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## JUDAS'S THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Tradition Carries Them  
Back to Terah,

FATHER OF ABRAHAM

A New York Man Thinks He  
Was Robbed of One of  
Those Pieces.

Tradition and legend supply a long history of the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas for the betrayal of Christ, of one of which Mark Fisher of New York City thinks he was robbed recently. A series of traditions would carry it back to the time of Terah, father of Abraham; for his hands, we are told, fashioned and made the "thirty pieces of silver" which were kept intact from that time until they were used as the purchase money for the potter's field, or "field of blood."

Terah having made them, Abraham took them with him when he left Chaldea, and used them as part of the purchase money for the cave of Machpelah. They appear next in the hands of the Ishmaelites, who paid them to Joseph's brethren when they sold him into bondage.

As the Biblical version of the story says that only twenty pieces of silver was the price paid for Joseph we must conclude, in order to keep the thirty pieces intact, either that the other ten were paid with them for some other purpose, or accept the statement made by a writer in the fourteenth century that "For thirtieth pens they sold that child."

However this may be, tradition says that these same pieces of silver came into the possession of Joseph himself when his brethren went down into Egypt to buy corn. On the death of Jacob they found their way into the royal treasury of Sheba, where Joseph sent them to pay for spices to embalm his father. Here they remained, undisturbed, for a long period of years, in fact until the Queen of Sheba made her wonderful visit to King Solomon, when they figured among the gifts presented by the Queen to the ruler whose fame had roused her curiosity.

From Jerusalem they found their way back to Arabia. This was in the reign of Rehoboam, when the King of Egypt, having despoiled the temple, gave them to the King of Arabia, his ally, as part of his share in the plunder.

Again they rest, this time until the birth of Christ, when Melchior, one of the wise men, brought them from Arabia and placed them at the of the infant Saviour as part of his offering. During the hurried flight into Egypt, they were in the keeping of the Virgin Mary; but when closely pursued by the soldiers of Herod she stopped to inquire her way of a man who was sowing corn, and in her haste and confusion she dropped them.

Scarcely were the Holy Family out of sight when the corn the man had been sowing miraculously sprang up and grew. Almost immediately Herod's soldiers appeared and inquired of the sower if he had seen the infant Saviour and his parents. The man replied that no one had passed that way since the corn was sown, and the soldiers, considering further pursuit in that direction useless, turned back and gave up the search.

The money was found by a shepherd, who kept it intact for years. Then, being afflicted by a disease that was pronounced incurable, he applied to the Saviour and was healed. Out of gratitude he presented the money

as an offering at the high altar, and soon afterward it was used to pay Judas for his act of treachery.

Various reasons have been given to explain why Judas exacted just that amount. One is that he believed himself cheated out of so much, through the use of the box of ointment, for if it had been sold for three hundred pence he would have appropriated a tenth. Again, it is said that Judas, having been sent by Christ on Holy Thursday with that amount of money to make ready the Last Supper, fell asleep by the wayside and was robbed.

In the midst of his distress, Pilate appeared, and being tempted he agreed to betray his Master for the amount of money of which he had been robbed.

When smitten by remorse, he "cast down the pieces of silver in the Temple" and the priests, believing it not lawful—being the price of blood—to return them to the treasury, purchased with them the potter's field, the "field of blood." The field was long supposed to be possessed of unusual powers, among them that of rapidly decomposing bodies buried in it, so that large quantities of the earth were carried away. The Pisan Crusaders took some of the earth for the Campo Santo in Pisa, and the Empress Helena had some of it taken to Rome. Portions of it are still shown in various parts of Europe where it is said to have been preserved.

One tradition says that only half of the thirty pieces of silver were used as the purchase money for the "field of blood," the others being given as a bribe to the soldiers who guarded the sepulchre, that they might say that the body of our Lord had been stolen. Here, according to tradition, all trace of them was lost.

## EVENTS AND GOSSIP

Mr. William Blakemore has handed in his resignation as president of the local branch of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance. Mr. Blakemore was an active worker in the effort to secure better observance of the Sabbath. He will be greatly missed at the meetings of the Alliance, particularly at a time when an effort is being made to put an end to "life pool" on the Sabbath Day in clubs.

In "Paul-Kauvar" Harold Nelson and his company have achieved another success. This piece does not draw so heavily upon the resources of Mr. Nelson as some of the plays in which he has been seen here, but it is a finished production in every respect. The plot was described in these columns last week, so further reference on that score is scarcely necessary. It deals altogether with the revolution in France, a theme which has afforded material for many of the best plays on the stage. The stirring incidents of that time are depicted in "Paul-Kauvar" in a remarkably vivid manner. Mr. Nelson took the leading role, and throughout he sustained the part in a way that brought forth round after round of applause. In the dream scene he was particularly effective, in fact, he gave a virile interpretation of the role. Of course, Mr. Bruce stands next in rank to Mr. Nelson. As the Marquis de Vaux, Mr. Bruce once more revealed that talent which has won for him such a warm place in the hearts of Nelson theatre-goers. Miss Scott continues to improve, and in Diane de Beaumont she has probably the best part in which she has yet been seen in Nelson. William Yule supplied the comedy, and the frequent applause with he was greeted must have convinced him that his work was appreciated. George Anderson is a late addition to the company, and last night he gave unmistakable evidence of talent of a high order. William Blake is still with the company, and shows marked improvement in his work. Miss Chadwick

was very clever as Nanette. In fact the company as a whole is equal to the best with which Mr. Nelson has surrounded himself, and that is saying a great deal. The costumes and stage settings are particularly worthy of mention, and we regret that space does not permit further reference to the general excellence of the production and the merits of the performers. Mr. Nelson returns on March 28th, when he will be seen in "Richelieu."

With the opening of spring the possibility of Nelson's having a lacrosse team this year is being discussed. Several of those interested in the game have suggested that an intermediate team be formed which would be composed exclusively of Nelson men. At the close of the last season a Nelson team visited the coast and played several games, but no one seemed to recognize the names of its members. It was for the greater part made up of outsiders. Nelson has always had a team which was too strong a match for any

## THE TRIBUNE MAKES WAR ON WOMEN

The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose. An evil soul producing holy witness, Is like a villain with a smiling cheek; A goodly apple rotten at the heart; O, what a goodly outside falsehood bath!

MERCHANT OF VENICE.

If the Nelson Tribune desires only to be talked about, it certainly has achieved its object this week. It is doubtful if any paper in Canada ever created a greater sensation than did the Nelson publication when it appeared on the streets last Monday evening. Respectable citizens read it and then consigned it to the flames.

While those who really enjoy a coarse thing, like vultures perched on the carrion, devoured the editorial contents with gluttonous relish. It is not the object of this comment to refer particularly to the item in question; but it is the sacred duty of every honorable man to resent the mendacious statement therein contained. The man who wrote it says he did so believing it to be true, but that can in no regard be accepted as justification for the publication of an item that in the opinion of many was too vile to even find an obscure corner in the Police Gazette.

It is no defense in a court of law to say that someone said so-and-so, and the man who believes he can evade just punishment by setting up such a plea is only deceiving himself. Nor can a newspaper justify the publication of a defamatory statement by pleading that the writer was "credibly informed" that the assertions contained therein were true. It is strange the idea some men have of what constitutes legitimate comment. If prurient-minded and debased they will contend that it is the duty of the newspaper man to delve in the filth for scandal and to act at all times as a spy on his neighbor. In other words he must become a scavenger, always on duty in his neighbor's back-yard.

If a newspaper desires to cater specially to depraved appetites, it will have little difficulty in procuring the material desired. During the eight years THE ECONOMIST has been in existence, there has never been one week that it was not in possession of information, scarcely ever reliable, that if published would have brought sorrow to many a respectable family and besmirched the name of the city. No real good end would have been served by giving publicity to these scandals, and when investigated they were almost invariably found to be false. Of

other team in the interior and now it has been suggested that a meeting be held with the idea of having a team which would be in the same class as those of surrounding towns.

The Rebeccas will hold a nother of their semi-monthly dances next Monday night, at Fraternity Hall. Irwin's orchestra will be in attendance.

Irishmen and the descendants of Irishmen in Nelson will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a smoker in Fraternity Hall. The preparations indicate that it will be a delightful entertainment. The proceedings will be enlivened with Irish music by Irwin's orchestra.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Church, Kaslo, held a successful concert in Eagles' Hall, last Tuesday evening. The programme consisted exclusively of Irish melodies.

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ten a trivial occurrence was magnified into a flagrant breach of the moral law. In no instance, however, was the information of a character that should find its way to the columns of a respectable newspaper, but, if the offenses had been committed, they could be best attended to by the parents of the offenders or the police officers.

THE ECONOMIST has heard frequently of young girls getting beyond the control of their parents. If this was the case it was manifestly the duty of the person who knew so much about it to warn the parents. We have been told of boys who were dropping into bad habits; evidently another case for parental authority. Time and again it has been hinted that certain young men were guilty of serious crimes. This paper never claimed for itself the functions of police, jury and judge, so it turned a deaf ear to the evil-minded gossip. Repeatedly have the alleged domestic infidelities of a lecherous old impostor been forced upon our attention, presumably with the object of warning husbands to doublelock their doors. It was asserted with due attention to the minutest details that this old rascal was a frequent visitor at his neighbor's house during the latter's absence; that he had robbed that same neighbor of the love of his wife; that in his nocturnal peregrinations he slinked along dark streets with his hat slouched over his eyes conscious of having flagrantly violated the commandment which enjoins us not to covet our neighbor's wife; that he had broken up one family in Nelson already, and would soon have another domestic dissolution to his credit. These and more nauseating details of this man's lascivious deeds were supplied, but they had no interest for THE ECONOMIST, and we are still in ignorance as to the identity of this thick-lipped voluptuary. These entertaining stories may or may not have been founded on fact; that is no concern of ours; but it does concern us that the columns of the newspapers are kept clean and free from anything that will suggest an immoral thought or desire.

A certain class of men may say that it is the duty of the newspapers to make inquiries as to the truth of such assertions, and, if discovered to be true, follow them up with exposure of the evil-doers. But would that make the transgressor better. Would he not brazen out his moral delinquencies, and possibly find some weak-minded

ternity Hall, Friday of last week is pronounced by those present to have been one of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the season.

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creatures to believe that he was a much abused man. Besides it would not be just the kind of literature a circumspect parent would care about placing in the hands of his children, and it might bring shame and sorrow to the innocent families of the offenders.

Again, we do not believe that the citizens of Nelson are just as immoral as the Tribune would lead the public to believe. There may be a black sheep here and there, and occasionally a wolf may prowl around and fasten his fangs into one of the flock. But we have here at least our share of go-sips. Furthermore, it so happens that in this city there are two classes educated in widely different schools. We have citizens who regard everything outside of their former narrow environment in the east as being immoral; and we have those who were brought up in the less restraining surroundings of the Pacific Coast. Conduct that would be regarded as positively shocking and cause a scandal in an Eastern Canadian hamlet, would not be considered harmful or unconventional on the Pacific Coast. For this reason new arrivals from the east are often horrified at occurrences that are not considered as matters even entitled to passing notice on the coast. Yet it is doubtful if Eastern men and women at heart are any purer than those enjoying the greater social latitude prevailing in the west. Some may suggest that they are not quite so good, and that there is more hypocrisy in their make up.

But to return to the Tribune's war on women. It is quite conceivable that the unsophisticated editor of that paper believed he was rendering faithful service to the public when he wrote the scurrilous item complained of. If he did so believe, he can never expect to get his reward on this earth. Too many labor under the impression that he was not moved by such a benevolent sentiment. For our part we prefer not to express an opinion. But we do regret for the honor of the press of British Columbia, that a paper published in the city of Nelson should have violated the ethics of respectable journalism. The indecent charge was absolutely without foundation. Newspaper writers should guard against inflicting unnecessary wounds, especially where women are concerned. We are not saints. No, not one of us, with the possible exception of the present editor of the Tribune.

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MEB-BE.

(By Wm. Henry Drummond, M. D.)  
A quiet boy was Joe Bedotte,  
An' no sign anywere  
Of anything at all he got  
Was up to ordinaire.

An' w'en de teacher tell beem go.  
An' tak' a holiday,  
For wake beem up becas he's slow.  
Poor Joe would only say—  
"Wall, meb-be."

Don't bodder no wan on de school  
Unless dey bodder beem,  
But all de scholar t'ink he's fool,  
Or walk on a dream;  
So w'en dey're closin' on de spring,  
Of course dey're moche surprise  
Dat Joe is takin' ev'ryt'ing  
Of what you call de prize:  
An' den de teacher say, "Jo-seph,  
I know you're workin' hard,  
Beecs w'en I am pass meself  
I see you on de yard  
A splittin' wood—now you mus' stay  
And study half de night?"  
And Joe he spike de sam' old way.  
So quiet an' pelite—  
"Wall, meb-be."

Hees fader an' hees moder die,  
An' lef' beem dere alone  
With chil'ren small enough to cry  
An' farm all rock an' stone.  
But Joe is fader, moder too—  
An' work bote day an' night  
An' clear the place, dat's w'at he do,  
An' bring dem up all right.  
De Cure say, "Joseph, you know  
Le bou Dieu's very good;  
He feed de small bird on de snow,  
De caribou on de wood;  
But yu deserve some credit too,  
I spik of dis before—"  
So Joe he dunno w'at to do  
An' only say wance more—  
"Wall, meb-be."

An' Joe he leev' for many year  
An' helph' ev'ry wan  
Upon de parish, far an' near,  
Till all hees money's gone.  
An' den de Cure he come again  
Wit' teardrop on hees eye;  
He know for sure poor Joe, hees frien'  
Is well prepare to die.  
"Wall, Joe, de work you done will tell,  
W'en you get up above;  
De good God he will treat you well,  
An' geev' you all hees love.  
De poor an' sick down here below  
I'm sure dey'll not forget,—  
An' w'at you t'ink he say, poor Joe,  
Drawin' his only breath?  
"Wall, meb-be."

Old-timers will remember Ed. McCord, who seven or eight years ago sold papers in Nelson. "Mac" was an exceedingly clever boy and very popular with his customers. Since leaving here, over six years ago, he has travelled all over the European continent and visited many Asiatic ports. He is now in Spokane and likely to turn up in Nelson any day.

Geo. W. Hughes is shipping 1200 tons of zinc from the Kaslo sampler. The shipment is consigned to Gas, Kansas. It is understood that Mr. Hughes will follow this shipment by others as soon as the ore is taken out of the mine, having made a contract by which he can ship steadily to the smelter. The Lucky Jim mine is proving to be a bonanza for its owners.

The Slocan Drill reports that ore-hauling from the mines has become a difficult task, a transfer from sleighs to wagons being necessary. Accordingly the week's output fell away to 44 tons. The Ottawa sent out a car to Nelson and the Black Prince one to Trail. W. Koch has given up the hauling from the latter mine, his place being taken by Kennedy & Cameron. The Enterprise will have one or two more cars ready to go out and then she will disappear from the list. The Colorado owners are getting along well with their proposed shipment. Output to date 633 tons.

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All over the Lardeau country everything looks good for the coming season. Arrangements are being made by many companies for the introduction of machinery, and we have every reason to believe that it will be a season of big work and good results, says the Lardeau Mining Review.

At Camborne, the Eva people are making arrangements for the installation of a compressor plant. The last clean-up of this property was close to \$3,000. The Elwood Tin Workers Co. are also installing a compressor plant. Work on the sawmill and development is now being pushed vigorously. The Mammoth group owners are putting up a development fund of \$40,000 with which to put the property in shape for economical working. One hundred tons of concentrates have been sacked and will be shipped from the Oyster Group to the Trail smelter. It is the intention of the owners of this property to double their mill capacity this spring.

The Trine people will put on 50 men early in the season and push work vigorously. While the Silver Cup has shut down at present, it is only for a few weeks, until the danger of snowfalls is over. At the Nettie L. development work is being pushed by a big crew of men. In a few weeks work will be started on the big tunnel scheme. We understand all the stock has been taken up, which provides ample capital for the working of this big proposition. The Mohican crew are driving a long tunnel, which will be completed by the first of June. The Lucky Boy is showing up better than ever, and the working stuff increased as the ground is being opened up. So far an average of a car of ore a month is being taken out, averaging \$150 per ton. It might be said in connection with this property that only the ore met with in course of development is being taken out. The Horse Shoe is proving a good thing for the lessee, and a good shipment will be made as soon as navigation opens.

At Poplar things are brightening up. Barney Crilley is authority for the statement that a 40-stamp mill will be put in for the Lucky Jack and Swede groups early in the spring, which will make these famous properties big producers. Active development is planned for the Pluto, Marcus and Gilbert group, Calumet and Heckla, Broken Hill group and numerous others. The Broken Hill Co. have the erection of a mill at Rapid Creek under consideration, which will greatly facilitate the operation of numerous other good properties in the immediate neighborhood.

The bonding of the Winslow by Bruce White is also going to prove a factor in the success of the district. A large amount of work has been done on the Silver Plate, which has shown up well, during the winter. Over the divide, the Consolidated Co., according to latest advices, are preparing to go to work with a large force on the Old Gold, Primrose and Treadwell.

The promoters of the recently incorporated Reward Mining and Smelting Co., who are driving the long tunnel, are expected to arrive in Ferguson about the 15th.



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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Two months have elapsed since the new city council was sworn in, and the rock-crusher still remains idle.

The whole western country appears to be enjoying the exceptional season of beautiful weather. From the territories it is reported that the farmers are making preparations for the work that is usually done a month later.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been forced to moderate his autonomy bill so far as it has any bearing on the establishment of separate schools in the new provinces. The resignation of Clifford Sifton seems to have had beneficial results.

The Vernon News is one of the most enterprising weekly newspapers published in the interior. The News has published several special editions in the past, and now proposes to print a 60-page finely illustrated number for the Dominion Fair.

Some idea of the increasing interest in fruit-growing can be formed from the reports of the nursery men that their sales this season are double what they were this time last year. Every man who owns a lot seems desirous of raising his own fruit, and when the trees already set out bear their fruit, Nelson and vicinity will possess an additional attraction for tourists.

The McBride Government is fulfilling its promises to the electorate. So far a great deal in the way of much needed legislation has been accomplished, and the balance of the session will probably be taken up with still more important matters. With regard to railway questions, the Premier has announced that it is the intention of the Government to move as rapidly as is consistent with due protection of the interests of the Province. In this respect he is to be commended. Railways are needed to develop the resources of the Province, but it would be better to be even a little behind the times in this regard than to mortgage the whole future of British Columbia merely for a temporary gain.

There were six mines in the United States which produced over 1,000,000 tons of ore each in the year 1903. Five of these—the Fayal, the Mountain Iron, the Adams, the Stevenson, and the Mahoning—are on the Mesabi range, in Minnesota; the sixth is the Red Mountain group, in Alabama. Eleven other mines shipped over 500,000 tons and less than 1,000,000 tons each. These were the Biwabik, the Spruce, and the Burt, on the Mesabi range; the Pioneer and the Chandler, on the Vermilion range, in Minnesota; the Chapin, the Cleveland Cliffs, and the Pewabic, on the Menominee range in Michigan; the Aragon and the Lake Superior, on the Marquette range; and the Norrie, on the Gogebic range.

## PRESS COMMENT.

The McBride Government has secured the confidence of the electorate by the manner in which it has administered Provincial affairs. Within the next few days it looks as if some hard work would be done and many important measures put through.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Public life—its defeats and victories, its joys and sorrows, its praise and blame—seems poor and trivial amid the solemnity of E. F. Clarke's sudden and unexpected death. The gravity of Mr. Clarke's last illness was never publicly realized until the words, "Ned Clarke is dead," went out from the darkened home to carry their own message of sorrow to hundreds of friends of all races and creeds, to thousands who admired him as their favorite party orator, to the thousands more who followed wherever he led and to the comrades of his own early struggles whom he never forgot and who never forgot him.—Toronto Telegram.

It is really amusing to watch the antics of the opposition press in this province. Every one of the Grit editors know that up to the date of the McBride administration the Province had been running into debt and everyone was aware that this had to stop sometime. Premier McBride has stopped it even though the means seemed drastic, and taxes were increased. But at every turn the Liberal editors cry out—for something better to say. It is an absolute certainty that a Liberal administration would have found it needful to do almost the same as has Mr. McBride, but of course, that would be a different story.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Last week Houston gave a striking example of the methods he pursues. For two weeks he had worked against the smelter eight-hour bill, and even half an hour before the vote came he was heard to say that he would not support it. But, unfortunately, the Premier, in joining in the debate on the measure, adopted the same attitude. This was too much for John Houston. "Be on the same side of such a debatable question as Hon. Richard McBride? Never!" The member for Nelson rose in his place and argued dramatically in favor of the bill introduced by the member for Nanaimo; then he sat down and voted for it.—Vancouver World.

It becomes, therefore, an interesting question as to whether Mr. Templeman will receive what is unquestionably his due as the member of the Cabinet representing Western Canada. Is he again to be passed over? To be compelled to see others, perhaps, outside the Cabinet, put in possession of the office that should be his? The excuses offered for such treatment on past occasions, will not suffice now to reconcile the people of Western Canada to further refusal to recognize their claims, even if Mr. Templeman is willing to turn the other cheek to the smiter. We admit that on many grounds it is desirable that the Minister of the Interior should be a member of the House of Commons. But that should not be an obstacle to Mr. Templeman's appointment. It will be easy to get him a seat for one of the constituencies in British Columbia. Within a few days we shall see what is the treatment that is to be given Western Canada on this occasion.—News-Advertiser.

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"She is fond of calling on sick people, and, as she has had every mortal disease or indisposition you care to name, she gives the people whom she visits her own experience of their disease, and they have to listen to all the minute details of the sufferings she had to go through. She hopes that you will get better."

"Meanwhile she tells you of all the people she knows who have died of the disease with which you are afflicted, but reassures you by stating that some people have been known to recover."

"She is the town-center of bad news. If there is a sad event of which she hears early, she immediately orders a carriage and goes on a round of visits to announce it. When her friends see her arrive unexpectedly they look at each other and say, 'We shall hear some bad news.'"

"She is a prophet of ill-omen. She loves the sad, and revels in it. It is her life. She has not a cheerful feature about her. She is a hair in your soup, a crumb in your bed, an unmitigated bore."

"She never enjoys what she has, but spends her life regretting what she does not or cannot have. If she loses a \$1 bill and her husband says to her, 'Never mind; here's another,' she goes on sighing and whining, for she thinks that if she had not lost that \$1 she would now have \$2."

"There is no cheering her up, and when a real misfortune befalls her you feel inclined to exclaim: 'Good, serves her right, now she has something worth crying over.' But this seldom happens, if ever, for it is a remarkable fact that this kind of woman is the very one who never has real troubles—except those of her own manufacture."

"I thought you were given a job in the public service because of the work you did for the party." "I was, but I quit." "Why?" "Why? Why, hang it all; they're getting so blamed particular now that they want a fellow to work for his salary."—Chicago "Post."

### A Bargain in Gloves.

Something more than a warm heart and an open hand is needed in dispensing charity. A Boston woman who wanted to be generous found this to be true in at least one case, related in the "Youth's Companion."

She had been giving to a poor family, consisting of a mother and three grown daughters, a regular allowance of six dollars a week until the daughters should find employment.

The eldest daughter called at the house every Saturday to receive this allowance. One week she appeared on Thursday, and wanted to know if it would be "quite convenient" for her benefactress to advance the money that day instead of waiting until Saturday.

"We are out of fuel and flour, and the man will call this evening for the weekly rent, and we haven't a penny to give him," she said.

"How does it happen that you are in this condition this week, when the six dollars I have been giving you has sufficed to pay your weekly expenses in the past?"

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the young woman, frankly and calmly. "Mamma was down town yesterday, and she came across such a genuine bargain in kid gloves that she felt that it would be almost wicked not to take advantage of it, so she got each of us girls and herself a pair. They're regular two-dollar gloves marked down to seventy-nine cents a pair, and mamma didn't know when she'd ever have another chance to save four dollars and eighty-four cents on four pairs of gloves, so she got them, and who could blame her?"

### His Marriage Fee.

A poor couple living in the Emerald Isle went to the priest for marriage, and were met with a demand for the marriage fee. It was not forthcoming. Both the consenting parties were rich in love and in their prospects, but destitute of financial resources. The father was obdurate.

"No money, no marriage," said the blushing bride, "to go and get the money."

"It was given, and she said forth on the delicate mission of raising a marriage fee out of pure nothing. After a short interval she returned with the sum of money, and the ceremony was completed to the satisfaction of all. When the parting was taking place the newly-made wife seemed a little uneasy."

"Anything on your mind, Catherine?" said the father.

"Well, your reverence, I would like to know if this marriage could not be spoiled now?"

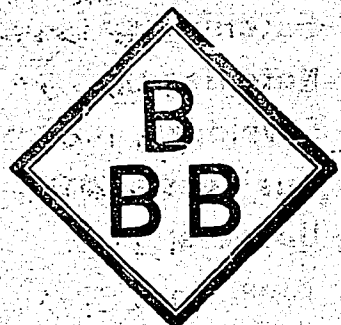
"Certainly not, Catherine. No man can put you asunder."

"Could you not do it yourself, father? Could you not spoil the marriage?"

"No, no, Catherine. You are past me now. I have nothing more to do with your marriage."

"That aises me mind," said Catherine, "and God bless your reverence. There's the ticket for your hat. I picked it up in the lobby and pawned it."

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