# THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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as she looked lovingly up to the dear old patient face, with newer a longing glance towards the merry crowd switcy maishing from sight! This was a red letter day to the in-this day!" And Barney chuckled to his day!" And Barney chuckled been a time when IClaucy had been as strong and happy as the rest. Aye, in-deed! Aud wnean is brave boys, Johnand to him. Waat fine lads they were! They were happy, healthy and industri ous and as devoted to their father as heart could desire. On, yes! they had been a terip ride of his life, working will-ingly to make their business flourish. 

smilling. "No! It's mobody's business if I had!" added Len, resentfully, but in a low

roice. Every one in the car again turned in Len's direction. The conductor's in Len's direction. The conductor's face wore a broad grin as he passed on.

"It's such a forny ring !" a woman in the end of the car was saying. "Do you suppose he knows ——." The last of the sentence was lost, as the car bounded noisily across the tracks, 'Knows-what?" 'Sne looked directly at me. Such im-pudence I bever heard of. I haven t much further to grathank readence. ouch further to go-thank goodness ot in this crowd !"

went," was his parting shot to the con-ductor, as he jumped to the ground. Oa reaching the sidewalk, Len looked at his watch.

"Got ten minutes yet," he said. "It's ust ten of 9." The first man he met, as Len started

in the direction of McLeary street, eyed him curiously, and he had hard'y passed before he turned round and smiled.

before he turned round and smiled. "He hasn't any better manners than the rest of them had !" Len had sudden-ly hooked back, and had met the stranger's questioning gaze. 'I can't see what's so laughable about me; I'm dressed just as I always am !" and he started off at a rapid pace. On the correr Len met a namehor. On the corner Len met a newsboy.

"Well, if you aren't a sight

"Sight ; what's the matter with you-or me !" demanded Len, angrily. "Don't you know ?" and the boy gig-

gled. "Certainly I don't," replied Len, with "Certainly I don't," replied Len, with all the dignity be could assume. "Better look in the glass, then," and the newsboy went on, chuckling

Next door was a chemist's shop, and

Len hurried in. "May I borrow a mirror, a minute ?" be ask

he asked. T c chemist smiled, and passed him a small hand-glass. "What is the matter with me ?" ex-claimed Len, in astonishment. "My

A deep blue ring completely encircled

A deep blue ring completely encircled it, passing around both cheeks and forehead. It had been put on with his handkerchief, while in the kitchen at home, before catching his car. "What have you been using on your face recently?" asked the chemist in-terested!

"Had the blues to-day ?' he remarked miling. "No I is sobody's business if I had!" deed Len, resentfully, but in a low roles. "Every once in the car again turned n Len's direction. The conductor's ace wore a broad grin as he passed on. "L'en was scarlet. "It's such a fanny ring !' a woman n the end of the car was gaing. "Do ou suppose he knows ----"The lake of the scare was againg. "Do ou suppose he knows -----''s such a finny ring !' a woman n the end of the car was saying. "Do ou suppose he knows --------'' Sane looked directly at me, Such lin-racks. "Knows--what ?" '' Sane looked directly at me, Such lin-mather and further to go--thank goodness ; II

THE FIRST STAGE

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license. Are there any symptoms of moder American life which are related to the debanched Rome of prosperity? I there any general aspect of this cay an are which cices points to the the The early Roman republic was distin-guished for the ansterity of its virtue the serenity and simplicity of its public men, the lack of sensual and luxurious age which gives pause to the though American, who retains his Cati-isite and his national loyalty alike the serverity and simplicity of its proventiants are which gives pause to the throughthat appetites and literature, the beneved-iata and his national loyalty alike? American, who retains his Catboile and main in the servering faits and his national loyalty alike? Modern conditions in this connery are and more is it memorable in history for its reverence for its gods. To such religion as they had and to the morals of that religion, the early Rom ins were iaitfail. That unswerving faith was is twholly lost because it was a faith-ful groping in the dark after mere myths. No honest seeking after the truth of religion and no honest obedi-ence to that which one honest obedi-to be the truth, so far as light has been vonchaded, is ever evil. What a parallel is there between that stage of the development of the Roman republic and of the American republic!

stage of the development of the Roman republic and of the American republic The generation of a century ago in this country, narrow and illiberal as it was

country, narrow and illiberal as it was on many questions, was, nonetheless, one equally distinguished for its high mindedness of purpose, nor the morality of its people, for the simplicity and un-ostentation of the great mass, for the frugality of their desires, for the gr-uine democratic spirit which prevailed it was the homespun age of this country, and there is a striking com parison between Choinnatus, called from the plow, and Washington sum-moned from the country estate, each to lead a people of freemen. III THE SECOND STAGE Later to Rome there came that other are in it how norms or worked which are seen on the som may sheep. The hobble skirt of Later to Rome there came that other age. In it her power expanded, col-onies were annexed, R me became the

age. In it her power expanded, col-onies were annexed, R me became the nistress of the world, her poets and statesmen and authors and orators reached as it seemed, the very pinnacle of human achievement, her material progress increased by leaps and bounds, she became the mistress of the seas and of all earthly dominions; her commerce, her art, her territories, her ideas grew until, from a republic which centered its interests and its possessions in the vicinity of the Tiber, she became as holding corporation for defunct and weak countries from Persia to the British leas. And there has come and is passing in

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