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## THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

#### A FORLORN HOPF.

"There be the place, miss." Si Dann, who ran the one wagonette that comprised the "livery" of Duncan-ville, slackened rein as he reached the

ville, slackened rein as no reached the turn in the mountain-road and pointed to an old stone house, rising grim and gray beneath overshadowing oaks, while range after range of forest-crowned heights stretched above and around it. "There ha Campron Place hunger was satisfied, our into another room, where h press he took down two " There be Cameron Place, around it. "There be Cameron Place, as you ask for, miss—but ez for getting board thar, I don't think you've any and, telling us we were redding, where we must not ost, he put them over our chance at all. •• It will do no harm to try," said the little lady, who was Si's only passenger and bade us see ourselves I never was so fine before; was the cloak of the finest rich blue color, but was

this Jane morning. She was a dainty little creature, with her wind-blown hair and dancing eyes. Gowned with exquisite simplicity, there was an air about her from her pretty straw hat to the tip of her little French boot, that made her seem a strange and

delicate blossom for these rugged wilds.

"No harm, maybe," said honest Si, "btfully. "Only rough talk ain't

class, college eddication, tower in Europe-everything he ask. Didn't spoil him none, neither-all the folk

on the mountain side agreed to that. He was that pleasant and triendly and nice that everybody tuk to him. He

nice that everybody tuk to him. He could have gone anywhar this county vote could sent him—if 'twas to the White House itself, when the bast-up came and spiled all. Now he has quit these parts forever."

low voice.

else,

he has shut

prever ?" echoed the girl in a

Lord, yes. Don Cameron ain't the

sort to knuckle down. You see, he met some girl off yonder and lost his heart

to her. That warn't much hurt, if he hadn't lost his head, too-clean torgot

all the bad blood that has been biling

in the Camerons for hundreds of years,

and turned Komanist with his sweet

heart." "Romanist! Ob, you mean Catho-lic, I suppose," said the little lady. "It's all one, I guess," continued Si, flecking a bluebottle from the mare's ear. "Anyhow, it spilt things

mare's ear. "Anyhow, it spilt things to flinders up here. They said the old man almost went off in an appleplexy—

said the sort of rough things a young man can't forgive or forget. Told Don to go and never come back, and Don

said he never would until his father called him. Which ain't ever going to be is the mountain side knows old

Angus Cameron. He is grit straight

Don's name spoken before him. And

woman in that big house nussing his

grief and bitterness and prideand spite.

I heern that he won't ever have

It is a forlorn hope, I know," con

tinued Miss Elsie Vane, as she opened the garden gate boldly, "but I am a soldier's daughter with the fighting

blood of three generations in my veins.

blood of three generations in a signal And I have managed just as big men before," she added to herself with a little tremalous laugh as she advanced Anoras

to the porch, where Squire Angus Cameron, grim and gaunt and gloomy

as the granite walls of his home, sat

smoking his morning pipe. It took all the pluck of a soldier's

daughter to charge such a sentinel, but strong men had gone down under the battery of Miss Elsie's bright eyes so

himself up with the old

through if it kills him and everybody

oif, he kept to his black, but was of velvet, as was the he now took down, to which heavy gold chain, which so gentle face and venerable in my eyes he looked as if he always dressed in the nd in the midst of it all red that this was the man I had offered money , and I was overcome with suppose he perceived my or he engaged us in talk at t the fests until my confu-d off. It seemed mighty us, who had seen Jews so in other places, and heard of their wickedness and b listen to one whom we had so despised and put upon if a festa were his every day our appearance the most

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of a tall silver lamp.

eherry colored silk and had bout the neck, while that of

quite as handsome, only

alberry.

concern he had on hand. to everything was adjusted to action, and forth we went in ry to win the envy and outmiration of the people as we way through the crowded wards the house where the eld. The stairways up which ere laid with carpets and the f the walls hidden under rich when once in doors we were with the lights in hanging nps and massive candlelabra and.

seemed to be hundreds of the rooms, which were hung finest of damask : and, more still, the very floo or on which as covered in silver tiles-the the bride having removed arthen ware and replaced them , to do honor to his daughter Grand Dake, a great patron vs, whose eldest son was to be As we went bowing our way the crowd we were dumb with t at the beautiful dressess, s, and precious stones and rn by both men and women. ide was simply covered with

ned to me a poor enough little in spite of her finery, and we prised to find she was little n a child. To her every one compliment in Italian or Por-r in the Jews' tongue, but not any of the three, I ventured st wish I knew in good Gaelic hal fada slainte's sonas pailt na Bainnse!"—which means, sh, "May the bride have and abundant health and happi-t which the wee thing laughed rrily, though she could not own a word; from which I a higher opinion of her in-

e than her looks. bles and buffets were confecd fruits, wines and sweet n vessels of every form and of inconceivable richness. To ceasing the dancers advanced ed, bowed and turned until we but a changing maze of silks ets, of flashing gold and jewels e lights that seemed to wave before our dazzled eyes ; and last, the hour came to leave, c kept ringing and the lights about us through the still, sets until we dropped asleep in ing.

r awakening the next morning thing that met our eyes was y of the night before, which, citement, we had forgotten to o Manuel, and on his appearer, to our surprise, he would of such a thing, though we him hard.

Cameron Place even as they follow the

hawk that had been a very

witch or warlock taught ye this

"There ain't a place round here fitting for folks that want quiet aud rest. And if you're not well—Mahala." as a thid, sad-faced old woman stepped to the door behind him, "here's a young fools has ordered to the door behind him, "here's a young here for board."
"Oh, not 'board 'l'' The pretty appeal of the eyes went straight now to the old mother's heart. "Of course, I can get board anywhere. But I am looking for a home ior a few weeks—a sweet, quiet, peaceful home, where i can rest and grow strong."
"You'd not be wanting jigging and junketing like they have at the Mountains. Not a jig or junket." answered Miss Elsie, shaking her head.
"Not a jig or junket." answered Miss Elsie, shaking her head.
"No young fools shall come within gunshot of me," laughed the girl, any, but there will be sweethearting liknow," and the Squire's brows met stole here under my mother's name— She pau-ed trembling, as the old man's brow blackened and his eyes blaz-d. "Ah, do not look at me like that," she pleaded. "You know what you gaily. "Ay, but there will be sweethearting

"No hardress and though talk ain't pleasant to hear, and though old Squire Cameron never was soit-tongued, he's got harder and rougher since his canber and rougher since his or harder and rougher since his cameron never was with young Don-"." "Ay, but there will be sweethearting i know," and the Squire's brows met again in a doubtful frown. "No sweethearting either, on my word and honor. I will be no more said just no v-that you would give trouble last year with young Don-" word and honor. I will be no more trouble than a white kitten if you will

half you were worth-"" "Ay, and I hold to it, lass, I hold to lady softly. "And the winsome glance "His son," explained Si, giving his that went with the words settled it," burst forth the old Squire impetu-ously, while hrow and eyes suddenly cleared and flashed int. light even as it." lady softly.in His son," explained Si, giving his<br/>" His son," explained Si, giving his<br/>" His son," explained Si, giving his<br/>bony mare a loose rein for the<br/>bony mare a loose rein for the<br/>limb. "They hadn't but one, and<br/>was monstrous sot on him. And no<br/>wonder-he was suthin't to brag on-six<br/>foot four in his stocking teet, tall and<br/>strong and straight as a mountain pine.<br/>The old folk gave him everything first<br/>The old folk gave him everything tirst<br/>is the diale wont with the total wont in the solution of the solution "Ay, ay, so yo be willing, man, I "Ay, ay, so yo be willing, man, I an," said the old lady, tremulously. An hour later, Miss Eisle, sitting by a rose-wreathed window, penned a brief hear this," he called to the old wife. "Mother knows all." laughed Elsie. "I told her last night. And Donald," the fair arus wreathed themselves around the old man's neck. "Donald is not very far away, and you said—you know you said—" The brown eyes markled comicbly. epistle. "Dearest :--Have crossed the firing line. Hold possession of the dimity chamber. First redoubt won." sparkled roguishly. "That I'd take a blackthorn stick to Miss Vane was as good as her word. Miss vane was as good as her word. No white kitten could have been less trouble; at the same time no fairy princess disguised in feline furs could have wielded so instant and powerful a

them that stood betwixt ye," and old Angus Cameron burst into a laugh that sweet away the gloom of years.

swept a way the gloom of years. "Ab, ye kelpie ! ye have me meshed neck and heel. But Abgus Cameron charn. In ten days all Cameron Place was under her spell. Even the portrait of the grin Covenauter ancestor in the great hall se-med to relax its frown as the never went back on his word yet. Bid the lad come home."

sunlight streamed through wide open And so the old Covenanter yielded, windows. The quaint old China vases brim ned with freshly plucked roses. The and the faith came to Cameron Hall with the triumph's of Elsie's "forlorn hope."--Mary T. Waggaman in Bensomber silence was broken with grlish laughter and songs. Light and warmth and color followed the newcomer at ziger's Magazine.

### IMITATION OF CHRIST.

Her Mexican hammock, heaped with HOW A DESOLATE PERSON OUGHT TO gay cushions, lit the dull piazza. Her silken-lined workbasket filled with OFFER HIMSELF INTO THE HANDS OF

bright crewels, touched the gloomy hall into light. She could ride; the pride of the stable, broken by the young Thou knowest what is expedient for my progress, and how serviceable tribor the state, broken by the young master three years before, yielded sub-missively to her rein. She could shoot; her little silver-mounted rifle ulation is to rub away the rust of sin. Do with me according to thy desired good pleasure; and despise not my brought down with unerring aim the

clearly known than to thyself alone. Grant, O Lord, that I may know Herod among the downy inncents in the bara-yard. Most wonderinl of all, she could cook, by strange, new, dainty methods what I ought to know ; that I may love what I ought to love ; that I may that made good Mrs. Cameron open her eyes in wonder. It was this last accomplishment that

conquered the oli Squire's grim re-serve. Elsie had filled his pipe in a woman in that big the serve. Elsie had filled his pipe in a "Oh, stop, please—here is the gate. What a lovely, lovely place! Oh! I must go in and see it they will take me. Wait here." And Si's passenger leaped lightly to the ground. "I will be back in half an honr—unless the old Squire in half an entiraly." Super me not to judge according to which society now suffers so severely. The sight of the outward eye, nor to In it alone will be found the solution give sentence according to the hearing of the problem now spearnestly sought. of the ears of men who know not what they are about; but to determine both visible and spiritual matters with true visible and spiritual matters with after judgment, and above all things ever to seek thy good will and pleasure. The sentiments of men are often wrong in their judgments, and the lovers of this world are deceived in loveliness to the old man's gathering twilight. But it was not until she merrily bore in a smoking dish of "haggis" and placed it before him on the dinner table that the Squire gave way openly and entirely. "Eb, the Lord guide us, lass, what

which or warlock taught ye this?" And Elsie had laughed a rippling laugh of triumph, and felt that the course of "national dishes" at her cooking school had not been all in One accelution and accelve in another; the vain deceive the vain, the blind the blind, the weak the weak, whilst they extol them; and in truth one doth rather confound another, whilst vain. But soften as the old folks' did to

eyes; so much he is and no more, saith the hunble St. Francis.

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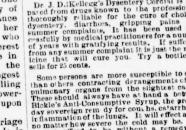
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loving visible things alone. What is a man the better for being

reputed greater by man? One deceitful man deceiveth another ;

he vainly praiseth him. "For how much each one is in thine their fair young guest, no word of the dark sorrow that sat at their board and

num hard. n you offered me money to fill y stomach, was I ungrateful?' l; and part for this, and part should not think that we to accept from a Jew, we dend made such return as we

'Rourke now came for us with gentlemen making the Grand ho had sent their servant to our with their compliments and the . But I cannot recall anything than one was a Mr. Ramsay, ose lap Mr. O'Rourke upset a tea, and great was the outcry by the apologies thereat.

ined our friend Manuel again, undertaken to engage for us a interpreter with whom to to Rome, for, much to our dise found the little French we had t such pains to acquire during at Paris was as useless as our in these parts, and we were lose Mr. O'Rourke, though he s a hope of joining us at some efore we reached our journey's

consulting with Angus, I took caution to buy two good French knives, one for each, which knives, one for each, which erve both for the table and def need be. rder to avoid the dangers of a

d across an unsettled country, many lowless characters ed, it was decided we should go by way of the Canal, and thence caléche and take the main high: Rome by way of Bolsena and

TO BE CONTINUED.

the stern duty of every Catholic nd woman to be interested and mental in saving souls.



often that she had the coursge of the conqueror. "Boarders I" echoed the Squire in brusque reply to her request. "Take brasque reply to her request. Nover boarders 1" echoed the Squire in brusque reply to her request. "Take boarders here? No, we don't. Never did and never will. Don't want either their money or their company." And the speaker's tone and look were enough to ront the most reaches in enough to rout the most reckless in-

vader. But Miss Elsie held her ground ac-cording to the most approved faminine tactics, charmingly unconscious of the Squire's beetling frown and uncivil

evening as he sat in the deepening twilight smoking the pipe Elsie had filled for him, and listening to her as she sang to the accompaniment of her mandolin. The western gorge was still aglow with the sunset, though the mountain tops were dim and shadowy, and a few faint stars heralded the com-ing night. As the old man looked at the pretty figure aureoled by the sun-"Oh, I am so sorry," she said plaintively. "It is such a lovely, plaintively. "It is such a lovely, lovely place. I never saw such beauti-ful oaks. And your view !" Here fal oaks. And your view !' Here the pretty figure aureoled by the sun-words quite failed Miss Elsie. " May set, he thought of the little maid under words quite failed Miss Elsie. "May I set, he thought of the little maid under I sit down just one minute and look at those mountains?" And she sank in a pretty giplish way a softening pang in his rough Scotch Elsie's song had ceased, and with her

And she sank in a pretty girlish way on the stone step at the squire's feet. The shaggy brows relaxed somewhat. heart. hands clasped idly over her mandolin she was looking into the gathering The pretty invader had touched a weak shadows. The keen old eyes bent upon her became suddenly aware of a wistful

Ay, the view is fine. I've heard point. "Ay, the view is nne. I've heard painter folks say they never saw aught like it. And though I've been looking at it summer and winter this forty year, I never found it twice the same. It's mist and cloud, storm and rainbow, changing ever."

two old folk. Mayba, as the old woman was saying, I have been over woman was saying, I have been over hard in my bargaining with you, lass. You are too young to be shut out from all junketing and sweethearting. I would na have the place give up to a pack of godless rattlebrains, but if there's any one ye'd like to see here in quiet and peace, let him come." "There is—one." answered the girl, and there was a new light in the eyes uplifted to the old man's face. "A sweetheart, I'm thinking ?" The stern tone was softened wonder-fally. it's mist and cloud, storm and randow, changing ever." "Wonderful," said the girl softly. "I have never been in the heart of the mountains before. I can understand how their children love and long for them. I have not been very well," she continued, turning the bright battery of her cars won the old man's face.

of her eyes upon the old man's face. "The doctor ordered quiet and mountain air. But it seems a difficult com-bination to find. All the hotels are

filled with gay, noisy crowds, dancing and frolicking day and night. I thought I would search these lovely heights and see if some kind, good people would take me in."

The stern tone was sectored fally. [i]'' Yes; the dearest, truest, best of sweethearts," continued the sweet voice tremulously. "But he can not come—I must not let him. Ah, is a sad story ! I have neither father nor mother—I had no one until he came and taught me how sweet it is to how and taught be lowed. But his people do not Again the bright, bewitching eyes fashed upon the Squire, and again the lines gave way as a tender memory twitched at his knotted heartstrings. Twenty years ago he had laid a little maid to rest under the lindens-ardmaid to rest under the lindens—and— and to rest under the lindens—and— and be loved. But his people do not want under the bright unlitted glange no.

thing in the bright, uplifted glance re-called the little lass of long ago. "I dunno," he said, reluctantly. the Squire in his indignation. "Do

sadness in the sweet young face, usually so bright and glad. "It's a bit dull for you with only

presence so cheering to the old pair, who prondly shrank from their neigh-bor's gossloping sympathy. Measured by the results it brings to the individual, to society and to the State, there is no problem to-day which affects each more than marriage. From bor's gossipping sympathy. The spell of the "haggis" was still strong upon the Squire in the summer evening as he sat in the deepening the general conviction expressed every quarter existing conditions de mand immediate correction. To this end much has been attempted, but

end much has been attempted, but practically nothing accomplished. These conditions warranted the as-sertion that marriage to day, outside of the Catholic Church, is a frivolous, mercenary and meaningless relation. It has entirely lost the sacred character which it ought to possess It acter which it ought to possess It is entered into lightly. and with no higher mosive than per-sonal profit. Individuals put it on and off with less consideration than they give their garments. Its history as presented by the divorce courts of the country prove it to be a conven ient cloak for temporarily legalizing

lust. With such condit ons continuing and with such condit ons continuing and augmenting it is no surprise to see the plane of society sinking and vice reigning in the body politic. There are the necessary and inevitable con-sequences. Civic virtue is impossible if there is more than in the marited if there be no sacredness in the marital relation. The same is true of society



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