

# Children's Page

BILL KELLY'S ILL LUCK. (Written for the Catholic Register by Peter J. Doherty.)

of a Havana in the private office.

let him go, Whits?"
"Would I let him go? said Mr.
Whits, with a smile. "The matter
is in his own hands. He is doing well

"He would be a very useful addi-tion to my staff," said the other "I need a smart boy very

"Well, you may ask him," said Whits, "and if he wishes to go to you, I will not stop him, though I would hate to lose him. I tell you, Sims, that boy is worth his weight in gold. You will walk ar before you meet his equal. But, if he wishes to go to you, I will not, as I said before prevent him."

But who would blaine her if she wer? Every mother is, in a way, "stuck up," when she sees her boy doing well and giving promise of becoming a good, steady man. A mother who would not show pride, under such circumstances, would, I think, show a lack of interest in her boy's future welfare.

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"Then," said Sims, "you don't mind if I offer the lad a place in my

"I don't. But, by the way, I office. What became of him? Did he leave you?"

weight in gold. Why are good, hon-est boys so hard to find?" concluded Sims with a serious look at his friend. Mr. Whits smiled and puffed vigorously at his cigar; then, as he threw the ashes from the tip of his cigar into the spittoon, he replied:

'Honest boys are not hard to find, Sims, but workers are. You see, while you will find scores of boys that Papist Kelly. honest and truthful, you will find few capable of doing the work required of them. Some people attribute this of England were it not for Edward VII."

applicant professes to be a high he? school graduate."

by the entrance of a smart, handsome lad of about seventeen years. "Why, Bill," said Mr. Whits, "you

are just the person we want." "Yes," said the boy, with a side now. glance and a smile at his employer.

"You see, Bill," said his boss, "Mr. Sims here wants a lad as second assistant bookkeeper, and he offers the position to you. What do you think, don't mind being under a Papist?" and wearing his "dip" on the side

After reflecting for some minutes, Bill replied:

ways ready to better my condition. nice a boy as Bill Kelly. Still," he added, lowering his eyes

should obtain the advice of his pardesire to walk on me nor on you. "I hope," said till, with a serious ents before taking further action in But, bear in mind," he added, with a look, "that, with God's help, I will

manner and winning ways. He was rogues to themselves. full of fun, and the office hands were cial favorite of Mr. Whits, who, game." though advanced in years, knew how provided it were simple, played upon work without him." anybody; and very sten, when Bill's "If we do anything we must do it "Some sport for me to-day," said clear, ringing, boyish laugh would to-night," said the first. "We must the lad to himself as he laughed softecho through the main office, Mr. be quick or Kelly will sit on all of ly. Whits would open the door of his us." private office and shout: "Now, Bill, less noise; you're dis-

turbing us all."

Whits would say to his partner, when

he would again close his door.

"Yes," the partner would smilingly reply, "Bill is a duck all right, but he is a noisy one."

"Oh, well," Whits would return, "youth must have its fling," and this

would settle the matter. It was not a surprise to hear a murmur of regret among the office hands the next morning, when it was made known that Bill, acting in accordance with the wishes of his parents, bad decided to accept the posifrom Mr. Sims, and that he would leave the employ of Whits,

Stanford & Co at the end of the "I am sorry, Bill," said Mr. Whits, "that you and your parents have decided that you should leave us. I can only hope that the change will be for your good, and, from my heart, I wish you success and all sorts of

"Thank you, sir," the lad replied, "and," he added, speaking in a very low tone, "I hope, sir, that should I not like Mr. Sims' office, that you will give me a place here again."

best wishes of all, to enter upon his new cuties at the Sims' Clothing Co.

Bill Kelly took up his new duties contemplation of future promotion the senior partner of Whits, Stanford and more money. He was quickly & Co., as the two enjoyed the fumes climbing the ladder of success, not a Havana in the private office. simply rung by rung, but by two of three rungs at a bound. Mr. Sims, "He came to us when a lad of about the president of the company, was thirteen." "He is a very clever lad, I think," said the friend. "I would like to have him in my office. Would you have him in my office. Would you be a situate. Entry by proxy may, howjoyed at seeing their son making such rapid progress in his business career; here, and I don't think he would care Kelly, when speaking to any of her neighbors, that her boy would some day be a partner of the Sims' firm. Some of the neighbors said she was "too stuck up." Perhaps she was, but who would blane her if she

Bill went on in a happy mood, day after day, doing his work and mind-ing nobody's business but his own. The poor lad, however, was to meet thought you had a clever boy in your with trouble before long. In the office there were three other boys employed besides Bill, and two of these "You mean Ned, do you?" said envied the young Catholic youth, whom they saw, to their great dismay, running so swiftly up the hill the vicinity of the homestead, or up-Sims, with a touch of sorrow in his whom they saw, to their great distone. "Well, yes, he was a pretty of success, and whom they knew to on a homestead entered for by him clever boy, but he took ill and died a be the great favorite, not only of Mr. be the great favorite, not only of Mr. in the vicinity, such homesteader may Ned, I would not need another boy, for, like your lad, he was worth his weight in gold. Why was worth his the place. These two lads were determined to here two lads were determined to here. from his high horse," as they termed confidence.

"See, Walter," one of the rogues said to him, "you would he second assistant bookkeeper were it not for cordance with the above while living

"Sure," said Walter, with a laugh, "and in like manner, I might be King

system, with its cramming and its The two young scoundrels saw that, minion Lands at Ottawa, of intention want of practicability. For my part upon this particular occasion Walter I don't know who or what is really was in no mood for business of their to blame, but I know that the gra- sort, and, being too wise to press duates of our public schools, with their claims, for the time being, they Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. their long-winded diplomas and their laughed the thing off and began to medals, seldom know enough to write speak on other and less serious toa simple letter. You have often no-pics. When a few days later they ticed this yourself, Sims, haven't met Walter, they went further with When a few days later they

"No! but he is to be first assist-Just here the men were interrupted y the entrance of a smart, handsome "That's nice," said Walter, with a low where you will lead." smile, "I'm pleased to hear that, for, you see, that puts me up a peg. They'll make me second assistant

"And you'll be under a Papist," "Well, sir, I will be pleased to be of said one of the rogues. "Holy Moses!" ejaculated Walter, what of that? A Papist is as good

as any one else. Bill Kelly is a fair a little before the others every moinexample of that fact." "Do you mean to say, Walter, you

asked the rogue again.

"I'm getting along all right here, deed! I wouldn't mind being under ing," said the man, with a good-nasir, but, like all other boys, I'm al- a Turk, if he were as good and as tured smile.

to the floor, "I wouldn't like to do your future, Walter, when you allow morning." anything before speaking to my par- a Papist like Kelly to walk on you," "I see," I will do what they wish me said the other rogue, pretending to on the booze last night?" and before

cross look at the two rogues, "neith- never booze." When a mere child Bill Kelly left er Papist nor Methodists will ever school and entered the employ of walk on this chicken. Not by a long bookkeeper. "You are too good Whits, Stanford & Co., as message chalk, if he knows it. Bill Kelly is lad for that." Steadily the lad worked his a smarter and better boy than I, and way up to his present position, that therefore holds a higher place. Please ed and the two, going into the office, of invoice clerk. He was the gener- never speak to me of this thing again. each one went to his own desk, and

"I guess," said one to the other, kept in constant amusement by him. after Walter had gone, "we will not little later than was his custom, and, This trait of his made him the spe- get Walter to join us in our little

"We will not," said to other, "so to enjoy a good joke or a good trick, we must watch our chance and do our himself as he went over to his own

Then, before separating, these two rogues made up their plot for the ruination of poor Bill, and they de how nicely I kept pace with them last And the lad, with a smile and a comical wink at the clerks, would respond:

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ruination of poor Bill, and they described how nicely I kept pace with them last night, and how their little scheme is knocked on the head. Holy Moses! A Papist can be a rogue too when it walls have ears, and walls had ears, suits him." "All over for to-day, sir." walls have ears, and walls had ears, "That boy is a duck all right." Mr. and sharp ones too, in this case, for

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their complaints.

"Yes," said the other man, "I have seen it too often. Just now I have a letter on file in my office which would certainly make you laugh which would certainly make you laugh ter. "He is not to be manager, is were you to read it, and the young ter. "He is not to be manager, is their complaints.

"Did you hear, Walter," asked ore of them, "that Bill Kelly is to go a step higher?"

"What is it now?" questioned Walter, hidden in the darkness of a gateway, heard all they had to say.

"Ah," he said to himself, "so you will ruin poor Bill because you are jealous of him? Well, my two jealous of him? Well, my two this chicken will keep an eye friends, this chicken will keep an eye

> Walter, true to his word, followed the two rogues that night, and he heard all they said and he saw all they did, though they were not in the least aware of it.

As Bill Kelly carried the keys of the office, he was obliged to get there ing, in order to open up. This morning Bill, with his usual bright face, of his head, met the head bookkeeper

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nice a boy as Bill Kelly."

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Both men agreed with the boy, so it was decided to wait till Bill should obtain the advice of his pardesire to walk on me nor on you.

be very serious.

"Kelly is a gentleman," returned guess not, old boy, eh? You are too wise for that, e., Bill?"

"You never will, Bill," said the

By this time Bill nat the door openal and great favorite with every one in the place on account of his genial walked away, leaving the two work. One by one the other clerks and boys came in, and all settled down to work. Walter came in a looking as innocent as a lamb, said "Good morning" to his two Methodist friends, and then huckled to

"Those two hypocrites acted the part of rogues last night, but now it is this chicken's turn to act the rogue. If those two lads only knew

"Walter," said Mr. Sims, coming over to the lad's desk, "here you have been moping and speaking to yourself for fully ten minutes. What are you thinking of? Go to the post "I will," said Walter. "Please heard the

"Get back quickly," Walter said, as he ran swiftly along the street to the post office. "Well, I guess I will. Lots of fun in the office for me

any time." When Walter returned with the mail ing very serious faces." "It has begun," he said, "bu+ I will abide my time."

He noticed, too, that Bill Kelly "And we saw Kelly shove the mon-and the two plotting boys were ev into his pocket, lock the drawer before Mr. Sims.

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circumstances are against poor Bill. He is the only one who has a key for the manager's office, and he knew the money was left there. Again, two boys of the office here say they saw Bill coming out of the building last night. Bill says he was not here. I hope the poor boy may be able to clear himself." "I know something about that mon-

I was here last night," said Walter, quietly. For a few moments the bookkeeper seemed stunned by the boy's words.

However, recovering himself, he said trembled as Walter continued: "Eh? What? Is Bill Kelly inno-

office and get back as quickly as you can with the mail." Sims office." In a few minutes the bookkeeper and In a few minutes the bookkeeper and Walter were in the manager's office, face to face with Bill Kelly and his

two false accusers. One of the accusers was giving the manager his version of the story; your money." and, while the bookkeeper went over to Bill's side, Walter by degrees and unnoticed, moved nearer and nearer to the speaker. Just as our young hero reached his side, the lying rascal said:

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"Those two lads tried for some time to get me to turn against Bill As I had no desire to do so, I would not listen to them. heard the two form their little scheme. I shadowed them. They came here and stole your money. heard them say that they would carry the bills in their boots in case the office hands would be searched. That's all. Take off their boots and get

two offenders. Trembling from head to foot, as cowards always do, the two lads obeyed, and in very short time, the missing money was lying on the desk

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When the end of the mont? came, Bill Kelly left his old place, with the

"You will be as welcome as the flowers in May, my boy, any time flowers in May, my boy, any will be as welcome as the flowers in May, my boy, any time flowers in May, my boy, and very quickly as you can.

"It was only a streak of ill luck, such a way in my office?"

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