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sir," said she, "that if the British come around by that direction they can i easily get through your intrenchments Eliza Allen Starr, in Cathelie Home Almanae

When Washington heard this his face became terrible for this maiden to see, and she perceived that he deemed her message one of mighty consequence. He summoned an orderly and bade him escort the girl to a place of convenience and safety, and then in a moment he gave his orders, for he knew well that if the pass had been left unprotected, the British would come by that direction.

Even as he did so there came a messenger with the story of the attack upon the flank, as it had been told above, and soon after there came a company bearing with them a man whose arm was bandaged and who, when Washington heard what this man had to say, summoned him into his presence Thus it happened that Anthony Wilson was able to tell the commander-inchief of the danger on the flank, and what had happened there, and, being thus forewarned, Washington was able to prepare for that retreat which has been since regarded of a marvelous achievement and which saved the American army.

When Anthony had given the news to Washington, being weak, and fainting from the wound in his arm, the scourts who had discovered him lying almost unconscious on the field took him to a rear room in Washington's headquarters. There Anthony became unconscious. The scout, per-ceiving that he had fainted, said : "The poor fellow will die. Who is if I can only keep him at school he will there who can be spared to nurse him now ?' And as he said these words Peggy Armstrong came forward, for she, too, had been led to this room, as a place of convenience and of privacy for her, and when she saw Anthony' face she turned to the soldiers and said : "I will nurse the youth, for I have the right to nurse him," and she began at once her tender ministrations, and they saw that affection inspired her.

During the retreat of Washington's army, and while the British were fol lowing the next day, Peggy staved there with him who loved her, and whom she now in turn herself had come to love, and it was her nursing of him which brought him back to life.

Years after when General Washington came to New York to take the oath of President, and Peggy and her husband, Anthony Wilson, were presented to him, he held the woman's hand a moment, and then he said : "But for your ride and your peril, Mistress Peggy, I might not be here to-day."— E. J. EDWARD's, *in Philadelphia Press*.

#### The Devil and the Jesuits.

The Jesuit novitiate is located in Frederick, Md. The lonely little city which lies in the beautiful valley of the Monocacy, surrounded by the Catoctin range of the Blue Ridge Mountains has been made famous by Whittier's poem of Barbara Frietchie:

"The clustered spires of Frederick stand Green walled by the hills of Maryland," Just where the novitiate is located old Boreas in a storm whistles his loudest and severest blast. In the days of the early sixties, good old Father Blank, of the society, who dearly loved a joke, was out enjoying his afternoon " ' constitutional" with a friend. As they approached the novitiate the wonderful breeze sprung up, in some miraculous manner, perhaps from the caverns of the earth, certainly from no visible His companion asked Father source. Blank to what cause it might be attributed. The good Father laughed. From the sound of the laugh it was evident a humorous explanation was evident a humorous explanation was in store. "Is it possible," he ex-claimed, affecting great surprise, tine, without looking up, for he felt wind blows so hard outside the door of the novitiate?" The companion con fessed his ignorance. "I will tell you then," said he. "The devil and the wind took a walk one day together ; as they turned the corner of the street, they came in sight of our door. 'Hallo, what building is this?' asked the devil, who was a strong Know-nothing when it suited his purpose, 'what building is this?' ' It novitiate,' answered the wind. 'Ah. exclaimed his majesty, 'a novitiate come let us go in and see what they are after. Come !' But the wind held back. The devil grew impatient. 'Don't put on airs with me,' he said, 'come along, will you? my time is 'I am afraid,' cried his precious.' companion. 'What are you afraid of?' roared the devil. 'The Jesuits,' screamed the wind. 'The Jesuits, echoed the Old Boy, starting back. The wind whistled. 'Harkee, sir, if The wind whistled. you want to keep cool, I advise you to keep civil! Do you think I am afraid of the Jesuits? Just wait until I come back again, that's all. So saving he crossed the threshold, and entering the novitiate, left the wind watching outside for his return. It is waiting there still.

### THE FIRST MASS.

longed to have him serve. "Our Fritz is a good boy : good before, from this time he surpassed him and pious, and withal a fair scholar, self ; for he was not only studious, but said the faithful mother, Jean Lubeck enthusiastically studious. It was not the desire to stand at the head of his to her husband one evening ; adding, Would to God he might have a priestclass, to distance all his companions, ly vocation."

but study had a charm for him ; open-Valentine Lubeck was a good man, ing, as it did a beautiful vista at the he was a pious man, too; but Valen-tine Lubeck had an eye to his affairs end of which, in the far away years, he saw an altar, and a priest before it in this world as well as the next ; and offering up the Adorable Sacrifice. This was the dream and vision which one of the affairs to which his mind was turning just at the moment Jean he cherished in the silence of his young spoke was the educating of Fritz, his heart and which made study delightful. oldest son, to be a helper to him in his growing business. He had always said to Jean when things went hard To pass from the Brothers' school to the college, from the college to the seminary, seemed as natural a thing to him with him : "It must be so with a man who is single-handed. Look at neighas to grow from a child to a youth, and bor Heinrich with his six well-grown sons and all of them good and induswhen he was eighteen he stood before his father with a vocation in his hand if allowed to follow it. By this time, too, Valentine Lubeck had changed his trious as well as strong. No wonder he gets on in the world." Jean had never breathed the deares

mind. Sometimes, as he saw neighbor Heinrich and his six boys all pulling wish of her heart to her husband until the same way, and always succeeding this evening. But at supper time Fritz had shown his monthly report at the school of the Christian Brothers in doing what they planned, he was tempted to envy this worldly prosper-ity. But no sooner did the noble face ity. But no sooner did the house had of Fritz arise before him, no sooner did of Fritz arise before him, ho sooner did with real pride, and his parents were as proud of Fritz as Fritz was of himhe recall the lovely obedience which this son had always shown to him, no sooner self. Jean knew he had studied hard out of school to earn such a report ; but did he recall the look on the face of his his having won it, even with hard dear Jean whenever her eyes rested on study, was proof that he had a good Fritz, than he felt glad that he had mind and bade fair to be a scholar. made his sacrifice ; and so when Fritz Valentine Lubeck, too, found hopes asked him if he could enter the seminrising with the report, and said to ary, he had Valentine Lubeck's conhimself : "Fritz stands high in his sent, full and free, just as he had to study Latin.

It had seemed a long time to look be more to me than a right hand. forward to, when Valentine and Jean Lubeck counted the years before the philosophy and the final course in Both, therefore, were thinking of the monthly report Fritz had brought home with him when Jean spoke. heology would be gone through and yet Fritz was first a sub-deacon, then

Valentine heard her with a dumb sort of surprise. "Is it possible," he a deacon ; and what a joy it had been thought, "that Jean wants Fritz to be to see him on his vacations in the priest ! A fine helper he will be to sanctuary of their own parish church, clad in the beautiful dalmatic of these me, and my other four boys are all ounger than my four girls !" minor orders of the holy priesthood to

But Valentine was a prudent man, and besides, he loved Jean too well to which he had all his life aspired, for, Fritz could not remember the time when he had not wished to be a priest. disturb this dream of her heart, as he saw it was. So without shifting in his At last the great day came for his chair or showing the least surprise, he Ordination, and that other day which followed close upon it, that of his first Mass, which he was allowed to celebrate said quietly : "We leave our children to their own likings ; we cannot make vocations for them in the parish of the Lubecks. What a

solemn joy, what a holy expectation exalted the souls of this household from "But God can," replied Jean, in a low voice ; for she knew by the tone of Valentine's that it would disappoint Valentine and Jean Lubeck, the parhim to see his oldest boy longing for ents, through the eight children, four the cassock. Moreover, she never of them almost young women, to the mentioned the subject again to Valenyounger boys, even the one who had tine, nor did she so much as breathe it been tied into his high chair at the table the evening Fritz had asked his into the ear of her beloved Fritz, so good, so pious, so intelligent, and with something in his face and manner father to be allowed to study Latin. All the boys had served Mass and it which singled him out among her nine was now their one ambition to serve brother Fritz's first Mass, along with all other acolytes, while Valentine and children. But if she spoke no word into the ear of husband or son, she Jean Lubeck and the four daughters spoke many into the ear of God and of would receive Holy Communion at his the tender Virgin Mother. Above all, she placed the dear wish of her heart hand-and-all-so Fritz said-should receive the "First Blessing" before in the heart of Jesus ; that heart both any others in the congregation. divine and human ; begging him to the Lubecks knew what this "Firs bestow upon her oldest son that grace above all other graces, that honor Blessing "meant. and all were resolved above all other honors; that privilege infinite beyond all other, to serve Him faithfully at His altar and in the perto be in a state of grace so as to receiv it with abundant fruit. day for the parish which had seen Fritz baptized at the font, and serving Mass before he was large enough to sons of the poor and needy in soul and body. At the close of the term Fritz stood carry the heavy missal from the epistle

the highest in his class, but this did to the gospel side : which had watched him, too, so affectionately on his vacanot seem to puff him up. "Some of the boys," he said, "learned much tions at home from the seminary ; so easier at first than I did, and I began that at this first Mass of "Father to think I could never master the Latin Fritz," as they were all inclined to even if I tried it. But Brother tells me call him, the church was crowded ; and I can study Latin the next term if you so was the communion railing, for there will allow me, father," and as he said this his bright face turned full on the were many who prized such a privilege as receiving from a priest at his first Mass. After the Mass was over, a face of his father as if he had no thought of a refusal.

thought of a refusal. "And what will you do with your Latin when you have it ?" asked Valenthose who desired it : and who did not desire it in that parish where he had led a youth of beautiful innocence? as if he would never meet those eyes of his son with a refusal. But eager as they were, all held back "I can do a great many things with my Latin," replied Fritz, a little damped in his enthusiasm by his until Valentine Lubeck led his wife Jean to the feet of Father Fritz ; for who but the mother-from whose heart father's cool way of answering him : had come the desire he had felt all his ' and I can do almost everything better life, and whose prayers had been the for knowing Latin." sunshine and the dews to this desire "Could you keep accounts better ? asked Valentine, still keeping his eyes ripening into a true vocation-should eceive this blessing first? and all eyes fixed on his plate, for they were all sitting at supper, the father, the and all hearts followed her, led by her husband's hand to the feet of her son ! mother, and the nine children th little one tied into his high chair to But what tide is sweeping over this enjoy the meal with the rest. "Perhaps not keep accounts better, mother's heart, as her son not only lays both his anoited hands on her Fritz answered after a rather long she lays her hands on his shoulders, pause. "And, perhaps, father, you would rather not have me study Latin. her head on his breast over which, all robed as he is in his priestly vest Brother Leo said I must not study it without your free consent." ments, her tears fall like rain-tears, not of sorrow, as if parting from her son, but of joy, that God has crowned This broke down the good, hones heart of Valentine Lubeck. He knew her prayers and her sacrifices by by the way his boy had reported Brother Leo, that his heart was set ing her a priest in her son ! Valen. tine, her husband, sobs at her side, upon studying Latin, and what right thanking God that he never laid so had he to set his foot upon a good and much as a straw in the way of his son's noble ambition in his son, even if it might in the future thwart some plan vocation, and kneeling to receive the blessing which he feels is more to him of his own? It was a hard struggle but a short one, and in his usual kind than all the prosperity in the world. How trasfigured seems the plain but and even tone of voice he said : "You hospitable home of the Lubecks, when Father Fritz blessed their house, their have your father's full and free consent to study whatever Brother Lee table and its savory food, and how the thinks best for you to study; and I hope, my son, that you will not fail to younger ones among the children as make good use of all the advantages well as the elder felt their affection which you are allowed to enjoy. blended with the reverence which be Poor Jean Lubeck's heart was in her longed to him as a priest! No one could help feeling that Valentine and Jean Lubeck had laid up treasures for throat when she heard Fritz speak of the Latin. "What if Valentine should themselves and their family in heaven, refuse?" and a sort of faintness came over the strong, healthy woman as she and more than one vocation in the pictured his refusal; but in less than parish succeeded to this first Mass of the an instant her heart had passed like beloved "Father Fritz." an arrow into the heart of her Lord, and grew calm and trustful. When the "full and free consent" of her and grew calm and trustful. When the "full and free consent" of her husband had been spoken, the first lion husd digmensened from the way of the average of the average of the second door North of King, Toronto. had disappeared from the way of Fritz's vocation. She would never had disappeared from the way of Fritz's vocation. She would never speak of a vocation to her son; she Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc. Minard's Liniment cures Dandruff, marriage in Cana of Galiley. And

### CHEERFULNESS A DUTY.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

would leave it all to Him whom she

If Fritz had been a studious boy,

#### No Calvanistle Coldness or Puritanism in True Christianity.

We begin life with the discovery that all good things are dull, and we are apt to end considering all dull things good. What there is in Christianity as

taught by Christ to make one sad or there six water pots of stone, after the even serious, is more than a reasoning being can answer. We are moved to sorrow by the struggles and suffering of One whose brief life was full of trouble, but His teachings are those that should make the heart glad. He brought good will to men on earth. taught them forgiveness, love and sympathy, and, that greatest boon of He lifted the dark veil of death and showed us that beyond our close, narrow horizon was life, immortal life, where this time, the wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest.

Aside from this, however, there is no nerit that we can discover in being melancholy. On the contrary, a grave man is simply endured, while a sorrow ful man is pitied, a morose character s detested. No one thinks it necessary to look upon such a condition as meri torious. Why, then, should we believe that we are commending ourselves to our Maker by an exhibit of solemnity And yet intense solemnity is about the only religion in a majority of man-A few, at long intervals, comkind. promising upon a smirk that is only skin deep in feeling, and has in it more conceit than a sense of humor, the last being guarded against as a deadly sin.

They treat their God as if He were or the watch to catch one of His saints in a broad grin, indicative of that broad way down to eternal punishment, when the grin is impossible.

And yet nature has made this sense of humor a distinctive mark of human-

Man is the only animal that laughs. What can be more beautiful, and beautiful in its innocence, than the merry laugh of children, unto whom Christ compared the kingdom of heaven? Or the hearty bursts of early youth, full of hope and health? The man or woman who cannot laugh is to be feared. Such a creation is but half nade up-a monster seeking to possess what he or she cannot enjoy. That ense of humor is to humanity what light is to the earth, and light is not the sense of seeing - it is life. We only share in every emotion the beneficial results of some law that extends to all creatures. The man, then, who would divest himself of the healthful influences of humor, would be as wise as he who would destroy his sight lest the enjoyment of light might prove sinful. His sight would be gone, but the light remains.

This dark and dreary view of religon is a remnant of the superstitious fear that haunted poor humanity before the coming of Christ. The God of the Jews, as told in those naked Al chronicles of a cruel race, is a God of rengeance. His patriarchs and prophets were famous and should be infamous for crimes their God sance It was a proud tioned. He was the God of war, pestil nce and famine. The little life of His followers was bounded by misery, with to beautiful hereafter to alleviate their suffering. They were not taught to love their God, but commanded to love God and fear him-the last only being possible. Are we commanded to love Christ-is the child commanded to love its mother-or the mother the helples little creature that is born of her body but never from her heart? Does one need any command to love the dear, helpless invalid dependent upon one's care? To claim such feeling as a merit is in itself the tangled end of a confusing superstition. The heathen mythology, as it is called, wherein poets and priests created deities out of their passions, was of the same sort. The speculations of its philosophers were like rockets shot up into the night, that to the gnorant seemed to reach the stars. They exploded only to leave the night darker than before. But what was poetry to the cultured was superstition o the masses, and only one remove in ts touches of humanity from the dark and dreary belief of the Jews. How gladly we turn from all this murky night of ignorance and terror to the beautiful dawn of life that came in with Christ. While His life brief and full of sorrow, there is nothhead, but takes her in his arms and ing in His teachings or example to encourage the puritanical sournes o generally mistaken for religion. Because life hereafter is made appear beautiful, it does not detract from the healthy sweetness of this life There is no reason for the belief that Christ was of a sorrowful temperament. They who tell the story of His life are so filled with memories of His miracles, teachings, tragic death and resurrec tion that they gave no space to aught disconnected from what they considered of such vital importance. But a close study of their Testament leaves no im pression upon the unprejudiced mind The popular that He was a stern Man. mind in this respect gets its impression from the sad, weak face painted by the old Italian masters. Nor is it likely that He differed from humanity in His manner or ways beyond what His mission demanded. That His first miracle was wrought at a wedding festivity, and was done in aid of the enjoyment the poor people sought to further beyond their means. is in proof of what we assert. Let

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both Jesus and His disciples were called to the marriage. And when they wanted wine the Mother of Jesus saith unto Him : 'They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her : 'Woman, wha have I to do with thee ? Mine hour is not yet come.' The mother saith unto the servants : 'Whatsoever He saith unto you do it.' And there were so manner of purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece Jesus saith unto them : 'Fill the wate pots with water.' And they filled them to the brim. And He saith unto them: 'Draw out now and bear unto the gov ernor of the feast.' And they bore it When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was (but the ser vants which drew the water knew the governor of the feast called the bridegroom and saith unto him Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, and when men have drank, then that which is worse ; but thou hast kept the good wine until now.' This beginning of miracles did

Jesus in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth of His glory and His disciples believed Him. That this miracle of the wine was wrought from no desire to proclaim His Divine Power is evident At the marriage feast to which He and His humble followers were invited, the poor women mortified at the lack of refreshments moved His pity ; and that He mean His divine interference in this light i shown by His reply to His mother "Mine hour is not yet come ;" that was the hour in which His Divine authority was to be tested by His miracles. And from the conversation and the confidence in which she re-gards His effort, it is evident that He had imparted to His mother the fact of His divine mission before He gave i to the world. To have been a welcome guest at

this feast He could not have been the ustere, unhappy man, such as His many misguided followers and imitaors are to-day. What that feast was the ruler of it tells us when He refers to the practice of giving the good wind first, that under its stimulating influence, the bad may pass unnoticed. It must have been a merry occasion and as to that enjoyment Christ has so materially contributed, it is not likely He dampened the festivities by a cold forbidding manner.

The tendency to distort through the ancultured imagination of the multitude has well nigh deprived us of a knowledge of Christ. One, in reading the gospel, has to clear away centuries of exaggeration and error. The love that is part of adoration is soon lost in awe and fear. Were we not willing to accept Christ as He came to us. We work His manger into a cradle of gold, and we banish from our minds as blasphemy the fact that He was reared a nechanic. It is shocking to think that He was a guest at a wedding festivity and enjoyed the feast as other your men. "Ah !" says the Rev. Chadband with a snuffle, "He sought to give the sanction of His Divine Presence to the holy sacrament of matrimony Le the Rev. Chadband study the Hebrew law regulating marriages of that day and he will see what a holy sacramen our Saviour was said to have sand

No, He went to the feast as He walked the earth, clad in His human ity, and doubtless found in its innocent enjoyment a pleasant rest from the mystery of His mission and the dark forebodings of His own fate. He grew in grace and stature, and He sought to win His brother men to His side by reason and persuasion, and men marveled at His words of wisdom, that were as sweet as they were truthful.

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