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There is a precious treasure, my dear brethren, which is always partly, dear brethren, which is always partly, but only partly, in our possession. Now and then we wake up to the con-viction how valuable it is. There is something which must be done, and there is only just time to do it in ; we wish there were more, but no, only just so much is allotted to us. Then we realize how priceless time is. The sinner, suddenly struck down by some terrible accident, and with only a few terrible accident, and with only a few minutes to live — what would he not give for a half-hour more; for time to look into his confused and disturbed conscience; for time to rouse himself to real contrition for his sins; for time, at least, to send for a priest, and with his help make some sort of preparation for eternity ! But it is not only at the end of our

lives, or in moments of such supreme importance, that we would pay for time with gold, or with other things upon which we set great value here. Often we would give much to be able to put ourselves back a day or even an hour in our lives ; what an advantage it would give us! We look back on many hours and days in the past ; there they were, once at our service, but now squandered and gone for ever. Time, then, is this precious treasure,

which we shall never wholly lose till we pass out of this world for ever. Its golden sands are running rapidly away from us, but still some remain. The uncertainty how much of it is still et should make us put to the best. away from us, but still some remain. The uncertainty how much of it is still left should make us put to the best use each instant as it passes. Who would not draw prudently from a chest in which his whole fortune was locked up, the still best use and the still best use and the still best use but, I do not want to separate her from her brother. Shall we take an invalue and the still best use and the still best use and the still best use the still best use and the still best use which his whole fortune was locked up, if its amount were unknown to him, if

This is the instruction, the warning that the Apostle gives us: "To walk circumspectly; not as time." Saving it — that is to say, not letting it slip by us idly and un-profitably not only having it as the treastory of the t not letting it sip by us fully and different side and the said Mary. "And Dick may get so much better in the country, that he may be a help instead of a burden."

How careless we are about this priceless possession which is ours from mo ment to moment ! Some part of it in-be kind." deed we are generally obliged to employ-and fortunate we are that it is so -in some occupation of profit to ourselves or to others. Yes, fortunate for that man must earn his bread by the toil of his body or mind is hardly after the fall a curse, but rather a blessing. Place fallen human nature in the paradise of our first parents, and its final loss could hardly be averted. But the rest: how often do we see, when work is over, that the only thought, even of Christians, is to get thought, even of Christians, is to get rid of this invaluable gift, the precious time which God has given than taken a fancy to Anna Doran. time which God has given them ! They seem to have no thought but to lose themselves and it in some mere

sensual pleasure, to fritter it away in gossip or some foolish and needless diversion, or to forget it and throw it away in slothful and unnecessary sleep. sleep. Brethren, some day we shall want

all this time that we are now wasting. Then it will stand out before us in its true value ; we shall see that it should have been redeemed, and that it is now irredeemable. And what is more, God, who gave it to us will near the second God, who gave it to us, will require an account of it at our hands. He gave it to us for an object ; there is not a

Mary had given special attention to the preparation of the sauce. "Well boys? What do you say?" "Oh, I say let 'em come !" exclaimed Brian

prove of them, and that they will help

us in our remaining hours to do the

work that He has required and expects

us to do. To kill time - let this

life and to invite death to our souls.

A Disgusted Drunkard.

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plate at breakfast, it was a revelation,

and the sobered gentleman experi-enced a decidedly new sensation.

and sense enough to do it.

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD,

How They Worked Their Way. "Findin's keepin's !" he yelled, with a grin. "Us boys on this side always keep what we find !" "You shall not keep my bat," cried By MAURICE FRANCIS EGAN, LL. D.

Dermot. Job grinned defiantly. "Pop says you're only Papists, and ignorant Idolators !"

"Let's go for him !" cried Brian.

Dermot was rushing across the ravine to recover his bat, when Job, who had been grinning and waving it with a triumphant air, made a leap into the air, suggestive of great and gleeful happiness. He certainly had the advantage. He was in possession of the bat, and Dermot and Brian would find it hard work to reach him, for the ravine was filled with creeping vines and prickly blackberry bushes. Job Fitts felt that he was safe, enough. He knew the capabilities of that ravine for tripping unwary feet better than the other boys did. He He also knew that there was a narrow but muddy stream at the bottom, hidden by luxuriant weeks. He grinned, yelled, and danced in a warlike man ner, swinging the bat.

"Let me catch him, that's all " cried Brian, "I'll teach him to steal our

morsel of pie, Mary proposed to read Anna's letter. Just as our boys had made a descent Just as our boys had made a descent partly into the ravine, Job, carried away by his feelings, climbed on a rock and stood on one leg. Not sat-isfied with this, he mounted higher, the better to show his indifference to "Now," said Mr. Beresford, stretch-ing himself on the grass and looking up at the blue sky, "I shall leave the

> ing, however, and, making a mis-step, he fell a distance of at least twenty feet. Down he went like a shot into a mass of tangled vines. The Beresfords heard the changed tone in the yell of

The boys looked at each other. They had work enough, without havwildered.

"He must be dead." Instead of rushing madly through the ravine as they had intended to do at first, Dermot and Brian made for some stepping stones they saw among the

iously. "It's just like you fellows, to kick a man when he's down. I did'nt want your old bat, I was only fooling." Just at this utterance, a burly man, in shirt sleeves and straw hat, rushed

"I'll teach you," cried the new comer, "I'll teach you to let down the bars of my fence, so that your cows

all he knew, the Dorans might eat with their knives and have very bad man-ners. They might interfere with him can get into my corn, and to steal my fodder, you young scamp!" Job yelled with pain. The man shook him until Job's howls filled the in some way. It was all very well for Mary to have somebody to help her,

wood, and his eyes seemed starting from their sockets.

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size, but he was not afraid. "This boy has hurt himself, and you've no

The gloom on the place to a service of the spectation. "Very good, Mary," he said, "did you bring any sauce?" Mary had given special attention to the preparation of the sauce. The preparation of the preparation o

HELPLESS AND HOPELESS.

Two Years of the Most Intense Suffering – Mrs. John W. Cope, of Pert Stanley, Suf-fers From Malarial Fever Followed by Ulcers-Her Friends Dispaired of Her Re-covery – A Cure Found After Doctors De-clared There was no Hope.

From the St. Thomas Journal

Promithe St. Thomas Journal. One of the happies couples in the county of Eigin are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cope, who live in the house at the toligate, on the county of Part Stanley road. The cause of their joint happiness is that Mrs. Gope, who for three precovery was not a private dufferer, and whose been completely cared by Dr. Williams 'Inik Pills for Pale People, after a number of physic-laus and many remeiles had failed. The many reports of the marvelous curse effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in different poubt as to the lantheutrated as to leave no been claimed for them. If, however, further proof is wanted it is afforded by the wonderful cure of Mrs. Margaret Cope. Hearing of this remarkable case a *J. wrmal* representative was detailed to investigate it. The lady, who is sixfy four verse of ace, was found engaged in hever been and as active as many women not haff her are. "Ye." was completely cured by Dr. Wil-liams Thik Pills, "says Mrs. Cope, in reply to the reporter's query." and I will be pleased to give you all the facts in regard to my case, in sime other sufferer to try these wonderful Pink Pills and find relief. In August or September, rest, when we were living in Tilsonburg, I was taken ill with malarial fever. After I re-covered from the fever my limbs began to swell. They continued to swell for nearly a yr f. Dro years ago red sore spois, the is a theoding to have a sentist mean that could be by a Tilsonburg I was taken ill with malarial fever. After I re-deversed from the the most intense pain. He finally told me that nothing could be done for mean during physician was called in and at-tended mo yace. These spois study at the during a spoist shore is a triggen to take the other the object. A year active and worse. These spoist the size a Tilsonburg physician was called in and at-tended with a study of the wind the fourther by which and caused met he most intense pain. He finally told me that nothing could be done for mean divise many states and that I could me by a Tilsonbu

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their tormentor and paused. "Where is he?" asked Brian, be

"Didn't you see him fall?"

rank vegetation. When they reached the other side, they found Job lying ou the ground, moaning as if all the bones in his body

were broken. "You let me go!" he cried, vic-"Sick men are always nuisances," murmured Brian. "Poor people can't afford to be kind. We're too poor to "Poor people need not be selfish,"

from the woods and seized Job by the Dermot's face was rather gloomy. He did not like strange faces, and for shoulders.

but it would be very uncomfortable to

Dermot noticed a cut on the side of

"Look here," he said, "that boy has hurt himself and you've shaken him quite enough, you might kill Mary saw that the boys were against her, and she also saw that Brian's eyes were fixed with regret on the remains of the apple pie. With a demure smile, she opened her basket again

"And is it any of your business, if I did?" asked the farmer. "I'd shake the life out of you for half a cent." "Try it !" said Dermot, facing him. "Oh my !" cried Brian, involun-

The farmer was three times Dermot's

The spelling was very fair, and the writing, although a little shaky in some letters, was not so bad. "Well?" said Mrs. Beresford.

"What do you want me to do?" Mary looked up at her mother and asked in her turn-""What shall I ask you to do?"

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Father and mother both laughed. "We'll think it over until luncheon

"We'll think it over until function time, and put it to the vote." Lunch time did not come soon enough to suit the boys, who were al-ways hungry. Under a wide spread-ing oak, Mary and Kathleen laid the oleth on smooth soft grass. The solids cloth on smooth, soft grass. The solids provided soon disappeared; copious draughts of cool spring water which Mr. Beresford said was more delicious than champage, followed the solids, and then Mary drew from a smaller basket, an immense apple pie and a large bottle of cream. This unexpected desert was greeted with acclamations. When Brian had finished the last

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"What do you say Dermot ?"

have strange people in the house.

"Well ?" said Mrs. Beresford.

"It may save Dick's life," said Mary, and Anna will help us so much about the house. She has never had a really cheerful home.

Dermot did not want to give in. word unheard among us; to kill time is to trample down the seed of eternal He asked himself whether he was selfish or not, and he was honest enough

to conclude that he was. "I don't like the idea," he said, "but if it's going to help the fellow along I'm not going to object." "All in favor of the proposition,"-

husband should know how he looked when he was drunk. She knew how began Brian. "What proposition?" demanded

he looked well enough, and need not Mrs. Beresford, smiling. "I am chair-man here, young man. All in favor of having Dick and Anna Doran here that any man should tell her. Her children also knew by sad experience; but the man himself had a very im-perfect idea of the state of the case. So once when he came home drunk and fell into a maudin slumber, she for a visit, please say 'Aye.'" "Aye !" they all exclaimed.

"All of a contrary opinion, say No

Nobody answered. "The 'Ayes' have it! Mary may

write to ask them to come." "Oh, thank you !" said Mary. "I am sure we shall never regret it." A little while after this Dermot shot two rabbits, and Brian "hooked" a fair number of fish. The spoil was blought back to their father and mother in triumph.

enced a decidedly new sensation. There was no need of explanation; the thing explained itself. There was no Dermot and Brian found a clump of chestnut trees separated from the rest of the wood by a deep ravine. chance for contradiction ; the sun tells no lies. There was no room for argu-ment. There was only one thing to do, and that was to quit ; and it is very They had brought with them a base-ball bat. Dermot used it for clubbing down the chestnuts, much to Kathleen's fortunate that the man had the courage delight : the ground under the trees was soon strewn with chestnuts en closed in their burrs. Once, when The smallest "cat-boil" is large Dermot had thrown the bat higher

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"Well, we're going to make this neighborhood too hot for you, as sure

as my name's Jim Windsor. as my name's Jim Windsor." "Are you?" returned Dermot. "Two can play at that game. Now"— "Oh, my back—my back !" cried Job. "I can't get up. Go away all

of you." Go away? you young thief, is that the way you speak to me? And Jim Windsor, white with rage, raised his fist, as if he would bring it down on the prostrate boy's head

Brian intercepted the blow with the bat. Jim Windsor's arm felt the metal of the boys, as he looked at their fine faces. Job, moaning with pain, looked anxiously at the three.

"You had better get away," said Dermot, contemptuously "You are worse than a thief, to sneer at our religion, and to hurt a boy that cannot defend himself. You had better get away.

Jim Windsor shook his fist at the boys and went off, muttering that "he'd knock the pluck out of the pesky Romanists."

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