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The Intruder

Judging from the exuberance with which the Keens of three generations were enjoying the Blue Bird—one of the handsomest, swiftest of motors on the old Kentucky roads—it had hardly been suspected that this old conservative family had so long desisted from adding an automobile to their other luxuries.

Yet so it had been. While friends, relatives and neighbors had invested in one of these apparently indispensable mediums of modern transportation, the Keenes still drove their handsome, stately horses. Grandmother took her afternoon drive in the brougham or victoria. There were the simpler vechicles for morning use.

So ingrained was the love of the mettle of the pastures in these trueblue Kentuckians, they thus steadfastly clung to their thoroughbreds. The younger members had, it is true, long been eager for a car, but the elder ones were slow in coming to accept the dashing motors as anything but a mode of motion suitable for new rich people addicted to reckless driving, inconsistent with real dignity.

Yet once the Blue Bird was bought—with all its handsome equipment, limosine top and what not—a mood of reconciliation toward it had gradually developed into general enthusiasm. Grandmother still occasionally drove out in the evenings behind the old bays, but even she was pleased with the easy motion, the luxurious cushions of the Blue Bird.

The young folks were overjoyed, especially since the family had moved to their country home for the summer. It was glorious to speed into town with room enough for friends going or returning. What times, too, trying out the fine roads throughout the state, in and out of the famous bluegrass and elsewhere!

But one member of the Keene clan could not wax rapturous; one had no part in this gratification that the Blue Bird had brought to his people. Its wings of the wind had brought him naught but deep, sharp regret. This disaffected person was old Uncle Alec, coachman to the Keenes since the days when "Ole Miss" was a debutante.

When the purchase of the Blue Bird had first been discussed, deeply interested had been old Alec, with his wonted keen, if sometimes, indeed, almost officious sympathy, in the affairs of the family whom he considered himself to own—even as they had owned his mother and father. But how, alas; sadly dashed had been his interest and anticipations.

When they first talked of buying a car, Alec practically felt his youth renewed. Devoted as he was to the horses, he now saw himself sitting up alert and active like those impudent smart "young niggers" or ill-mannered white chauffeurs whom he had often disdained from his lofty eminence on the coachman's seat of the carriage, as they scurried past, rudely raising the dust. Yes, he saw himself arrayed even as these, in new cap and perhaps goggles, trim suit instead of his high hat and other stately paraphernalia for late afternoons and evenings, and his neat livery of morning. He had taken to studying carefully the tricks of driving whenever he could. When he had to wait in town awhile "his people" were shopping or as he drove along, he took note of the proper way to sit, and as much else as he could manage to observe.

"No doubt "Ole Miss" would soon begin to have him instructed. But now that the Blue Bird was bought, he was but to know the bitterness of another darkskinned creature who once cried out, "Othello's occupation gone!" When the actual negotiations for the Blue Bird were undertaken, he learned that he was not expected to run the car. Incredible at first, but convincing at last, had come the revelation that another was to preside at the wheel when now his ancient and honorable family set forth in their new equipage. Struck dumb by the information was Alec as he began to suspect it, too crushed to protest or inquire further. He had to take the fact smack in the face one day when holding the carriage door open for Miss Mary. An elderly friend, Colonel Thompson, had stopped a moment to shake hands; in parting he said:

"Well—I hear you have been buying one of the handsomest cars in town. Alec, guess you'll be more stuck-up than ever when you get to be chauffeur." Haughtily silent was the old black face as Miss Mary answered, little knowing how the words cut:

"We'll have to have a chauffeur. Alec's going to take things easy now."

Of course Miss Mary meant to be kind, but in his heart the old darkey was saying:

"Huh! take things easy? Thinks the old nigger's beginning to play out?"

Miss Mary had stepped into the surrey and as he drove off Alec muttered so that she could hear—

"I could run de new kyer all right. I reckon. 'Taint no harder, 'taint as hard as managin' hosses!"

But Miss Mary's mind apparently was on her recent purchase, She made no answer, though she did remember to remark casually to her mother:

"I believe Alec's hurt about the Blue Bird. I believe he actually thinks he could run it."

"Indeed?" answered Mrs. Keene. "He'd upset us in no time at the first curve of the road. Besides, we need him for other things and he is getting old."

Once or twice again, to other members of the family, Alec intimated that he did not deem the running of a car arduous, that he was sure he could run it all right.

"'Taint like as though it had sense and stubbornness like some hosses. Even the best of dem gits cranky-fits sometime. Old Ned used to be a regular mule sometimes till he learned he couldn't fool wif me."

But it seemed that Alec's confidence in his own mastery over any steed, brute or machine, was not shared by his employers. Nothing was said about his learning the difficult art of motoring. Sadly he murmured into the ear of Old Ned and his yoke-fellow:

"Guess we have to take a back seat. We ain't pert enough for dese hyah reckless times. Back to the farm for us, I reckon!"

Such moody soliloquy, as the days went on, was Alec's sole means of getting his chagrin off his mind, of easing his old heart of his sharp new wound. It was almost the only one he had ever suffered at the hands of his people. Therefore, it cut deeply. It was an indignity—a bitter ignominy! And to be supplanted by "a skinny, cigarette-smoking chap for whom a plain 'Merican name ain't good nuf! Has to be called by some wicked ole French name. Makes me sick! He ain't fit to drive Ole Miss. He ain't good 'nuf to drive the young ones! He ain't got no style at all, wif his narrow little old scrooged-up body and his lean-over shoulders! Like to know what Old Marse'd think ef he see'd him! 'Save his hide, he cyant hol' hisself lak a gentleman, lak Ole Marse and me. Ain't had no trainin' in manners at all! Opens the door like a common livery stable hack-driver! Cyant even open his mouf lak a gentleman, to bid the time of day to the old friends. He don't know none of 'em nohow. Thinks Ole Alec's nothin' but an ordinary black nigger. Huh! Makes me downright sick!"

Nor was the lack of "quality" in the chauffeur the only source of Alec's wrath and, paradoxically, his ironic comfort. He has his suspicions of the Blue Bird itself. For him it was but an intruder.

To be continued

The Annals of the Propagation of the Faith are now printed in no less than thirteen different languages.

Bishop Kozlowski has laid the cornerstone of the handsome $80,000 St. Thomas Aquina's Church in Milwaukee.

Holy Name Sunday

Instead of the customary annual public demonstration by the Holy Name Societies of the city in the streets of Rochester, special spiritual exercises will be held by the members of this organization, in all of the churches of the diocese on next Sunday. The following circular letter has been addressed by Bishop Hickey to the clergy:

As the time draws near for the annual reunion and public demonstration in the city of Rochester in honor of the Holy Name of our divine Lord, it has occurred to us that it would be entirely fitting this year to extend the scope of this most edifying and religious act to all the parishes of the diocese, since we know how general has been the establishment of the Holy Name Society throughout the diocese.

In order, then, that there may be uniformity of action and, as it were, a great concentration of religious endeavor on the part of our men, we direct that Sunday, October 11th, be designated a day for special spiritual exercises in honor of the most Holy Name of God. We ask that the pastors make an extraordinary effort to enroll in the ranks of this great organization all the men of the parish and that they prepare for this celebration by inviting the men to receive communion on the 11th day of October.

We further direct that in every church where it is possible to hold the services, a special devotion be had in the afternoon or evening of that day, closing with the benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, and that the intention of this great union of prayer that God in His infinite mercy and goodness may speedily bring peace and tranquility to the world. We permit that, on this Sunday, where local arrangements might suggest it or the pastor desire it, the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament may be given twice in the same church.

We therefore recommend inasmuch as our local observance of public parade is to be replaced this year by a general communion of the men throughout the diocese and by these special exercises in every church, that the pastors endeavor to make it a day memorable for the Holy Name Society and arrange in the most solemn manner possible the services for their respective churches.

Bishop at Laying of Cornerstones.

Cornerstones for two new Catholic churches were laid last Sunday, with Bishop Hickey officiating at the dedicatory services. At 3 o'clock the ceremony was performed at St. Monica's Church in Genesee street and later there was a similar event at St. John the Evangelist church in Humboldt street, near Winton road.

Rev. John P. Brophy is pastor of St. Monica's and has occupied the place since the church was founded in 1898. The congregation under his wise and intelligent guardianship has grown from 300 to 3,000 people. The new church is of the fourteenth century basilica style and will seat 1,000 people. The cost of the structure will be $65,000 and it will be ready for occupancy by Christmas. The old combination church and school building will be used exclusively for school and entertainment purposes after the new edifice is completed.

At St. John the Evangelist Church the Bishop was met by a detachment under command of Colonel Frank J. Schwalb. Rev. John B. Sullivan is pastor of this church, the newest one to be established in Rochester. He was appointed last spring and a census shows that there are now 120 families affiliated with the church. The new building is a combination church, school and hall, the church being on the first story. It is being built at a cost of $35,000 and will be completed by the first of the year.

50th Anniversary Holy Family Parish

On August 21st last occurred the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family church at Jay and Ames streets, but owing to the absence of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey in Europe, the celebration of the event was postponed until last Sunday morning, when the golden jubilee was commemorated by a solemn pontifical high mass at 10.30 o'clock. Bishop Hickey officiated, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Dietrich Laurenzis, M. R., and priests of the city.

In his sermon at the close of the mass, Bishop Hickey congratulated pastor and people on the successful work done in the parish. As a memorial of the occasion he presented Father Laurenzis with a gold medal, bearing the image of the late Pope Pius X, to which was attached the apostolic blessing of Pope Benedict XV.

Father Laurenzis has been pastor of Holy Family Church for the past thirty years.

The following memorial was presented to Father Laurenzis by Bishop Hickey:

With the approach of the formal celebration in honor of the golden jubilee of Holy Family Church of this city, I take occasion to express to you and to your congregation my hearty congratulations on the accomplishments of the past fifty years, at the same time acknowledging with deep gratitude the extraordinary results achieved by the blessings of God during the thirty years of your pastorate in the parish.

Wishing to add emphasis to my words of appreciation, I placed before our late pontiff, Pius X, a report of your great work and His Holiness most graciously ordered that a gold medal bearing his own image be made and sent to you that thereby he might honor you and your loyal congregation for single services rendered to the cause of religion.

As a further evidence of a desire to recognize your splendid priestly character I have asked Our Holy Father, Benedict XV, to bless you and your parishioners, which petition His Holiness has seen fit to acknowledge by sending to you through his eminence the cardinal secretary of state felicitations, good wishes and from his heart a special apostolic benediction, blessing, at the same time the parishioners of Holy Family Church.

I hope and pray that God may bless you abundantly that He may spare you for many years of labor in the diocese, that you have served so faithfully, and that the reward of this life's work may be an eternity of happiness with God.

INVESTURE OF MONSIGNORS

Ceremony to Take Place Sunday at Corpus Christi Church.

Bishop Hickey will conduct the ceremony of the investiture of the newly appointed monsignors, Rev. J. J. Hartley and Rev. D. J. Curran, Sunday evening at 7.45 o'clock at Corpus Christi church. Dr. Hartley, president of St. Bernarn's Seminary, and Dr. Curran, vicar-general of the diocese, were recently appointed to this high church position. Bishop Hickey announced the appointments on his return from Rome.

Rev. A. B. Meehan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, will be master of ceremonies. Bishop Hickey will bless the vestments to be worn by the monsignors, and after they have been invested with them he will preach a short sermon. The ceremony will end with benediction of the blessed sacrament.

The Archbishop of Zara, Mgr. Dvornik, died at the Austro-Hungarian Hospital in Constantinople. He was Metropolitan of Dalmatia.

The Parliament of Nicaragua, after 30 years, decreed the return of the Society of Jesus.

Catholic News Notes

Bishop de Guebriant, of Ninzyuanfu, China, has opened a little seminary.

At Stevens Point, Wis., while the congregation was at Mass in a chapel, lightning struck the spire of the church.

Six Dominican Sisters have gone from Brooklyn to Porto Rico.

Saint Rita's Church, at Mount Ida, Alexandria County, Md., will be formally dedicated Oct. 11.

The Isolation Hospital in New Orleans is in charge of the Sisters of Charity from Emmitsburg, Md.

Several new parishes are to be established in the Sioux City, Ia., diocese.

A handsome monument to Maj. Gen. Philip Kearney will be unveiled in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., near Washington on October 14.

Nearly two-thirds of the teachers in the parochial schools of New York are members of religious communities, belonging to thirty different religious congregations. The most numerous are the Sisters of Charity.

What was formerly a Methodist church near the corner of Leal and Colorado streets, San Antonio, Tex., is now a Catholic school for colored children. The property was recently purchased by Rev. H. F. Kane, S. J.

The diocese of St. Gall, in Switzerland, has about 170,000 Catholics, and a large, fine cathedral.

The working girls of Paris sent large quantities of flowers to Lourdes to be spread about in its streets. Their perfume filled the whole town during the Eucharistic Congress.

By Consistorial decree, Italian priests are forbidden membership in the so-called Christian Syndicalist Association.

One of the great shrines of Spain is that of Covadonga, dating from the seventh century. In natural scenery it is more imposing than Lourdes.

A great pilgrimage took place recently to Llandaff Cathedral, the shrine of the great Welsh Bishop, St. Tello, who died in 540.

At Rabat, Ariege, France, there is a monument to Father John Baptist Mortaige, who for 32 years was Prior-General of the Carthusian Order.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

At the annual Columbus day dinner to be given by the Rochester Council 178, Knights of Columbus next Monday evening at the Powers hotel the principal speaker will be Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rev. Dr. A. M. O'Neill and Michael J. Larkin, past district deputy.

Sacred Heart Convent Reunion

Invitations have been issued for a reunion of former pupils of Sacred Heart Academy in Prince St., at the eleventh annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the academy on Octo ber 17. The programme will be opened with a reception at 10.30 o'clock in the morning. Luncheon will be served at 12.30 o'clock and at 2.30 the business session will be called to order. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 o'clock will be followed by the alumnae sermon.

News From Ireland

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The following [illegible] Flannan's College, [illegible] Michael [illegible] Henry O'[illegible] Tobin, James [illegible] Daly.

On August [illegible] Rev. John [illegible] Boland O'Connell [illegible] was married to [illegible] of the late Richard [illegible] M. I. R., Mountjoy [illegible]

A verdict of death [illegible] due to [illegible] and [illegible] was returned [illegible] Deceased was [illegible] on [illegible]

A verdict of death [illegible] a ball, the property of [illegible] John Carmody [illegible]

When about to [illegible] row, John O'Connell [illegible] into the river [illegible] ing in contact with [illegible] shortly after.

[illegible]

The magistrates at [illegible] ty Sessions passed [illegible] dolence to the widow [illegible] tives of the late D. C. [illegible] P., who was described [illegible] tleman of "high character [illegible] integrity and [illegible]

Died [illegible] Joseph [illegible] daughter of John [illegible] September 19, [illegible] Ballina [illegible] Gallagher [illegible]

Mr. Giles [illegible] boat [illegible] little boy [illegible] in the water [illegible] He dived [illegible] clothed and saved [illegible]

Miss M. Sheehan [illegible] Sister M. [illegible] and Mrs. Sheehan [illegible] been received [illegible] vent, Selly Park [illegible] Most Rev. Dr. Ilsley [illegible] of Birmingham, officiating.

Sir Arthur Chance [illegible] I., has been appointed [illegible] of the First Senate of [illegible] al University in [illegible] late Sir Christopher [illegible]

Rev. Jerome O'Con[illegible] C., who has returned [illegible] sa's, Clarendon street [illegible] absence of fourteen years [illegible] sionary work in India [illegible] search work in Palestine [illegible] been accorded a very hearty [illegible] come by many friends [illegible] associations attached [illegible] church.

J. B. Manning, retired [illegible] mission agent, Belmullet [illegible] merly 9 Lower Bridge [illegible] Dublin, left personal [illegible] ued at £9,900. He left £100 [illegible] the Catholic church, [illegible] Belmullet, and £100 for [illegible]

Kerry

Kerry had another victory [illegible] Maryborough on September [illegible] The famous team defeated [illegible] common by 2 goals and 2 points.

A marriage was solemnized [illegible] the Rev. E. O'Connor, C. C., [illegible] tween Staff-Sergeant N. [illegible] Treer Road, Birmingham, [illegible] land, and Nellie, daughter [illegible] Timothy O'Sullivan, Do[illegible] street, Tralee.

Kilkenny

Albert F. Henchy, of [illegible] ford, has been appointed [illegible] in the Camberley Council school, London, S. W.

Limerick

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, has appointed the Very Rev. Robert Kirby, P. P., St. Patrick's Well, to the vacant Canonry in St. John's Cathedral.

Adversity makes men and prosperity monsters.