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I magnified each frailty into sin; Each hill topped foible in the sunset glowed, Obscuring vales where rivered virtues flowed, Reproof became reproach, till common grew The captious word at every fault I knew, smiled upon the censorship, and bore With patient love the touch that wounded sore Intil at length, so had my blindness grown. He knew I judged him by his faults alone

Alone, of all men, I knew him best, Cold strangers honored for the worth they say His friend forgot the diamond in the flaw. At last it came - the day he stood apart, When from my eyes he proudly veiled his heart;

When carping judgment and uncertain word A stern resentment in his bosom stirred; When in his face I read what I had been, And with his vision saw what he had seen. Poo late! too late! Oh, could be then have known

When his love died, that mine had perfect grown That when the veil was drawn, abased, chastised, The censor stood, the lost one truly prized, loo late we learn - a man must hold his friend Unjudged, accepted, trusted to the end. - John Boyle O'Reilly.

#### THE LEAVEN OF LOVE.

It was Ash Wednesday. An old woman ith a careworn face leaned over a washtub n a dreary room Half the panes of glass n the one window were missing and nearly all the furniture. The window was stopped up with a dirty newspaper that if unfolded would have disclosed lurid pictures of crime. Though dark and dismal, the room was not dirty, and in spite of her occupation the woman looked particularly neat and clean. She rubbed the clothes up and down the board in a mechanical way, as if unconscious of what she was doing.

She had been at Mass before sunrise that morning and was thinking of the explanation of Lent that she had heard. In a hard way she was thinking, too, of her own life - one long Lent of suffering. privation and hardship - from the time she was born until now that life was almost done.

She thought of her husband, who, after laboring night and day to get his place cleared and some money ahead, had died suddenly, just when life began to look fair to him. She thought of her toiling days and wakeful nights, when her children were growing, to keep them at school and away from the rough element of the streets. She thought of her daughter who had died, and who seemed not so dead to her as the one who married and went away letters finally dropped into silence.

And through all these ran uppermost thoughts of the wayward son - now ardebauch, had just gone away with curses to be sure, but wasn't that a mother's

"Growlin' again? You're always so much. You nor the girls never gave a fellow a chance to breath in the house with you. And a man can't be kept at the grind night and day. He's got to have or germs of disease, ready to infect the he'll get it out, you may bet your life on and vigor necessary to resist the effect of

ness of his life and wished he was dead, with an oath that made her flesh creep And this was the manhood that her beautiful, golden-haired boy had grown into the fine lad for whom she had worked her fingers nearly to the bone to have him manhood; going steadily from bad to our dissenting friends are quick to detect. worse, keeping no regular employment, It is the highest of all titles; made more drink's sake - at odd jobs.

And now they had got to the bottom of right to prefix to it. things. Her last bits of furniture, that she prized for old times' sake, he had cations expressly for Catholics, I must stolen out and pawned; and she was confess that I am puzzled by the apparent obliged, in her tired old age, to take in intention of the writers to separate the Watches Clocks, washing to keep her body and soul word Catholic from the word Christian.

"God help me and him," she groaned. and a couple of heart-wrung tears fell into Christian, - for nothing can efface the the suds, and she stopped for a minute to wipe her eyes off with her apron. "If you made a chap's home pleasanter,

he wouldn't have to go out of it so much," the words came back upon her with a shock. Could it be possible that she might be to blame for his going wrong! She stood breathless, and like a flash came a vision from the past. A wild, bright boy, bubbling over with spirits, rushing into a fleckless room with muddy boods, scattering confusion everywhere; throwsave you time and money.

STOVES, PLOW FITTINGS, and other in the dark as much as possible about his is not of the Church invisible? actions, so that she wouldn't scold about But all this is outside of the subject. In The high position attained and the uni-

Her daughter, too, had died of a broken about Christianity, we open ourselves to the most excellent laxative known, illus-Weir & Morrison, heart. She had seen her wearing away, the charge of sectarianism. People natu-trate the value of the qualities on which its but as she knew she was a good girl, rally say, "Catholics seem to be a branch success is based and are abundantly grati-

them, and so the evil days had come upon

she felt sure that she could not go wrong orate the impression-which, be it underand did not invite her confidence. Was stood, is only an impression, not a fact at she wrong there, too? Would the open- all. What is a good Catholic but a good ing of that young heart, and tender, Christian in the highest sense? Is a good motherly advice and sympathy have Catholic necessarily some mystical creathelped her child over the hard trial of ure of hidden tests, apart from what we unrequitted love's bitter agony, and saved understand Christianity to be? Not at all. her for a womanhood made better by it? A good Catholic is a Christian citizen, the And would her other daughter now be so most charitable of friends, and the most careless of her if she had fostered the early | forgiving of enemies. To be a thoroughly germs of affection in her child's heart.

fainting: She was roused into her normal self again by the sound of many footsteps struggling up the stairs. In terror she fled to the door. A litter, a mutilated body and a group of workingmen met her gaze. "He's not dead old lady. Don't be scared, He'll pull through. Fell from a ladder and a pile of bricks fell on him. He was a little boozy, and them kind never

. This flood of unusual feeling swept over

get killed outright, you know." With this bit of rough comfort the man, who didn't believe what he was saying, edged out after his companions. He was sure

the young man would die. And he certainly would have died but for the herculean efforts of that old mother. She watched and prayed and worked with a sort of frengy till the worst was over. Then when consciousness returned, and the young man was too weak to even move in bed, by a mighty effort she turned her very nature to help him. She would not permit herself to worry about anything. She showed him always a pleasant face and tried to talk only of pleasant things.

Finally one day, it was Holy Thursday when she was obliged to go to the washtub to earn some sorely needed money, she tried to sing to keep things cheer ul: it was a song that had been his lullaby but the old cracked voice sounded so strange in her ears, after the lapse of so many years, that the words died out in a sob.

The young man who was dressed on the bed, looked up, listened and turned his face to the wall. Finally he sat up. Mother," he said.

Well, John," she answered, trying to conceal that her voice was husky with the emotion that the old song had wrought in

"Mother, I'm well enough to get up today; and mother," getting up and coming over to her, "I'm going out to church." She looked at him with streaming eyes. "And, mother, I hope that God will make me a better son to you. Forgive me, if you can, for being such a wicked one." She fell upon his neck, and her poor old weary heart nearly broke for joy. The leaven of kindness had worked a change that fault-finding or sermonizing had never affected. Together they went to church to another State, and whose unanswered that day. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday he confessed again before being al-

lowed to communicate on Easter Sunday And when, on that day, they sat together rived at manhood — who, after a night's at High Mass — for the first time in so many, many years - and the priest gave on his lips. She had bitterly scolded him, out the text of his sermon. "I am the Resurrection and the Life," she felt that duty? And he had answered her reproaches God would, help her son to rise from the degradation of sin and live - and she felt, too, that her long fast for love was over, growlin'! If you had a chap's house that her Lent of sackcloth and ashes was pleasanter he would'nt have to run out of it indeed past, and that Easter, the time of rejoicing, was come .- Catholic Columbian

Both air and water abound in microbes, some fun. And if he don't get it inside debilitated system. To impart that strength these pernicious atoms, no tonic blood And then he swore about the wretched- purifier equals Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Chats With Good Listeners.

(Maurice Francis Egan, in Ave Maria.)

THE MODEL CATHOLIC. There seems to be a tendency among us looking neat and to keep him at school for to give, unconsciously, a sectarian meanyears - a shiftless, foul mouthed, brutal | ing to the word Catholic; and this tendency and only working when he must - for glorious, too, by the name Roman which St. Peter, Christ's Vicegerent, gave us the

But, in looking over some of the publi-To be a Christian in the highest sense is to be a Catholic; to be a Catholic is to be a mystical marks of Baptism, not even apostasy itself. One, however, is led to believe that the term Catholic implies something higher than the term Christian, and at the same time something narrower. 'You leave Christianity for us, and you claim only to be Catholics," wrote a Protestant lately. This, on second thought, seems to have an appearance of truth.

If a Catholic is a good man or a great man, it is because all his natural qualities have been strengthened and made to glow ing his hat here, his books there, and with the light of religion, as the colors of flinging himself on the sofa with a bit of sunset fill the clouds. But people, who meat or bread in his hand, to read a bor- thoughtlessly narrow the universal scope rowed book. Then herself scolding as of the word Catholic, make claims that, if she picked things up in a bitter, angry persisted in, will soon give in the United way, till vexed at the never ending tirade, | Statest our broadest title as circumscribed the boy rushes out to the only companions | a meaning as has Presbyterian or Baptist he knows, neighboring boys, but with or P. E. The Catholic Church is simply whom he is forbidden to play. More the universal Church; there is no other. scolding, therefore, when he comes in. That All baptized human beings who are true to was the picture, and the beginning of the the light God gives them may in eternity end, she felt. She could see it now; her be of the Catholic Church triumphantdays of toil and overwork in trying to the one only universal Church. God was make both ends meet had begot in her a their Creator, Our Lord their Redeemer, nervous, anxious spirit, that worked itself and the Holy Father is, whether they off in fault finding. She had no time to acknowledge it or not, their shepherd. He put aside her cares for a pleasant talk guards the Christian truths which they bewith her children; in working for their lieve, and he has guarded them since Our bodies she had forgotten to teach them Lord spoke to St. Peter. If they, through confidence and the law of reciprocal love the bias of education, through what we and duty, and so they had grown away call invincible ignorance, reject some of certain financial ruin-literally to be eaten from her. The boy, finding it pleasant the essential truths, who shall judge them? away from home, stayed out more and Which of us can say who shall be saved, more till evil associates led him where and who shall not be saved? Which of us they would. His mother was only a can say that the man who seems opposed severe task-mistress, who was to be kept to us, through the prejudices he inherits,

> we talk too much about Catholicity- versal acceptance and approval of the pleasnarrowing the circle,- and too little ant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as

good Catholic means that one should fulfil

every duty in life as thoroughly as posthe old woman's heart and left her half sible. We fall below this often, and are torgiven; and one of our greatest consolations and safeguards is that we have the means of rising and of keeping up. But why should we fancy that the term By Using Catholic makes us one of a circle of religious aristocrats, whose position in the eyes

> something else than the keeping of the Commandments of God and His Church? There is too much of that feeling: there has been too much of that feeling. It is not Christian, consequently it is not Cath-. olic. Nothing is Christian that is not Catholic. The Italians and the Spaniards have a way of pitying the English travellers that do not salute the wayside statues of the Mother of God. "They are not Christians-poor creatures! or they would how some reverence to the symbol of the

of God and our neighbor is dependent on

me more reasonable than that division which we are permitting to grow gradually upon us, - the division between Catholics and Christians. A Protestant may be a Unitarian, a Protestant may be a Quaker, a Protestant may be a entirely without belief in the divinity of Christ as he is generally without special reverence for His Mother; but a Catholic must be a Christian; and a true Christian. baptized, believing, sincere, must be a Catholic,-but God only can tell whether he is entirely sincere or not, or whether he follows without reserve the light.

Mather of the Word made Flesh." This

It is well for us to remember how universal, how unlimited the Church is,-for she is Catholic. The Church is not a club, composed of a certain nationality, or of men and women who are made part of it y letters of introduction from other clubs. It is as unlimited , except by the failure of humanity to correspond with God's grace, as the Mass itself. Who can limit the nerits of the Holy Sacrifice? Who can say this Mass is for my friend alone, not for all! It may be offered for one in particular, but it must take in all, as the arms of the crucified Saviour were extended for

good Catholic whether he belongs to certain sodalities or not, whether he occupies nimself much with what are called specially Catholic works But these are the questions: has he striven to keep the Commandments of God and the Church? And have the teachings of the Church, those electric currents that fuse all poor human effort to things of beauty, entered into his daily life? If they have, he has been an example of charity and duty to his fellows. We judge by that best. If his life stand the crutiny, he may be called a model Catho-1 -

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The staunch Roman who did not take

his pleasure homeopathically, reclined during dinner on a luxurious couch, his head resting on his left elbow, supported by cushions. Suetonious draws attention to a superb apartment, erected by the extravagant Nero, in which his meals were partaken, constructed like a theatre, with shifting scenes changing with every course. The amount of money often expended by the wealthy Romans on their sumptuous meals appears fabulous. Vitellius is said to have spent as much as 400 sestertia (about £4,228 of our money) on his daily supper; and the celebrated feast to which he invited his brother cost no less than £40,350! It consisted of 2,000 different dishes of fish and 7,000 of fowls, with der acually numerous meats. His daily was of the most rare and exquisite was of the most rare and exquisite nature; the deserts of Libya, the shores of Spain, the waters of the Carpathian sea. and even the coasts and forests of Britain were diligently searched for dainties to supply his table; and had he reigned long he would, observes, Josephus, have exhausted the great opulence of the Roman

By the way, we wonder if these happygo-lucky Romans ever suffered much from jadigestion. Of one thing we are certain, that in order to render the bridge from on feast to another less tedious an occasional resort was had to the persuasive powers of an emetic. The extravagance of lthese times was indeed so boundless that to entertain an Emperor at a feast, unless you were a Croesus, were to encounter almost gabalus has been known to cost a sum equal to £4,000 of our money .- Chamber Journal.

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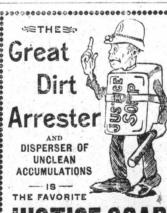
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