

TWIN STORIES

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Irish Twins Go to Church.
The next Sunday all the McQueen family went to mass and Mrs. McQueen wore her new shawl. The chapel was quite a distance away, and as they walked and all the neighbors walked, too, they had a pleasant time talking together along the way.

Dennis and the Twins walked together, and Larry and Eileen told Dennis all about the fair, and about selling the pig to the Lady Kathleen, and "Bogota," and Dennis said that little pig was after bringing a half of talk the shortest way you could go.

Just as they neared the church, what should they see but Grannie Malone, coming in grandeur, riding on a jaunting-car! Beside her was a big man with a tall hat on his head. "It is her son Michael, back from the States!" cried the Twins. "He said in a letter he was coming."

They ran as fast as they could to reach the church door in time to see them go in. Everybody else stopped, too, they were so surprised, and everybody said to everybody else, "Well, for dear's sake, if that's not Michael Malone come back to see his old mother!"

And then they whispered among themselves. "Look at the grand clothes on him, and the scap pin the bigness of a ha-penny piece, and the hat! Sure, America must be the rich place, entirely!"

And when Michael got out of the cart and helped out his old mother, there were many hands held out for him to shake, and many old neighbors for him to greet.

"This is a proud day for you," Grannie Malone, said Mrs. McQueen.

"It is," said Grannie, "and a sad day, too, for he's after taking me back to America, and 'tis likely I'll never set my two eyes on old Ireland again, when once the width of the sea comes between us."

She wiped her eyes as she spoke. Then the bell rang to call the people into the chapel. It was little the congregation heard of the service that day, for however much they tried they couldn't help looking at Grannie's bonnet.

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Monday—Irish Twins Hear About the United States.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

The Reason Rita Brown Asked How Madge Felt.
When I awakened it was to the consciousness of Dicky's face close to mine, his arms still clasping me. Some one—his mother most probably—had piled pillows behind him to relieve the strain of his position, and his eyes were closed.

I guessed that when he had finally seen me sound asleep he had dozed off himself, and I debated for a moment upon the advisability of waking him. The thought of the strained arm muscles which must be his from the long vigil quickly decided me, and I stirred in his arms, spoke softly:

"Dicky?"

His eyes flew open instantly, and he started convulsively. Then he looked anxiously at me.

"What is it, sweetheart? In pain?"

From the couch where she had been sleeping my mother-in-law sat up quickly.

"What's the matter? Is she feeling worse?" she demanded.

For an instant I reveled in the luxury of being the object of so much solicitude, then answered cheerily and truthfully:

"I am feeling fine, but so much better. But—I am hungry."

Dicky consulted his watch.

Mother Graham Commands.

"It's after 11. I'm sure the diner must be on by this time. What do you want?"

"It isn't a question of what she wants," my mother-in-law struck in firmly. "It's what she can have. You order a pot of weak tea and two slices of dry toast without butter, and tell them to put salt cellar on the tray. If she wants that all right we'll see about something else after a while."

I knew better than to question her dictum, even if I had cared for more substantial fare than that which she had outlined. When Mother Graham is in charge of a sick room she is a martinet whose slightest word must be obeyed. Dicky says she is more rigid than any trained nurse who ever stepped.

"That sounds very tempting," I said cheerily, but Dicky snorted as with infinite care he raised himself from his cramped position and put me tenderly back upon my pillows.

"Yes, about as tempting as old what-do-you-call-him's feed of grass—the one they sell about in the Bible," he said ironically. "No chuchadnezzar?" I ventured demurely.

"That's the guy," my husband said. "Gee, but you've got the long tongue and memory, Madge, to be able to spiel that collection of sneezes off like the mother interposed sternly, "don't be irreverent."

"Who's irreverent?" her son demanded. "What did that lad ever do to be treated with lowered breath and respectful accents?"

"He's in the Bible," his mother replied, but I saw the corners of her mouth twitch, and I knew that her protest was only the perfunctory one she felt called upon to make whenever Dicky alluded in any manner to the Scriptures. It was a sort of automatic brake, which from long experience of her son's carelessness speech, she applied involuntarily.

"So's the devil," Dicky began argumentatively, but his mother cut him short.

"Will you go and order that tea and toast or must I?" she demanded acridly.

"If I?" He dashed to the door dramatically, turned and grinned innocently at us both.

"Sure I can't make it a little steak?" he said insinuatingly.

I shook my head weakly at him, but his mother snorted, and Dicky scuttled out of the door.

Mother Graham bathed my face and hands, rearranged the covers of my berth, lifting from me the wonderful cloak belonging to Mrs. Grantland, which with my returning strength and the increasing warmth of the room was becoming a bit oppressive, and having it across the foot of the berth where it could be

reached quickly if I experienced another chill.

"I hope Richard will make tracks with that tea," she said worriedly. "You ought to have something hot without delay."

"He'll get it here in the earliest possible time," I said confidently, and indeed, it was but a short time before he came back followed by a waiter bearing a tray. At his knock Mother Graham opened the door, and Dicky took the tray from the man's hand.

At the Door.

"I'll attend to this," he said. "Come back in half an hour for it."

"Very well, sir," the man responded respectfully.

As he left I heard Rita Brown's voice hurriedly accosting Dicky.

"Oh, Dickybird!" she said sweetly. "The missus must be better if you've joined the waiters' union. I'm so glad."

"Yes, she's better," Dicky answered curtly. "What's on your mind, Rita?"

His tone was smoothly impertinent, but it didn't affect the composure of Rita Brown.

"Why, I thought perhaps she was through with the coat Maj. Grantland lent me," she said with assurance. "It's terribly draughty in the corridor out here, and I'm afraid I'm getting a chill."

(Continued Tomorrow)

I'M THE GUY!

I'M THE GUY who monopolizes the bathroom in the boarding house. When I take a bath I like to take plenty of time at it. I like to soak in the tub and imagine I'm swimming.

And when I'm shaving or washing I like to give myself over to a leisurely enjoyment of the task at hand.

That half a dozen other boarders are waiting for me to finish are lined up for a dash to the door when I come out doesn't hurry me a bit.

If they're in a hurry, they're also in hard luck, that's all. I'm not. I never am. Ask any one of 'em. I'm just as much entitled to it as they are and I mean to make the most of my privileges. And I do.

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WHY?

Is the Thistle the Emblem of Scotland?

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One of the military rules of the early Danes was that it was cowardly to attack an enemy during the night and, because of this, the Scotch did not consider it necessary to keep a watch during their encounters with the invading army from Denmark. Sunset was supposed to mark the close of all hostilities for the day, in spite of the fact that unions and the 8-hour-law were unknown in those days.

On one occasion, however, the Danes deviated from their rule and determined to launch an onslaught against one of the Scotch strongholds. On they crept, barefooted, noiseless, unobserved—until one of them set his foot upon a thistle and cried out with pain. The alarm was given, the Scotch fell upon the invaders and defeated them with terrific slaughter, shortly afterwards adopting the thistle as their emblem and adding the motto, "No one wounds me with impunity."

The date of the "thistle battle" is not precisely known, but it far antedates the founding of the Order of the Thistle, also known as the Order of St. Andrew, and the thistle is mentioned as the national emblem of Scotland in the inventory of the effects of James III of Scotland, and appears upon the coins of James IV, V and VI.

Tomorrow—Why Are Diamonds Sold by the "Carat?"

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NEW SOURCES OF CAPITAL
By SAMUEL CROWTHER

SAVING is not merely a pastime; it has nothing to do with the eleemosynary spirit, but unless the recipients of the largest aggregate income of the country—that is, the wage-earners—return a portion of their funds to industry—that is, acquire an interest in it—and remove themselves from the strictly proletarian or propertyless class, industry must languish for want of capital and thus languishing will not be able to provide the goods out of which wages are paid. Hence wages must decline and the propertyless class grow instead of diminish, and the moment that those who have no stake in life reach the majority we shall have revolution and an overturn of society. In all fairness, if we cannot so order our economic life that increasing opportunities are open to all and being propertyless is a matter of choice and not of compulsion, then a revolution should come, for the present system will then have demonstrated its failure and some other system has a right to a hearing.

I incline to doubt that we can reasonably expect co-operation toward a better system until the exact economic meaning of thrift is understood. It is necessary to emphasize the employer's part in any investment plan for wage-earners on the ordinary business principle that a concern will rarely succeed in selling its product if the heads of that concern do not believe that it is a good product. It is an axiom that anything may be "put over" for a while, but it is refreshing to know that nothing is "put over" for long. Any successful employer counting over those among his acquaintances who have succeeded largely will quickly realize that those men have been successful in the degree of their belief in what they make and sell. Take any of the remarkable personal successes. The National Cash Register Company has had a really marvelous career, but as far as John H. Patterson is concerned, his chief interest has not been in selling a machine, but in removing those who handle money from the temptation to theft. The primary interest of Henry Ford is in providing fast and cheap transportation so that the poor may have more leisure. He thinks more of the transformation that he has brought about on the farms than he does of the great sums of money that he is incidentally accumulating.

Properly understood, from this standpoint, there is no reason that an employer should not have a positive passion for the stimulation of thrift. Many successful employers have this passion. The most prominent example is probably Mr. George F. Johnson, the vice president of the Endicott-Johnson Company, who employs more than 13,000 people and in his 30 years of experience has never had a strike. When he talks of thrift he is talking of something that he practices and when he makes an appeal it gets across. He ties up saving not with deprivation, but with getting more. Here is a letter that he recently wrote to his people and which is in many respects a model talk: "Please learn as early as you can in life (and, having learned, keep it constantly in mind)—that it isn't what you get, in the shape of financial returns for labor, that makes you any better off. It's what you KEEP. Getting it and not making good use of it makes you poorer and much worse off. It would be better for you to work for smaller wages (so long as you had enough) than it would to get big wages, and fool it away, and buy things which harm you and do you real injury, physically and mentally."

It is comparatively easy to promote a thrift campaign. It is not difficult to engender an unusual desire to save if with the desire is also the means of saving. The idea can hardly be sold in abstract; it has to be sold in connection with a dotted line—that is, in connection with a written promise to save.

Giving something that represents money in return for a saving is merely making easier the path to saving by conforming to instead of running against the popular idea—however unreasonable that idea may be.

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