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Dawn of an Easter morn. From the distant horizon in the east the sun shone from an azure sky on the massive golden cupola of San Marco. the violet domes and bell-towers etched against the orange color of the heavens in the west.

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A rosy-cheeked, pretty bambina baby, dressed in a white robe, and resting her little body on the marble flags before the portals of the Cathedral, was drinking milk from a nursing bottle.

Augusto Branzi, the sacristan, approaching the marble steps to the Cathedral, opened his eyes in amazement at the sight of the bambina. He, however, took it up in his arms and brought it to his small house adjacent to the Basilica.

"Elena." he exclaimed entering the door of the conjugal chamber, where his sposa was still taking her rest in

"I have brought this foundling to thee and thou wilt rear it. casis sima mia?" "Dio mio." said Augusto's wife,

"where didst thou find this little tot?" Augusto told her where he found

They were a childless old pair, yet peace and happiness ever reigned between them. Signora Branzo acquired in a few months a maternal instruct of love for the wee bambina They both gave the name of "Pepita" to it.

When she was five years old, every Saturday at early dawn, she entered the Cathedral, and was provided with five flannel cloths to wipe away the dust from the candlesticks of the high and low alters, and polish them into a shining color.

In the late springtime, the summer and the early fall, Pepita used to rise from her little bed at the dawn, dress herself and rush as agile as a hare to the woodlands where she culled the wild vines, the violet, the marguerite, the red and white rose. and then from them into two bouquets. She afterwards returns, enters the basilica and places one the Madonna resting on a golden pedestal of the altar in a side chapel. As she performed this duty, she knelt on the tiled floor and prayed:

"Ecco Madonna mia! the flowers that I have laid at thy feet: thou not ask of thy Divine Son that, if I enter the gates of heaven, my dear mother, I shall bloom as a red rose in the green fields of that lovely paradise?"

She imagined that a smile gleamed from Our Lady's eyes, and she anpeared to have nodded affirmatively to the child Pepita.

Then she proceeded to the little chapel consecrated to St. Joseph. and made the same devotions and placed the other bouquet at the foot of his statue.

After arminding one of the public schools of Venice during ten years. where she received a good education suitable to a girl of the laboring classes, she became a market maid. She was then fifteen years old. golden curls rippled over her brow. Her eyes were of a sea-blue color. Her face was white, and wore the tint of a red rose. Her figure was already perfectly rounded. In the country south of Europe maidens become young women at the ages of fourteen and fifteen. In Naples and in Sicily they are women at twelve.

Pepita wore a star-spungled, russet brown kerchief on her head, and a catlet robe on her figure. She carried two empty and large baskets on her head; supported by her two arms and hands. The market of Venice was situated in San Vio on the bands of the Grand Canal, crowded with gondolas and across the canal's bridge the good folk of San Vio come and go, the whole day long-men in blue shirts with enormous hats, and jackets slung on their left shoulder, women's heads generally arrayed in kerchiefs of orange and crimson. Bare-legged boys sit upon a parapet, dangling their feet over the ris-

A hawker passes, balancing a basket of live and crawling crabs. l'epita said to the hawker as usual:

"Would you let me have half a basketful of crabs for one lira and and fifty soldis?"

"No signorina, I will sell you a goldis." "I consent," said Pepita, and she

ter Paolo. Barges filled with Brents water

made a purchase of the crabs of por-

and mirano wine take up their station at the neighboring steps, and then ensues a mighty spinshing

and hurrying to and fro of men with the formed on his chief and the lieus from brows to breast with the drippings of the vat

And now, there is bustle it. San Vio-a bark has arrived from San Erasmo, the usland of the market gardens. It is filled with gourds and pumpkins, cabbages and tomatoes and pears—a pyramid of gold and green and scarlet. Brown men lift the barrels of truit aloft, and let it down on the paving stones of the piazza. Women, among whom was Pepita, bargain for fruit and vegetables. Petita purchased several pounds of pears, and a basket of tomatoes

A clatter of chattering tongues, ring of coppers, a babel of hourse sea voices proclaim the sharpness of come here from the cathedral. the struggle. Pepita places the basket of crabs in a friend's house. She then goes to San Fronde, a town a mile inland with a population of 1,000, with the basket of pears and tomatoes. When she enters the market place of San Fronde, a prowd of the Genoese chief. house wives gather around her, and she afterward brought to the town brought her eight lire. On the whole. Pepita earned in the late pring, summer and early fall five francs, a dollar a day.

Every morning before she would Augusto Branzi's house where he would place the statue of the Mathe statue and placed it in the it he who had killed her. niche. Pepita and saved 500 lire, which contained a wax candle encas. the dagger pierced her heart. before the image.

When Pepita was seventeen years old, in 1380, the Genoese fleet bouquet at the feet of the statue of blockaded the port of Ventce. From girl. his prison in the blockaded sea city the great admiral, Carlo Zeno. was sent out on a forlorn hope, and blocked victorious Doria, the admiral of Genoa's fleet, with boats on which the nobles of the Golden Book have spent their fortunes. Pietro Doria boasted that with his own hands he would bridle the bronze steeds of St. Mark. But now he found himself between the navy of Carlo Zena, in the Adriatic, and the flotilla led by Sisani across the lagoons. After six months blockade the fleet of the Genoese republic was captured.

> A band of Genoese marines entered the centre of Venice, and smashed windows and tore down the Madonnas from the niches. A great number of the people of Genoa were Pagans at that time. When they reached the house of the Sacristan it was 8 o'clock p. m., when Penita was kneeling before the statue. On they came in their Roman togasthose semi-savage men, but when the chief witnesses the sincerity of the girl's piety and admired the beauty of her face, he addressed her as follows in the Roman tongue which was still spoken in various cities of Italy:

"What is your name?" "Pepita."

"You are a very good girl. I have with my comrades torn down about twenty-five Madonnas from

niches.* "Oh! then you are a very bad man!" "But when I saw your ablue eyes swimming in a spirit liquid of sincere viety and your beautiful face, I could not burt your Mahonna."

"Let me convert you to my religion chief,' she said.

"I should want to know what it is like," the chief said.

He dismissed his followers who lingered in the city till they were arrested by the lictors of the Republic of Venice, who led them to the Ducal Palace, where they were all sentenced to death for removing the statues of the Madonnas from their niches. They were taken ever the Bridge of Sighs into the prison, chief executioner who, through a trap door, hurled each of the culprits down a dark hole, where he whole basketful for two lira and fifty found a watery grave in the canal. Hancy said she was entitled to pay Meanwhile Pepita, in the course of the same as men, and she received the three hours had succeeded in convincing the chief. His name was Carlo Romano. He assured the who escapes from jury duty and gets young girl that he would de vote his pay for it. life to converting the pagans Genoa to Christianity.

One of the band led by Romano, back to this country.

tube upon their heads. The breway saved the traitor's life. He told the fellows in the wine targe are red lictor that chief Romano was just San Marco.

> The lictor, who was head inspector Ravenna.

When they approached the Branzi house Ravenna and six of his companions searched to the intense trepidation of Signora Branzi, the dining room and the kitchen for the Genoese chief.

"Where is that Genoese chief, Signora? inquired Ravenoa.

know nothing of the chief."

the entire fruit and vegetables staircase, but there was no means of come to them, and they take every rough weather the long trip from changed from the total come to them. fetched seven lire. The crabe which saving the life of Romano. Ravenna precaution for safety. In spite of Sidney to White Bay. Inside the these those along the court, and the breast of Romano.

go to the market she would run to course did not mean to kill the girl months ago. the woodlands for flowers to deck the Doctors and surgeons were called in Under these circumstances it is purpose. Her primitive asme was images of the Blessed Virgin and St. who unanimously pronounced her not surprising that these rich islands Zereide. an Arabic word that some of our Kanakas 224 Joseph. She employed a sculptor dead. Signore Branzi and her hus. should still be the least known and means "Daughter of the Bea." We some security to a to cut out a niche over the door of band, when they entered the cham- the least explored on the large of the have changed it for the blowed and small carries as large the ber and saw their adopted daughter globe. However, as missionaries, we protecting name of Maria, and from purpose of lawful about swimming in her blood went pitifully, have to go among these miserable the mast we fly the bander of the south donna. In a few weeks he carved Signora asked the Head Lictor was cannibals even at the risk of our Secred Heart. The little Marie, secret manibals even at the risk of our Secred Heart.

He explained to the sacristan's Christianity. Sometimes we have to the Secred Heart, who is to bear to our ac \$100, from her earnings and handed wife that it was an accident. "While go exploring in order to discover the these savage people the Heart of her less it over to the sculptor, who had I was planting the point of my dag, most populous regions and these than Son and the infinite love that the Three of the previously fixed that figure, for the ger in that savage Pagan yonder, would promise most success to our flames it. Debt six cor unum. work Pepita procured a glass case your daughter came between us, and ministry. With this object we made . Friday, May 11, toward 11 o'clock conserve ed in a candlestick, and deposited it sacristan and his wife carried the the last two years into the interior Maris with the sails set for Vistola. at the pedestal. She would say her bleeding corpse of Pepits down to of the peninsula of the Gaselle. where I was to spend the field at morning and her evening prayers the dining room and wept over the Father Goutherand, Father Bley and Pentecoast and where Father Coutherand, remains. -

Romano obeyed. "Well then I request you to return

and become a Christian apostle." me, Signora Lictore."

A long funeral procession of gondolas containing 500 of Pepita's friends was formed up the Grand Canal along the Riva to the Campo Santo, the "holy field," as the Italians outside the church of St. Pietro. A tion at Herbertshob, though declarlanguage:

Here Lie The Ashes of a Brave Heroine, Pepita.

Died a Martyr's Douth that A Humae and Christan Soul May Live. R. L.P.

Hot weather always brings in increase in strikes and labor distur. bances. May is the storm center of the industrial world. This year fewer disturbances than usual are reported, as a general improvement in all lines of lon neroes the peninsula in company business is apparent. Business is pick. with Mr. Rocholl, governor of the ing up. More men than youll are finding employment and there is an upward tendency in wages. This throws the professional agitator out of gear. He he is likely to become especially active to the eastern coast hear Cape Pality in fomenting the few disturbances which come to the surface of labor affairs. Look out for him and turn him down. At this time, when business friend of the working classes who tries to incite discontent...

Miss Lotto Ott, a Chicago young woman, was called into Judge Hanjuror, her name having been drawn from the poll lists. Miss Ott said she knew she would not be accepted as a juror, as she had read about other women being called in, as she was, and which leads one to think there are cused her, she demanded the fee which and were sent into eternity by the is paid to men who are called as jurors and for any reason are excused from service. This was \$2, representing one day's pay, and mileage from her home the northwest, which is given up Holy Communion. Having decide money and went away prepared to do a little shopping before she returned

> It will sadden some people to learn that O'Donovan Regen is on his way

Under the title "South Sea Glimp are abandoned, to bring then in the house of the excristan of sea from a Mission Tanha the An-our orphenance. This right having last it all nais of Our Lady of the Sacred unfortunately, been consulted by the side. Hourt publishes a recely interesting prosent forverior, we have be arrest of his police, sounded the trumpet letter from a missionary describing to a higher power. The assert law bear and immediately 100 sub-lictors an exploring expedition along the which we hope will be favorable not whom we armed with daggers surrounded him north coast of Pomerania. The less having reached us ret, has delayed our problem They marched led by the head lictor ber was written by Righ Rev. Louis our project. While waiting we have In the Couppe to the superior general of the stready used the little ship to said be larg the hand Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Island of New Hanover beengage after Jenyum & Here are extracts from its

European confreres would like to am soing to tell you of hear of a little trip I made recently with dear Father Bler up the north The Maria is what is called a out court along the coast of New Pomerania. You are fer, and is 34 feet long by 91 wide | until we came to Low aware that the islands of the vicari- It draws a little more than seven was to be the and of the "I do not know honored Signors 1.00 are almost unknown. The feet and gauges from 18 to 14 tons. The whole segments Lictore, for it is just now I have levendary barbarism of their inhabit. In the parrow keel, built for rapid Kanakas as Kanakas as Kanakas I ante has surrounded them with a travel are enclosed 8000 kilogrammes sessuit so doubt because barricade that few travellers care to of lead, which serves as ballant and are found there in seast Ravenus followed by three of his penetrate. It is true that several gives it stability against sudden Small seashells are there followers ascended the staircase and vessels, capecially of late years, have guate of wind out heavy was bosine which pleased and sirene on the first floor the lictor pushed touched here to seek recruits among held her own in a terrible tempest become the divisa and a door of one of the bed chambers the black workmen; but the recruit, that in less than ave minutes up previous money Here Pepita was found instructing ing officers take good care not to rooted and split into kindling wood after by the natives of the land. They generally keep their more than 20 large trees at our stan peninsula. Collected on the Pepita heard their footsteps on the distance and wait until the natives tion at Kinigunan and the made in by the recipie to Randle in rushed in the direction of Romano, all this, several vessels have been a well-arranged saloon, the seats of distributed through all the holding his dagger in a line with captured and destroyed by these which can be used for berthe for of the reminents, gradually Romano's heart when Pepita ran be audacious pirates, and worse than eight passengers, a cabin with two loss in value the willes. It tween the dagger of Ravenna and the that, many recruiters have been sur beds, a kitchen and an open space for unusual to the chiair who had prised and messacred, which was the the sallors. Thus she is a ministure 000 measures of this money. Ravenna stood aghast. He of fate of the sailors of the Senta a few boat, but safe, swift and comfort represents a value of \$6.000 fe

lives, to bear to them the bleesing of them, is the emblem of Our Lady of succeed myself crossed the great regions of was to join me for this royage. other travelers, we resoled at its highest point the rives Karavat, beto Genea where they are all Pagan yound illifornt Varsin (Beautemps-Beaupre on the old maps.) The oanwe were, welcomed us most amioshly. while they had previously killed several men belonging to a numerous expedition led by the imperial judge.

They were the same tribes that recall their grave, ards. Then they cently kept up so long and obstinate laid her remains in a marble chest a war against the government stator engraved on the front marble not wish to do so with the mission stone containing Pepits's remains the aries of Kinfgunan. In fact our ollowing inscription in the Latin station, though without defense and tian education real happiness and contiguous to that of Herbertshon, has never been attacked.

Since this war, in which more than 60 natives were killed, we were the first to return to Malakun. where we received as cordial a walcome as even. This was because the savages know how to distinguish between the whites who go there for traffic or to punish by force their missionaries who come only to do them good and reform them by evangetical mildness and charity. Some in nthe later I made another excurbatton of Herbertehole and Mr. Parkinson, a planter from Ralum

Our program was to go in a cance. We carried out our program but six bours' hard work every day; to nished with a church bell with reach that point while it took in whole is adorned with rewastrates scarcely any traces of the natives,

voyage on board the Maria. This is of Baining and we work unleave the name of a charming little yacht parity with phone mysterious middle we bought lately at Sidney with the talmears whole the Racata date intention of visiting all the islands to paint to us in the darkers a

twelve native workmen whom we were to series (2) "I think that you as well seour heeded then for the exoursion that I the three lab

able, such as we had to have for the our money.

The two very interesting expeditions in in the morning. I emberted in the welfer. Meanwhile Romano told Ravenus Malakun, Valkiri and Kalil, situated accidental passengers for Vigoria that he has been converted to the at the foot of the mountain chain were Father Andre, who was to take dogmas of Christianity by the dead that traverses, the peninsula from Father Earl's place at the standar at it seat to west, passing through the Kiniganan, and Rev. Mother Calle. Lady of the Sacred Maste, who was Rolling to visit the Sisters and their orphange of St. Joseph.

A brave and devoted Manillan, an "That's what the desd girl advised nibals we met, having learned who experienced seamen, was our carried one of our orphane and three of our workmen served as sations, and little Louis Donation (one of the Manufacture oblideen bantised at Mantenditiene the writer's visit to France was our major domo. To tail the write. he has not learned to do much more paste than to break diskes and gisseware. I took him with me to give him a chance to see his native land salis is the the few weeks afterward a young sculp, ing several occasions that they did and to prove to his unhappy somps, are and triots that though sold into slavery, rightly he had found in his faith and Chris-

> freedom. Though we had only 48 miles to make to Visvola, the calm prevented relies our reaching there until midnight and, for fear of being ones upon the la-tarocky coast, we had to stand of in the sight of the station until dariestic. It was a great pleasure to me to

return to Viavola, my first residence In New Pomerania Balan due to give note of barbarity, and the Catholic present dispositions of our Kanahan and the happy change that faith has worked in them, I am populed for the indifference and bad dispositions from which we suffered . much. Now we have no more de-Total Irlands, and before loos their will all be Christians. The station. situated at she foot of the Fills at Mord, on the seastions, is need and finds his occupation gone. Therefore up the river Karavat from its mouth presents a good spressesses. On the right is the comfestable missionals. ser to the point where I had crossed house; on the left, just the last it in the interior of the peningula that of the Sisters and their orphisms in the middle, & latile in the teelsprosperity is returning, he is not a this little river is so maple that it the temporary church, which will took four days of painful effort, with soons be replaced by one of the national res only four hours to come down systn and lemonth and pour of howers. ecy's court, the other morning, as a to its mouth. As a practical result in which those from Europe as we found that there are no villages growing side by side with the along its spanks. We could find flowers and shrubs that belong to the tropics

discharged; but when the court ex- few or none of them in the vicinity. In the courts of the day part of so that now it is junderstood that neophytes came to containing and the southeast part of the peninsula is the next day, the feast of Peninsual five or six times less populous than I had the jumpiness of riving them. to the court and back again. Judge entirely to the Wesleyan mission, to set out in the night, we made at So we are nownarranging with the our preparations scoondingly and government to obtain the right of determined on the following plan of way throughout the Archipelago travels. We would coast along from home. She was just as happy as a man without distinction of districts Port Weber to Cape Lambert M. M. I come now to the story of dur tooky shore known under the assess