

# Flashback



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## DOORWAYS OF DISEASE

### Angels in Disguise

"These very alarming persons are not, as might be supposed, night riders or vigilantes surreptitiously disposing of a victim," assured this photo's caption in the GEOGRAPHIC's April 1910 portfolio, "Scenes in Italy." Instead the men—masked to protect their anonymity—belonged to a secret society known as the Brethren of the Misericordia. As penance for their sins, or to "fulfill some vow," members transported the sick to hospitals, buried the dead, and collected money for the poor.

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