

Little Nora Sullivan.

Little Norry Sullivan, she's gone to join the nuns; Ain't it strange, the convent often gets the wisest ones? Makin' fun an' frolic, you'll see thin here today; Look around tomorrow an', bedad, they're gone away! Gone away from all the fun, Gone away to be a nun; Faith, 'tis quare an' strange it is, achorra, as I say. That's the kind that Norry was; a livelier never steep; Do you mind how fast she ran how fearlessly she leapt? Everything her brothers did 'twas she could do the same; (As for quic, Kevin, sure she put the lad to shame). Out she'd be from morn till night, Playin' ball was her delight, Norry's side was sure to win when she was in the game. Man alive, but 'twas herself was just the merriest lass, Hardly could keep still while Father Toole was sayin' Mass; Thryin' hard to hold her eyes up on her little book, But the open window off would lure her longin' look. Then you knew her mind has slipt From her prayerbook an' had skipit Out among the meadows in the softly growing grass. Sure, it seems like yesterday I saw her up an' down, Runnin' like a redshank through the streets o' Carrick town; Double-knockin' people's doors an' pullin' people's bells, Makin' people nervous with her screeches and her yells. But she's all grown up today, An' she's left an' gone away, Gone to be a Sister in the convent down at Kells. Wonder what came over her? Ah, sure, 'tis hard to know. This you may be certain, no one wanted her to go. Neither of the parents like the step she took at all, An' there was one boy that felt as if he'd like to bawl. But 'twas Norry didn't mind; Said she had it in her heart an' must obey the call! Little Norry Sullivan, God mark your soul to grace! Take my blessin' on your work, an' on your prayin' too, On whatever task the Lord may give your hand to do. An' whatever be His will, May your heart be merry still— Little Norry Sullivan, sure, that's my wish to you! —Dents A McCarthy.

How Father Algernon Lost His Housekeeper

(Continued)

Next day Margaret packed her belongings and departed. Father Algernon pondered long and earnestly. Was it all his fault, this ever-recurring trouble with housekeepers? Were his time and thoughts to be taken up with these petty household affairs and he, because of worry about them, to be unable to devote himself to his proper work in the parish? He needed a friend's advice. He would talk it over with Father Smith—an old priest who had survived many a mission and many a housekeeper. "Come right in, Father Algernon. The house is yours," joyfully exclaimed good old Father Smith. "You're all tired out after your long journey. Take a cigar. No? You're worried a bit over something. Out with it! Wasn't the coal collection a good one? Worse than that? Housekeeper! Well, my boy, they are part of the hierarchy, and we must have them. Now tell me about it." Father Smith listened kindly to the long story in all its details. "Cheer up, my boy," said he, "I've got just the girl for you. Prudent as a dove, wise as a serpent, cooks like a French chef and well brought up by a good mother. She has a fair education, plays and sings; she's an orphan now for three years." "An orphan?" exclaimed Father Algernon. "How old is she?" "Twenty-four." "Twenty-four?" Father Algernon had some misgivings.

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also. Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet weather. I suffered dreadfully from rheumatism until I had been completely cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I am deeply grateful. Miss Frances Berry, Prescott, Ont. I had an attack of the grip which left me weak and helpless and suffering from rheumatism. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and this medicine has entirely cured me. I have no hesitation in saying it saved my life. M. J. McDonald, Trenton, Ont.

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But the Council of Trent and the Council of Baltimore say that a housekeeper should be of an advanced age. "Look here, man," said Father Smith, "those decrees do not, for they cannot, apply to our parishes, where we have to take with thankful hearts what the Lord permits to float about; and when we get a real good dispensation of Providence, why, let us use it? Just put your 'Diocesan Decrees' on the parlor table where the Bishop will be sure to see it at his visitation, and be sure to dust it on the day before he comes." So Father Smith sent for Nellie. She was very pretty, and looked even younger than twenty-four. "Nellie," said Father Smith, taking the decision on himself, "run and pack your trunk and take the first train for Christian Hollow and fatten up Father Algernon. You're to be his housekeeper, and if he looks as thin and scrawny after three months as he does now, I'll never speak to you again. Run along now, and don't be asking questions."

"But, Father Smith," said Father Algernon, as soon as he could recover, "what will the parish say?" "Give them something to talk about, man," answered Father Smith. They haven't had anything yet. Every good and well-regulated parish must have something to talk about. It does them good and keeps them from being lonesome, as David Harum said about the fleas on the dog. "But she'll have all the young men in town wanting to marry her," interrupted Father Algernon. "So much the better," and charge the lucky man that gets her \$10 for the wedding ceremony. She's worth every cent of it."

Nellie was duly installed as the fourth housekeeper in six months. She was a rare jewel. Callers was never turned away with an unkind word. Their messages were taken without curious inquiries. She was always the servant, never the pastor of the parish. Home was now a comfort. Father Algernon's every wish was anticipated. He could go away, knowing that if he was needed an intelligent message would reach him. The altar and its linens were never before so well cared for. Her sweet disposition even disarmed the "Katie" and "Mary," who forgot the past and now worked together for the church. It seemed strange to Father Algernon that the young men, though treated kindly, were discouraged in their advances. She had no favorites among them, but seemed happy and wholly occupied in her duties.

After three months Father Algernon resumed the taking of the census, with new zeal. He had no need to worry about what was going on at home while he drove about the White Mountains. The work was hard, for he knew little about the roads and cross-paths, and often drove a whole day without finding the homes for which he searched. John Kelly, one of the old residents of Kellyville, who had grown well-to-do there, finally offered to accompany him. "I know every road," said he, "but I can't tell the people, for since I drove Father McCarthy about it's gone twenty years. Then there was only Yankees and Irish, now there's French and more besides. But I'll point the roads, and we'll watch the clotheslines together."

"The clotheslines?" queried Father Algernon. "Yes, Father. You see, the French are all Catholics, and they have big families, which you can tell the size of and the age of by watching the clothesline. That was true once for the Irish and too bad it is that it's no longer true with some of them. For with some of our own and the Yankees they only use the line once a week to hang out lace-curtains and doilies and shirtwaists." Several weeks passed at the work. John was infallible. He never missed a family. "Come out here, the priest wants to take up your census!" he would call as they drove up to a door. "Now, Father, I'll mind the horse while you go inside and visit." John never asked questions or volunteered information about the failings and faults of the people. About himself and his numerous family the story he told would fill volumes. "You say you have twelve children, John," said Father Algernon one day. "Twelve besides" them that's dead. "How old are you?" "Fifty-two, Father." "You must have married early?" "Yes, Father, early and often. I'm a Democrat." "Often? What do you mean?" "I've had three wives, and I'm looking for another. Now that we are talking intimate like, I'll tell you. I buried my third wife two years ago. My children, some of them, are married, but others are younger and need a mother's care. Now, I'm thinking of marrying a young girl up in your place of Christian Hollow."

"Do I know her?" "You might. She don't live far from the church." Just then an automobile whizzed by. Windy Jones' horse proved his former owner a prevaricator by rearing and plunging in a terrible manner. Kelley knew the horse, and his exhortation to the beast was clear cut, vigorous and to the point. The steed remembered, and became lamb-like. Father Algernon, to punish Kelley for this lapse from grace, maintained a stern silence during the rest of the trip. Leaving the horse at Kelley's, he took the train home, thinking on the way about the girl Kelley intended to marry. Who could it be? He hoped for Kelley's sake it was not Katie or Mary. They did not live near the church, nor, for that matter, did any unattached young woman that he could recall. "Nellie," said Father Algernon, as he served a tempting lunch, "did you ever hear me speak of John Kelley, of Kellyville?" "Yes, Father." "Well he is going to marry a young woman who lives near the church." Nellie was discreetly silent. "Is it Miss O'Brien, do you think?" "No, Father." "Or Miss Melancon?" "No, Father." "You seem to know something about it. Who is she?" "It's I, Father." Father Smith consoled Father Algernon by telling him that the war in the East would soon be over, and that Japs make excellent servants. Meanwhile Father Algernon is looking for another "dispensation of Providence." —Moun Angel Magazine.

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