

The First Communicants

(Sister M. Rosina, St. Cecilia Academy, Scranton, Pa.)

In the old cathedral kneeling, While the sacred music stealing Through the arches was appealing To my heart, There I watched the sunlight steaming Through the colored glass, and gleaming On the marble altar, seeming To impart Warmth and softness with the blending Of a light, sunset transcending. All the shy bright beauty lending To the stone, There God waited mid the flow'rs Waited for these hearts of ours On His Throne. Others knelt with me adoring, All our hearts great grief out-pouring, Every kind of grace imploring From our King, While the organ tones, still swelling, To our eager hearts were telling How within their Father's dwelling Angels sing; But they spoke of God, love solely As a band of young and holy First communicants came slowly Up the aisle, Boys, subdued, all downward glancing, Joy their innocence enhancing, Were with reverence advancing, Void of guile. Like a denizen of Aiden Seemed each timid little maiden, With her fair head, flower laden, Bending low, Watching that pure band, I thought then Of the ones whose mothers brought them To the arms of Him who sought them Long ago: How disciples, over-zealous, Or perhaps a little jealous,— Which the scriptures do not tell us Said, "Depart!" But the Master still caressed them Still more lovingly He blessed them, And more tenderly He pressed them To His Heart. Changeless is that heart forever, And shall we likewise endeavor Little ones from Him to sever? Or shall we Send Him those He has invited, That His love may be requited, That they be with Him united Perfectly? From these little children learning Trusting to Jesus turning, Are our hearts with pure love burning, Undeified? Let us go like them to meet Him, Unaffected let us greet Him, For He hears when we entreat Him As a child.

MARY ROSE

From Twilight Land The

(By Chroline D. Swan.)

While the stars of evening shimmer Through the wraith-like willows' glimmer— Oh, the night-mist cold?— Weary with the day's dejection, Doubting when our hearts' affection We are looking towards the Fold. Harken, bending low above us? Mary, Virgin, hear and love us! We have journeyed far, sweet Mother, Feebly cheering one another Through the Twilight land. Have we found the Fold? And ended Longing deep?—Or but ascended Heights where disappointments stand? Bid us welcome! Bend above us? Mary, Virgin, hear and love us. In the twilight we are crying For the light of Love Undying. For its Presence sweet! Daily drawing closer, nearer, Fairer still it shines and clearer, Bids us enter, bars retreat. Guide us from thy throne above us Blessed Virgin, hear and love us. Whisper to us of its splendor; Of its flame, love-shaded, tender, For our souls' delight. We are willing! Onward lead us, Strength, bless us! Say God speed us. Change our quivering faith to sight. O Thou Wounded Christ above us Son of Mary, hear and love us!

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning that it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency. "I was taken ill with kidney trouble, and became so weak I could scarcely get around. I took medicine without benefit, and finally decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. After the first bottle I felt so much better that I continued its use, and six bottles made me a new woman. When my little girl was a baby, she could not keep anything on her stomach, and we gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured her." Mrs. T. L. L. Leese, Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Mostly Ellen.

(Continued from last week.)

"And I actually have to go?" cried Ellen, dropping a fruitless discussion with something like a groan. "I always thought that it took special grace to join one of the mendicant orders! But there's no use fussing, if I must go. Isn't there any way but that, mother dear?" "Have you been able to think of one?" demanded her mother with a sort of melancholy triumph. "Well then!" So the next day saw Ellen start on her journey to her Uncle Austin having first prayed for success at the early week day Mass in the village church, crying a little, if the truth must be told in her hidden corner, because it was hard to be poor and harder to beg. Her Mother's sanguine melancholy did not deceive Ellen; she knew that the "loan must be a gift and that her Uncle would so regard it. All the young Moores—except Benard away at school, sat on the fence to see Ellen start. They remained sitting there after she had gone for lack of a reason for dismounting. So it happened that when a stranger rode up to the brown house—on such a horse that Bob Moore almost took a header in his delight over it—he saw seven Moores, like martins on a telegraph wire, perched on the fence. The seven instantly became six, for Moira, mindful of budding dignity, quickly slipped off into the yard. "You look jolly," said the stranger, a man with merry eyes and a close beard much the color of his splendid chestnut's mane. "Might I have a glass of water and a restful chat?" "Sure!" said Bob, to Moira's horror, for she liked to illustrate Moore manners. "One of the girls'll bring you a drink. I'll get a pail of water for that horse." "I see by the way you say 'that horse' that you like my friend, Gallant. He's a horse in a thousand!" said the rider, patting the beautiful neck. Bob nodded hard and hastened away to fetch the water, arriving almost with Moira, who shyly offered the rider a steaming glass from the brown house's perfect well. "Ah!" he exclaimed in satisfaction as he finished the draught and returned the glass. He sprang from his horse and threw himself on the grass beside the gate. "Now we'll get acquainted," he announced. "Won't you come up on the porch?" suggested Moira. "No, thank you. I'll let Gallant graze; he loves to nibble around me if I lie down like this; he never offers to stray," said the stranger. "He's a peach," declared Bob with conviction. "He's a whole orchard!" returned Gallant's master. "You're a nice lot of youngsters! My name is Hubert Lang; what are you called?" "Moira, Anne, Dan, Jamie, Snip—mean Virginia—More. And I'm Bob," said Bob. "Pleased to know you," said Mr. Lang with a humorous salutation. "You must be a lot of help to your mother!" "We're not!" Anne spoke up unexpectedly. "That's mostly Ellen." "Who helps?" Mr. Lang betrayed his accustomedness to youthful conversational shorthand, like grandeur much," said Anne. "I'm making a novena to St. Joseph to give her the best he's got to give away. I'm just going to let him choose what he'll be. I began it today. I'm so sorry for darling Ellen, going away like that to ask Uncle Austin—" "Anne!" warned Moira again. "But Ellen certainly ought to have the best there is. We might all join in Anne's novena." "You seem to be Catholic children," observed the stranger, Price, 25c; family size, 50c.

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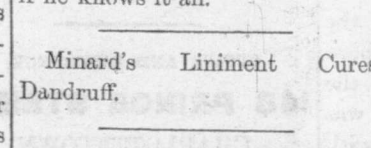
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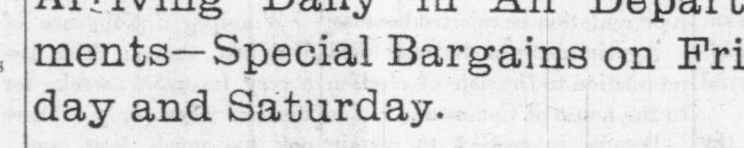
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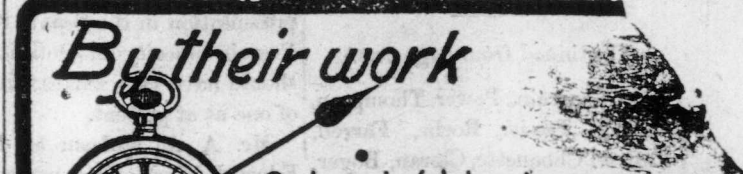
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