

The Grimson Snow

BY CHARLES PHILLIPS, in December Catholic World.

Close to your heart, O take Me Mother, Close to your bosom hold! There are cries in the night that shake Me, Mother, And the wind of the world is cold!

Sweet, O be quiet, safe in my keeping Nothing shall hurt or harm! (Tis only the throb of my wild heart weeping— The pulse of my loving arm.)

But the wind is bitter and chill My Mother, And the world is turning dark, And the voice of Love is still, My Mother, While the Wolves of Anger bark!

And where is the light of My Star, O Mother That was so wont to glow, Beckoning far and far, O Mother, Over the Christmas snow?

Will the Shepherds come no more, My Mother, Nor hear when the Angels sing? They come no more they have lost one another!

And they quarrel with the ancient Kings! And the Kings—they bring no more love-treasures; Nor magi nor paladin— They have gone them down, for hates and pleasures, Into the Valley of Sin!

O, cry to the Kings then, Mother My Mother, And call to the Shepherds dear, Tell them I love them, brother and brother, Plowman or prince or seer—

Call to them sweet and loud, O Mother! Cry, ere the Star be lost— For a terrible dark cloud, O Mother, Breathes through the Christmas frost,

A cloud that is deathly mortal, Mother— (Tis smoke from the gates of hell) But who hath opened that portal, Mother?

Ah, who? And who will tell? And look, O Mother, My Mother, look! There is blood on the Christmas snow,

And blood on the sea, of brother and brother, And blood where the rivers flow! And O, the grief of the wind and the storm, And O, the cries of pain!

And whiter than snow, the stark white form Of brother by brother slain! Mother, My Mother, lift Me high Ere the sun in the dawn hath swooned

And show Me to my brother's eye Ere he die of his gaping wound: Higher—and high, O Mother hold! And cry to the world of men, Till Shepherd and King and Seer, as of old, Come back to My crib again!

The Bachelor Girl's Boy

(ALICE J. STEVENS, in The Tidings.)

(Concluded.) While the Bachelor Girl prepared breakfast for two, the next morning, the Boy went out in the back yard, where her cherished flowers grew, and when she called him to breakfast he came in with a bunch of sweet peas in the lapel of his coat. "Bless the Boy," said the Bachelor Girl to herself, "Surely it's a good omen when the child loves flowers!"

Before going to the office she took the Boy to see Father John. The priest was eating his breakfast when she led the boy into the dining-room and said, "Well, Father, here he is, and as you helped get me into it, it's up to you to see me through with the case!" Father John gazed over his glasses at the small boy and said, "All right, I'll take care of him during the day and see that the big boys don't pick on him at school, so go to your work and don't worry about his outcome."

"I don't see how I'm going to manage with him during vacation though, Father," said the Bachelor Girl, as a long list of difficulties

All Stuffed Up

It's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning, that difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache, pain in the back, small and hoarse, irritates the throat, deranges the stomach and affects the appetite.

To cure catarrh, treatment must be systematic—alterative and tonic. I was ill for four months with catarrh of the head and throat. Had a bad cough raised blood. I had become disheartened when my husband bought a bottle of Scott's Emulsion and persuaded me to try it. I advise all to take it. It has cured and built me up. Mrs. Rosa Brown, West Leiscomb, N. S.

Food's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds the whole system.

oomed before her mental vision. "Well, my child," answered the priest, "in Ireland we have a saying that 'there's time enough to rid the devil good morning when you meet him,' so you go along with me and don't be worrying over troubles that may never come."

When she stopped at the parish house that evening to get the Boy, he priest was not at home, but the housekeeper had food and cared for him, and as she led the little fellow home, she said:

"Well, son, how did you get along at school to-day? Did the boys treat you all right?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the Boy. "And what did they do?" she asked, apprehensive lest they might have annoyed him, as big boys sometimes do.

"They just watched me," he said. "Why, what did you do?" "I walked on my hands," he replied.

It had been many years since the Bachelor Girl had been a Tom-boy, as she often expressed it, but the memory of these days still was fresh, and as the Boy stated what he had done, she knew that his special position at school was securely established, for a boy that could do something so out of the usual as to walk on his hands was bound to walk right into high favor with the other boys. From that day he was a hero at school, and when, a few days later, he found a marble and developed a phenomenal talent for the game of "keeps," he became an uncrowned king! With a disposition so sweet and amiable that his own desire in life seemed to be to please those that were kind to him, yet he never lost his gentleness when others were harsh to him. Because of his unflinching good nature, he was a favourite with all, and when vacation-time arrived, a lady with three children of her own took him to the beach where he spent six joyous weeks, mostly in the surf or racing up and down the strand in an abbreviated bathing suit, growing strong and robust, the salt water helping to heal the sore places on the small hands and wee body of the Boy—sore that had given the Bachelor Girl more than one anxious moment as to their prenatal cause, until a physician assured her that they were only incidental and not hereditary.

And so the way opened for the care of the Boy, and he never seemed to be either an anxiety or a trouble. Although the Bachelor Girl's friends pronounced it a mild form of insanity that prompted her taking him, she always has regarded him as the Christ-Child in her home—"God's little Boy." When school re-opened the Probation Officer's wife took care of him after school hours, until the Bachelor Girl found a nice motherly old lady with soft, silvery white hair, who was an ideal home-maker and needed just the place that was vacant in the bungalow, and now when the rain beats a tattoo against the window-frame, and the wind whistles the rose vine against the casement, and the logs blaze in the open grate, these three gather about the warm fire where only one sat alone before, for the home circle has been woven and the threads of the warp and woof of the pattern are fastened around the Bachelor Girl's Boy.

Beware of pride in all its forms. Vanity may seem harmless, but there is danger in yielding to it.

To Paradise, the Arabs say, Satan could never find the way Until the peacock led him in.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DANDRUFF.

Had Never Thought of It

(H. W. BANKS, in The Child Apostle.)

"Father, Uncle Fred was here, and he was—he didn't know what he was about, father!"

Father sighed as he hung up his hat. But, father, it was awful. You don't seem a bit surprised?"

"Not surprised, George, but very sad."

Mr. Monroe walked down the hall, and dropped into a chair in the library. George followed.

"How could he do it?" George asked, awestruck. "I always loved Uncle Fred."

"Everyone loves him. All he lacks is self-control. George, how many sodas do you drink a week?"

"I don't know."

"Do you ever go without one when you want it?"

"Not if I've got the price!" answered George cheerfully.

"Could you?"

"I don't know."

"Every time I'm down town I see half-a-dozen boys coming out of a drug store," Mr. Monroe said. "I've been thinking a good deal about it lately."

"But soda doesn't hurt anyone!"

"Not in itself, if it's made by a reliable concern. It's just the self-indulgence of the habit."

Had Pneumonia

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP CURED HIM.

A cough is an early symptom of pneumonia. It is at first frequent and hacking, and is accompanied with a little tough, colorless expectoration, which soon, however, becomes more copious and of a rusty red color, the lungs become congested and the bronchial tubes filled with phlegm making it hard for the sufferer to breathe. Males are more commonly attacked than females, and a previous attack seems to give a special liability to another.

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She—When you married me you did not marry a cook, I want you to understand.

He (sadly)—I know it.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Pinkville—You wouldn't marry Miss Birdie for her money, would you, Judson?"

Judson—How else will I get it?

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