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Marion selected a crister of roses and placed them in the woman's hand. Oh, what a joyful look crept into her face as she bent her head over the flowers! When she raised it, Marion had entered the church.

On returning home, our young friend went directly to her room, as

anxiety, begging that her mother might obtain the needed rest.

Going to her desk, lo ! the letter was

"Oh, now I remember," she said ; "Oh, now I remember," she said ; "mamma called me while I was writ-ing it and I hid it in the cluster of

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THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Go ye, therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (St. Matt. xxviii, 19.)

It was the faith in the Most Holy It was the faith in the Most Hory Trinity that the Apostles were sent forth to teach throughout all the world to every creature. It is into this faith that every Christian is baptized by the invocation of the thrice-holy name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and because of this baptism he is bound to persever'e all big life long. In that steadfast faith in month, and Marion, laden with flowers, tripped gayly into the sitting room. Hearing the footsteps, an elderly woman who sat near the window read-ing, looked up with a bright smile. "Well, my darling," she said, as the rosy lips imprinted on hers a loving kiss, "I see you are ready bright and order the morphy." his life long in that steadfast faith in the Holy Trinity for which the Church

to day teaches us to pray. Think it not strange that this doctrine should be so deep a mystery. We are sur-rounded on all sides by mysteries. There is scarcely a department of knowledge into which we can turn our world to each other, the kind husband and father having died when Marion minds where we are not met by things which we cannot understand. There is, therefore, nothing wonderful in the fact that God is the greatest mystery of all. We cannot solve the mysteries of nature and of life as we see them be-fore us. How, then, can we expect to comprehend the nature and the inner life of God? It is not for us, with our poor, feeble minds, to ask the how or the why, but simply to bow down in humble adoration before the truth of God as He has revealed Himself to us. Faith would not be the virtue that it is if everything were perfectly plain accepting on God's authority that Poor Marion was deeply troubled accepting on God's authority that which is beyond our own reason. His revelation of Himself to us is only partial. The full light that we are capable of receiving will not come until we are before His throne, and see Him face to face, for it is only them. Filled with dreary thoughts she reached the church. Going up the steps was a woman who chanced to let when that which is perfect shall come that that which is in part shall be done

away. For now we see, as it were, through a glass, in an obscure manner, now we know but in part, but then we her beads fall. Marion picked them up and handed them to the owner, who pressed them eagerly to her lips, then softly said : "God bless you, dear." shall know even as we are known. Meanwhile our time of trial remains, and we must submit our minds as well the blossoms, and she asked : "Do you like flowers?" as our hearts and wills to God.

as our nearts and whis to God. But He has not given us this partial revelation of Himself in order to perplex and worry us. He has told us all that is good and needful for us to know in our present state. We should not, therefore, fix our minds upon that which He has cheap to hide. from us which He has chosen to hide from us, but upon that which He actually has revealed to, us, and we shall find in this more than enough for our love and devotion. Each Person of the Blessed Trinity has some special re-lation to us, and there are, therefore, special acts of love and adoration which we can pay to each. He has revealed Himself to us as the Father, not only as the Father of the Eternal Son, but as our Father as well; our Eather heavier U has a control us as

Father, because He has adopted us as His children. Nothing that we know on earth of a father's love can compare with the tenderness with which the Eternal Father regards His children. We, therefore, must become as little children towards Him, look – ing up to Him with love, with rever-ence, with simple trust, striving to fulfil His holy will in perfect obedience, knowing that He wills only our good,

here and hereafter. God the Son has revealed Himself to us as our Saviour and Redeemer, and because we are through Him the because we are through Hild Brother, children of God, as our Elder Brother, sharing in our human nature, having been tempted like us, and having suffered far more for our sake than we shall ever be called upon to suffer for Him. Hence in all our trials, in all our temptations, in all our s

Tracy rang the bell and was ushered into the parlor by Marion. There in the soft May twilight took place a meeting which it is impossible Whisper the breezes of new born pleasures. Marmur the streamlets in blithest measures : Nature hath lavished her choicest treasures Greeting the Queen of the May."

Oh, what heart to heart talks fol-lowed, and which made her mother look as well as ever, Marion declared. In a few weeks Mrs. Tracy took It was the first morning of Mary's month, and Marion, laden with flowers, Marion and her mother to her summer home, and it was wonderful how the latter improved. You may be sure the three friends

spent a great portion of their time together, and rest assured Margaret was not not forgotten.

Entering the church any May even-ing you will see a sweet young girl kneeling at Mary's altar breathing forth her love and gratitude, and early this morning." "Yes, mamma," said Marion : "1 am anxious to have the flowers on Our Mother's altar before Mass ; so I will pausing beside her we hear her whis-per: "Pray for us, sweet Queen of May."—"Violet," in Catholic Youth. say good bye and hurry off." Marion and her mother were all the

SHORT STORIES.

was six years old. They had been very wealthy, but A prominent Catholic clergyman of reverses came, so that Marion's mother Chicago who recently visited Rome. was obliged to support herself and relates this episode of his experience in the Eternal City : "While I was little daughter by teaching music. At present their sky seemed brighter, for Marion, inheriting her mother's stopping at the American College I was invited to dine one evening at musical talent, assisted in giving les-sons to a very large class. the house of one of the Roman car-dinals, whose name I would rather re-serve, but who is famous among the dignitaries of the Church in Rome for She was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and said she always obtained special favors during May. This morning, if we follow her, we his parsimony and the poverty of his menu. His position is such that an invitation to dinner by him is tantamount to a command, and a common saying among the priests is "I'll have a good appetite for breakfast to-morrow ; I dine to-night with Carabout that dear mother, whose strength was slowly ebbing away beneath her incessant toil. The physician's orders

dinal "Among the guests at the Cardinal's table the evening I allude to was a little old man from the Jesuits' College. He was a jolly man in a quiet way, but his humor always was tinged with satire. He is a great metaphysician, and when asked his opinion on any proposition he almost invariably prefaces his reply with the proviso of the old scholastics—1 distinguish. At dinner the conversation turned into a serio-comic discussion on the validity of a baptism administered with soup instead of water. The host, thinking to start the. disquisitive Jesuit on an amusing dissertation, said to him, giving meanwhile a dignified wink at the rest of the guests: 'How wink at the rest of the guests: 'How say you to that proposition, Father ? Is it lawful to baptize in soup?" "'I distinguish, Your Eminence, nad entered the church. On returning home, our young friend went directly to her room, as she wished to place in the hands of her statue the letter she had written to our Blessed Mother. With childish con-fidence she told her all about her enviet. be entirely lawful.""

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"Say, stranger," the farmer asked, "kin you tell me if thar's a feller bout yere named Morgan, John

Morgan?" "That is my name, sir," Mr. Morgan replied, pausing in his flight. "Air you in er hurry, young man?" "I'm just off to Texas." "Texas, eh? Can't Texas wait a



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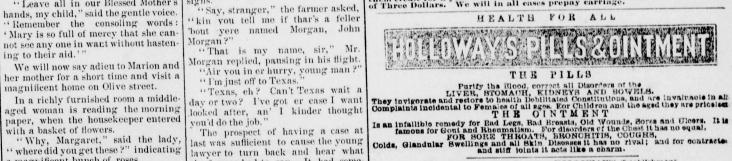


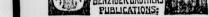


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We will now say adieu to Marion and

her mother for a short time and visit a

a magnificent bunch of roses. "A lovely young lady gave them to me as I was going into Mass this morn-ing," she answered. "They are from ing," she answered. "They are from her garden," and then she related the particulars of the meeting with our dear Marion.

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"Of course not," was the answer, handing the cluster to her mistress.

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That evening Marion and her mother were sitting together after an un-

usually busy day. "Are you too weary to sing something for me, Marion?" asked her mother.

"Not at all," answered Marion, rightly. "What shall it be?"

brightly. "What shall it be?" "My favorite, 'Ave Maria,'" was the answer; and as the sweet notes rose and fell, a richly dressed lady, standing with her hand on the doorbell, wept tears of joy and regret-tears of joy at the thought of the coming meeting, and tears of regret for the dear old school-days when she often

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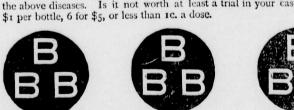
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