THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

CHAPTER II.

Blessed Hands.

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"Christ's Heart finds an earthly heaven In the paim of the priest's pure hand." —Father Ryan.

O words of mysterious meaning, Like a voice from a far-off land ! Too holy and high in their meaning For creatures to understand : "Christ's Heart finds an earthily heaven in the paim of the priest's pure hand.

Oh, surely the hand must be holy, And surely the hand must be blest, Wherein Jeans, the Holy of holies, Chooses His earthly rest! The touch of that hand must bring healing And blessings the tenderest.

How seldom we think of the power That lies in the band of a priest ! It holds the key to God's treasures,... At lis sign our sins are released. Day by day, as life wears away. May our faith in its power be increased

Twas the hand of a priest that loosened The bonds of oiginal sin: When we eame to the iont in childhood, He bade us to enter in The portais of Christ's own saving fold, That elernal life we might win.

When in our human weakness We fail crushed to the sod. By some weight of sin that o'ertakes us all In the path by mortals trod. "Its the hand of a priest that lifts us up And leads us on to God.

And when in God's own Temple We are bidden to the Feast To which the Master invites us all— The greatest and the least, Our souls are fed with the mystic Food By the hand of God's own priest.

Oh, our souls need never hunger. Our hearts need never despair : Wherever there stands a temple A priest is waiting there. Through all of our lives to help us, With hands uplified in prayer.

THE TWO MRS. TUCKERS,

CHAPTER I.
 "You can make the pie while I put the hoss out," said Amasa Tucker, as he opened the summons old coops contrived for them with paths the geese had made in their will if they dared to stray beyond farm on shares the next summer, and there with paths the geese had made in their daily journeys to the pond below, and only approached at the back by a lane to the great red barn, and a rickety board to the small square of fat ence.
 This was Wealthy Ann Tucker's home This was Wealthy Ann Tucker's home-

ton, a little village twenty miles away from Peet's Mills, the town within town within whose wide limits lay the Tucker farm, terror to the poor woman. and had come home with him this early But what did Amasa care? He, too, whose wide limits lay the Tucker farm, and had come home with him this early spring afternoon in the old wagon behind the bony horse that did duty for Amasa's family carriage. Herror to the poor woman. But what did Amasa care? He, too, in the hard, old fashion with rude imple-ments and no knowledge, but-

wonan, with a sad, reticent face, very silent and capable; these last traits had been her chief recommendation to her husbaud. There was no sentiment about the matter; old Mrs. Tucker had died two weeks before this mariage, but Amasa

concluded that a wife was cheaper that a there like the beasts that perish, with but hird girl, land more permanent; so when he found this alert, firm-jointed, handy girl, living at her uncle's, who was a was a considerate, as soon as possible, and proceeded to fur ther intimacy. Wealthy liked better to so in structure, as soon as possible, and proceeded to fur the intelligent boy, who thought much and her acquaintance as soon as possible, and proceeded to fur the stand be acquaintance as soon as possible, and proceeded to fur the stand be acquaintance as soon as possible, and proceeded to fur the stand for a step mother with six secondary children, but she thought it would be better still to have a mane was usually given, a mischievous, self-willed little imp, the delight and torame to fher worn-out mother. Young Amasa was a boy quite beyond his father's guare were in abundance; and no feast of royalty ever gave more pleasure to its most honored guests than bouse of her own. So she agreed to marry Amasa was a boy quite beyond his father's guare were in abundance; and no feast of royalty ever gave more pleasure to its most honored guests than bouse of her own and one on the south do nor the north and one on the south do nor the north and one on the south a do ther of mits encould evise; and when his the hot biscuit Mary made and baked for their supper, the stewed, dried apple, the stewed, dried apple, the stewed, dried apple, the stewed ster are mits action of the other source are the source and the hot biscuit Mary made and baked for their supper, the stewed, dried apple, the stewed ster are the source are the so

really needful," he said, when she urged him to fetch her a load. "Wood's aller a growin' when ye don't cyt it, and a makin' for lumber; and lumber's better to sell, a sight, than could be a set than in the crowded city wood. Ye must get along somehow with brush; mother used to burn nextto nothomestead. Wealthy turned a way from her baking

She did not remind him that his mother one Saturday morning, just as the last pie was set on the broad pantry shelf, and fainted on the kitchen floor, where Amasa was bent double with rheumatism, and died of her fifth attack of pneumonia. Wealthy never wasted words. Then there were eight cows to milk, the fainted on the kitchen floor, where Amasa the younger found her an hour after, muttering, delirious, and cold. What he could do then, or the village doctor, or an old woman who called herself a nurse, milk to strain, set, skim, churn, or make cheese ; and nothing but the simplest tools to do it with. A cloth held over the pail was all useless. But the best skill of any kind would have been equally futile. She

served for strainers; the pails themselves were heavy wood; the pans old and some of them leaky, the holes stopped up with bits of rag often to be removed. The milk room was in the shed, built against the kind would have been equally futile. She was never conscious again for a week. Then her eyes seemed to see what was about her once more; she looked up at her boy, laid her wan cheek on his hand, smiled—and died. Hardly had her wasted shape been put toom was in the shear of the set Hardly had her wasted shape been put away under the mullens and hardback, when her husband came in from the bay-field smitten with the same plague. He was harder to conquer; three weeks of alternate burning, sinking, raving and chills ended at last in the grey and grim repose of death for him, and another Amasa Tucker reigned alone in the old house on the hill. himself, and was heavy and rough. Then to her belonged the feeding of the pigs, gaunt, lean animals, with sharp snouts, ridgy backs, long legs and thin flanks; deep-set eyes that gleamed with intelligent malice, and never-sated hua-ger. Wealthy grew almost afraid of them when they clambered up on the rails of the pen in their fury for food, and flapped their pointed ears at her, squealin, and fighting for the scant fare that she brought. For Amasa underfed and over-It is not to be supposed that in all these years Amasa the younger had been blind to the charms of the other sex; he had brought. For Amass underfed and over-brought. For Amass underfed and over-worked everything that belonged to him. Then there were hens to look after; the old-fashioned barn-door "creepers," who wanted food too, yet catered for them selves in a great measure, and made free with barn and wood-shed for want of their with barn and were decimated every the had been faithful always to the shy.

with barn and wood-shed for want of their own quarters, and were decimated every season by hawke, owls, skunks, weazels, and foxes, to say nothing of the little girl sweetheart, and now it was Mary Peet that he has been faithful always to the shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who was his girl sweetheart, and now it was Mary Peet that he has been faithful always to the shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who was his is for the little that he has been faithful always to the shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who was his girl sweetheart, and now it was Mary Peet that he has been faithful always to the shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who was his girl sweetheart, and now it was Mary Peet that he has been faithful always to the shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who was his girl sweetheart, and now it was Mary Peet

towardably took the non's snare; these ac-cumulating and never-ceasing labours all wore day by day on the vitality of Mrs. Tucker, and when to these was added an annual baby, life became a burden and a light; the house was scrubbed from one

mother could not live long, had improved his opportunities, and been "sparkin" Wealthy Ann Minor, all winter, in jadici-to have a graveyard close by than to travel ous provision for the coming event of his five miles to the Mills with every funeral,

olitude. He had thought the thing all over, and ion in regard to monuments; they all lay d that a wife was cheaper than a there like the beasts that perish, with but

lay two weekly papers and a mag-azine, she had still sense enough left to make this hitherto sacred apartment into a real sitting room, where, every evening she and Amasa rested, read or talked over the day's doings; and when or taked over the day's doings; and when the first fat, rosy baby came, and Mary was about again, it added another pleasure to have the old cradle beside them all the evening, with its sleeping treasure. Can I tell in words what a sense of

peace and cheer pervaded this household, in spite of some failures and troubles ? If the rye did blast one year, the two best cows die another; if a weasel once invaded the new and wonderful hen-house and slaughtered the best dozen of Plymouth Rocks; if sweeping storms wet the great crop of hay on the big meadow, or an ox broke its leg in a post hole, still there was home to come to, and a sensible, cheerful woman to look on the bright side of things when a man was discouraged. But, on the whole, things prospered; and as Amasa heard the sweet laughter of his happy children, and met the calm smile of his wife, he could not but look back at his mother's harrowed and sad experience, and he gave a heartfelt sigh at the difference between the two Mrs. Tucker, unaware how much was due to his own sense of justice and affection.

There are two morals to this simple Accept which you like or need nost. In the larguage of the ancient Romans, one is the great use and necessity of taking a good family paper and the other is the equal use and necessity of being good to your wives. Accept which you like or need most. In the language of the ancient Romans, "You neve your money and you take "You pays your money and you takes your choice !"

FATHER MCKEON'S LOTTERY.

The Bothwell Catholic Bazaar took end to the other, a bonfire made of the old place on January 3rd, 1885. A few days afterwards two modern Pharisees, Rev. Messrs. Hartmann and Kilback, wrote to the Bothwell Times condemning all amily carriage. Mrs. Tucker was a tall, thin young "My father done it afore me, so I'm filled with dry wood, and a good store of Father McKeon wrote a letter in reply laurels enlisted the services of Rev. Messrs. Taylor and McNair to write into the old milk-room made of that a con-venient pantry, while the removal of the old one from the kitchen corner gave to that apartment more room, air, and light. A new stove with a set boiler filled up the

A new stove with a set boller filed up the hearth of the old fireplace, but further improvements Amasa left for Mary. A different home coming from his mother's she had, indeed, on just such a

the hot biscuit alary made and baked for their supper, the stewed, dried apple, the rich old cheese, and the fragrant tea, gave

d the rights of women never would have angered or bored you as they do now, or unsexed and made strident and clamorous that half of creation which is and always was unreasonable enough to have hungry hearts. Try it and see. T Amasa was wise above his generation; he had seen his mother suffer, and learned a lesson. Mary never pined for kindly appreciation of her work or help in it, the marke the flowery curtains hung at either r, ished, the flowery curtains hung at either r, ished, the flowery curtains hung at either r, drawn up to the table, on which he hay see hung y know where to look for them. (Luke 6.

when the blind lead the blind we all know where to look for them. (Luke 6. 3).) My opponents may have a right to condemn "gambling practices" but they have no right whatever to condemn honest d lotteries, which are sanctioned by human and Divine laws. Therefore, it is evident from what has been already said that there is a marked difference between "honest lotteries" and "gambling practices." Such being the case, I will now prove that the fof Bothwell Catholic lottery was in perfect harmony, lst, with strict honesty; 21y, with the written word of God. Tisst of all, our lottery was strictly hung over our parish, and in order to s honest legal lottery. The end or aim of therefore the end of the lottery was just. St. Jas. v. 4: k. 7.) The means were also just, as we will soon see. During the f Autumn of 185%, we were presented with a thousand dollars worth of prizes, con-sisting of sheep, cattle, paintings, etc. These prizes were donated for the purpose, our church creditors were not willing to accept anything but money. Therefore, our church creditors were not willing to accept anything but money. Therefore, in orde thet or writem work to main the solutery if works, and He commanded him saying : he (Aaron) shall make the two sore to main the both, one to our church creditors were not willing to buck goats to stand before the Lord accept anything but money. Therefore, in order that our prizes might be utilized be offered to the Lord and the other to be prizes, if possible, and 2ndly, by rathing them (or selling our prizes by shares) Now, if any one had offered us \$1000,00, he could have had all our prizes, and then there would have been no lot-tery at all. In the same way, I presume if any one had offered our Bothwell Oil Company \$8000, it would not be necessary xviii. 18. "Lots are cast into the lap, but Company \$8000, it would not be necessary to sell any \$50 shares. But nobody offered the Oil Company \$8000 for their well, and nobody offered us \$1000 for our lottery prizes. Hence the Oil Company divided their stock into shares and sold them at \$50 each. So too we divided our lottery prizes into shares and sold them for 25 cents each. (It is a lot 27 24 25 each. So too dows, with clear large glass set in place of the dingy old sashes. The woodhouse was filled with dry wood, and a good store of pine comes and brush for kindlings, a new milk room was built but a little way from the back door over a tiay brook that ran down the hill north of the house, and under the slatted floor kept up a cool draught of fresh air; a covered passage connected it with the kitchen and a door soon, and in order to redeem their lost laurels enlisted the services of Rev. Messrs. Taylor and McNair to write against the lottery; but Father McKeon to the Bothwell town hall, and placed in a box at the time of drawing, took one of their letters and thrashed the other with it and made the two of them the laughing stock of the whole community. Since then the four ministers were (All those present at the drawing) tike took of shares was then shaken un, and the first share taken out took prize No. 2, and so on, until 42 prizes were drawn. The lorgence, Sutherlands Corners and Wardsville against the lottery. At length Father McKeon wrote the following ad since which not one of his opponents has written a word against the lottery:
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quickly, and went to the shed for material done annually, not without much oppo- before, so this sort of thing was not to make her fire. It was almost sundown sition and many hard words, but still needed; but there was a new churn bought,

to make her fire. It was almost sundown and she was hungry, but she found only the scantiest supply of wood and a few dry chips for kindling; however, she did her best, and she had brought some pro-visions from home, so that she managed to

"I hope you ain't a waster, Wealthy,"

he growled. "There's vittles enough for a township, and there ain't but two of us."

"Well, our folks sent 'em over, and you no need to eat 'em," she answered cheerily.

Wealthy said no more; they made a supper of biscuit and beef, for the pie was also ordered "set by." She was used to economy but not to stinginess, and she excused this extra thrift in her husband more easily for the reason that she had been always poor, and she knew very well that he was not rich, to say the least. But it was only the beginning.

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broken, but the weary to be a set on this bright winsome child, and her set on this bright winsome child, and her life lost all its scant savor when the blooming face and the clear young voice left her forever.
"I don't blame her none, anyway," she sobbed out to her boy, now a stout fellow of twenty-two, raging at his sister's folly, "I can't feel to blame her; I know deadful a pipe down into a sink set in the wooda pipe down into a sink set in the wood-

cheerily. "I ain't goin' to. Don't ye break into that jell ; set it by. Sometime or nuther somebody may be comin' here, and you'll Wealthy said no more; they made a true of bisenit and heaf, for the pie was there was you and Lury wanted me, and there was you and you wanted me, and there was you wanted you wanted was you wanted you w

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"Gambling is the playing of two, or more persons at cards, dice or any other game, whereby one shall lose and the other win money staked upon the issue." Annel, Cscl. Vol 1 M 608

money; in a lottery the stake generally probable hope of increasing the amount consists of articles of property. "Gambling of money he invests. That probable hope consists of articles of property. "Gambling is the practice of staking money on the haz-ard of cards or dice. Lottery is the distribu-tion of prizes by chance." Aquinus 3 q. xiv, 3 c. From the above contrast it is

equivalent to saying that "Holy Baptism," consequently, there was a perfect bilateral contract between themselves and the bazaar managers. Our lottery took place and "dish washing" are one and the same thing. My present thesis will be found

and carrying of water. The fat, round, placid pigs that now enjoyed themselves in the new pen, he took care of himself. "It isn't work for women folk," he said. "You've got enough to do, Mary; there's the garden you'll have an eve on and the chickers

been always poor, and she knew very well that he was not rich, to say the least. But it was only the beginning. Hard as Wealthy had worked at her schead to draw and fetch all the water she used from an old-fashioned well with a heavy sweep, pictureque to see, but that Amasa owned, he grudged its use. "I shan't cut down no more than is of any kind, and I hereby challenge the world to disprove my statements. Hence 3rdly. Our lottery was in perfect har-mony with the laws of Canada. The high-

Rullroad men the president and one of the vice-presidents and ex-Attorney-Genéral MacVeagh, who is counsel for the road, were present. MacVeagh, as usual, was scintillating, and in a fuony way said to the guest of the evening : "Your Grace, you see here a great

many railroad men. You will meet them often on social occasions here, and you will always find that hey take their lawyer with them. Hence I am here. Appel. Cycl. Vol. VII, p. 608. Hence, there is a vast difference between a lottery and a gambling practice. Gambl-ing is a game, lottery is a contract. In gambling the stake usually consists of the first stake generally of the s make to you for an exchange with us. We can give free passes on all the railroads of the country. Now, if you would only give us-say a free pass to Paradise by

give us—say a free pass to Paradise by way of exchange." "Ah," said his Grace, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "I would not like to separate them from their counsel."

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