

# MICHAEL O'HALLORAN

By Gene Stratton-Porter

(Continued from Yesterday)

"Go on an' read it!" she commanded. "Well why don't you go on an' tell, then?"

"Well, you see, I was just as sorry as you are," said Mickey. "It was this way: I was just crazy over things our editor-man did, that saved our dear boss and the lovely Moonshine Lady who gave you your Precious Child and her 'darling old Daddy' from such awful trouble it would just kill them; honest, it would kill 'em. When our editor-man was so great a prince, and did what he didn't want to do, I went sort of wild like, and when I was off for the day and got on the streets, everything pulled me his way. I was anxious just to see him again, and if I'd done what I wanted to, I'd a gone in the Herald office and knelt down, and said: 'Thank you, oh thank you!' and kissed his feet, but of course I knew men don't do like that, and it would have shamed him, but I had to do something or burst, and I went running for the office like flying, and my mind got whirling around, and that stuff began to come."

"I slipped in and back to his desk, like I may if I want to, and there he sat. He had a big white sheet spread out, and a pencil in his fingers, and about a dozen of his best men were crowding round with what they had for the paper today. I've told you how they do it, then, and when I edged up some of the men saw me, they stepped back just as he said: 'Well, boys, who's got some big stuff to fill the space of our departed scoop?' That 'departed' word means lost, gone, and it's what they say about people who they—they go for good. Then he looked up to see who would speak first, and noticed me. 'Oh, there is the little villain who scooped our scoop, right now, he said. 'Let's make him fill the space he's cut out of.' I thought it was a joke, but I wasn't going to have all that bunch of the sweetest smarties who work for him put it clear over me; I've kidded back with my paper men too long for that; so I stepped back and shot it at him, that's the end and invited the fellows to 'Whoop.' Lily, you could a heard them a mile. I saw they was starting for me, so I just slung in a 'Thank you something awful, boss,' and ducked through and between, and cut for life, 'cause if they'd a got me, I might a been there yet. They are the nicest men on earth, but they get a little keyed up sometimes, and a kid like me couldn't keep even. Now that's all there is to it, Lily, honest, cross my heart! I didn't know they would put it there. I didn't know they thought it was good enough. I wouldn't a let them for the life of them, if I'd known they was going to."

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said Mickey. "They got away with me this time, but they won't ever again. Now say you forgive me, and eat your dinner, 'cause it will be spoiled, and you must have a good rest, for there's going to be something lovely afterward. You ain't mad at me any more, Lily?"

"No, I ain't mad at you, but I'm just so—"

"Wopel wopel!" cautioned Mickey. Peaches pulled away indignantly. "—so—so—so extremely mad at those paper men! Mickey, I don't think I'll ever let you be a Herald man at all if they're going to leave me out like that!"

"What do you care about an old paper sold on the streets, and ground up for buckets, and used to start fires, anyway?" scoffed Mickey. "Why don't you sit up on the shelf in a nice pretty silk dress and be a book lady? I wouldn't be in the papers at all, if I were you."

"No, an' I won't, either," cried Peaches instantly. "I would be in the papers at all, if I were you. I shall have all about me in the nice silky covered book on the shelf; so there, you needn't try to make me do anything else, 'cause I shan't ever!"

"Course you shan't!" agreed Mickey. "Well, for a lot of reasons," said Mickey. "A fellow of my size doesn't often tackle a family, and when he does, if he's going to be square about it, he has got to do a lot of thinking. One thing was that it's hard for me to get Lily out of my head like I first saw her. I guess I couldn't tell you so you'd get a fair idea of how dark, dirty, alone, and little, and miserable she was. Just with all my heart I was ashamed of her folks, and sick sorry for her; but I can't bear for anybody else to be! I didn't want any of them to see her 'til she was fed, and fatted up a lot, and trained 'til how nice she really is shows plain. It just hurt me to think of it."

"Um-uh!" agreed Mrs. Harding, differing emotions showing on her face. "I see, Mickey."

"Then," continued Mickey, "I'm atting sore and mean on one point. I did find her! She is mine! I am going to keep her! Nobody in all this world takes her, nor God in Heaven!"

"Mickey, be careful what you say," she cautioned.

"I don't mean anything wicked," explained Mickey. "I'm just telling you that nobody on earth can have her, and I'd fight 'til I'd die with her, before even Heaven gets her. I don't mean anything ugly about it, I'm just telling you friendly like how I feel about her."

"Go on!" said Mrs. Harding.

"Well, lots of reasons," said Mickey. "She wasn't used to folks, so they scared her. She was crazy with fear about the Orpings' Home getting her, while I wasn't any too sure myself. I flagged one Swell Dume, and like to got caught in a trap and lost her. Then my Sunshine Nurse helped me all I needed, so not knowing how much women were alike, I didn't care to go rushing in a lot on Lily just to find out. She was a little too precious to experiment with."

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