Mhrough Mhorny Paths.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters. Chapter I—Edward Daton, of America, while visiting in Ireland, falls in love with Agnes Coa lin, a poor Catholic girl Thomas Coulin, Agness cousin, who is soon to be ordained a priest notice a serpent ring on her finger and when told it is her engagement ring he tries to persuade her not to marry this Protestant stranger. She, however, refuses and is married by the old parish priest after which they depart for the strangers beautiful home in Boston Chapter II—Thomas Coulin is ordained and comes of America as a missionery and arrives at his coustn's ica as a missionary and arrives at his cousin' home. There he learns that while his cousin has wealth and luxury she was not happy. He husband had selected a circle in which she wa to move and as it was strictly Protestant he raid that she might give up her superstitions and become a member of his church. He would not even allow her to attend a Catholic church. her confession and baptize her little baby sor her confession and baptize her little baby son, who had just been born. Father Conlin goes away with his secret. Agnes dies a week after. Mr. Daton marries again, a rick Protestant woman, and his son is brought up a Protestant. When Edward is eight years old his father dies Chapter III and VI—Cecelia O. F. ne. an orphan, who lives with her sister Nellis, is engaged by Mrs. Daton, as companion. Her step-son, Edward falls in love with this Catholic girl, Cecelia, and marries her against the wishes f his stepmother. Chapter V—Cecelia is married eight. Chapter V-Cecelia is married eig mother Chapter V—Cecelia is married eight years and has three children all of whom die and she and Mr Daton are left childless. Chapter VI—After a lapse of seven and a half years we find Mr and Mrs Daton again happy with a daughter, Cecelia, who is about to celebrate her seventh birthday. Chapter VII—The husband of Nellie O'Kane, now Mrs Cullen, dies and she is left a widow with one child, Agnes, Mrs Daton adouts her niece and brings her up Mrs Daton adopts her niece and brings her up with her own daughter. Chapter VIII and IX— Cecelis and Agnes are sent to a convent school. The grandmother is very much opposed to this and rep oaches her daughter-in-law. Chapter K-Mr. I aton is suddenly taken sick and Cec-ia is called home from school Chapter XI an

is the only and true church and Mrs. Daton be-comes a convert. Chapter xVIII—Mr Daton is im fear of losing all he has and Cecelia goes on Part Second-Chapter 1 Allyn St. Clair, an infidel, meets Cecelia and falls in love with her. Chapter II—Allyn St. Clair accidently finds a book belonging to Cecelia entitled "Following of Christ". He reads it and becon es interested. sings. Chapter VI—Allyn asks Cecelia to marry him and she refuses. Chapter V—Mrs Cullen discovers that Charles Coon, a criminal, is her

XII—Cecella and Agnes graduate and a grand reception is given them. Mrs. Cullen while at her sister's home it taken ill. Cecella and her

grandmother have a dispute over religion Chapter XIII-Mrs C.llen recovers and remain at Daton's home Chapter XIV-Ceccina tell her mother that she intends entering the con

vent and becoming a nun After a dispute shippromises to remain at home one more year Chapter XV—Cecelia and her grandmother are

visiting in a distant city when a terrible fi

reaks out making many homeless. Chapter

VVI—Cecelia visits the prisoner, Charles Coon,

vho started the fire Chapter xVII—Grand

mother Daton tells her grand-daughter that she has been convinced that the Catholic church

(Continued from last week.) PART SECOND. CHAPTER VI.

The fragment of conversation in regard to Charlie which she had overneard between her mother and aunt still read while pretending to listen. some time ago came back to her with new vividness now and she remember- said Mrs. Cullen, without further ed, too, the boy's picture found among parley, hoping that this abrupt anher aunt's possessions. One thing she nouncement would fully arouse her. did not remember was how only the day before she had declared herself strong enough to suffer almost anything closing her book. for the love of God. She had not contemplated such a cross as this, and wounded pride row caused her to for- is he? Not still in disgrace, I hope.' get all her good resolutions. Returning to the convent she quickly deliver- that Charlie is our own brother and passed out and the iron grating had ed a message and hastened to the that poor mother loved him until the swung behind her, he stood looking chapel, where, instead of seeking con- end. solation in prayer, she broke into bitter tears.

Half an hour passed, during which, Blessed Sacrament, she had become for her death." much calmer. Then she hastily left Mrs. Cullen, too, had been weeping, and so absorbed was she in her own sad thoughts that she did not see Cecelia until the latter touched her

"Cecelia, is it you? I thought you had gone home long ago." "Aunt Nellie, you have called on the prisoner I told you about."

"Who told you so, Cecelia?"

"I saw you with him."

"Cecelia, did you follow me without my knowledge?

"I had no such intention, but was sent to the prison on an errand and had no thoughts of finding you there never thought at the time of her having one excuse, then another, trying to

"Until when, Cecelia?" "Until I saw you and heard your said: voice."

"What did you hear, Cecelia?" asked her aunt, in a trembling tone. "Not much, but enough to prove

that the prisoner has found his sister." expected and they walked on for fully three blocks in silence. At length she said:

"Cecelia, are you sorry?"

'That is a cruel question. Aunt Nellie. Could you expect me to my that I am glad that I have found disgrace in our family?"

"It is hard for us, Cecelia, and I feel the disgrace as keenly as you, but I would go there. the poor, unfortunate man has suffered so much that it must be a pleasure to him to know that he is not forgotten." would be more out of place in a wo- Mrs. Daton had insisted upon-Agnes "I believe it, Aunt Nellie; but man of my position." what would the world my if it were Position and wealth do not release disgrace.

made public who he is?"

world will never know, and if it did, those who would despise us on account | too much respect for myself." of his misfortune are no true friends. Public opinion could make us none respect you owe our dear mother's the worse.'

"But it seems dreadful, and now that I know who he is I feel that I can never call on him again."

"Cecelia, do you call that a true Christian spirit?" asked Mrs. Cullen, believed that our good Cecelia could feel thus toward one of her blood relations when she has ever had so much charity for strangers,'

"But the man whom you would have me call my uncle has shamefully disgraced not us at the present time, but, according to his own story, he grieved his own mother."

"Be careful, child, what you say, This does not sound at all like yourself, and how different from the way you spoke of him yesterday.'

him to be one of my own."

influence was his ruin."

Mrs. Cullen spoke in a tone of tenaunt to tell her all about the wayward brother, a request which was willingly complied with as only the loving Nellie could have told the once more fully won to the cause of the unfortunate. Mrs. Cullen rejoiced ahead of her at home.

"Cecelia, I have something to tell absorbed she might have known by cautious, for you know not Allyn and the manager attend the catholic Cathedral where Cecelia the very tone that it was something eavesdroppers may be hiding and there God could give so strong a desire of as the place is many do not even know and make the catholic Cathedral where Cecelia is the very tone that it was something eavesdroppers may be hiding and there God could give so strong a desire of as the place is many do not even know and make the place is many do not even know and m her eves she turned a leaf, saying:

"I am so interested I must finish Never had Cecelia's bright face my chapter."

book open in her lap, so that she might

"I have found our brother Charlie." And it did.

"Wh-at!" she exclaimed, suddenly

"I ha e found our brother."

"Forbear, dear sister, and remember

own good, and I cannot help feeling in feature, for her face, with the axthat he, ungrateful child that he was, ception of her eyes, was of a type in the presence of our Lord in the has been in some measure responsible wholly unknown to him, but that

"Cecelia, in the name of Christian hidden. the convent and met her aunt, who charity, can you never forget the past? was just coming out of the church. Could mother speak to you from her repeated mental comment, and the grave I know she would plead for memory of her sweet face brightened him as she ever did in life. Mother the long weary hours of the day and was right, poor brother was cruelly appeared to him in his dreams at night. wronged, as she believed until the But the bright ray of sunshine had

about him. Where is he now?" She knew too well that nothing could be more imprudent, so she used the greatest caution, concealing almost to dejected mood. Many times during what weakened it.

"Believe it, Cecelia! I cannot

doubt it." It was more than Mrs. Cullen had always been to quick to believe every- not caring to visit a criminal who has thing that is told to you. I should disgraced her?" want strong proof to convince me On the day of Cecelia's last visit

> brother." him his identity will be very easily to the prisoner. With an aching heart

proved."

"Why not, Cacelia?"

us from duty we owe our own, and

"Fear not for that, Cecelia; the you should go and be convinced. "Never, Nellie, never, I have far

"Cecelia, have you forgotten the memory, and for her sake will you than necessary. On the other hand,

"It is out of the question. It is my by an adventurer."

"I am sorry you feel thus, Cecelia. reproachfully. "I should never have for I know that I have not been deceived. If you know positively that Charlie was in prison and needed your help would you go to him?"

"I would not deny him assistance, though he does not deserve it from you or me; but this is an unpleasant subject which I do not care to talk of, and my advice to you would be never to repeat your visit.''

"It is of no use," thought Nellie. sadly, and she left her proud sister to continue reading her novel. But Mrs. Daton was not inclined to read. "Circumstances alter cases, Aunt In the secret recess of her own heart Nellie. Yesterday I never suspected she felt that her sister had not been deceived, for Nellie, being a woman "So much the more reason should of great prudence, was seldom wrong you have for showing him charity in anything. She longed to hasten now, Cecelia. Charlie was not a bad to the prison and embrace her brother, boy and we all loved him, but bad but such an act on the part of one of her lofty social standing would be promptly noised about, and ere many der sadness which brought remorse to days the story of diagrace would be her niece, and Cecelia was silent. repeated in every household where she When she spoke it was to ask her was now esteemed as belonging to a good family.

Could Mrs. Cullen have known the truth in regard to her sister's feelings she would have taken heart to try win story. It was finished before they her to the cause of the unfortunate reached home, and Cecelia had been one, but as it was she did not dare mention the subject to her again. That night there were three women in the thereat, but she had a more bitter task house who rested but little, but no mention was made between them of She found her sister on the veranda the cause until the next afternoon, deeply interested in the lastest novel when Cecelia told her aunt that she and wholly unwilling to be disturbed. was going to visit the prison.

"God bless you, Cecelia, you are a you," and had Mrs. Daton been less good girl," said Mrs. Cullen; "but be vate affairs.

brought more sunshine into he lonely "Time enough for that, Cecelia; prison cell than when she came as an please lay aside your book and listen angel of light to him who half feared that he should never see her again. Mrs. Daton reluctantly laid the She promised him that she would reforsake her own no matter what others suited."

"You will call again soon, Cecelia?" he said as she was leaving. "I would not dare ask it if you had not been accustomed to coming here so much, for I would not have you disgraced by letting any one know that you are related to me. You may depend upon husband for her but now her curiosity "How did you find him? Where me to keep silence."

Taking an uncle's liberty he raised her hand to his lips, and when she had after her, thinking how much she was 'She loved him too much for her like his own dear mother, not so much same loving disposition could not be

"God bless the girl," was his oftflitted away and it was in vain that he Perhaps so, Nellie; but tell me looked for her coming. His sister Nellie came several times and brought Mrs. Cullen dared not reply at him many delicacies, which he fully once to the last part of the question. appreciated, but nothing could make be more imprudent, so ahe used the greatest caution, concealing almost to the end of her story her brother's whereabouts. Cecelia's name was never mentioned and her mother never thought at the time of her having any knowledge of the affair. No soon-was the story finished than Mrs. Daton said:

'Nellie, do you really believe he is our brother's (Cecelia's name) and the name. The sound caused by her apparent neglect our brother's (Cecelia's name) and that his prolonged absence was what weakened it.

'Never, mother; I repeat I always admired him as a friend, but I have never thought at the time of her having any knowledge of the affair. No soon-buoy him with the hope that he might was the story finished than Mrs. Daton said:

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she has inherited some of her mother's "Nellie, you are a fool. You have pride. And how can I blame her for

that a criminal under imprisonment Mrs. Daton had learned where she for such a heinous crime is really my had been and had strictly forbidden her ever again to visit the prison; like to have me marry Maurice "If you will go with me to call on neither was she to send any message Carroll." the girl was obliged to submit, but it "I hope, Nellie, you do not think cost her bitter tears in secret, which, could they have been seen by him who watched for her, would have "You should not ask. Nothing consoled him. On one more point was to be kept in ignorance of the

CHAPTER VII.

Spring passed and to Cecelia the weeks seemed long and deary. She was daily growing more tired of life in the world and was fully resolved to remain outside the convent no longer when she thought of how much she was beloved at home and how she would firm belief that you have been deluded be missed, especially by her grandmother, who was growing old, it was hard to think of leaving them all forever. On one point she had reached a decision, and that was to take up her work for life with the white-bonneted

daughters of St. Vincent de Paul. Once, a short time after stating her wishes to her aunt, she had spoken with her mother on the subject, only for here we find abundance of grace of spectacles and long strings of to be met with angry repulsion and a seldom to be found elsewhere. To left by those who have recrificed firm avowal, first, that her duty was every communion received in the pleasure of amoking. Another at home, and then that there were grand Basilica is attached a plenary of gifts is the vast amount of bright marriage prospects in store for indulgence to say nothing of the many kept in the treasury in the

would be a grievous sin for me to reject so high a calling for any man,"

"The husband your father, as well as his own, has chosen for you is a good, sincere Catholic, with whom you hundred and forty thousand pilgrims cians or of some wonderful grant could lead as good a life and a more last year and during the month of tained, but this represents of a useful one than in the convent,"

the religious life is certainly wrong. should not deny it."

"The Church, Cecelia, teaches obedience to your parents."

"I know it, mother, obedience in all that is not sin, but it would certainly be a grievous sin for one who has a religious vocation to marry."

"But, Cecelia, you are not certain you have the vocation of which you speak, and as your own mother I claim the right to say I believe you have not."

"Possibly, mother, you may be one of the church who red to her with the process." "But, Cecelia, you are not certain

" Possibly, mother, you may be right, but it seems improbable that holy sacrifice at each altar. But great for the first time at the of becoming a religious when there is its location. no vocation."

Better be a little careful in trying to prove the vocation of which you speak o fore taking any hasty steps which you may regret all your life.

"I can think of no more hasty step than to consent to enter into a marriage main faithful to him and would never for which I feel that I am wholly nn-

"Unsuited, Cecelia; how do you know you are, when I dare say you do not know who the young man of

our choice is?" Cecelia smiled, for she had been too intent on her own prous thoughts to care who might have been chosen as a being aroused, she asked her mother

to whom she referred. "Maurice Carroll," was the reply, him recently, tells your father that he is growing immensely rich in the West and has to all appearances settled down to be a confirmed old bachelor. He made several inquiries for you, however, and the elder gentle-

man hinted strongly that you were seldom absent from his mind." "I am very sorry if he entertains any thought of me, for he will certainly be doomed to disappointment."

"I thought you always greatly admired him, Cecelia?"

"So I did and do still as a true Christian gentlemen, but because admire a man I see no reason why] should wish to marry him." "Certainly not, Cecelia; but I once

thought that you possessed a feeling stronger than mere friendship for him

"Far from it, mother." It only

strengthened my resolution. Mrs. Daton was not a little displeased with her daughter's firmness, and she determined to leave nothing undone by which to conquer her. Both were silent for a time and Cocolis

was first to speak, "Mother." she mid, "you would

"Nothing would give your father

face, for a woman who could resist a grims, presents an aspect too be good marriage prospect was something for description. The course fame

stronger mind than others of her sex, are several orginals. "If I were to go to the far West and supports of all rinds with him, what would you say?" (To be continued.)

THE SHRINE OF ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

Nature and grace combined could cure. scarce have chosen a prettier spot in which by countless miracles to manifest additions and it is marginal the greatness of God as shown though how the pile increases even wi the intercession of His saints. As has few weeks. On either side of been said by one of the good Fathers main entrance the same artis at the Shrine, it seems that at St Anne stood in racks reaching from the de Beaupre the very air we breathe is to the high ceiling, the wall of holy and a great mistake has been stairway is also decorated with created made by those who say that it is just and as you pass from the charge as well to remain at home and pray, to the sacristy you see great number

her and she was expected not to reject them when offered that every year thousands of pious solid gold rings but dismonds and the pitgrims, who have perhaps denied that every the pitgrims, who have perhaps denied that every the pitgrims, who have perhaps denied the precious stones. Many of the pitgrims, who have perhaps denied the pitgrims and the pitgrims are perhaps denied the pitgrims. feel, as I told you a year ago, that themselves many a pleasure or even alters vessels and crowns of the A my place is in the convent, and it necessities of life in order to save a and child med on the feet de few dollars, make fatigueing journeys made from the jawelry. Each are of hundreds of miles to pray for only has its own story of marveloss a

a few hours at the holy shrine. Reports show no less than one nounced impossible by the heat "I know, mother, that in the truly Christian marriage there is much merit, but to say that it is superior to the religious life is certainly wrong.

July St. Anne's was visited by thirty proportion of what has been dead to be a previous which shows the increasing tions which had brought them to the religious life is certainly wrong. The Church teaches that and you should not deny it."

grandmother of Jesus Christ. During any proof to leave by which to should not deny it." and communious were given. When proof has the blind to leave by whether has been fully unusual thing from the hours of five stored and such comes have until nine for the worshipper in the numerous as well as those of other church to be interrupted at close in. who after leaving Ht Aune a know tervals of sometimes but a few seconds more of the painful discounts by the ringing of the little bell which known and fully undersecod by

Leaving the ancient city of Quebec many who after praying we pass through twenty-one miles of exceedly with unlimited. scenery which fills us with delightful find no relief from their as admiration. On our left is a continue, to these a greater grace is ous ridge belonging to the Lamentine and they go away with Mountians and over this a few miles strongth to suffer in paties from the city leaps the Montmorency River forming a pretty falls of two hundred and eighty feet at the bottom of which lies a broad clear basin, to these return year after year our right flows the northern channel at last when all hopes seems le of the St. Lawrence River, which find themselves entirely count? for twenty-five miles below Quebec is One of the saddest course and divided by the Island of Orleans. The pelgriums, brought to our notion beauty of the landscape dotted here young priest whose bright ments and there with old stone houses, once for a long life of unefulness hed; the homes of a generation now dead blighted by the loss of his sight. for many years and the protty little devotion with which towns is such as might facinate our applied to his eyes a ratio o "His father, who has been visiting tered another village and a grand saw him and daknows to stone church with two manive spires many many marnest prayers were stands before us. St. Anne's at last strangers that his might

> of boarding houses and hotels and a read this and in seeding holy silence hangs over the place, for away from the hum of the busy city there is no noise of heavy vehicles on the one street of the town and the roaring of machinery is unheard for fally decorated with many than the contract of the town and the contract of the occupation of the inhabitants being to white and delicate purple supply the temporal wants of the pill and grow on tall solven grims. The only sound that breaks of the Secred Heart stock upon the stillness are those which re- and Our Lady of Pers mind us more than ever that we are the other while on the spending a continual Sanday, the church is the row of

object that attracts our attention is while around the si On entering the Becilies the first object that attracts our attention is while around the side of the Shrine itself standing at the head of golden bearing in the middle side just outside the such hard and high is the alter railing. It is an elegant status of St. Anne holding her infant laughs and high is the ser in her arms. Both wear globel through the interest colored stones also decorate the algo.

Between a colored stones also decorate the algo. of the robe. The figure is supported among the population in the release of sure the release of sure that release the release of sure that the release the release of from the release of from the release of the releas and me any greater happiness, while especially in the evening when it was the your grandmother fairly idolizes him " church is lighted only by the candles in Guarde. A triumphant smile crept to her kept around the Shrine by poone all 1661 of far beyond her comprehension, and looks like the and software she believed her daughter to be of no counties glisseing the

by the afficed will be a second possible to travel without the baying obtained complete through the interces had left them as memericant

These are only the more

which in many cases had been

and as we step from the train we are stored. He went away as filled with reverence as if treading on the will of God. He was sacred ground description of the same The little town is composed mostly becauce in the prayed