

IN THE ACCIDENT WARD

Dr. Jenkins rushed into the room where Sister Placide, head nurse of a Great Western Railway hospital, was looking over the nurses' reports. "There has been a bad wreck on the line, and three of the company's men were hurt—they will be here by 'special' in half an hour. Dr. Smyth has gone to the yards in the ambulance. Have everything ready, Sister," he cried, rushing out again towards the operating room.

Asusard Soap SURPRISE SOAP MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY

own weak voice joined faintly in the singing. Sister Placide knelt beside the sick man gently stroking his hand as she sang.

Ave Maria, oh, hear when we call, Mother of Him who is Savior of all; Feeble and failing, we trust in Thy might; In doubting and darkness, Thy love be our light, Let us sleep on thy breast while the night taper burns, And wake in thine arms when the morning returns.

Dr. Jenkins stood at the door, an interested listener. "He is asleep, Sister. I think he will rest now without an opiate. Send someone to watch to-night, for you must rest. He cannot last much longer and you may be needed to-morrow night."

"Did you sing to me last night, Sister, or did I dream it?" "Yes, my child, you were delirious for a while, and I sang to quiet you."

"I thought I was a boy again, and we were having May devotions. Cecilia Norton was singing 'Fading, still fading.' I love that hymn, Sister, and I always associate it with Cecilia—little St. Cecilia we called her. She was such an angelic little creature, and she sang beautifully. Father Varight always had her sing that hymn after Benediction. Sweet little St. Cecilia! When I was fourteen and she was about twelve I carried her books to school, brought her the first violets, and first wild strawberries and May apples. I remember when I bought my first valentine, she showed it to me, wondering who could have sent it, and I was too bashful to let her guess that I had. How often I walked out to the Norton Home and turned back sometimes from the very door without going in. When I was about twenty I determined to be an engineer. I decided before going to the city to tell Celia of my love and ask her to wait for me. In fancy I rehearsed again and again what I would say to her and how I would plead my cause, but when I found myself in her presence my courage failed. How well I remember that evening. We sat on the porch—I on a rustic chair and she on the top seat, her slight figure outlined against the vine-covered pillar. Her simple muslin dress was blue as her eyes. And as she talked to me she drew her heavy braids over her shoulders, idly plaiting and unplaiting the golden strands. We discussed the weather, the chickens, the prospects for fruit and other common-place matters. At last I burst out—'Celia, I am going to the city to learn engineering.'

"Are you? I am so glad, Joe, for I know you have been wanting to go. I am going away, too." "Where to?" I asked. "I am going to the Ursuline convent for two years, and then—it is a secret, Joe—I am going to be a Sister if our dear Lord will accept me." "You are going to be an Ursuline?" "I don't know yet what order I shall join. I will decide that later. At present it is happiness enough to know that I am to belong entirely to our Lord. Will you pray for me, Joe? I shall say a prayer every day for your success."

and promised to receive the sacraments before leaving Dallas. I realized how wicked and ungrateful I had been and I resolved to become a practical Catholic again.

"After Benediction the children sang my old favorite, 'Fading, still fading.' I felt comforted, for I knew that our Blessed Mother would intercede with her Divine Son for me. I have tried ever since to put my faith in daily practice. Do you know, Sister, I often think that my little Saint Cecilia—wherever she may be—has kept her promise to say a prayer for me every day."

Dr. Jenkins, who had come into the room when Joe was talking, imagined that he saw a faint tinge of pink creep over Sister Placide's serene face and a great joy shining in her blue eyes as she answered: "I have no doubt of it, Joe. We must always remember in our prayers those of our old friends who are dear to us. It is certain that our Blessed Mother has always remembered you."

Let us sleep on thy breast while the night taper burns, And awake in thine arms when the morning returns. As her voice died away on the last line the soul of Joe Moylan appeared before it. Maker. The tears which Sister Placide dropped upon the upturned face of the brave engineer were a tribute to the memory of the boy who had brought the first May apple to sweet Cecilia Norton.—Belfast Irish News.

Household Notes

FRUIT STAINS.—Look over both table-cloth and napkins before they are put to soak. Place the stained portion of the linen over a deep bowl and pour boiling water through it, repeating the operation until the stain disappears. Soap will set stains made by fresh fruit, so it is necessary that they should be taken out before being laundered.

PRUNE PUDDING.—Pick over and wash one pound of prunes. Drain, cover with fresh cold water and soak over night. Put on over a slow fire and cook gently until very soft; then skim out the fruit and return the juice to the fire to boil rapidly. Run the fruit through a sieve and mix with the juice when the latter has boiled down to two-thirds of a cupful, sweetening to taste. Reheat, adding the yolks of three eggs beaten well, and stir until slightly thickened; then stand aside for five minutes. Whip the whites of five eggs to a stiff froth and mix in lightly with the prunes, adding a few drops of vanilla. Turn into a buttered dish and bake in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes. Serve cold with cream or with a cold boiled custard.

TAPIOCA CUSTARD.—Wash one-half of a cupful of fine tapioca in cold water and drain. And three cupfuls of milk and cook in a double boiler until the tapioca is clear. Beat together one-third of a cupful of sugar and the yolks of three eggs, add to the cooked milk and stir until slightly thickened. Now add the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff dry froth, mix well with a spoon and cook for five minutes longer. Take from the fire, flavor to taste and set aside until cold. Sago can be used in the same way, and this simple dessert may be varied by beating yolks and whites together and by the use of different flavorings.

BARLEY BREAD.—Make a mush as in the preceding recipe, using one-half of a cupful of the crystals or granulated barley, cook for fifteen minutes and set aside; add two ta-

blespoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter and one teaspoonful of salt. Set aside until lukewarm, then add one-half of a cake of compressed yeast dissolved in one-half a cupful of warm water and one cupful of flour. Beat hard, cover and set aside in a warm place until light. Add flour to make a thick dough and knead well until smooth to the touch. Return to the bowl, cover and set aside until doubled in size, then mold into loaves; place in the pans and stand in a warm place until the dough begins to rise, then bake in a moderate oven.

CHOCOLATE MACAROONS.—Grate one-quarter of a pound of chocolate and mix one-quarter of a pound of sifted powdered sugar and one-quarter of a pound of blanched and ground almonds. Add a pinch of cinnamon and mix to a soft paste with eggs beaten until thick. Drop in half teaspoonfuls on slightly oiled paper and bake in a moderate oven. Do not take from the paper until cold; then brush the under side with cold water, and the paper can be readily stripped off.

MYSTERIES. Unbelievers claim that the mysteries of religion are not credible because they are absurd, and that they are absurd because they are incomprehensible. Such reasoning is illogical; for there are hundreds—yes, thousands—of facts that one sees every day and admits and believes in without difficulty, although they are not understood in the least.—Ave Maria.

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OUR YOUNG MEN.—ty-ninth annual convent. Catholic Young Men's Union, held in Boston, ago, Rev. P. J. Supple, Cambridge, delivered a and powerful sermon. So been privileged to see so from that masterly address of young men, but the suffice to give us an idea of the scope of the work. The subject was the vocation of the Catholic young men, and attain it. Not any particular individual vocation, such as the priesthood, or of man of a certain profession; but general vocation of a people presented in the young country. And, above all, vocation of a Catholic people. Catholic young men of the generation. The text of explains its purport: "But a chosen generation, a kingdom, a holy nation, a people; that you may declare the darkness into his marvelous light. He explained that never of the world was cause committed to the men, than that which the commits to the hands of men of to-day. The cause and that of man are bound one. The vocation then of Catholic is to advance the God, that of faith, that Church; to safeguard it and to communicate its to all who are cold, or in them. We take, then, the extracts which we ask our men, and especially those them who are members of societies, to ponder over a into practice. Rev. Dr. Sullivan, in every community. United States the young gather round the Church, societies, catch enthusiasm power of numbers and presence American world a solid earnest, active, eager Catholicism imbued with the making public profession of faith and living up to its every community in the land feel the influence, and the imagination would be so impressive serious minds would take study of a religion that days of indifference can so influence young men. begin to study Catholicity receptive mind, the victory. This is not to be limited United States. These words in a very special manner to our own province, to our city, for that matter. We experienced the great benefit have come from our various nations of Catholic young men some of our parishes we have Young Men's Societies, and the word of criticism we have the membership is far too small. If they could be so as to include all the young each parish the result would be that our Catholic young men would present such a solid representative of good ship, that the eyes of all would be turned upon them, migration, education, and in

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