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"You're cryin', darlin', what's the

A LITTLE NEWSGIRL.

"What paper to-day, sir?"
"Same as usual, my dear. No,"
with a smile, as the child was about to

return the change; "keep it. The
Telegraph is worth a nickel—to me."
"Thank you very much, sir."
Katie had never quite understood

Mr. Crosby. To pay five cents every time you bought a three cent paper!

If it were the *Ledger*, now. People had to buy that to find out who was

lead. It seemed very strange.
Mr. Crosby was Katie's best cus-

"He'll never get rich if he keeps on

that way," she predicted. "But I guess he's well enough off already."

She looked admiringly after the care

fully dressed, handsome man. Then she thought of her father and sighed.

Mr. Crosby practised law on Sixth street below Walnut. Across the way

Near the Locust street entrance to

the square, morning and afternoon, rain or shine, Katie Kernan stood sell-

ing newspapers. It was wearisome work, and she had little heart for the

trees and the grass. The gray stone coping dividing them from the side-

walk was well enough to lean against

when she grew tired, or wanted to

count her unsold papers-that was all.

She did not dare to go home before she

To-day was particularly trying. It

was now late in the afternoon and

there had been only two or three buyers. "Father will be in a bad

humor to-night, too," she murmured.

"His wages are always gone by Fri-

day. I might as well make up my

mind to stay here till dark." She touched the string of her scapular and

said a prayer to Our Lady, Help of

mahogany cradle. "apping about this time."

Katie looked down at her shabby shoes. "I wish I could get a new pair, but I can't. The baby's to be

till to-morrow. 'The Sacred Heart Almanac.' I didn't know he was a

Katie turned the leaves of her find." Everything interested her.

ninth promise held something personal,

something precious for her; "I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and hon-

Katie clasped her hands, and a

It was nearly dark. In the square

a grass-scented, bluish mist began to rise; fireflies (Katie called them light-

ning bugs) shone and faded among

the tree-shadows. The frolicking children, with their hoops and roller

skates, had all gone away.
Our Lady, Help of Christians, never

forgets. Katie had disposed of her last paper and felt very thankful.

She dreaded the streets at nightfall. Didn't she hear that terrible men,

wearing rubbers, so that you couldn't

hear them tread, pushed boys and girls into chloraformed canvas bags and sold them to the Jefferson Medical Col-

lege, and no one ever heard of them

afterwards?
Katie, shuddering, hurried homewards. She lived in — street. At that time two-thirds of its dingy tumble-

down houses were occupied by vicious and criminal whites and blacks. Here

and there was a family, the head of

which earned his living by honest

place. Your pa took the Bible out with him. Your ma fainted. You

can come over with the other children

if you get frightened. Walk right in

The police couldn't have heard ma hal-

long as your pa wasn't arrested. But the law! Here I'm keeping you, and

your ma expecting you every min-

Irish Catholics. But so it was.

The frolicking

guess that would get one.

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BY JOHN ACTON.

matter?" "O, ma! ma!" Katie sobbed. "Emeline Royer's just told me about pa. Where has he gone?"

pa. Where has he gone?"

Mrs. Kernan drew the child in and closed the door. "I don't know. God forgive him! He took the Bible with my marriage certificate in it. In a South street pawn shop it is by this time." She broke into violent weeping. 'O Mother of Jesus! Did I ever think I'd live to see this day? Him, that has a good trade—the builders say there's no better bricklayer in Philadelphiato sell the Word of God for drink! The book blessed by Father Barbelin -Lord have mercy on his soul! And to be living in this den of thieves, out of pure contrariness, because I said it was no place to bring up children ! And him raisin' his hand to me whenever the fit takes him! Ah! it's punished I am for neglecting my duties. No confession from year's end to year's

end. And 'tis the same with him. Look at the five of you children. Never a decent shoe to your foot nor a rag to your back for Mass or Sunday Sure, it's heathens we've been school. -the pair of us-and it's comin' home now." She covered her tear stained She covered her tear stained face with her hands and wailed despair ingly.

"O ma! don't, don't!" pleaded Katie, tears dimming her own eyes. down here in the rocking-chair. I've

got something to tell you."
"That I will, darlin.' Sure, if I hadn't my Katie to comfort me my eyes would never be dry. But first you run over to Emeline's for the young ones. I'll get them to bed before your father comes in - if he does come They've had their supper. I'd go my-self, but I don't want her to see my black eye.'

Katie was soon back with the little ones-two sturdy boys and two fair girls ranging from three to nine years. They trooped obediently up stairs after their mother and speedily forgot their fright in sleep. When Mrs. Kernan came down Katie nestled in her lap and drew forth Mr. Crosby's almanac. She read aloud our Lord's Promises to Blessed Margaret Mary. When she had finished the ninth, Mrs. Kernan, thrilling with a new hope, cried eagerly: "Say that over again, darlin.

Katie did so. "Why couldn't we try it, ma?" she asked, softly. Mrs. Kernan kissed the questioning young face. "How did you guess my

pair, but I can't. The baby's to be christened on Sunday week and he'll need a clock and a cap. Nothing is too good for him." Katie's pretty face lighted up at the thought of the chubby little brother at home in his mahogany cradle. "I guess he's capyling about this time." thought, darlin'? Sure, yo're sensible past your twelve years. Yes, we'll past your twelve years. But what was this at her feet? She stooped and picked up a thin book bound in pink paper. Who could have lost it? She soon learned; on get a picture, and may the Sacred Heart help us! And now you go to your bed, pet. I'll wait up for your the front cover "Maurice Crosby" was

Katie left her mother telling the written in a bold hand.

"It's Mr. Crosby's. He's dropped it in his hurry. I'll keep it for him till to-morrow.

"The Sacred Heart in the sacred than the sacr beads of her rosary. Mrs. Kernan's conscience had been awakened at last -doubtless by a quickening ray from the perfect Heart which she had just invoked.

It was after 12 when Kernan came in. Frequent potations had not im proved his temper. He leered at his wife aggressively. "Drunk again, Cass." He waited for reproaches. She read our Lord's promise to the Blessed Maagaret Mary again and again. Could she have expressed her feeling she would have said that the There was none.

"I think I'll go to bed, Mike. Do you want anything?'

His eyes followed her in maudlin surprise. Hadn't he struck her only a few hour sback? and here she smiled at That was what a fellow might call friendliness, and no mistake. 'You're a brick, old woman."

wistful look came into her eyes: "Oh wonder would He-would Jesus help offered her his hand. Mrs. Kernan touched it gently. father and mother? I could take the money to buy the picture out of my bank. There's twenty-five cents. I

"I can't make you out to night, ass. Something's the matter." "Never mind, Mike dear. We'll Cass. alk it over to-morrow.

Kernan staggered up stairs. An impulse she could not resist con strained Mrs. Kernan to prayer. She knelt in her narrow kitchen till the warm June dawn flushed the East. III.

A balmy, cloudless afternoon. Katie's heart beat lightly. She was thinking of the Ninth Promise. She knew a cheap Catholic bookstore. soon as her papers were gone, wouldn't she have one of those pictures! What she have one of those pictures: What did she care now for the troubles of yesterday? Of course, she felt sorry for her mother; for her father, too. But hadn't she said the Litany of the Blessed Virgin last night, and wouldn't that set everything all right? Her heaven-born child-faith whispered 'Yes.' The Bible—that wouldn't be lost, either. And forthwith, for the twentieth time, she sent up a fervent

petition to St. Anthony.

Here came Mr. Crosby. Katie took the Sacred Heart Almanac from its tissue-paper wrapping. "You lost this yesterday, sir," she said, handing labor. A strangely-chosen place was this for self-respecting people, the majority of whom—God pity them !—were

it to him.

Mr. Crosby handed it back. Thanks, my dear. You may keep it.

A buxon-colored woman wearing a I have another." purple print gown and a bright ban-There was something else to speak dana stopped Katie at the entrance to the street. "You be careful, honey. about. Katie hesitated. think her forward? Her mother had not objected to her asking him. Your pa has been beating your ma again. She hallooed murder, and all again. She hallooed murder, and all the little children ran over to my

Mr. Crosby noticed her embarrass

ment. "What is it. Katie?" he inquired kindly.
"Why, Mr. Crosby, why "-Katie blushed at her boldness-"there's a little baby at our house. He's a boy. He hasn't been christened yet; he without knocking."

Katie had become very pale. "Oh,
Mrs. Royer! I was afraid pa would. 100, do you think?

"No, honey, I reckon not. Don't
you be afraid about that, though, so

He hasn't been christened yet; he hasn't any name; and I thought—we'd like—if you wouldn't mind—to call him—to have him christened Maurice."

Mr. Crosby smiled. "Why, Katie, I wish you would. That will be all right. If you do, I hope he will be a better man than his namesake." He slipped a bank note into her hand.
"Tell mother to buy the little fellow

something nice with that." Katie drew back in dismay. "It-

She found her mother waiting for her much; but ma wouldn't like me to take all that.

"Then," warned Mr. Crosby, with assumed seriousness, "you mustn't name baby after me.

Katie was not convinced, but before she could make further remonstrance Mr. Crosby was out of sight. That evening Katie brought the Sacred Heart picture, had it blessed by

one of the Fathers of St. — 's, an straightway set it on the "parlor mantel A week passed, Mrs. Emeline Calantha Royer remarked over the back

fence to her next-door neighbor that the world must be coming to an end. "Let me tell you why, Solferina Bil-dew Jones. That Mike Kernan's been sober this here whole week. Don't tell me people can't let rum alone if they wants to. And Mrs. Kernan, she's beginning to look real peart-that is, qualifying, "she will when her black eye goes."
Solfernia Bildew fingered the brass

handle of the hydrant meditatively She was deep in a big "wash"-for She was deep in a big wash—tor one of the most aristocratic families on Walnut street," she proudly informed Mrs. Royer. "It's certainly queer, Emeline. There's Mrs. Herndon—this wash is her's. She's a strict Catholic. Her son Percy, he took to kink. The cook told me. She got a drink. The cook told me. She got a Catholic picture—I forget the name—and put it in Master Percy's room. It changed him like conjuring. He has stopped drinking. He hates liquor

Emeline laughed - her guess truer than she dreamed: "I reckon Mrs. Kernan must have got one, too. Whatever it is, I'm mighty glad. She's a clever woman, and her Katie's just

"Well, Cass, I've found a nice little house for us," Kernan said that night — the first Saturday in years, that he had been sober. Please God. day next. It's down near Tenth and Dickinson." we'll be out of this rat trap by Wednes

Mrs. Kernan gave him a grateful look. "Anywhere, anywhere, Mike, away from this. The forgiving, kindly Jesus! How quickly He has rewarded the setting up of the little picture! Let us begin over again, picture! Let us begin over again, dear. We haven't lived as we should we ought to have had a 'Sacred Heart to start with. There's no luck where there's no God."

"I know it Cass. Something has made me see things differently the past week I've been a brute to you. might have dressed in your silks if I had done what was right."

Mrs. Kernan's lips quivered. "Never mind, Mike. We'll forget all that. We're not old yet. And haven't we the children? We'll send Katie to school now, too, Mike—the poor child, with her feet out of her shoes! She'll not be wanting things after the baby s christened, I know that.'

Kernan leaned over and kissed her You're too good for the like of me, Cass," he said huskily.

Mrs. Kernan smiled through her tears. "Don't say that, Mike, dear. Sure," gayly, "I would'nt have let you put the ring on my finger if I had

Mr. Crosby misses Katie's winsome face and sweet voice, but is glad to know that she is at the head of her

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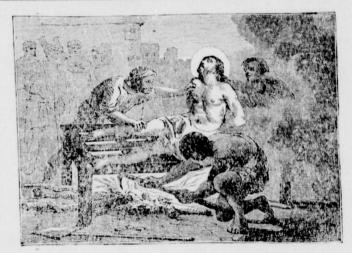
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