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For me & mine  
Anderson Museum  
from the author  
Oldway Park  
St. Louis Jan 17 1868



"Antocolahi tenderly  
lifted the drapings."

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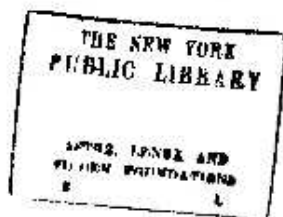
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Two brothers, Paul and Frederick Welonski, had lived alone in an obscure quarter of St. Petersburg since their father, a Polish wood-carver, had gone on his long journey to Siberia. Their home was an old stone house, hidden from the street by massive iron gates that shut out intruders at night, and screened from view those who dwelt within the precincts of the inclosure.

Little Paul was eight years old. His father had left him on his fourth birthday. He remembered the four candles set in a large white cake, made for him