

Through Thorny

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters. Chapter I-Edward Daton, of America, while risiting in Ireland, falls in love with Agnes Convisiting in Ireland, falls in love with Agnes Lon-lin, a poor Catholic girl. Thomas Conlin, Agnes' coustin, who is soon to be ordained a priest notices a scrpent ring on her finger and when told it is her engagement ring he tries to persuade her not to marry this Protestant stranger. She, "comparer refuses and is married by the old awever, refuses and is married by the old oarish priest after which they depart for the strangers beautiful home in Boston. Chapter II-Thomas Conlin is ordained and comes of Amer-

as a missionary and arrives at his cousin' me. There he learns that while his cousin as a mission ary and arrives at his cousin's me. There he learns that while his cousin's me. There he learns that while his cousin's as wealth and luxury she was not happy. Her nusband had selected a circle in which she was to move and as it was strictly Protestant he said 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. She would not gratify him however and when Father Conlin arrived she iasisted that he hear 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 rich Protestant woman, and his son is brought up a Protestant. When Rdward is eight years old his father dies. Chapter III and VI-Cecelia O'Kane, an orphan, who lives with her sister Nellie, is engaged by Mrs. Daton_ascompanion. Her step-son. Edward falls in love with this Catholic girl, Cecelia, and marries her against the wishes of his step-mother. Chapter V-Cecetia is married eight years and has three children all of whom die and she and Mr. Daton are left childless Chap-ter VI-Aftera 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 hus-band, of Nellie O'Kane, now Mrs. Cullen, dies and she is left a widow with one child, Agnes, Mrs. Daton adopts her niece and brings her up with her own daughter. Chapter VIII and XI-Cecelia and Agnes are sent to a convent school. The grandmother is very much opposed to this and reproaches her daughter-in-law. Chapter

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the stage. the stage. 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 becomes interested. Chapter III.—Allyn and the manager attend the services at the Catholic Cathedral where Cecelia sings. Chapter VI—Allyn asks Cecelia to marry him and she refuses. Chapter V—Mrs. Cullen discovers that Charles Coon, a criminal, is her long lost brother. Chapter VI—Allyn St. Clair visits at Cecelia Daton's home. Chapter VII— Cecelia enters a convent to become a nun Chap-ter VIII—Cecelia who is about to receive the vell is told by the superior that she has no voca-tion and she returns to her home. Chapter IX— Cecelia and Maurice Carroll are engaged to be married. Chapter X—Cecelia faints at the altar and the marriage is postponed. Chapter XI— The engagement is broken

him, but it was useless, for he was fallen is far too lonely now." very deaf. At last Mr. Daton went to his side and yelled in his car: "Did you know the Conlins who lived here years ago?" BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.

"What?" said the old man. "Did you know the Conline?" "The Conlins! Faith an' I knew em well; but they'er gone this thirty

year " "Do you remember, Agnes Conlin?" The old man smiled, for Agnes Conlin, though several years younger than himself, had been one of the brightest figures in his memory.

"Faith, I do remimber her well, an she wuz as pretty a colleen as you'd find in all Ireland; but a divil of a sthranger came an' tuk her away to Americky. A sorry life she had with him, methinks, for he was a Protestant and wouldn't let her go to church. But she soon died, God rest her soul."

"Did you know she left a child?" asked Mr. Daton.

"I did, but I hope the poor little gossoon died with its mother."

"I am Agnes Conlin's son," said Mr. Daton.

"You!" said the old man looking at him closely. "You ain't no Conlin.

"I am Edward Daton, Agnes Conlin's son, bu I look more like my father.'

"You do look loike him, but it's so long since I seen him I'd almost forgotten how he looked."

After a little difficulty Mr. Daton succeeded in learning much of the family history. The old man proudly showed him the graves where his ancestors slept and then took him to the parish priest, who exhibited the records of the family as kept in the the baptism, confirmation and marriage and confirmation of Thomas Conlin.

Mrs. Conlin, Teddy said, had died of a broken heart soon after her daughter; with her daughter, and Agnes hoped frain from asking, "have you evor ences since she left us." and the sons as well as their wives and to keep her mother with her always, regretted it?" many of their children were also dead, but duty stronger than that to a child but he knew of one surviving grand who had a loving husband to care for son who was now married and living her and a dear baby girl to take her a wife to take her place? There are about fifty miles distant. He was attention called her away. One morn. few in this world like Cecelia and your old friends." about fifty miles distant. He was attention called her away. One morn-the last of the Conlins and could easily ing in spring she told Agnes that she be found. The travelers found the heard from a long lost brother who bright spot on the memory of all who had long since ceased to be an object of the loss we have sustained the still heavier loss proved that she long since ceased to be an object of the loss we have sustained for nearly two weeks, Mr. Daton days later she announced her intention attending Mass daily where his mother of going to live with him. Agnes When the winter was over Mr had worshiped in her youth and visit. tried to detain her, saving that her Daton expressed a desire to visit the ing the old scenes dear to her mem. newfound uncle would be welcome to old home of his mother and see if any ory. Before he left he made provisions a home with them, but for good reaof his relatives could b found. They for the building of a new church in sons the offer had to be declined. found the little country village much memory of Agnes Conlin and would During the years of his imprisonthe same as it had been sixty years have provided a more comfortable ment Mrs. Cullen had never forsaken affection, ago; the same old church was there, home for old Teddy O'Toole, but the her brother, and many a long hour as were many of the other buildings, old man would not leave the place But the people were not the same, for where he had spent his whole life un- she was supposed to be calling on the older ones and those who had been til he was to be carried to the church. friends. But no one ever learned in the bloom of manhood and woman- yard. All that could be done was to why she took so great an interest in hood now slept in their graves. The leave money for his more comfortable him. It anything was suspected by fair children of those days had all maintenance, for which Mr. Daton re- the warden he kept his suspicions to gone the same way, with the exception ceived many a heartfelt expression of himself. Now, as a reward for good of a very few who were now old men gratitude from the old man, who said behavior, his term was shortened and and women waiting for their time to it was "just like Agnes Conlin's he was going away to try to live a Entering a store, Mr. Daton asked They next went to look for the last of his crime. On the day after his survivor of the family. The place release he took his departure for the "Is there any one by the name of was easily found, but two years before distant village where his sister had of calling His own which are often with have His own which are often where his sister had be determined and have his sister had be determined at the had be de he had died, leaving a wife and two burned her husband and children, and hard for man to understand. "No one that I know of, and I little girls. The widow was now in after securing a good position and know nearly every one for miles poverty and lingering in the last renting a pleasant home he sent for her. Mrs. Daton was very abgry when stages of consumption. Her only she first heard of her sister's plans care was for the children, who were "Yes. I've heard my father tell of now ten and twelve years respectively and said she feared she was being dea family by that name who lived here and for their sake she clung to life, luded by a stranger and an adventurer. years ago, but as far as I know they're weeping bitterly with fear that they might be taken to the poorhouse after gained by trying to stop you." she an ardent lover trying to win a heart "Fear not for that," said Mr. Da-A man who had been curiously ton; "I have money and could not see in the convent, you will have your

"Perhaps you are right, Edward, ly castle."

and I am willing to try them." Both Mr. and Mrs. Daton were fully rewarded for their charity. Un der the instructions of a private

Ten years have rapidly flown by and it would be unjust not to may a few words about how our friends have spent their time. We last taw Mr and Mrs. Daton at Innisfallen on wother thought hat not to tell her but enjoying perfect health and happiness, the still handsome mistress of the which reminds us of the picture we despised. house would never admit that she has passed her sixtieth birthday, and no one would suspect it for her face

in her dark hair She still retains her love of society quietly sleeping in the cradle with a

was young. The two little orphans aged five, whom she had named for she had taken to her home have her uncle, whom she had visited not grown to be beautiful young ladies. long before the birth of her boy; but who fully appreciate her efforts to dearest to the hearts of the parents make them happy and have many has ever been their eldest ohild, the friends among the best people of the lovely dark eyed Cecelia, whose long city. They had graduated with highest | raven curls hang far below her waist. honors, the younger having finished while many a pretty ringlet wreatha but a few months before. 'I rue, they her brow.

could not entirely fill the place once occupied by Cecelia, but they were so appreciative and agreeable that Mrs. Daton was content.

far more than had his wife, but having than to have her resemble her in church Among them was that of given her up to God he did not regret character as well as in personal ap. his sacrifice, for he had become a pearances. of his mother and also of the baptism model Catholic in every sense of the word. Ouce a year he had visited give up our child to follow the same Of the pious youth of the latter he her and had taken his girls to see her life?" learned from Teddy, who proudly several times. And he had found told him that he had been raised to her so very happy, especially when but if God calls our little lamb to for you," but something in Allyn's neither represented it when the work for Himself, I would have to face warned him to be careful. He had parent from sight move of the source know of his death until informed by he could not wish her out of the con- make the sacrifice, as I did for the said instead;

Mrs. Cullen had spent three years

think of approaching her in her state- the belief in which he had been for his presching has a With this he turned sadly away, brought up.

house in a poor part of the city.

Ten years have rapidly flown by heavily-bearded man had so changed ere he renounced the errors of his . On the first Friday of April

we find three little ones-baby Agues never forget.

and entertains no less then when she smile on her innocent face, Charlie, ing the country in search of you. and the place," said Allyn, with a smile,

"How much more like her Aunt hereafter?" Cecelia (that was what the children called her) she is growing every day, old folly. said Maurice, gasing fondly upon his Mr. Daton had missed his Cecelia child, "and I ask no greater bleasing

"Maurice, would you be willing to married?"

"It would be hard to part with her, other."

"Our former prima donna, Cecelia "Maurice," Agnes could not "Regretted it, Agnes! How could I heard nothing from her in over neven "Has abe?" said Allyn. Star have when God has sent so true and loving years." "Seems you are losing interest in have ever known them. Can you of his thoughts, Allyn said; "I am always interested to hear of the welfare of my friends, but Cecella society hereby desire to any "No," said Agnes, softly. There Daton was one chosen by God to sense of bereavement and get was no jealously in her heart, for she spend her life in His vervios, and knew that she was all he cared for neither I nor any other man had a had only served to deepen their mutual "You speak strangly for one who our late belowed associate; and the "Cecelia," he continued, "was too gard to Miss Daton, as you say you, all things well, feeling mare that to her brother, and many a long hour had she spent in his lonely cell when she was supposed to be calling on friends. But no one ever learned why she took so great an interest in this world was only as she bestowed it why she took so great an interest in this world was only as she bestowed it the deal to be bestow for God's sake. She has found perfect her career, told him of how she had solutions be spread upon the happiness in His house working among returned from the convent, gone to and that a copy of these to the family of the destinant of the second se His suffering once." What has become of Allyn St. Clair? Perbaps you will be surprised to learn the remarkable second to the better life where no one knew anything to learn the remarkable sequel to the returned to the convent; where the early career of this brilliant and noble, had remained. tras terberti di s'antrast hearted youth. God has many ways "This is wonderful dissid Allys "And now, Allyn, how an you from our midnet our Beller We first maw Allyn St. Clair as an spending your time?" "In school preparing for the mobilest therefore, be it work to which man bas ever been lost a kind and renial men called." "I thought you had finished your education long go. But what is this heartful sympathy in this best ded by a stranger and an adventurer. "I suppose there is nothing to be an ardent lover trying to win a heart "The work of a Catholic minimionary : Resolved. That as a "The work of a Catholic minimionary : Resolved. That as a for our late later our did not believe, and, lastly, we left him "Allyn St. Clair, are you append to utee: a popping the next the truth? Can it be possible that you utee: a popping the next to family and published in "Allyn St. Clair, are you speaking in mourning for a period of the A man who had been curiously eyeing the strangers and wishing for an opportunity to speak now stepped forward and said: "There's Teddy O'Toole that lives in that log house down the lane. He's in that log house down the lane. He's hin tell you all about everybody that's lived here since he was a boy." There's the down the lane with a stranger, who

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much fame. He and brand

With a beavy beart he set to work back to his matter ally as and went to find a cheap lodging preparing to dispose of his furniture. about him many of the in packing a few treesures he found his father, had pressled an ale In a strange place where the past the "Following of Christ" which he sormon to them. His a teacher the girls learned rapidly, and was unknown and in the loving com-both husband and wife became so panionship of his sister Charlie O Kane and sat down to read, but, unable to life was how to prove the attached to them that it was hard to became a highly respected citizen, understand, after having marked av. infidelity, and many as infidelity, and many as infidelity. part with them when the time came and the two are still living in peace eral passages be took ine volume and was being prought by him and for their departure to boarding school. and comfort: Agnes and Maurice went to ask an explanation, which was knowledge and workip of a have visited them twice, but the fully given. It was not many months God.

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"No, sir, and never shall be.

their return from Europe, and here mother thought best not to tell her. of his baptism he made a firm resolu- Very sweetly did the voices We find Agnes in her own home tion to spend his whole life in defense nums sound as they say the the the now, one of a happy family group of the religion he had once blindly taris Hostia, " but to his amage beheld at Innisfallen years ago. But Seven years later the Clintons had voice he had not beard for reason let us hope that her happiness will just arrived in a distant city for a which he knew at once. He we never be shattered as was that of her three nights' engagement, and the have known it among a thousand is still remarkably fresh and only a ant when her three darlings were manager was out walking when he he, raised the mored, some walking the manager was out walking the mored. few threads of silver are discernible taken suddenly away. Here, too, met an old friend whom he could elevation he fervently, thanked for the wonderful graces gives it -'Allyn St. Clair!' he exclaimed. both in being called to lives as

"Where have you been keeping your- alike and yet to walk so far anot self all this time? I have been soour- earth;

The service over he lingered to "You did not look in the right her sing alone the Stanat Man the same dear old hy an he had "How you have changed, young beard, sung by her years ago it in fellow; you are really beginning to sounded very sweet them, but it. look like a clergyman. What are you far sweeter now, for he know the doing now-still trying to donvince meaning of these words which the world that there is no God nor no | ceeded from a heart, which we joying perfect pesce in God's h Allyn blushed at the thought of his Once, as he was leaving the he turned toward the obeir and "Ne, indeed, Mr. Kursten, for I that lovely an her face had onend know better now and earnestly wish to it was far more so now, for the make amends for my youthful folly?" of perfect bealth and happiness "What has made this change? ed beneath the white cornet. Some fair lady, I dare say. Are you recognized him and their and But how different this to the exchanged in the comelent, It Karsten smiled and was toupted to to say that all was wall; my, "One disappointment was shough found a true laver and of one

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

come.

of a young man:

Conlin living in this vicinity?"

around.

"But they lived here once."

all over yonder in the churchyard."

"Do you know of any one who her death. could tell me anything about them?"

and, presenting a shining silver piece had cared for them since the death of in the company of his youngest sister

Teddy O'Toole. The old man sat in a rickety chair at the door of his said Mr. Daton to his wife. cabin, contentedly smoking an old "dhudeen." His face was wrinkled, In a voice wonderfully strong for one

of his age he gave them a kindly ward." greeting, hobbled into the cabin to

each of them, went out to find their mother, four weeks before. " They are beautiful children,

uneducated.

they approached, for he was fond of to be easily polished, and I intend to Before leaving the city he went after her forgiveness, but he would not in hear it. You present the bear it. meeting strangers and telling them of take them home and educate them. the varied experience of his long life. Nothing would please Cecelia better." "Not to Innisfallen, I hope, Ed-

greeting, hobbled into the cabin to 'Yes, Cecella, unless you nave minutes on the lovely face of his sister, holdgings, where he had once been so ambition to become a great orator had they were seated he commenced tell. far than I dreamed three years ago who satin the parlor with her husband. "Yes, Cecelia, unless you have hem how old he was and relating that I ever should be again, so I have sarts of his own history. Several plenty with which to give a home to is long dead; this proud women is no-times Mr. Daton tried to interrupt two poor little orhpans, and Innis- thing to me, so I have no right to himself. It was hard to balleve it

blame me, Agnes, that I once loved her?'

now. The years of their married life right to her."

ambitious youth aspiring to the highest fame-with only one ambition, that of winning a name that would called." live long after he was dead. He said, "for, like my daughter when which belonged to a God in whom he her mind was set on spending her life did not believe, and lastly, we left him

most in his mind. He thought of her now not as one whom he could ever heard of." ere his departure, but he understood why he had been denied the privilege. hope to make his wife, even if she were said Mr. Daton to his wife. "Yes, very pretty, but vulgar and Cecelia had discontinued her visits to had filled him with remove daily difference daily dai him, and in his renewed love for her growing more bitter, and he felt that mid as they shook hands and separate "dhudeen." His face was wrinkled, uneducated." his hair long and thin and he looked "Like diamonds in the rough," he regretted ever having suspected he had done her a great injury. ed, "and if I am in this vicinity when her of unkindness in deserting him. He for it is and asked you preach your first sermon I must dark to Innisfallen, walking silently trude himself upon her and he thought through the grounds, which far sur- best never to meet her again. His Allyn St. Clair has been ordained "How like mother! But our Cecelia gone forever."

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Allyn smiled an honest, happy "I wish you every success," Karaten

passed the beauty of anything he had mind was too confused now to permit for three years, a member of the dreamed of; then he came back to the of his making any plans for the future, Missionary Order of the Oblate of front window and gazed for a few but he could not remain in his present Mary Immaculate, and though his old ing seel to work only for the series

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