

St. Patrick's Cathedral Radio Hour

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you see their lips move?"

"I wonder," said Martha, "if I am not too curious, what can they be talking about? As long as you have brought us here, Father, we might just as well listen in on the conversation, as we observe their actions."

"How curious you are," said William smilingly, "just about what I would expect. What do you suppose that anyone under such circumstances would be talking about?"

"Oh, my friends," I said, "I did not bring you here to quarrel. I brought you here to see what an enormous amount of work is entailed before Mass can be read. Now to satisfy your curiosity and to end this incipient controversy, I shall place you in such a position that their every word will be audible."

Softly and reverently we moved, and to our ears came the words:

"Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

As both heads bowed in reverence for the Holy Name the other voice was heard to reply:

"Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

"Father," said Martha, "they are praying. I have never heard this done before while people worked. Is this their regular procedure whilst at their charge?"

"Yes," I replied, "not only in this vestry, but let me tell you in all their work. By mere chance I had occasion to visit the basement of a convent and unaware of my approach, I heard them alternating the Rosary whilst an electric ironer nearby turned out perfect linens for the altar and the Sacrifice of the Mass."

The lily-white hands soon finished the task. One by one the Stoles were hung upon a standard near-by.

"Father," said Martha, "I noticed that those Stoles are made of different colored material. Is this for sake of variety, or is there some special regulation which covers the selection?"

"That is the woman for you," spoke up William, "always caught by colors."

"Oh, don't chide her," I interposed, "her question is very appropriate. In fact, William, there is more to the ecclesiastical color scheme than you would ever dream of. May I ask you what do you think the purpose of such an arrangement in colors?"

"Well," I said, "I shall not embarrass you, but in the future—be careful ere you leap. For perhaps there is more wisdom manifested in Martha's questions than you think."

"There," replied Martha, "you are not as smart as you imagined you were."

of the Church for you."

But the silence was not maintained. Martha was the first to violate the recommendation.

"Father," she said, "the Sisters are taking out other vestments from the cases. They agree in color with the Stoles across the top of the standard. What are the names of those other vestments?"

"You are very observant," Martha. I continued, "your violation of silence, however, is permitted. The names of the other vestments—why—Mantle, Chasuble, Yell and Burese together with the Stole on the standard complete each set. But give me an opportunity to explain them to you both."

With their eyes upon the Sisters and their ears alert I commenced.

"In the Old Law the High Priest wore vestments of various colors, not only to impart splendor, beauty and variety, but also to symbolize religious meaning. Naturally, the New Law, which superseded the Old, caught up the same idea and prescribed various colors for the priest at different feasts and seasons, as well as for special functions of the whole year. Up to the Middle Ages the white color predominated. In the twelfth century the use of different colored vestments was pretty well established. But not until the sixteenth century, when a newly revised edition of the Missal came forth, was the selection of Liturgical Colors finally determined, and settled. The five colors agreed upon, to the exclusion of all others, were white, red, green, purple and black. Vestments composed entirely or for the most part of gold cloth were permitted to take the place of white, red and green vestments."

"Then the use of colors is very ancient, is it not, Father," said Martha, "but whilst I love an assortment, still my favorite would be the gold."

"The color of the Coadjutor of the Realm," remarked William.

"Yes," I said, "and the Coadjutor of the Realm is likewise needed to purchase gold vestments and to keep them in proper condition. But that is neither here nor there, let us continue the explanation of these colors. Now colors are produced by a varied refraction of the rays of light, and, like light itself stand in an intimate and mysterious relation to the near and spiritual life of man. Light and color, among all material things, are the nearest related to the spiritual. The sentiments thus awakened by"

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Seneca Falls Pastor Speaks To Rotary Club

Seneca Falls, Mar. 18.—The Rev. B. L. Quirk, rector of St. Patrick's Church, spoke on "St. Patrick" at this week's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club, held in the Hotel Gould. He gave an excellent and inspiring talk, and he was heard with much appreciation by all the guests and members.

"Just as Washington established the future destinies of the United States in the ideals of government and religion, no nation in the world owes more to a human and divine way as an entire nation than does Ireland to St. Patrick," said Father Quirk.

"Just as the hand of divine Providence is evident in the foundation of this great American republic for the protection of human liberty," he said, "so is God's guidance clear in St. Patrick's mission of establishing faith in the hearts of the Irish race."

"Born of Roman parents, St. Patrick was equipped by nature and environment of a great nation to follow the work for which he was commissioned by the Pope," Father Quirk said. "The light that St. Patrick kindled is the light of faith that is burning strong after 1,500 years. The lessons that Ireland secured from this saint have been disseminated throughout the world."

M. J. O'Brien presided at the luncheon, and there was a large attendance.

PALMYRA

MORRIS HICKEY

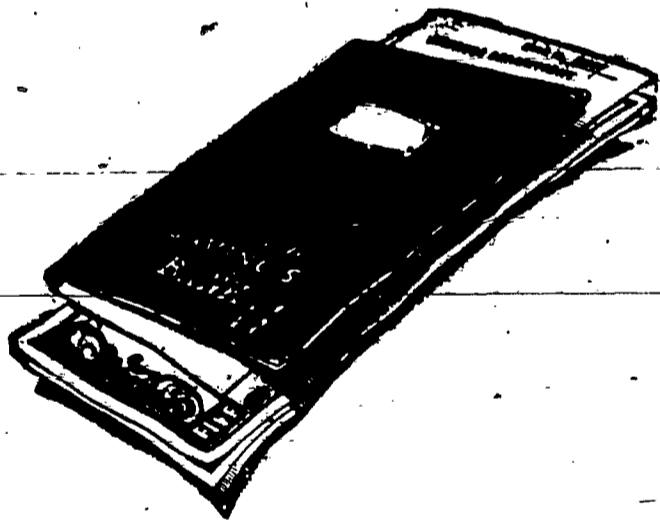
Palmyra, Mar. 18.—Morris Hickey, aged 73, died Friday at his home here. He is survived by four sons, Daniel, Morris Jr. and Patrick H. of Palmyra, Michael of Detroit, Mich., three daughters, Mrs. George Crowley of Clifton Springs, Mrs. William F. O'Brien and Miss Anna M. of Palmyra, and a sister, Mrs. Ellen McGuire of Palmyra. Mr. Hickey was a well known resident of this village, and his funeral was largely attended in St. Ann's Church Monday morning.

ELMIRA

Daughter Born

Elmira, March 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gordon of 518 Balsam St. are the happy parents of a daughter, Eileen Elizabeth, born Friday, March 4th, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Peace and rest and silence be
With me where you lay my head:
O dear the shamrocks are to me!

—Ross Mulholland.

Dean McGrath Leaves \$2,000 To Hospital

Auburn Priest Bequeaths Library to St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary in Rochester—Other Bequests.

Auburn, Mar. 18.—The will of the late Venerable Rev. Dean John J. McGrath, pastor of St. Mary's Church in this city, was ordered for probate in Surrogate's Court Friday. It left a bequest of \$2,000 to Mercy Hospital of Auburn, and bequeathed his library to St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, Rochester.

The estate of Dean McGrath is valued at more than \$5,000 personal and more than \$2,000 real property. Bequests include \$2,000 for Mrs. Frances O'Brien, widow of the late Hamilton, niece of Groton, is willed \$2,000 with a request that she use it for the education of her son, James Hamilton, for the priesthood, provided he so desires. If, however, he does not study for the priesthood the amount shall be divided between his mother and father, John Hamilton.

Mrs. Bridget McGrath, sister-in-law of Lancaster, Pa., is given \$2,000; his library is given to St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, stock in the Royal Development Company, to the Diocese of Rochester, and the residue of the estate to Nellie Hamilton, niece.

Successor C. Donovan of Auburn is named executor.

LIMA

MISS LENA WELCH

Lima, Mar. 18.—Miss Lena Welch died Sunday evening at the home of

McKECHNIE LUNGER

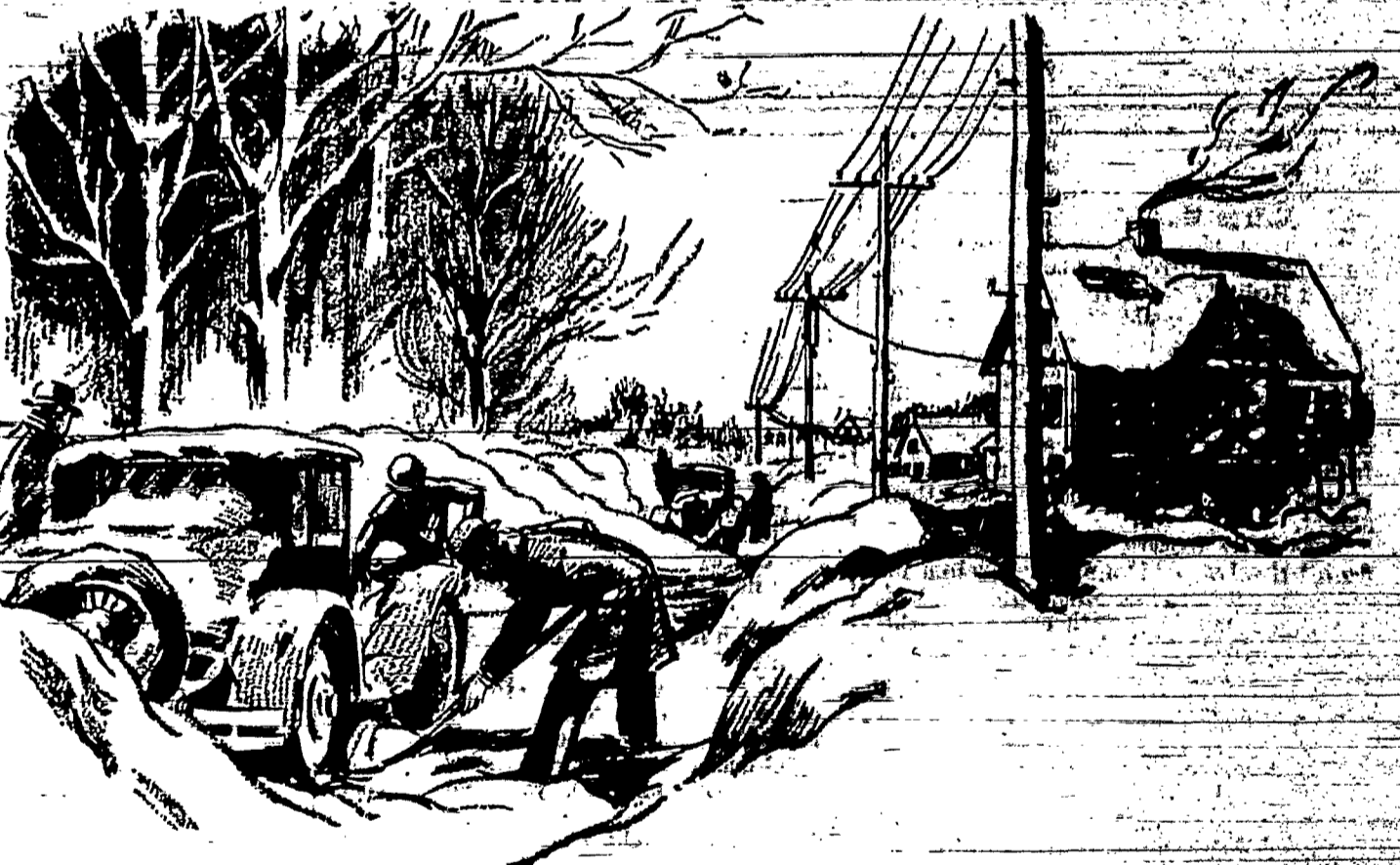
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