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"GIL."

A ragged, sad-eyed boy, aged nine or ten, stopped me on the street the other day and said:

"I haven't had anything to eat this whole day! Won't you please give me ten cents?"

I gave it to him. I'd have given him the money if it had been necessary to pawn my hat.

"Do you let imposters swindle you in that manner?" inquired an acquaintance.

A journalist who has knocked around as a daily paper a dozen years has seen every phase of human life. Men, women and children have swindled him, or sought to; people have lied to him; his money has been given to whining lying vagrants who told direful tales of distress, and he ought to be able to correctly read human nature.

"I'll bet that boy is a professional beggar," continued my friend chuckling at the idea of my being swindled.

None of us care for the loss of a shinplaster on the street, while everyone feels vexed and annoyed at the idea of being swindled out of a single penny. I could not say that the boy was not a swindler, and yet I would have divided my last shilling with him.

"Why?"

I told my friend why, and I will tell you.

One day last year when the wild wind blew the snow over the house roofs and around the corners in blinding clouds, and when the frosty air cut one's face like a knife, a boy of ten came up to me as I waited for the car. He was thinly clad, his face betrayed hunger and suffering, and in a mournful voice he pleaded:

"I'm hungry and cold!"

"Why don't you go home?" I asked.

"I haven't any!"

"Haven't you any relatives?"

"Not one!"

"How long have you been here?"

"Three weeks."

The boy spoke in that drawl which professional beggars assume. I believe to, that I had seen his face on the streets time and again. I hardened my heart and said:

"Boy! I know you, and if I catch you asking any one for money again I'll have you arrested!"

He moved away quickly. I argued that this proved the guilt, forgetting that a homeless, friendless waif might evince fear when entirely innocent.

Five hours later, when night had come and the wind had grown to a fierce gale, the boy then hailed me again as I plunged through snow-drifts. I did not see him until he called out:

"Mister! I'm almost starved, and I'll freeze to death if I can't get some place to sleep?"

The same thin, ragged clothes, hardly comfortable enough for June weather—the same whine to his voice. I felt like giving him money but the fear that he had been sent out by his parents to beg, restrained and angered me. Catching him by the arm, I yelled out:

"See here, boy! if you don't own up that you are lying to me I'll take you to the station!"

Through the blinding storm I saw his white face grow paler, and he cried back:

"Don't take me—don't! Yes, I was lying!"

I released him and he hurried away, while I walked on, flattering myself that I had played a sharp game and done the generous public a good turn.

An hour later, when the night had grown still wilder and colder, some one knocked at my door. It was a timid knock, and I wondered who could have sent a child abroad on such a night. When I opened the door that same boy was on the step, his face blue with cold, his whole form shivering, and a look of desperation in his face.

"Please, Mister ——!" he began, but stopped when recognizing me.

I was puzzled to know why he should have followed me home—why he had selected me for a victim and trailed me so persistently. I might have argued that the storm had driven people off the streets, and that the freezing, starving boy had in his desperation called at the house, but I didn't. Had it been any other boy or any other person asking charity I would have given promptly and freely. But I was angry at his trailing me—angered that he thought he could swindle me, and grabbed at him and inquired:

"Boy, what's your name?"

He leaped back, and standing where the furious storm almost hurled him from sight, he answered:

"Gil!"

"I know you, sir!" I shouted and he moved away without another word.

The Lord forgive me for that night's work! But you might have acted the same. When morning came, after a night so bitter that policemen were frozen on their beats, I opened the front door to find that boy dead on the steps, frozen to death! I know as the dead, white face looked up at me through the snow, that I had wronged him with my suspicions but it was too late then,—the angels had opened to him a gate leading to a place where the human heart and its unworthy thoughts can never enter. Poor Gil! A warm meal or a shilling would have saved his life, and I had driven him out to his death.

This is why I give when I am asked now. I know that I sometimes give to the unworthy, but it would be better to give all I possess to an imposter than to have another homeless waif creep back to die on this spot where I had unjustly accused him.

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Big Reduction.

THE GOODS MUST BE SOLD.

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January 4, 1876.

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