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THE SIGNING OF THE CON-

ANNA T. SADLIER, IN THE AVE MARIE Mathurin at the saw mill was going to marry his daughter, and the whole of the mountain village and the river viliage down by the Richelieu was interested. It was regarded almost as a national event, before which the St. Jean Baptiste celebration, on the 24th, was momentarily eclipsed. The signing of the contract was fixed for the evening of June 15; and, as a large proportion in both villages were related by consanguinity or by intermarriage to the bride, a numerous attendance was expected. Grandparents and parents, brothers, sisters, were reinforced by cousins to the fifth and sixth degrees. After that, the precise degree of relationship was merged in the obscurity which overhangs degrees of French Canadian kinship.

What a lovely June day it was! Those only who know the mountain village can picture a June day in that delightful spot. The hedges bordering he station road as it wound upward to the mountain, had burst into bloom, displaying trailing masses of wild roses. The mountain air, fresh yet balmly, was fragrant with the scent of resurrected forests and with the breath of sweet-briar and clover. The moun-tain was clothed anew with tender green : its hoary age had taken on the habiliments of youth. Below stretched the Richelieu, between banks of living The mill-stream danced merrily, as

if rejoicing that it had escaped "the grip of the frost." The mill itself was warmed and illumined. On its great. shelving roof pigeons cooed lazily all day, in the joy of the June sunshine. Piles of timber emitted a pleasant odor under the genial warmth. The trees around—for it was a shady spot—had not yet shed their blossoms, the deli cious perfume of which blended with the fresh smell of the young leaves. The interior of the mill was festive to a its big, low-ceilinged rooms were gaily festooned. Huge bowls of wild flowers rivalled bright-colored plants; and by nightfall lights ap peared - sconces, candelabrums, and lamps in every available place. The supper had been arranged from

much of it the work of the bride's own hands; though skilful neighbors had assisted, and her mother had superin tended everything. Pork pasties, roasts of pork or veal, hams and young chickens, were flanked by custards, ellies, and a variety of highly colored and ornamented cakes and pastry.

Mathurin looked over his epectacle at these culinary triumphs with a gra tified air. The signing of his little girl's contract should be properly cele brated. Truly, his neighbors should have no cause to complain.

The miller's wife - a thin, dark skinned woman, with eyes still bright ly black, and hair gray streaked-less easily pleased than her husband, ran around till the last moment to see that all was right. She had barely time to don her new brown lustre dress before she was called to stand with her hus band in receiving the guests.

The bride elect, tall, slender, grace ful, with the traditional black eyes of her race, and profusion of dark hair stood elaborately arrayed in a costume like Joseph's coat, of many colors; but the effect was not inharmonius.

The old mill clock, from a prominent corner of the largest room, had wit nessed the signing of several contracts in its time; it had heard the tinkle o he cure's bell coming to bring the Viaticum to the dying, and had seen the shrouded form of more than one miller carried across the threshold : it had beheld children pass smiling from arms into the grea Altogether, it was not dis turbed by so frivolous an occasion as the present; and, having pealed out 'clock, relapsed into a decorous ticking, despite the portentous sound of the first carriage on the stony road out

The guests began to appear in a steady stream. There was M. le No-taire, who lived in the river village near the church. This central figure of the occasion was a portly man of rubicund visage, and, as befitted his calling, spectacled eyes. He was wondrous wise in the law, it was said; and the array of parchments in his office rose in testimony of his knowledge. He was accompanied by M. le Cure. The latter was hailed with great cere



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"I tried a bottle of Dr. Chase's Symp of Linseed and Turpentine for a troublesome affection of the throat," writes Manager Thomas Dewson, of the Standard Bank, now of 14 Melbourne avenue, Toronto. "It proved effective. I regard the remedy as simple, cheap and exceedingly good. It has hitherto been my habit to consult a physician in troubles of this nature. Hereafter, however, I intend to be my own family doctor."

mony-though he came in with none at all-exchanging hearty, unaffected greetings with the bystanders.

The appearance of M. Prefontaine, who comported himself with the dignity demanded of the wealthiest man in the place, was followed by that of wisdom personified. Mere Lanctot, the oldest living villager, was also the most "knowledgable." With her came her sister, Mme. Goulet, the straw hat maker, who sat all day in summer upon her veranda opposite the saw-mill, plaiting the straw. The city folk who came to the hotel during the son commended the durability of her wares; whilst they admired the classic regularity of her features, surmounted by snow white hair and close-fitting

M. Auclair, from the post office was accompanied by his neighbor, the barber. Other Auclairs, who were, respectively, carters, farmers or orchard owners, and who enjoyed a tenth cousinship with the bride, came in detachments; those of "the stone house" taking precedence. Mme. Bourgeois came in with her handsome 'Joe"; and the Mademoiselles Picard, the butter women of the lane, entered with winning smiles and the most amicable expressions. M. Larue, who owned all the bees and supplied the district with honey, was second in importance only to M. Pre-fontaine. However, he had one advantage or disadvantage, according to the point of view: he had a wellpreserved and comely wife. M. Pre-fontaine was a widower. He had a son, who had been nominated for the Provincial Parliament at Quebec. He had not been elected; indeed, he had received scarcely any votes. But the glory of that nomination was an abidng aureole for the Larues.

The Seigneur put in an appearance just before the signing. This was an honor, and Mathurin and his whole household received and conducted him to a place near the notary and beside the cure. The latter greeted him with a good humored ncd. The Seigneur was unmarried, young, good-looking, and a general favorite. If he were the least in the world tempted to magnify his own importance, it was but natural, when that importance was so great amongst his people. The seigneurial system is abolished, but in the hearts of the habitants dwell an inrooted reverence for their old lords and a sincere affection toward them.

When all was ready, the prospective bridegroom was elbowed into the room by a comrade. He was pitiably bashful; the more so that, being a stranger from another parish, he was supported only by a small contingent. His oiled hair was brushed over his forehead his black suit, on which the local tailor had exercised his art, concealed the young man's well knit frame, which appeared so much greater advantage in ordinary working clothes. bowed awkwardly to the cure, and seized the Seigneur's outstretched hand as if it had been a sheet anchor. Seigneur's outstretched He replied to the salutations of the

with a forced smile; and never glanced at Melanie, who sat near her There was an indescribable gavety and good cheer in that company once the formality of signing the contract came to an end. That was a very pompous affair. M. le Notaire fully upheld the majesty of the Having prepared his papers, adjusted his spectacles, and surveyed his auditors, he summoned the prospective bride and groom to sign their names, with much the same tone and manner he might have employed in ordering them to execution. awful glance from over the spectacles transfixed the unhappy pair, as though bridegroom elect felt the full fascination of that dreadful stare, and gazed fixedly in return at the notary. But the bride-elect dropped her eyes in mingled alarm and confusion. very name and that of her betrothed sounded like some vague but terrible accusation against them. Parents. grandparents, cousins, petit cousins, trembled, as they were proved to be accomplices and included in that ter rible list. The man of law contrived to throw the oppressive shadow of his dry as dust formalities over all present The Cure alone was unmoved; though he, too, was a witness. He took a pinch of snuff behind his red handker

chief and boldly signed the document Presently the blithe sounds of fiddle brushed away the legal cobwebs The notary became a mere ordinary human being, like an enchanter whos spells cease at cock crow. The room was cleared for a genuine country dance, which the good curé applauded and in which the Seigneur joined with right good will. The dance was followed by a ring, into which the old people laughing and protesting, were inveigled; all joining heartily in the exhilarating strain of-

En roulant, ma boule, roulant; or the following:

Le fils de roi s'en va chassant, Avec son gros fusil d'argent.

In the pause which ensued, eyes in voluntarily turned toward the supper-M. Prefontaine gave room. amiable consideration for a moment to the prospective groom, whom he regarded with patronage, as not be-longing to the mountain, and as being far removed in wealth and importance from himself. This done, he called M. Larue aside, and his man-ner became impressive. It was magnate conferring with brother magnate on a public question. The problem was the ever-new and knotty one of the improvement of the roads.

M. Auclair was trying to make himself agreeable, after his bustling

fashion, to the Mademoiselles Picard. Mathurin sat placidly in conversation with Mère Lanctot and her sister, whilst his good wife was absent on culinary business. No sadness at her daughter's approaching departure seemed to disturb that worthy woman. Marriage, save when the bon Dieu called to the cloister, was woman's destiny; and some of the wrinkles in her face were the fruit of anxiety respecting the settlement of her daugh

During this pause the bride-elect slipped out upon the gallery, under the eaves, for a breath of air. The room seemed oppressive, the gayety an effort. Melanie remembered remembered the signing of other people's contracts, when the occasion had seemed so enjoyable. She leaned against the wall and heard the sigh of the pines, clad in their new spring vesture. The perfume of the blossoms was rich with old and happy associa-The machinery of the mill was tions. silent, but the stream gurgled merrily, as she had heard it from childhood The trees towered above her head; as a child, she had wondered if they could not touch the sky. The birds which she had fed were all asleep in their nests; they did not join in the songs of her betrothal. The mountain stood white in the moonlight. Like an echo, thoughts passed through her mind in succession: "The mountain -I am going to leave it; I shall not see the next moon shining on it. I shall no more hear the cheerful sounds of the mill. They were so gay, and the stream dancing in the sun. I have to leave all the people, too, whom I know well." Yes, she knew them well. They had lent a hand to guide her toddling infant steps; they had sped her on her way to school with morning greetings; they had been interested in her courtship, -they had had a part in every concern of her

Melanie was not, ordinarily, a sentimental girl; she was eminently prac-tical, and had early decided to accept the first good offer of marriage. But the sense of coming departure smote her sorely, and threw her back upon the past. If Onesime had only been of the mountain village. Presently the practical side of her nature—a direct heritage from her mother-began to assert itself. Would she like Catherine's tresses," like — Melanie shuddered as she recalled one or two specimens of spinisterhood which the neighborhood knew. No, it might be hard to leave the mountain and the mill, and her friends and parents; but, as M. le Curé had said, "it was the will of the good God;" and no doubt she would be happy in her new state of life. And there were so many compensations: her future was assured; "Madame" would sound so well; the parish of St. Charles was not so far away, and she could see her friends often. She already had in mind a certain Sunday when she should first re-visit the sweet places which her childhood had known. She pictured the arrival at the mill in Onesime's new buggy; the news spreading; friends and associates ar riving, congratulatory or envious, studying her bridal finery. Meantime M. Auclair, at the post office would be kept busy sending letters to her and receiving her answers. And-again that soft sigh of the pines, and the voice of her mother calling :

"Where, then, art thou, my daugh-

ter? Supper is waiting.' So M. Charles the Seigneur takes her in to supper, and places her near M. le Curé. Her health is drunk, her praises sung-pompously by M. Prefontaine and the notary; a little wistfully by Mathurin, who begins to realize that he is losing her. gether, she is treated with a tion which is the reflex of future honors. The banquet is a great success, and Onesime is complimented on the ors. culinary skill of his future house keeper.

After supper Mére Lanctot drew Melaine aside for a talk, interlarded with advice. The good woman had been married twice, so that it was with a knowledge of her subject she warned Melanie that all men were difficile and

required to be managed.

Melanie smiled incredulously. Her Onesime difficult! Why, he ran if she only held up her little finger. She listened patiently, however, to the old woman's homily; for Mere Lanctot's wisdom was proverbial, and her maxims were a kind of unwritten law at the mountain.

The straw-hat maker also came to talk to Melanie, patting her hand softly.

"La bonne petite Melanie, whom I have known since her christening, going to be married! Ah, me! but Time has wings."

Unlike her sister, she offered no advice. But, then, you know, as M. Prefontaine was heard to say on one occasion, "Mère Goulet is not half so wise as the other." She was a very silent woman, moreover; sitting plaiting her straw under the great trees, with thoughts simple and serene. as might be expected of one who lived forever in presence of an unchangeable mountain, with uneventful village life around.

"Last May," she said, "it was fifty three years since I signed my contract; and, Melenie, it doesn't seem long."
Melanie smiled again. "Why, it

wheel turn, the water flow, and the mountain grow green in spring or brown in autumn? Would a time ever come when she would look back over fifty years on the signing of her contract? It was an uncanny thought. She was glad that the Cure came to say good-night.
"So, my child, you will soon be leav

ing us? Be good always and you will be happy. Eh, Mere Goulet, I baptized Melanie; then, a few more years gone like a breath, and I prepared her Melani for First Communion and Confirmation his Lordship came from St. Hyacinth for that. Now she is asking me to perform her marriage ceremony. Mere Goulet, we are old, you and I—no mistake. Bon soir, ma bonne Melanie Bon soir, Onesime mon brave!'

The Curé having given a signal for departure, the mill door swung wide light issuing thence garish in the flood of moonshine glori fying the mountain, silvering the mill stream, idealizing the piles of timber It made a shining path between the trees, along which walked the departing guests, save those who, like M. le Curé, the notary, and

some others, lived at a distance.
These latter brought out their conveyances, driving downward by the station road with its rose covered hedges. But, walking or driving, all talked of the evening's event. To the old, as was befitting, it had brought memories of similar scenes in the life of the parish; of the fortunes of those who had been the brides of a quarter or a half century before. To the young it brought the present—the supper, Melanie's dress, the appearance of the groom, the guests. they went forward into the future : the life that was now about to begin for Melanie in the parish St. Charles, and the prospects of her future husband. But all the stream of reminiscence of comment flowed around the central point-that the saw-mill had witnessed that evening, once again in its quaint existence, the signing of a marriagecontract.

Holy Water.

On entering a church all Catholics are in the habit of dipping their hands n the holy water font and blessing themselves. While the sources of information regarding this practice are numerous and of easy access it is surprising how few have ever taken the pains to enlighten themselves on this subject.

Holy water is one of the sacramentals of the Church. It does not wash the soul from sin or infuse grace, but by reason of the power given to the Church her blessing being attached to it, it aids the soul in the formation of pious desires. For this reason it is placed at the door of the temple so that all may by its use properly prepare difficulties and trials cease. May you all may by its use properly prepare their minds for their devotions within the house of God.

The use of it in religious rites is older than the Christian Church. entered into the ceremonies of the Old Law. In the Book of (chapter v., verse 17) we find the following: "And he shall take holy water in a earthen vessel; and he shall cast a little earth of the pavement of the tabernacle into it." The Law of Moses speaks further of a water of expiation and a water of jealousy.

When the Church began its use we cannot say. It is a very ancient practice, and we believe that it must have been co-eval with the establish ment of Christianity. Pope Alexander I., who reigned from 109 to 119

speaks of it as an established custom There are three kinds of holy water: Baptismal water, which is blessed on the Saturday before Easter, Pontifical water, blessed by a Bishop and used in consecrating churches, and the ordinary holy water, which a priest may bless. The authorities on the question would seem to indicate that the habit of using blessed water is not of divine but of ecclesiastical origin. It is one of those forms which the Church has adopted for the aid and edification of the faithful, the power to do which was given to her when Christ presented to Peter the keys of of the kingdom of heaven and earth.

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Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N. Y., writes; "I have been afflicted for nearly a year with that most-to-be dreaded disease Dyspepsis, and at times worn out with pain and want of sleep, and after trying almost everything recommended, I tried one box of Parmelee's Valuable Pills. I am now nearly well, and believe they will cure me. I would not be without them for any money."

Cholera and all summer complaints are so

otheract; and, Meienie, it doesn't seem long."

Meianie smiled again. "Why, it was an eternity—fifty years!"

"Fifty-three years ago," continued the old woman, pointing to her cottage, "I came yonder a bride."

Melanie had heard the fact before, but it came to her in a new light, and she regarded her old friend wonderingly. Was it possible that for half a century she had watched the mill

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Sacred Heart Review. The devil has every advantage over the man who drinks to excess.

No man dreads death more than the drunkard, yet how often is he heard saying that he wants to die.

The drunkard leaves behind him a ruined character, a wretched example, a memory that soon rots. He bequeaths poverty, ignorance, and the memory of a life of wretchedness and shame.

A schoolboy of Australia put his youthful enthusiasm into an effective ssay on total abstinence, as follows: "I abstain from alcoholic drinks be ause, if I would excel as a cricketer, Grace says, 'abstain'; as a walker, Weston says, 'abstain'; as an oarsman, Hanlon says, 'abstain'; as a swimmer, Webb says, 'abstain'; as a missionary, Livingston says, 'abstain'; as a doctor, Clark says, 'abstain'; as a preacher, Farrar says, 'abstair'; asylums, prisons and workhouses repeat the cry, 'abstain.'

Dr. A. Baer, of Berlin, a royal medicounsellor, and admittedly the best informed man on alcohol, says: "Alcohol is not a food in the sence that it gives one the power of endurance or preserves strength and health." In stead of being a preventive of malaria, cholera, and other diseases, alcohol actually predisposes one to these evils. The mental and moral effects of alcoholism are beyond description terrible. "Alcohol destroys the individuality of men, paralyzes the will and the physical energy and makes the individual a slave of his passions."

Money is independence. Money is freedom. Money is leisure. Money is the gratification of taste, benevolence and public spirit. The man is a fool or an angel who does not try to make money. A clear conscience, good health, and plenty of money, are among the essentials of a good, joyful existence. Still, unfortunately, it too often happens that people who have an abundance of money are destitute of character. While it is desirable that men should have both, notwithstanding all the advantages of money it is bette to have character. The drunkard, however, usually has no character and no money.

Sunday is a sad day for the drunkard's wife. She takes her children to Mass with her while their demented father is drinking. Her heart aches when she sees other husbands and wives receiving Holy Communion together. She offers her poor bruised heart to her Saviour, and believes He will not forsake her. She begs Our Blessed Lady and her spouse, St. Joseph. to comfort her and restore happiness to her neglected family. Poor, suffering, at last succeed in bringing your husband, repentant and forgiven, to the feet of his crucified Redeemer.

In an address before the Catholic Knights of America the president of the Nebraska council, Wilbur F. Bryant, eloquently exhorted for total abstinence. He said, among other things, referring to Paul's injunction to Timothy to use a little wine for his stomach's sake, that " it contains no more moral precept than does the request of Paul to Timothy to bring his cloak and books down from Troas. And yet the bloated sot, lying in the gutter, hiccoughs the text from Timothy. Had wormwood occurred in the text in place of wine would the text have received any such liberal construction as has been put upon it?

The Irritable Husband

Some homes are afflicted with an

irritable husband. This man can be patient with all the world besides, but for his wife he has no sweetness. When he is in a good humor, his miserable trait is out of sight; but, at the least contradiction or annoyance from her, lo! he is raw to the touch and angry words pour forth from him like water from a spiggot. He has no consideration for her feelings, makes no allowance for vexations, expects no irritation in her, and endures no discomfort from her. He must be shown all respect by her, she must bear and forbear with him, she had better look to his moods and mark his whims, she must walk the chalk line in her treatment of him; but he must not be asked to put up with anything from her, to refrain from letting his temper run riot against her, to sacrifice any of his inclinations to humor her. be free to look black, to talk sharply, to sulk, and stay "mad" for days at a time, making the whole house miserable, because of the fury and the bitterness ra, ing within him.

And this i ritable husband was before marriage gentle and deferential to the woman who became his wife. She loved him for his courtesy, for his thoughtfulness, for his self-denial in kindness to her. His tenderness towards her won her heart.

And at marriage, he vowed to love nd cherish her. To cherish her! and cherish her. And this is the treatment that she gets -surliness for affection, rebukes for endearments, irritation for longanim-

ity.

The irritable husband should take a look at himself in a mirror when he is in one of his tautrums-and then swear off "getting hot" at short notice, without grave reasons, against the one being he has taken a solemn oath to love. - Catholic Columbian.

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