

trouble. She feels that her failure to watch her mother more closely is responsible for the latter's defection. Minette is too weak to work, and Nora remains home to care for her, but is overcome with emotion over the heartbroken little figure staring always before her like one in a trance.

The mail brings them the note from Mrs. O'Rourke:

Dear Minette:

For the love you bear your children forgive me I'll never drink another drop. I swear it by the precious children. I am going to find them, ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ The wretched kidnapper has taken them to the north pole in Canada and I'm following them out there. Here is the card he's after giving me with his own name upon it. Bridget O'Rourke"

Nora and Minette are at least relieved to know have some clue to their whereabouts and Nora declares that just as soon as ever they can get the money together, they too will go to Canada. Meanwhile she'll have the police of the U.S. make the police of Canada arrest the kidnappers.

Minette says softly:

"Nora, I thank le bon dieu 'ave go wiz my bebbies, bi--cause that Canada is ~~ixxe~~country my 'osband he have fight for, and I 'ave met beeg man from Canada who I teenk are very good man, though he spik angery to me".

A few days later a new piece of fortune comes to Nora and Minette. Minette is notified by the Canadian government that a pension of \$30. a month for herself and \$20. for each of her children, has been assigned to her, and