution.

"Where do you live?" he said.

"In Finney's coo-r-t, sor," he said.

I knew the locality. Only the poorest of the poor lived there.

"What is your name?"

"I say Nooman."

"Have you a father?"

"As, sor."

"He at work?"

"He is, sor—on the Island."

I needed no further information regarding the character or occupation of Patsy's father. On the Island were the city's reformatory institutions, and if Mr. Noonan was there, it was not necessary to embarrass Patsy by pressing him for further details, so said:

"And have you a mother, too?"

"Indade, I have."

"What does she do?"

"She's doing toime on the Island, now, sor."

Patsy's eyes caught sight of a case of Peter Cooper which stood upon the mantel. I sold him of Cooper's kindness to the poor.

"It looks like, sor," said Patsy, "like in him would be better doing time on the Island, I'm thinkin'."

"No," said Patsy, "If all men and women were good as he was the he could be used for better purposes. See that that you keep off the Island, my boy."

"So they might, Patsy, and they must have some place to go when they come back to the city."

"If they don't, they'll soon be back to the Island," said Patsy, stroking his finger and his head in solemn affirmation, and emphasizing the statement by adding:

"Mark that, sor. An' I thought I'd get the timnymint ready against the toime they'll make it. I'm goin' to take my gran'mother's place at the fruit stand an' sell papers, too; an' if you know anny way to help out a bit wid foornishin' me timnymint, I'd be obliged an' I'd pay it all back when I could."

It happened that there was a quantity of very good second-hand furniture in the distributing department of the Helping Hand.

I made Patsy's case known to the Society, and was given permission to use anything necessary in refurnishing his grandmother's tenement. Some of the young ladies belonging to the Society became interested in the warm-hearted Irish lad, and did much to make the tenement neat and attractive.

Patsy's delight knew no bounds. His laughing eyes grew brighter and brighter, the color came back to his cheeks.

"Sure, they'll think this is better than the Island," he said, as he walked from one to the other of the clean and comfortably furnished little rooms. "Curtains on the winter! An' a rockin' chair wid a cushion in it! An' a cloth on the table! It's out o' sight!"

He blackened the cook stove himself until it shone as brightly as a stove could shine, and he scrubbed the kitchen floor over and over again.

At last the day came when Mr. and Mrs. Noonan were again free.

I went down to the wharf with Patsy, to meet them when the city boat should arrive from the Island.

Patsy, neat and clean, in a suit from the relief department of the Helping Hand, could hardly wait

for the gang plank to put down.

His father and mother were the first to cross it. I was anxious to

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