

Passing By

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(In some parts of Ireland the dead are believed to visit the scenes of their earthly pilgrimage on All Saints' Night, and before retiring for the night, the housewife sees that everything is in readiness for them, when "they come in out of the cold.")

The raindrops patter against the pane, The wind moans by the door, Herself she sees that the fire is bright

And then sweeps up the floor. Himself, he tells the beads, the while

The others answer low, "God pity the souls that are out tonight, And rest the dead we know."

So wise are we in our own conceit.

So versed in learned lore, We smile to think that the holy souls

Should wait there by the door. In that oldtime land where the things of Faith

Are part of the woof of day, Where, though there's always bread to win,

Yet so there's time to pray.

For us, who measure the things of Faith

By scientific brief, A superstition, a fairy tale, We hold such vain belief.

We sit, we measure, we weigh, we test,

We hold the balance straight, We war on the idols of yesterday, Our creed is up-to-date,

And yet, sometimes, to our smug conceit,

There comes a jarring thought, That this, our boasted Liberty,

Has been too dearly bought, For better than all philosophy,

And analytic art, Is the gift denied to the worldly-wise—

A child-like faith and heart.

The Better Part.

Margaret Harding was busily applying a soapy cloth to the inside of the window panes and trying at the same time to determine why windows needed washing so often. Margaret was known as a house-wifely young lady who kept everything very clean, but the work was not always pleasant, and even the most house-wifely of young ladies often grow tired.

It must have been very nice she thought, for Mother Eve who lived out in a beautifully clean garden and had no windows to wash—nor any dishes, either. For Margaret could not forget that the kitchen sink was almost filled with dishes waiting to be washed. There had been company to dinner. Mother Eve had never had to be bothered about company coming in unexpectedly, either. Margaret gave the cloth an extra swish down the panes in sheer envy.

Then she suddenly remembered that the Blessed Virgin must have had windows and dishes to wash. Of course she had, and of course she had washed them in perfect resignation, and maybe even in genuine cheerfulness in thus being able to fulfill those very arduous duties of her state of life. Or maybe she hadn't even regarded them as arduous. Why, of course she had not! Not the Blessed Virgin! She had undoubtedly regarded them as a sweet labor of love for her Divine Son and her blessed spouse, St. Joseph. And as for company, the Blessed Virgin had of course always served them cheerfully and sweetly. Margaret could even imagine her welcoming her cousin St. Elizabeth and the little St. John. Margaret was sure, however, that the little St. John had never strewn crumbs all over the floor beneath his chair, as the son of the Hardings' guest had done that day.

But it was a consolation to think of the Blessed Virgin doing all these things. And anyway she cheered herself, it was raining out of doors, and she couldn't wash the windows on the outside today; and maybe the rain would wash them clean enough so that they wouldn't need to be washed even tomorrow. She would be thankful if it would.

Margaret's meditations were suddenly interrupted by the voice of her sister, Agnes, addressing someone from the shelter of the front porch.

"I'm sure Irene is a very sweet girl," she was saying to some-

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one, who had evidently just come in.

"She's not, either," denied the someone, whose voice Margaret recognized as that of May Murphy. "She's awful proud. I thought you didn't like her, either?"

That's very true Agnes did not like Irene. She had never liked Irene, in fact, but Agnes had just been reading a story (while Margaret washed the windows), a very pious story, which plainly stated that if anyone is spoken of uncharitably in your presence you must always try to say something kind about that person. And Agnes, be it known, was notably the saint of the family, and she never overlooked the occasion to practice virtue, especially when it was so clearly pointed out and the opportunity so immediately at hand.

"You never seemed to care for her before," replied May, who was apparently surprised by Agnes' unexpected defence of Irene.

"Well no," admitted Agnes with evident reluctance, "but then we must never engage in uncharitable conversation about our neighbor."

Agnes was about to quote the pious story as special authority, but decided to let the remark pass as original. It would probably be more effective that way. "We ought always to speak kindly of the absent," she added.

"Um," returned May. "Irene does not always speak so kindly of some persons, herself," she finished in a tone of voice clearly insinuating.

"Perhaps not," replied Agnes complacently. "But we must never be influenced by a companion's bad example. Besides, virtue is very difficult for some people to acquire." Agnes might have stated that she had read this in the story, also, "Especially some virtues—Charity and the like," she added.

"Um," said the other in a tone of irritation, adding an extra letter to the expression as if by the way of emphasis. "I don't understand your sudden change toward Irene."

"Oh, it isn't that, May," returned Agnes sweetly.

"What is it, then?" challenged May with increasing irritation.

"Well said the virtuous Agnes, evidently quite willing to explain, "I think we might try to say something good about our companions, don't you? And really it is a heroic virtue to say something nice about a person that you don't like."

"Well, I'm not as virtuous as some people!" retorted the other.

"Well," said Agnes in a tone of ready assent, "being charitable is a matter of conscience, you know." Having undertaken to give an example of virtue, she did not intend to be deterred therefrom by the fact that someone was being irritated rather than edified. She did not intend to be hindered in the practice of virtue.

"Umpt," returned May, adding still another letter to the expression. "I suppose you mean that for me."

"Now, I declare!" interposed Margaret, appearing at the door, bucket in hand. "I do believe it is raining harder. How do you do, May?"

"We were talking about Irene Kemper," said the straightforward May. "We don't either of us like her."

"Why, May," rebuked Agnes. "Don't you?" asked Margaret. Margaret was no saint; therefore, she couldn't think of one kind thing to say in favor of the absentee although she was very fond of Irene. "It often happens

that we don't like people," she added.

"Irene talks about other girls," said May.

"I told her—" began Agnes.

"Does she?" asked Margaret in surprise. "Sometimes girls do that. But maybe it is best to accept people and their faults the same as we do the weather with its unpleasant features—like the rain, today, you know. Rain is dreadfully inconsiderate and nippy. It always makes mud-tracks on the floor and lots of other disagreeable things, but we somehow learn to go through life accepting it; though really rain is a blessing when you don't want to wash the windows on the outside."

"You're always working," remarked May, her mind quite diverted from Irene by Margaret's long speech. "You are always busy."

"Martha, Martha, troubled about nasty things," interposed Agnes; and in the present instance she felt that the quotation had been unusually apt, the inference clearly being that she herself had chosen the better part.

May had not the imagination requisite for understanding figurative speech. "Well," she said, "it has stopped raining after all, and I must be going. I just dropped in out of the rain. I am on my way to the grocery."

Agnes watched her down the steps, then returned to her story. Margaret shifted the bucket to her other arm and started toward the kitchen. The dishes were waiting. Then she paused. "You couldn't come help with the dishes, could you, Agnes?" she asked.

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