

animal brought to that stable acted in the same strange unaccountable manner. Finally, the stable was said to be haunted by evil spirits and was abandoned.

For seven long years the crime remained undiscovered. From time to time, extraordinary things happened around the scene of profanation, which were inexplicable to all except to the miserable creature whom the remembrance



of her foul deed pursued incessantly. At last, overcome with remorse and fear at the thought of the terrible judgments of God she resolved to confess her crime.

She went to Confession to Father Jacques Diotalevi of the order of St Augustine of Offeda, prior of Lanciano. The holy monk could scarcely credit such malice and doubted of a similar prodigy, nevertheless on the reiterated assertions of his penitent, he repaired to the stable, to the designated spot, dug up the earth and there in a