

“ No, never,” replied the infuriated father. “ Who could have invented such a lie ? Now, I swear by the devil himself my son shall not make his First Communion.”

“ So I said,” rejoined the other. “ I knew well you had far too much character to allow such a thing. Have another glass.”

Strange to say though this friend always proposed the drinks, he invariably saw that Aubin paid for them, himself.

Aubin returned home in an awful rage incoherently murmuring. First Communion !... I won't allow it... No, never !... But a brigand... My boy... A wolf-hunter...

The children followed him mimicking his gestures, repeating his words, a confused jumble totally incomprehensible to them except the one they caught oftenest wolf-hunter. And ever afterwards whenever, or wherever they say Aubin they always called him old wolf-hunter.

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### HAPPINESS IN PRAYER.

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Our happiness can be found only in prayer. When God sees us coming He bends His Heart down very low towards His little creatures like a father who stoops down to his little child. Hast thou been a doer of evil ? Retrace thy steps, scattering benedictions and blessings ; cementing bonds of broken friendship ; uniting lives severed, mayhap, by your venom. Place your entire confidence in God. No one hath hoped in the Lord and hath been confounded. The sinner, therefore, has but to lament and renounce his sins, and then cast himself with an humble confidence into the arms of the Divine Mercy, and he may rest assured that God will favorably receive him. “ Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee ; for mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord, and therefore Blessed are all they that trust in Him.