------IN THE ACCIDENT WARD. 

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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 ambul-Have everything ready, Sister," he cried, rushing out again towards the operating room.

With characteristic energy Sister Placide directed the preparations of the rooms for the injured men, and when the ambulance arrived everything was in readiness. One poor fellow was past help, the second but slightly injured, and the third, Joe Moylan, the popular engineer of 987, was so badly crushed that Dr. Jenkins found it necessary to amputate both legs.

"I fear he has a very slim chance, Sister, but we will do our best for him. The brave fellow might have saved himself by jumping as the fireman did, but stuck to his engine and went through the bridge with her. Give him your best nurse, Sister.'

"I will take the case myself," she answered with ready sympathy. "Don't overwork yourself, Sister

you know we can't spare you from the head of this establishment. But still give as much of your time as you can; he can't last long.

It was May. The Sisters who were off duty, and many of the patients, who were convalescent attended the simple service of the little office every evening in the chapel. Two days after the accident Dr. Johnson looked into Moylan's room.

"Not at chapel, Sister! I thought I missed your voice." "I cannot leave my patient, doctor.'

"I will sit with him while you go to services. I know you do not like to miss Benediction." Thanking the doctor, Sister Placide

hurried to the chapel, slipped quietly into the choir and joined in the "Tantum Ergo."

After the Benediction Sister Gertrude, the organist, asked Sister Placide to sing her favorite hymn-

Fading, still fading, the last beam is shining; Ave Maria, day is declining,

Safety and innocence fly with the light.

Temptation and danger walk forth in the night.

From the fall of the shade, till the matin shall shine,

Shield us from danger and save us from crime,

'Ave Maria, Ave Maria, Ave Maria, audi nos

The black robed nurses bowed their heads reverently, and each heart voiced its own special petitions. Even the flowers seemed to bow their heads prayerfully as the sweet voice filled the little chapel. Dr. Jenkins's patient moved his head uneasily from side to side, then opened his eyes. "Who is singing, doctor?" he asked

weakly. "The nuns are having their usual May devotions in the chapel. I re-

lieved your nurse that she might go to the Benediction." "Ah, that dear hymn. It brings

back my childhood, doctor. I sang I am going away, too. it often when a boy." when Sister Placide returned she "' 'Where to?' I asked.

CHILD'S PLAY

fading.

own weak voice joined faintly in the and promised to receive the sacra singing. Sister Placide knelt beside ments before leaving Dallas. I realthe sick man gently stroking his ized how wicked and ungrateful I had hand as she sang. been and practical Catholic again.

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 nterested 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." . Mother has always remembered you.'

"Did you sing to me last night, Sister, or did I dream it?"

my child, you were delirious "Yes, for a while, and I sang to quiet you."

"I thought I was a boy again, and we were having May devotions. Ce-cilia 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 Benedic-

tion. 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 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 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 ailed. How well I remember that evening. We sat on the porch-I on a rustic chair and she on the top step, her slight figure outlined out before being laundered. gainst the vine-covered pillar. Her simple muslin dress was blue as her eyes. And as she talked to me she her heavy braids over shoulders, idly plaiting and unplaiting the golden strands. We discuss cover with fresh cold water and soak ed the weather, the chickens, the proover night. Put on over a slow fire

spects for fruit and other commonplace matters. At last I burted out -"Celia, I am going to the city to léarn engineering." " 'Are you? I am so glad, Joe, for

I know you have been wanting to go.

found her patient sleeping quietly. "Your hymning soothed him to secret, Joe-I am going to be a Sissleep, Sister. Poor fellow! He is al- ter if our dear Lord will accept me.'



I resolved to become a

"After Benedictian the children

I felt comforted, for

I have tried ever since to put

sang my old favorite, 'Fading, still

new that our Blessed Mother would

intercede with her Divine Son for

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

her blue eyes as she answered:

Just as the bells were ringing for

evening service he passed away. Sis-

ter Gertrude, kneeling beside the cot,

And awake in thine arms when the

As her voice died away on the last

the memory of the boy who

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PRUNE PUDDING .- Pick over and

wash one pound of prunes. Drain,

and cook gently until very soft; then

juice to the fire to boil rapidly. Run

skim out the fruit and return

hymn to our lady:

night taper burns,

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ed before its Maker.

blespoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter and one teaspoon ful of salt. Set aside until warm, 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.

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 out tered 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 myster-

a prayer for me every day. " Dr. Jenkins, who had come into ies of religion are not credible be the room when Joe was talking, imcause they are absurd, and that they agined that he saw a faint tinge of are absurd because they are incon pink creep over Sister Placide's serprehensible. Such reasoning is ilene face and a great joy shining in logical; for there are hundreds-yes thousands-of facts that one sees "I have no doubt of it, Joe. We every day and admits and believes in nuns always remember in our prayers without difficulty, although they are those of our old friends who are dear not understood in the least. - Ave to us. It is certain that our Blessed Maria.

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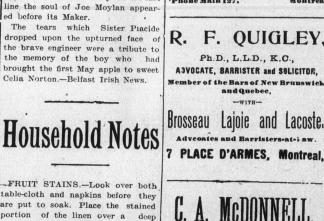
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"Always patient and always grate- line?"

ful for every little service." "Sister," asked Joe the next day, "who sang 'Fading, still fading,' last

evening?

"I did. Why do you ask?"

"Your singing had a more soothing effect on me than the medicine. When I am dying-for I know I will -will

you sing for me?" "I will sing it at any time you wish

That night Joe, growing delirious, lived over again the awful scene of the wreck, trying with all his might to stop his engine before they struck bridge. Then he was a boy aping through the woods after the blackberries or nuts; again he was at school reciting his catechism or acolyte going over the responses at Mass. Then he raved of the May Day procession and little St. Cecilia. He grew more and more restless, and Sister Placide sent for Dr. Jenkins. Before he arrived-guided by an ime she could not understand- she gan in her full, sweet voice to sing ading, still fading."

At the first lines he quieted, grow-ing less restless as the voice swelled through the room. As the singer reached the end of the first verse his

'You are going to be an Ursu-

"''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.' "Too dazed to think clearly I left

her. I had feared a rival, but not such a one. An overpowering sense

of my own unworthiness overwhelmed me. How had I dared to think such an angel could care for me) Before I finished my trade my mother died and I have never been back to the old ho

"For about five years, sister, I had a run in Texas, where there was no church. As I had grown indifferent I found that a good excuse for neglecting my religious duties. One May, having received leave of absence., I went to Dallas, intent on having a good time. In passing the cathedral one lovely evening I heard singing and went in. A chorus of childre voices was singing the sweet May hymns, 'Snow and Rain Have Van-

BARLEY BREAD .- Make a must ished' and 'Daily, Daily, Sing to as in the preceding recipe, using one-Mary.' When I was a Loy I was de-half of a cupful of the crystals or voted to Our Lady, and the old love granulated Larley, cook for fifteen voted to Our Lady, and the old love granulated Larley, cook for fifteen blazed up anew. I fell on my knees minutes and set aside; add two ta-

the prunes, adding a few drops vanilla. Turn into a buttered dish | FIND FOR ALL ACES. and bake in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes. Serve cold with cream or with a cold boiled custard.

TAPIOCA CUSTARD .- Wash onehalf 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

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