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A certain clergyman always felt it his duty to give each couple a little serious advice before he performed the marriage ceremony. He usually took them aside one at a time, and talked very soberly to each regarding the great importance of the step they were about to take and the new responsibilities they were to assume. One day he talked in his most earnest manner for minutes to a young woman who had come to be married. "And now," he said, in closing, "I hope you fully realize the extreme importance of the step you are taking and that you are prepared for it." "Prepared!" replied the bride, innocently. "Well, if I ain't prepared, I don't know who is. I've got four common quilts and two nice ones, and four brand new feather beds, ten sheets and twelve pairs of pillow slips, four linen table cloths, a dozen spoons and a new six-quart kettle, and lots of other things."

#### FATHER GNAM ABSOLVED BY POPE

Rome, March 17.—Bishop Fallon of London, Ont., has been authorized by the Holy See to absolve Rev. Philip Gnam, a priest who was excommunicated by a Consistorial decree in May, 1914.

This is the sequel to a quarrel between Bishop Fallon and Father Gnam over the French language and school question.

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"THEM WERE THE HAPPY DAYS"

I'm thinking now to-day about, the days of long ago, When winds and sun began to melt the deep Canadian snow, As father then would smile and say, I guess we'd better tap The maple trees back in the bush, and get a run of sap.

We kept a few score buckets then, stored somewhere in a loft, And when the sun was getting warm and snow was melting soft, We'd get them down and scrub them out 'till all were clean and sweet, And get the spiles and boiling pan all ready and complete.

Then if Old Sol kept on the job, we'd find a brace and bit, And hitch the team up to the sleigh and take the whole outfit Back to the lot where maples grew, stored with their sweetened sap, Just waiting for the spring to come when Dad would start to tap.

What sport it used to be just then, when days were bright and fair, To gather in the sparkling sap and watch the fire's glare, And see the sap within the pan boil to an amber glow, As hour by hour the boiling mass would sweet and sweeter grow.

And if the run was good and long we'd boil far in the night, And set and watch the shadows dance around the fire light, 'Till Dad would say-I guess she'll do, we'll draw her off right now, For mother will be waiting home to warm us up some chow.

And when the sugaring-off day came, O how we youngsters then Would beg to stay at home from school and work like little men, So we could have a chance to pour hot taffy-don't you know, Out in a pan to cool awhile on freshly gathered snow.

Ah yes, "Them were the happy days," my memory's calling yet, If I could just go back again, I'd surely go, you bet, And gather sap and cut the wood to keep the fire aglow, And eat my fill of taffy hot, poured on a pan of snow.

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(Published by request.) Superintendent was Flannigan; Boss av the siction was Finnigin; Whiniver the kyars got offen the thrack An' muddled up things t' th' divil and back Finnigin writ it to Flannigan. Afther the wreck was all on agin; That is this Finnigin Repoorted to Flannigan.

When Finnigin first writ to Flannigan, He writed tin pages, did Finnigin, And he told just how the smash occurred; Full minny a tejus blunderin' wurrd Did Finnigin write to Flannigan Afther the kyars had gone on agin. That was how Finnigin Repoorted to Flannigan.

Now Flannigan knowed more than Finnigin-He'd more idjucation-had Flannigan, An' it wore'm clane and complately out To tell what Finnigin writ about In his writin' to Mister Flannigan So he writed back to Finnigin; "Don't do such a sin agin; Make 'em brief, Finnigin!"

When Finnigin got this from Flannigan, He blushed rosy rid-did Finnigin; An' he said; "I'll gamble a whole month's pa-ay That it will be minny an' minny a da-ay Before Superintindint that's Flannigan, Gitt a whack at this very same sin agin, From Finnigin to Flannigan Repoorts won't be long agin."

Wan da-ay on the siction of Finnigin. On the road sup'rintinded by Flannigan. A rail gave way on a bit of av a curve An' some kyars went off as they made the swerve. "There's nobody hurted," sez Finnigin, "But repoorts must be made to Flannigan," An' he winked at McGorrigan, As married a Finnigin

He was shantyin' thin weiz Finnigin, As minny a railroader's been agin, An' th' shmoky ol' lamp wuz burnin' bright In Finnigin's shanty all that night-Bilin' down his repoot, was Finnigin! An' he writed this here; "Muster Flannigan: Off agin, on agin, Gone agin .- Finnigin."

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