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### Father Dan's Column

CATHERINE BROGAN'S  
SCHOOL DAYS

(Chapter Two)

I hope I shall not have the readers of Father Dan's column with the story of the greatness of the mothers of my class at St. Patrick's School. But I just cannot help thinking about them, all of them, because some so famous in their own way.

Marie Murphy, the first day with the freckles, the round hat and the mantle for walking, became a divine being and holy nun. Now, what do you think of that?

Marie's life as a novice was not without its drawbacks. Marie loved to pray, and loved it so much that she could do little else. She was stationed at a large academy conducted by the Dominican Sisters. Each sister had a cell and all the Sisters tried to do all they could to spare expense, as it took a very great deal of money to run the school.

Marie was tried at every charge in the convent. First, she was sent to the printing shop to set type. All the young novices liked type setting, but poor Marie was constantly setting all the letters backwards. Then she was sent to the dining room to set tables. But you can imagine how it was there—dishes never on the table in time, somebody always picking spoons, or a knife or fork, poor blind Sister Dorothy always dropping for things that should have been in place and washed. And the broken dishes! Sister Julia was nearly crazy. "Give me any one of the novices, but this one," she said to the Reverend Mother.

Always the Same  
So Mother sent her another novice, and Sister Marie was transferred to patient old Sister John in the shoe room. After one week this was Sister John's report: "She just sits by the hour with a shoe in her hand and does nothing but think. I thought I could teach her to clinch

on buttons, and put ends in laces and perhaps to patch and half sole. But she merely sits hour after hour like one in a trance. So Marie was tried everywhere. Sister Agatha's cookies burnt, she spit water in the chapel corridor for poor old Father Dan. To punish her, she hood all Sister Marie's young bees out, in pairs, to weed and in chapel she dragged her knees and bent every few minutes, forgot to keep her hands. Sister Agatha, she could do. Reverend Mother, she could do. Reverend Mother, she would pray for God to direct her. Yes, that was the solution—she would pray. "So long as she wishes to stay we can surely find something she can do, or learn to do," Mother said to herself. But she left the sentence unfinished. Just then a sudden scream rang out on the silent cloistered air. It came apparently from the kitchen, which was in the wing beyond the school. Mother moved quickly through the long corridors and in a moment had passed beyond the doors into the kitchen.

Jelly on the Floor  
Sister Agatha, her face red with vexation, was scolding Sister Marie and trying to mop up a mass of jelly on the floor at one and the same time. On the red checkered tablecloth vast quantities of the sticky mixture spilled and burned. Mother walked over to the windows and threw them open. Bad silence fell upon Sister Agatha, but she still mopped and mopped, streaks of black soot on her face, her habit trailing in the sticky mess. Near at hand stood Sister Marie. Her face was red, too, but not with vexation. Mother knew what Sister Agatha was thinking. It was written in her face. "She wished she knew what Sister Marie was thinking. Surely she led the young novice aside and asked her how it all happened."

Marie's tears flowed over. "Sister asked me to watch the jelly while she went to the cellar to take care of the cream and the adoration bell rang, and that's all I remember." "You knelt and forgot the jelly," asked Mother.

"I suppose I did, Mother. I can not remember." Mother's voice was calm. "You know the rule, Sister Marie. When you are engaged in some important work and the bell rings, you say the prayer without kneeling or stopping at your work."

Mercy Guild Sale  
Food and Clothes  
Closes Saturday

The rummage sale of the Mother Irene Building Fund of Mercy Guild, which opened on Thursday this week, will be brought to a close this Saturday, at the corner of North Clinton and Andrews Street. All kinds of used clothing, hats and shoes, may be obtained at the sale, which will be continued until 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

Baked Food Sale, Too  
A baked food sale will be conducted at the same address all day Saturday, and some excellent articles may be obtained for the Sunday dinner—bread, cakes, pies, biscuits, rolls, etc. Everybody is invited to patronize the sale and help the Mother Irene Guild in its excellent work.

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From Maryknoll

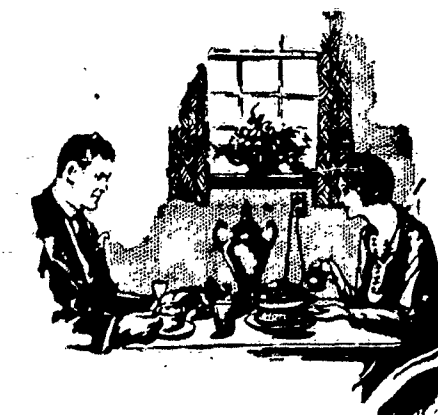
Cancelled stamps are always greatly appreciated by the Missions, as the following letter indicated: "Miss Esther R. Merklinger, "Nazareth College, "Rochester, N. Y. "Dear Miss Merklinger: "Your interesting letter of the 14th inst. has been awaiting an answer until we could assure you of the safe arrival of the stamps. The sack came Monday in good condition and was gladly welcomed. "Your account of the Mission activities of Nazareth College and schools of Rochester and surrounding towns is interesting and encouraging. It is truly apostolic work and will have a reactive influence on your own lives, bringing blessings and grace on each individual soul. "We will turn your letter over to our School Department, that they may note the fine work that is being done for the missions by the schools of Rochester. "God bless you and your zealous hearts. Keep working. "We rejoice to have your interest and co-operation in the work of Maryknoll. "Yours very gratefully in the Cause of Christ, "The Maryknoll Sisters."

Will Broadcast  
Leo's Encyclical  
On Labor May 15th

Radio broadcasting stations serving virtually every section of the United States will participate in the observance this year of the 33rd anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical on the Condition of Labor, the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, director of the Department of Social Action, N.C.W.C., and sponsor of the program, has been assured. The anniversary date is May 15th.

The participation of radio stations is a new feature of these programs, inaugurated with the observance of the Encyclical's 33rd anniversary last year, when more than 30 Catholic colleges and universities and Catholic organizations in non-Catholic colleges and universities sponsored exercises commemorative of the anniversary.

PERSONALS  
Capt. James M. Mangan of 24 Hawthorne Street, district director of the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau, was operated on about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Genesee Hospital for appendicitis. His condition is reported as good.  
Andrew H. Sepple of 113 Millingbury Street, has been called to Gananoque, Canada, by the sudden death of his mother.

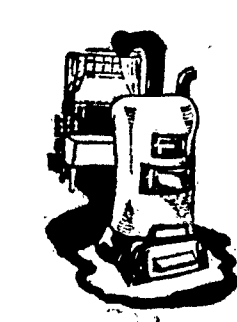


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