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Denny's Disobedience

Denis Gowen was called "a little runt" by his fellow members of the Hook and Ladder Company, No. 9, of the paid fire department, but little pleasantries of that kind never disturbed him in the least. He was a good living chap, who attended to his religious duties with diligence and earnestness. Denny's real perplexities came when he found himself in love with Mary Cahill, and when he found his pretensions contested by Horace Dalton, who was the bookkeeper of a large manufacturing concern.

Like many another good man who has gone before him, Denny found that the course of true love was filled with disappointments and heart burnings. He was a born fireman. The sight of the smoke and the flames was to him sweeter than an invitation to a dance. He could look at the bright face of nature without qualing, but one glance into the brown eyes of Mary Cahill made him feel weak and incompetent and unworthy. That handicap would have been bad enough, but, to make odds greater, Denny had a rival, and that rival possessed all the accomplishments that he lacked.

Dalton was a man of attainments, which was his boastful way of saying that he had been fortunate enough to obtain a high school education. Mary said Dalton waltzed divinely. That, it must be admitted, was enough to win the heart of any girl who loved the gaities of life. Also, he belonged to a gymnasium and excelled in the noble art of self-defense. All of these facts impressed themselves on Denny very distinctly and made him miserable and unhappy. Finally to cap the climax, Denny was hot blooded enough to get into a fist fight with his six-footed antagonist.

Dalton failed to appear at his usual place of employment that afternoon or the following day. The news of the affair got out of course, and Denny was laid off for ten days without pay "for conduct unbecoming a fireman and a gentleman." Some of his friends tried to beg off for him but it was no use. The Fire Commissioner said that the bout was prejudicial to the discipline of the service. The worst part of it was that it placed black marks on Denny's record, and put back all chances of promotion for a long time. But Denny smiled grimly and said he was content. He had fought the fight, and he had won. Four evenings later he dressed himself in his best clothes and went to claim his prize. To his great amazement she repudiated him entirely.

"I heard all about the disgraceful affair," she said, "and I think you're a brute—do you hear?—a big brute!"

"Do you mean it?" gasped little Denny.

"Yes," she cried, "and I mean more than that. I never want to look at you again."

He left mentally dazed. Late that night he confided the story to his closest chum in No. 9. That worthy, who was a misanthrope, ascribed it all to the perversity of the sex. Denny accepted that theory.

"I see it all now," he said bitterly. "When I fought Dalton and defeated him, I was simply helping him to win Mary."

"You're sure in hard luck," said his Job's comforter. "You've lost your promotion, too."

"It might have been worse," retorted Denny, a gleam of humor lighting the situation; "I might have lost my life."

Denny saw Dalton and Mary walking in the park one afternoon, and their affectionate manner made him feel like biting nails. Later in the month one of the friends in the department told him in the greatest confidence that Mary and Dalton were engaged to be married. Denny swallowed hard and said he hoped they would be very happy. His informant intimated that Mary didn't deserve to be happy.

"Don't say that again," cried Denny; "a girl can't help loving one fellow more than another."

He tried to forget her by thinking only of his duties at the fire house. After the period of his suspension, he was, if anything, a better fireman than before. Week after week his name appeared on the list of honor men—men who risked fire damp and falling walls for the sake of saving life and property. The scars and cuts and bruises that he wore spoke more eloquently, though mutely, than the praises showered on him by his superiors.

It was just before the autumn holidays, when Denny was asleep on his cot on the second floor of the hose house, that the great fire broke out in the sweat shop district. The alarm clanged out slowly and distinctly one reverberating ring after another. Denny heard it in a sub-conscious way. The faculty of hearing the alarm in his sleep was second nature to him.

The last echo of the gong had not died out before the ladderman was leaning against the wall pulling on his trousers. Down stairs he heard the heavy footed horses taking their places beside suspended harness. Some one threw the doors open, and the murmur of many voices shouting orders floated through the night air. Denny did not wait to finish dressing, but grabbed his big hip boots, and, rushing for the circular opening in the floor, slid down the smooth pole, and made a flying leap for the long fire truck. He caught on just as it swung out of the house and into the street.

It was a sharp, crisp night, and the clatter of the well sharpened shoes of the horses mingled with the sound of the warning gong and awakened confusing echoes on every side. In spite of the speed of the men, the fire gained great headway, and when Hook and Ladder Company, No. 9, appeared on the scene the flames were shooting from most of the windows and part of the roof. It was an eight story warehouse, occupied chiefly by the manufacturers of clothing. The top floor was used by the Utility Shirt Waist Company. The operatives were working at night to supply the holiday trade. Fortunately, most, if not all, of them reached places of safety by means of the fire escapes on the rear of the building.

Within half an hour one of the side walls tumbled to the ground with a crash that could be heard half a mile away. At that supreme moment some one called attention to a spectacle that almost froze the blood in the veins of the spectators. A man was standing on the ledge of a window sill on the eighth floor front. He stood literally framed in flames. He held out his hands appealingly. For a moment or two he swayed there uncertainly and then fell inside the room.

"It's the book-keeper!" shrieked a hysterical shirt waist operator standing near Denis Gowen. "He's the only one left in the building!"

"The book-keeper?" echoed Denny, dully.

"Yes; Horace Dalton. He went to get some things out of the safe."

There are times when the mind works with lightning-like rapidity. It was so with Denny now. The great extension ladder was still in position in front of the burning lofts. The fireman were playing the hose on the flames. They could not possibly save the building. Their only hope was to stay the spread of the fire. The name of Dalton no sooner reached Denny's ears than he was mounting the rungs of the ladder with the quickness and the agility of a squirrel. The Chief Engineer of the department, who was directing the men, detected Denny's movements.

"Come down from there," he shouted. "You blithering idiot, come down!"

Denny paused for what seemed but the fraction of a second. A whimsical smile overspread his homely face.

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News From Ireland

Antrim.

Colonel James McCalmot, Conservative M. P. for East Antrim since 1885, died on February 2.

The apprentice fitters in the employment of Messrs. Workman, Clark & Company, at the South yard, the Abercorn Basin, and the engine works, Belfast, left work on February 3, being dissatisfied with the scale of wages.

Armagh.

The grocery premises of Thomas Preston and the store of Bright Bros., adjoining, on Bridge St., Portadown, were destroyed by fire on the morning of January.

Cavan.

Miss Kathleen Marron of Mill St., Cavan, has been appointed schoolmistress in the local union.

Messrs. Patrick Reilly and F. Jermym have been elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Beltarber Union Council.

Clare.

The death took place at Kilrush on February 1, of Mrs. Mary Walshe, at the age of 104 years. She had never suffered during her long life from any serious sickness, and her faculties were unimpaired to the end.

Cork.

On the night of January 31, a fire of a destructive character broke out in the workshop belonging to Jeremiah Coffey, builder, Middleton.

Derry.

The death is announced of a South Derry centenarian in the person of Mrs. Margaret Johnston. The deceased lady was in her 101st year.

Down.

A well known farmer named Robert Waddell, of Ouley, near Newry, aged about 60 years, died suddenly on February 3.

Matthew King, Newcastle, who is a prominent Nationalist, has been appointed chairman of various public boards in the county.

Galway.

Much regret is felt in Galway at the early death of Miss Costello, fever nurse, Oughteard, who succumbed on January 31 to typhoid contracted from a patient she was nursing.

Kerry.

Rev. F. McGillicuddy of The Spa, Tralee, has resigned.

Kildare.

Died.—At Ballymore Road, Naas, Patrick Joseph, eldest son of James Hynes, of Naas, February 2.

Kilkenny

The death occurred on February 3, at the Presentation Convent of the Sacred Heart, Mooncoin, of Sister Patrick Hartley. Deceased, who had not yet reached her 46th year, was for 19 years connected with the Community.

Kings

Richard Telford recently put up for sale Mrs. R. B. Stoney's fruit-farm residence in John's Mall, Birr. The bidding began at £200 and the property was knocked down to Mrs. West for £530.

Limerick.

Dr. Thomas Haynes has resigned his position as medical officer Rathkeale dispensary district.

Denis Cregan, Kilmurry, Feenagh, Charleville, died recently. The late Mr. Cregan was an earnest and practical supporter of the National cause.

Longford.

In opening the Longford Quarter Sessions on January 28, County Court Judge Curran again spoke of the peaceable state in which he found the county. There were only three cases to be disposed of.

Mayo

Patrick Lyons, Louisburgh, has been elected porter of Westport Union.

Meath.

Died—February 1, Mrs. James Sheridan, Navan.—February 4, Bernard Carolan, Dunshaughlin.

The Ceremonies of Holy Week

Palm Sunday.—The story of our Saviour's triumphal entry into Jerusalem is commemorated by the Church to-day.

Holy Thursday—On this day one Mass only can be said, and that a public one. It is celebrated in white vestments, because it commemorates the institution of the Eucharistic, but it is not without signs of mourning appropriate to Holy Week. The bells are rung joyfully at the "Gloria," but are silent thereafter until the "Gloria" of the Mass on Holy Saturday. The celebrant consecrates an additional Host which is placed in a chalice and born in procession after the mass to a place especially prepared.

Since the seventh century the Holy Oils used in the administration of the Sacraments, formerly blessed at any time, have been blessed by the Bishop in the mass of this day. Twelve priests, seven deacons and seven subdeacons, besides the regular assistants of the Bishop, take part in the ceremony. The Bishop and Priest breathe three times upon the oil of catechumens and the chrism to signify that the power of the Holy Spirit is about to descend upon them; after the consecration they do reverence to them three times and chant the words "Hail, Holy Oil!" "Hail, Holy Chrism!"

Good Friday—On Good Friday the Church commemorates the Passion of our Saviour, and it is, therefore, the most sad and solemn of all the days of Holy week.

The most striking feature of the Ritual for Good Friday is the Mass. It is called the Mass of the Presanctified, for in it the celebrant receives at communion the Host consecrated on the day before. Mass, therefore, properly speaking, is not celebrated on this day. The Host is borne in procession from the Repository where it was placed the day before, to the main altar.

Holy Saturday—The ceremonies begin with the blessing of the new fire struck from a flint. From this fire a candle with three stems is lighted and carried down the aisle of the church by the deacon who chants three times the words "Lumen Christi" Light of Christ. The same signification is found in the paschal candle, blessed by the deacon, who fixes in it five grains of blessed incense in memory of the five wounds of our Saviour.

The blessing of the fire is followed by the reading of the twelve prophecies, after which takes place the blessing of the font. The water of the font is scattered to the four quarters to indicate the catholicity of the church and the world wide efficacy of the sacraments. On the way back from the font the Litany of the Saints is begun; it is continued while the ministers of the service lie prostrate before the altar; and at its conclusion the altar is decked with lights and flowers, and Mass is begun by the priest, clothed in white vestments. At the "Gloria" the organ peals forth and bells are rung; and after the Epistle the joyous Alleluias ring out in token that Christ is risen from the dead even as He had promised.

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Low Colonists' Fares

To the West, Southwest, Colorado, California, British Columbia and Pacific Coast Points. Tickets on sale daily, March 14 to April 14th.

An Eight Years Work

It has taken eight years to complete the Catholic Encyclopedia, from December 8, 1904 until December 1912. To publish the first volume took over two years; it appeared in March, 1907, so that every year since, three volumes have been issued. The cost of the work was necessarily very large. It had to be original, comprehensive and authoritative. The very selection of titles took several months simply because there never had been any work precisely like this attempted before. By the time the index volume is completed, the entire cost of writing the encyclopedia, and putting it into type, ready for printing, will amount to $650,000. This amount includes the expenses of writing all the articles, supervision of the editors, revision, proof reading, and finally, the composition. This means then, to write and produce each volume ready for printing, it cost $40,000 per volume, or, as there are 800 pages in each volume, each page cost $50, and as there are about 1,300 words to each page, each word cost about 4 cents.

This plant cost of $650,000, includes the cost of illustrations and maps, which are very select and very finely executed, many of them having been done in Paris by Goupil & Co. To form some estimate of the vastness of the encyclopedia as an editorial enterprise, to complete the fifteen volumes required, 1342 contributors, representing 43 countries, 16 liberal professions, among them 405 secular priests, 505 members in 104 religious orders, 331 laymen and 87 women, besides 151 translators, revisers and indexers. Meanwhile as the work was in course of publication, the sale of the book has been carried on, in all English-speaking countries of the world, and already the sales have exceeded $2,000,000, and now that the work is completed, the $3,000,000 mark will soon be reached. The production of The Catholic Encyclopedia necessitated the organization of a publishing house on the latest scientific methods, which are common factors of business success. This company, while only publishing The Catholic Encyclopedia, so far, has a fully developed organization, consisting of departments of administration, purchasing, stockkeeping, manufacturing, selling, collecting and accounting.

The directors of the company were selected as practical men of affairs, and the entire board administers the business affairs of the company through its regular meetings and those of the executive committee, composed entirely of directors.

Catholics, therefore, have reason to be proud of the publication of the Catholic Encyclopedia and those who have been awaiting its completion before subscribing for the work, will, as the years go on, have occasion to witness with gratification its profound and far-reaching influence on the public sentiment of our time.

As the Archbishop of Chicago predicted soon after the appearance of its first volume, it has already created a new public opinion on all things Catholic.

C. R. & B. A. Central Council

Delegations from the various Councils of the C. R. & B. A., of this city, assembled at the rooms of Council 23, Tuesday evening and elected the following officers: Pres., Peter F. Guinan, of council 23; vice-pres., Mrs. J. P. Henry of 25; 2nd vice pres., Mr. Miller of 74; rec. sec'y., Mr. McKenna of 75; treas., Mrs. Ribstein of 96; guard, Mr. Coyle, of 27; marshall, John Maier, of 59; chancellor, Mrs. Selbert of 52.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the rooms of Council 25, Immaculate Conception school hall, on Monday evening, April 7th.

Boston . . $11.00

Round trip tickets on sale March 21. Final return limit April 4th. Stopover in either direction at Pittsfield, Palmer, South Framingham, Springfield or Worcester Mass.

Catholic News Notes

A fine Catholic [illegible] is to be built [illegible] Va., for the [illegible] Church of the [illegible] ception. It will [illegible] and will cost between [illegible] $50,000.

The Alexian Hospital of [illegible] go, conducted by the [illegible] Brothers, had 3,210 patients [illegible] year. Of this number, 1,[illegible] restored to health, 811 [illegible] so; 1,642 were Catholics, [illegible] non-Catholics and 100 Jews. [illegible]

The plans have [illegible] for a group of buildings [illegible] $175,000 for the Italian [illegible] Germantown, Pa., by [illegible] tania. The site is the [illegible] er estate.

The debt on the [illegible] Fort Wayne, Ind., was [illegible] last year $17,041.4[illegible], leaving [illegible] balance yet due of $1[illegible]

The Negro Catholics [illegible] troit, are busy with [illegible] building of a [illegible] is to be named in honor [illegible] Peter Claver.

Michael J. Byrne, [illegible] er and member [illegible] Bros. "Eight Bells" [illegible] become a priest. He will [illegible] dained in June at St. [illegible] Academy, Loretto, Pa. [illegible]

Twenty-four priests [illegible] suing the course at the [illegible] Mission House for the [illegible] Diocesan Missionaries, [illegible] ton, D. C.

Father Molyneaux [illegible] Mission House, [illegible] giving Lenten [illegible]

Rev. William [illegible] of the Church of [illegible] Heart, Bellevue, [illegible] celebrated the [illegible] versary of his [illegible] priesthood. Thirty [illegible] have been spent in the [illegible] of Covington, Ky.

At the general [illegible] ty-five conferences of the [illegible] delphia St. Vincent de [illegible] ciety, $10,[illegible] was [illegible] the expenditure since the [illegible] quarterly meeting.

The Senate [illegible] dent Taft's nomination [illegible] Gen. George H. Torney [illegible] geon-General. The General [illegible] Catholic.

At a meeting of the [illegible] school board of St. Paul, [illegible] at the residence of Archbishop [illegible] Mgr. Ireland, it was decided [illegible] special stress be laid [illegible] the reading of music notes in [illegible] parochial schools.

In the German Reichstag, [illegible] second Windthorst is looming [illegible] Her Groeber.

Recent statistics of Catholics in Russia show that there are 22,000,000 at present there.

In Belgium as well as in Ireland there is a powerful crusade against evil literature.

In staid old Nuremberg, Germany, St. Sebeludus' Church is heated by electricity.

Rev. P. J. Gibbons of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, has been appointed by the naval authorities senior Catholic chaplain to the Royal Australian Navy.

The Tartars of Fu-Cheow for the first time in 200 years, applied to the Catholic missionary for baptism. Every evening, last year, 200 adult Tartars were instructed in Catechism whilst 300 attended Mass on Sundays.

The Portuguese Minister of Justice has promulgated a decree prohibiting the circulation of a Pontifical declaration.