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## John Carstairs' Story

The night was wild and stormy just as the day had been a day of windy violence.

All day long the Northwest had blown with terrific force, bringing with it sheets of rain, and lashing the sea into fury. A miserable gloomy day had given place to a wild and stormy night, and yet we four were gathered in the old spot a Muizenburg, for notwithstanding the weather we never missed Thursday night with our great friend Pat Moon.

Tonight it was impossible to sit under the veranda even though it was on the sheltered side of the house, but we remained in the dining room with the window open where we could discern the raging waters and hear the whistling of the wind as it tore round the corners of the house.

Old John Carstairs, usually talkative, full of humor and anecdotes, sparkling with wit, was strangely silent. He kept his gaze upon the water, withdrawing it only occasionally to fix it on a corner of the room where hung a beautiful picture of Mary the "Star of the Sea." Without a word of warning, of his intention, he suddenly raised his hand and imposed silence on the group. Then he began:

"I never see the ocean in storm, not even in its fiercest grandeur, but it brings to me a message of peace. It brings recollections of years ago at once sweet and sorrowful.

"I've not told any of you that I was not always a Catholic; partly through a false shame, fearing lest it should seem that even for a portion of my life I was not the recipient of those many graces that fall to one of the household of Christ, partly, mostly rather, because of the instinctive distrust that you Irish, Catholic born, bear for a convert. You always look for the 'drop of bad blood' expecting it to develop in rank disobedience to authority and heresy. You cannot believe that a convert is sincere in his newly-found convictions, just as he was sincere in the religion of his fathers before he received the grace of conversion. For myself, I was born of Scotch parents, brought up as a Presbyterian, fed with the usual anti-Catholic tales of escaped nuns and idolatrous practices, taught to see in the Pope a modern Anti-christ, and warned to look for the cloven hoof and forked tail if ever I had the misfortune of meeting a Jesuit.

"Then I migrated to Newfoundland where I entered into business with a young man, an Englishman, as partner. Those were happy days, the days of youth. We never made much progress, but were thoroughly loyal to each other, living as brothers bound in the strongest bonds of fraternal love.

"One day we went out fishing, a sport we thoroughly enjoyed, and after a hearty lunch, a spirit of contentment stole over me as I lay down for a snooze, and began to philosophize. My philosophy was of a primitive sort and always took the same form.

"This was a good world to live in and I was a jolly good fellow. Consequently it was a good thing for me to be alive in this best of all possible worlds. At this point my philosophy was interrupted. Looking up I saw a mild-eyed individual in clerical dress, his white hair hanging in scanty locks over his neck, with an apologetic look upon the handsome old face.

"Excuse this intrusion on your slumbers, Sir," he said, "but my trap has come to grief and I need help. Will you be kind enough to assist me? My name is Dr. Hartman."

"A short distance off we discovered his trap, a light affair, overturned at the roadside, while a few yards away the gray mare was peacefully browsing. There was no need to call my partner, for in a short while we had righted the trap and harnessed the

horse again. With profound thanks the old gentleman mounted his seat and drove off. Long I stood and watched till at a bend of the road I saw him flick his whip and disappear round the corner.

"That was my first experience with a Catholic priest—I went back straight to my companion, who was now comfortably snoring and woke him.

"I've just seen a priest. I've just spoken to a priest. Wake up, and listen. (I was all excitement.) He was a timid stupid sort of a man who couldn't manage a horse properly, a little shy fellow who must be a Jesuit, though I did not notice the mark of the beast upon him."

"You dunderhead! You owl! buried in your Stygian darkness! Calumniator of holy men! You dare to speak ill of our priests. That man you saw must have been Dr. Hartman, one of the holiest and best of men. He is no Jesuit, though if he were, it would be counted to him as an honor."

"It was all so sudden that for a moment I did not grasp its meaning. Then it dawned upon me that Jack was a Catholic, though we had never questioned each other about religion. Jack was in a righteous temper and for some time about a quarrel after an hour, he lectured me on my iniquity. He related how Dr. Hartman was a renowned preacher, holding his audience in hand while he taught them simple gospel truths. Moreover, his life was one of continued charity, and his deeds were a constant example calling men to good. It set me to thinking about what I had learned of priests, but prejudice is so strong that I could not believe all he had said. I still believed that priests were men of Baal and that my companion though good in other ways was deluded by the cunning wiles of his clergy."

"The next time I met Dr. Hartman was on a stormy night like this, a night I will never forget. Harbour Grace was the town we lived in and from our side of the bay a tug used to ply to the opposite side, then along the coast, carrying the mails to the numerous little fishing villages. We had some business in one of these villages to which both of us intended to go and we had booked our passages by the tug. The prospect was not cheerful, for years and the author, Mr. Joe Murphy, who took the part of Dan O'Hara in the original production, made the production one that was not to be forgotten and brought back fond recollections to many of those who had the pleasure of seeing the production. The plot starts to finish and with the detail of production used by the Kalem Company the picture is one well worth seeing.

Mr. Farron has also arranged for special music suitable for the picture. Due to the great demand for the picture Mr. Farron has been compelled to accept a one day booking. He has selected Monday, Nov. 18th for his showing and trusts the picture will meet with approval of his patrons.

## Family Theater

For the week of November 18 the Family Theater, formerly Cook's, will present six big acts, worthy of notice. Among these will be Louise Agnese and her five real Irish Colleens. This company has been in America but a short time and have made a hit in all the big theaters in which they have appeared. Entirely ignorant of the ways of the country they have become, in a way, familiar with the customs of the United States and its people. Louise Agnese has met Colonel Roosevelt, the President of the United States and nearly all the prominent people in official and society walks. She is delighted with her treatment since reaching these shores. It is reported that the act presented by this company is one of the prettiest ever shown in a vaudeville house. Every lover of Old Erin will feel himself well repaid in hearing the dozen or so songs Louise Agnese and her charming colleens sing at every performance next week at the Family.

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## "Facing the Music" to be Presented by St. Boniface Dramatic Club

The St. Boniface Dramatic club are working diligently on the 3 act farce, "Facing the Music" to be presented at St. Boniface Hall, on Gregory and Nicholson Sts., Nov. 18th and 19th, for the clubs benefit. Besides a carefully selected cast of players the performance will be enhanced by special painted scenery. The play abounds in humorous situations and perplexities of the lively and funny phrases and the prominent characters being entrusted to such clever performers as Lester Munding, George Klee, William Munding, Vincent Wirth, Edw. Lettau, Marjorie Klee, Josie Kraemer, Eleanor Biedanbach and Mae Wendel and the success is assured.

Mr. Edward F. Hettig, director of the cast, recently started this company of players the most enthusiastic and competent that was his good fortune to associate with. From the outlook thus far it is predicted they will excel the great hit of last season "Who is Tompkins." A seven piece orchestra will be in attendance during and after the performance.

## "The Kerry Gow" to be Shown at the Victoria

Mr. John J. Farron, Manager of the Victoria Theater has secured one of the World's greatest plays by one of America's foremost players, Mr. Joe Murphy, in "The Kerry Gow," which has just been produced in motion pictures by the Kalem Company. Realizing that to get realism into the Photo-play, The Kalem Company sent a special company to Ireland to produce the film, which is in three reels. The press opinion on the film, from a private showing in New York city, was that the Kalem Company had succeeded in getting true Irish atmosphere, and every real characteristic of the Irish sell and Irish heart. The plot of the play deals with the efforts of the villain to separate the lovers which finally land him in jail much to the delight of the happy pair who are finally married amid great rejoicing. THE KERRY GOW has been one of America's standard plays for a score of years and the author, Mr. Joe Murphy, who took the part of Dan O'Hara in the original production, made the production one that was not to be forgotten and brought back fond recollections to many of those who had the pleasure of seeing the production. The plot starts to finish and with the detail of production used by the Kalem Company the picture is one well worth seeing.

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## To Cut St. Peter's Steps

Historic St. Peter's Church on Barclay street, one of the oldest Catholic houses of worship in New York City, is to lose part of its flight of stone steps extending from the porch of the church. The order to "remove encroachments" was served upon the church authorities at the time that similar notice was served upon business men along either side of Barclay street, some months ago and it was heard at first that it might be necessary to cut off as much of the stairway that the columns in front of the building might have to be removed. A series of conferences followed, so it is said, and these resulted in a compromise arrangement, in accordance with which the steps will be cut down enough to permit of the passage of traffic to and fro without much hindrance yet without disfiguring the edifice.

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## The Pope's Delegate

Archbishop Bonzano's Office, Not Always Properly Understood, is Here Explained.

A great many people of course, mostly Protestants, make the mistake of supposing that the Apostolic Delegate at Washington is a diplomatic representative of the Holy See to the Government of the United States. But, as a matter of fact, the Apostolic Delegate stationed here has no diplomatic standing. He is not, as is supposed by persons unacquainted with the facts, an ambassador from the palace of the Pope to the Government of Washington. Indeed, he has no official relations in this country. His functions are entirely ecclesiastical.

The Pope is thousands of miles away from the Church in America. Disputes may arise between bishops or between priests and their bishops. Laws emanating from the vatican may be misunderstood. Mails are fast these days, but, even so, church matters requiring decisions from the highest authority would drag were it necessary to submit certain questions and differences directly to Rome. To prevent delay and promote harmony the Pope dispatches his own representative to this country as he does to Germany, France, England, Canada, and other nations.

A Cardinal's jurisdiction ends at the boundary line of his ecclesiastical province. Cardinal Gibbons is supreme in the Province of Baltimore. Cardinal O'Connell in the Province of Boston and Cardinal Farley in the Province of New York. But the Apostolic Delegate is not confined to any diocese; the territory over which he may exercise spiritual jurisdiction is co-extensive with country to which he is sent. The Apostolic Delegate in Washington, sitting as judge, it might be said, hears all the cases that would be sent to the Pope were the Pope without a deputy in the United States.

Archbishop Bonzano, consequently, is the highest Catholic authority in this country. Plus X designated him because of his talents, learning, piety and achievements. He has specialized in missions, having served six years in China, but he is a great preacher, an accomplished writer, and has taught theology in Italian colleges. Likewise, the Pope has sent him on delicate and difficult missions to various parts of the world.

## Arthur Brisbane on the "Guardians."

Arthur Brisbane is the father of yellow journalism in the United States. He is at the head of all the Hearst papers and lives in New York City. He is the brains of Mr. Hearst's business, and Mr. Hearst acknowledges it. Not long ago a friend of ours wrote Mr. Brisbane about the Guardians of Liberty movement, and received the following contemptible reply. Read it and see what you think of it:

"Sept. 14, 1912.  
"William T. Dieckman, Esq., 247 Etna street, Brooklyn.  
"Thank you for your letter and the enclosure. I regret that I cannot take your view of the 'Guardians of Liberty.' I am afraid, to be frank, that they guardians of an old-fashioned and foolish notion to the effect that a religion can be successfully attacked by its enemies. 'Nothing helps a religion more than attacks from the outside, especially from those that are biased and bigoted. The Guardians of Liberty, so-called, are really guardians of fanaticism, and I think out of place in this country. Common sense, education and above all the public schools will attend to all religious questions in America.

"Yours sincerely,  
"A. Brisbane."  
—[The Menace, (A. P. A.)

## News From Ireland

**Antrim.**  
Married—October 1st, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Belfast (with nuptial Mass), by the Rev. Charles Donohue, C. C., Cootehill, assisted by the Rev. J. K. O'Neill, P. P., Sacred Heart, John Stanislaus Smith, J. P., son of Andrew Smith, Cootehill, to Annie Gertrude, daughter, of P. J. Lennon, Beechwood, Cliftonville, Belfast.

**Down.**  
Dr. John Dowling, medical officer of Quin district, has resigned his position.

**Down.**  
Mr. Clancy, master of Ennistymon Union, has resigned his position after many years' service.

**Cork.**  
Much regret is felt in Skibberden, and indeed throughout West Cork, at the death of Sister Peter Claver, which took place in the Convent of Mercy, on Oct. 1st.

**Derry.**  
The late R. C. Gamble of Derry left estate of the gross value of £8,780. He bequeathed his interest in his Elagh Hall estate, Derry, to his son John.

**Donegal.**  
A handsome new hall was opened recently at Downstrands, about eleven miles from Glenties by the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

There being no criminal business at Donegal Quarter Sessions, Judge Cooke was presented with a pair of white gloves, and he congratulated the Grand Jury on the condition of the county.

**Fermanagh.**  
Robert A. Keane, Enniskillen, brother of Drs. Henry and Frank Keane, won first place at the medical examination recently held in the National University, Galway.

**Galway.**  
Mrs. Bridget Heaney, Belmont, Milltown, died at the extraordinary age of 114 years. The records show she was born in the year of 1798, but she herself held that she was born two years earlier and was 116-years old.

**Kildare.**  
Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, president of Maynooth College, was on Sunday, October 6, solemnly consecrated Archbishop of Philadelphia and Coadjutor Archbishop of Melbourne.

**Kilkenny.**  
Died—October 6, Mrs. Anastasia Dunne, Bridge St., Callan.—October 4, James O'Gorman, Ballyragget.

**Leitrim.**  
Dr. Kearns, for forty-seven years medical officer of Banagher District, has resigned his position owing to illness.

**Leitrim.**  
Died—Recently, John F. Duigan, Mohill.

**Limerick.**  
Thomas Goodwin, while cycling through Clare St., Limerick, on the evening of October 10, was accidentally thrown in an effort to avoid some small boys at play. The injured man died in Barrington's hospital next morning.

**Louth.**  
Rev. Ambrose Coleman, O. P., Drogheda, has been appointed prior of his Order in Sligo.

**Mayo.**  
Henry Howley, Knox St., Ballina, who died on March 26 last, left personal estate valued at £7,468.

**Meath.**  
The St. Columbkille branch of the A. O. H., in Kells propose to form either a piper's band or a fife and drum band, and are at work gathering together the necessary funds.

**Tipperary.**  
Miss Bergin, matron of Roscre Union, has resigned her position.

## Catholic News Notes

At the 64th degree of latitude, on Hudson Bay, a mission is being established for the Eskimo.

In Bishop O'Reilly's diocese, Baker City, Oregon, St. Francis Academy cost \$100,000; the Bishop's residence, \$10,000, and a new hospital is now in course of erection.

The just founded Foreign Mission Seminary of America has purchased 95 acres of land at Ossining, N. Y. The site is a hill commanding a fine view of the Hudson.

Cardinal Gibbons dedicated the handsome \$80,000 chapel lately completed at Mt. Hope Retreat, Md., on the 9th inst.

The new Church of St. Leo, Altoona, Pa., of which Rev. M. J. Canole is the rector, will be ready for use on December 1.

Bishop Fitzmaurice, of Erie, Pa., celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination in the Philadelphia Cathedral chapel. Bishop Auxiliary McCort preached on the occasion.

So far \$58,362.00 has been contributed for the St. Agnes Home, Hartford, Conn.

Rev. T. A. Nolan, S. J., has provided a free moving picture show for the children of the parish of the Holy Name, in Chicago, to offset the many questionable ones within the limits of that parish.

Rev. Joseph A. Meehan and Rev. Otto Loeb, ordained on the 3rd inst., are the first priests ordained from the new seminary of St. John, in the diocese of Little Rock.

At the Holy Name procession in Philadelphia, fifty thousand people knelt in the open for the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given from an out-door canopy and altar by the Archbishop.

In Orchard Lake Seminary, Detroit 400 Polish students are enrolled.

It is stated that the new Wichita Cathedral pipe organ is the gift of Mr. Rosenberger and family of Evansville, Ind., and cost \$20,000.

A Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to be formed in Columbus, O.

In the Archdiocese of Boston at the present time there are nearly 700 priests.

The new Cathedral and St. Joseph's Academy are nearing completion in the diocese of Crookston, Minn.

The new Mount St. Mary's Hospital, in charge of the Franciscan Sisters, at Niagara Falls, will be an immense and imposing edifice.

Father Benedict Masselis, a Jesuit of Detroit, has now entered upon the 71st year of his entrance into the Society of Jesus.

In Abyssinia, St. Michael, Archangel, is honored as in no other land.

In the Belgian Congo, Africa, forty-two Sisters of Charity are now at work.

The city of Geneva, once the stronghold of Calvin and Calvinism, is 49 per cent Catholic today.

The new Cathedral of the new diocese of Regina, Sask, Canada, will cost \$20,000; it is now in the course of erection.

The Catholic Journal will be for sale at Trant's Catholic Supply House, 10 Clinton Ave. So.