







Antona

The Story of a Strike and the Way It Was Settled. By AGNES G. BROGAN.

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The strike at the steel plant had lasted long. Vaughn, the assistant manager, went in his automobile to investigate the temper of the strikers.

As she stood panting, one hand pressed closely against her heart, the picture was indelibly stamped upon Vaughn's memory—the small white face with its great dark eyes.

Down the rickety stairway, clattering upon his crutches, hobbled a crippled Italian boy. "Antona" he wailed.

The girl's face was transformed by a loving smile. "It's all right, Nickola," she called reassuringly. "I will be with you soon."

"And now," she asked of the waiting men, "will you let us go? This person is here for your good. Can you not trust Antona?"

As though in answer the crowd quietly dispersed, and she turned to Vaughn. "I am going to ride with you until you have passed through the dangerous section," she said.

Vaughn stopped the machine at her bidding and bent over to look into her eyes. "I am inexpressibly grateful," he said.

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The next day, without explanation or mention of any agreement, came the surrender, and when Vaughn returned to his private office after a lengthy consultation with the senior members of the company he found a very small boy with crutches beneath his arms standing near the doorway.

The neatly folded paper contained but three words. "Remember your promise." And Vaughn replied as briefly, "I have remembered."

Through the busy days which followed the girl's face, with its wonderful dark beauty, haunted him continually, and he was possessed of an overwhelming desire to hear her voice, perhaps now in commendation, street near the factory.

This particular evening he had agreed to accompany Freddie White to the opera. It was very high class opera, and Vaughn was exceedingly bored until his roving eyes glanced into an opposite box.

Freddie wheeled; then his gaze followed Vaughn's. "By Jove!" he said playfully. "We all succumb sooner or later to Miss Norton's undisputed charm, but to be bewitched over at the first glance, old man, is unusual."

But his friend did not smile. "Will you present me after the performance?" he asked eagerly, and Freddie willingly complied.

"Prepare to be snubbed, agreeable as you may consider yourself," he said by way of friendly warning. But Miss Norton was very gracious to Vaughn, and the astonished Freddie, after standing unnoticed for some time in the rear of the box, presently withdrew.

"The wheels of a great factory are moving again," he said slowly. "Hundreds of men leave their doors each night to go home to happier families. There is no more discontent. It is all because of you."

"Antona," the man whispered tenderly. "Antona!" She laughed a little unsteadily. "Yes," she said, "you may call me by Nickola's translation of my name. It is a privilege which only you may share with him."

"You were kind enough to act as my escort upon one memorable occasion," Vaughn reminded her. "May I now return the favor?"

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