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**OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER.**

**Lazy Nancy and the Fairy**  
 BY CLARA MULHOLLAND,  
 CONTINUED.  
 Mistress Putinorder was very tiny, with a pale face and piercing blue eyes. She was dressed in a short gown of green quilted satin, a scarlet cloak, and black velvet hat with a red aigrette at one side. In her hand she carried a long slender wand.  
 "And now, Miss Nancy, what do you want?" she asked, smiling at the startled girl.  
 "Please," replied Nancy, trembling. "I should like to have this room made as pretty as the one over the way."  
 "Well, why do you not set to work and make it so?"  
 "I can't. I don't know how."  
 "But the girl over there does it all herself. I know her quite well," said the fairy. "She is poor—just as poor as you are. And yet she manages to keep everything neat and pretty. You should work hard and try to do the same."  
 "But I can't. I —"  
 "But you can if you like. Where there's a will there's a way, remember?"  
 "But there is so much to do here," said Nancy plaintively. "There's Trotty to wash, the beds to make, the floors to sweep, mother's meals to get, and a hundred other things besides."  
 "Of course, there are many things to do. And every girl who has a mother working hard to earn her bread should do her best to have everything neat and nice for her when she comes home tired. Now you never do that."  
 "No, because there is so much to do, it doesn't seem to be worth while to begin to do anything."  
 "That is a foolish answer. I wonder you can speak so."  
 "But I never could do all the work."  
 "And so, because there is so much to do, you sit down with folded hands and do nothing," said the fairy reprovingly. "Surely you cannot think that right?"  
 "No. But it seems hard to get through so much, so I just leave it all there. Mother tidies all things up a bit when she comes home. So we manage to get on somehow."  
 "The girl over the way mends her own frocks and those of her sister," said the fairy, swaying her wand from side to side. "She keeps her room in order, and yet has time to read and improve herself in the evenings."  
 "But she is clever—I am stupid."  
 "She is industrious—you are lazy."  
 "Yes—but —"  
 "Idle people are fond of excuses. But come, would you like to become clever, diligent and useful?"  
 "Yes, yes, indeed I should."  
 "Well," said Mistress Putinorder, "it will give great pleasure to help you. I see you are really ashamed of your present condition."  
 "Yes, I am very much ashamed," cried Nancy; "and, oh! dear little fairy, what will you do for me?"  
 "The very best I can, believe me. And now listen. I have in my gift ten active little fairy men, who will, if you direct them, do instantly everything you desire. Would you like to have them, do you think?"  
 "Yes, indeed I should," said Nancy, "you are very, very good."  
 "I thought you would be glad to have them," said the fairy, and she waved her wand three times. "See, here they come, one after the other. They run gladly at my call and are eager for work."  
 And as she spoke Nancy saw ten small men, in tight-fitting satin costumes, running here and there upon her knee.  
 "These two," continued the fairy, laying her hand on a couple of little fellows somewhat shorter and stouter than the rest, "are not so clever and nimble as the others, but they are strong, and help to keep them in order."  
 "Thanks, thanks!" cried Nancy. "But do they know how to keep the rooms tidy, and do the kind of work we want done here?"  
 TO BE CONTINUED.

**Catholic Society Notes.**

Branch 81 has three new candidates for membership.  
 Branch 138, C. M. B. A., of Lima, initiated one member Feb. 12, making the roll number just twenty.  
 The new C. M. B. A. Directory is in the hands of the printer, and will be issued in a few weeks.  
 A German branch of the C. M. B. A. is soon to be established in this city. Nearly one hundred charter members have already signed.  
 The Young Men's Catholic Association has set an example which should be followed by every Catholic society in this diocese. The members have ordered the JOURNAL sent to the rooms of the society for one year. We hope other societies will do likewise.  
 Branch 143, C. M. B. A., of Livonia, held a festival last evening at Tresscott Hall. There was good music in attendance, and the guests enjoyed themselves in dancing until a late hour. Bailey's full orchestra was in attendance.  
 On Monday evening Division No. 1, A. O. H., held a reception and dance at the New Osburn House. A large number of members of the organization and their friends attended, and enjoyed a programme of 25 dances. The following committees were in charge:  
 Arrangement—J. E. Burke, Edward Coney, Dr. J. H. McCort, E. A. Collins, Michael Dunne, Jas. O'Neil, A. Connolly.  
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 Monday evening the Young Men's Catholic Association of SS. Peter and Paul's church gave their first entertainment in Cathedral hall. The large auditorium was completely filled and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. The following programme was rendered in a manner highly satisfactory to all:  
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**Links from Lima.**  
 Mrs. Andrew Spelissy was buried in St. Rose's cemetery, Thursday morning, Feb. 13. The funeral had been held in her own parish.  
 Dr. Ruby had many friends in Lima. They were much startled to learn of his untimely death, and extend their heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family. Dr. P. C. Guinan is a classmate, and was on most intimate terms with Dr. Ruby.  
 Preparations are already begun for an entertainment to be given on St. Patrick's day—or night. It will be principally the work of St. Rose's school children.

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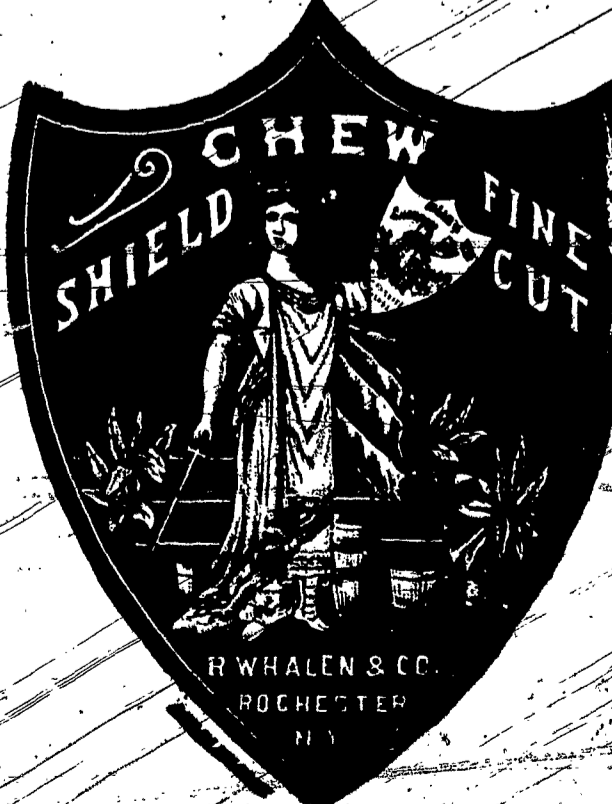
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