APRIL ESCAPADE

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SYNOPSIS.

The O'Hara family, poor but happy, is supported by Martin and Mary Kate, the two oldest children. Martin, who is studying medicine at nights, gets a chance to go to Germany with Dr. and Antwerp, but turns it down because of the family. Mary Kate, who wants him to take the opportunity because it will mean a great deal to him, tries to plan man at all, but as full some way to get the money which will be the standard of two man said freshly. "Perhaps you want ment to come and te suggested sullenly. "I have no objection man at all, but as full being the support of the suppo some way to get the money which will

enable Martin to go.

Mary Kate and a young chap, Cass
Reating, are in love and plan to be married as soon as possible. They tell Mrs.
O'Hara of their engagement, and the
older woman shows disapproval.

CHAPTER VII.—(Cont'd.)

"Cass isn't poor!"

"I'm not talking of Casimir Keating," Mrs. O'Hara said impatiently. "I don't know why you aren't then, Mother!"

Instead of answering, the older woman began a sort of monologue, in a dreaming, sing-song voice.

"There's no love in the worldthere's no happiness in the worldcan get the best of poverty and sickness. The cold shuts down as if it was a hood placed between you and the very eye of God, and you creepin' under it wontherin' will you ever stand up straight under the blue skies and feel the summer wind blowing over you again. Maybe the two children you have are croupy, that you wouldn't dare leave without you'd eyes deep in shadowy circles. have a neighbor's child watchin' them, and the third one under your heart. and weighin' you down every step you take to market.

in', Mrs. O'Hara?" 'Well, it's still at and bits of butter were lodged. home in bed he is, God help the poor soul, he feels the strength of a great weakness that's be upon him, and will he get back to work before Monday flushed, troubled face to his mother's "Settle it between you," Mary Kate ahead of her, and Mrs. O'Hara mixed a of the little ones is very ailin' the dance, Mary Kate?" mornin'." She paused, her face working.

ily has those down times!"

"Many's the day I'd go into Petting?" Mart surmised, with a her that we'd hold him down." church—" The older woman was bright, amused look for his sister. His mother's complacent, dreaming were fixed upon far space. She still the mother completed it sternly. held her widow's bonnet with its dangling veil in her hand. "Many's struck. He looked amazement at "How would we hold him down. Mary Kate. "Cass Keating, hey?" he Mart?" Elizabeth's," she remembered. "And asked. you and Mart climbin' in and out of home in Ireland—" She paused again, ever know." shook her head.

a nun!" Mary Kate said unsympa- man persisted sternly. thetically.

"And you ought to have a bank account to get married," her mother capped it.

'Why don't you like Cass?" the girl demanded, on a new tack.

"Cass?" her mother asked dreamily. "Oh, Mother, don't go off into a coma, like that! Cass Keating, that I'm engaged to!"

The fine, piercing eye pivoted about; Mrs. O'Hara looked through the fibers of her daughtr's very being. "Since when?" sl.e demanded blank-

"You make me crazy!" Mary Kate gritted, through set teeth. She looked

into space; spoke levelly. "Well, upon my word this is the

lasting delicious flavor and made of pure chicle and other ingredients of the highest quality All of its goodness is seated tight in the clean wax wrapped packag The days work goes much easier with WRIGLEY'S to sustain and 3 HANDY for A LOT ROB

first I've heard of that!" the older

"Perhaps you want the fire department to come and tell you," the girl

"I have no objections to the young rupted staring into space. But her man at all, but as for you marryin' him, there'll be no talk of that until he's able to offer you something more O'Hara said, gratifien. than dishes and didies!" Mrs. O'Hara summarized it firmly.

"Good night!" the daughter said abruptly, from the doorway.

Mrs. O'Hara made no sign, and the girl watched her for a moment irre- said nodding, with a shrewd triumphsolute. Then, apparently changing her ant glance for the girl. mind about leaving the kitchen, Mary Kate walked across to one of the win- Martin pursued. dows down which soft rain was still twisting and shining in the black a placidity that secretly surprised her night outside. Her mother sat on, at mother. But then the child had althe table, the dingy bonnet with its ways taken everything from Mart! dangling veil still balanced on one big hand. Her tired kind eyes were ab- own mind," Mart added. sent, filled with dreams.

light, a green-shaded lamp on the Mary Kate. table. It was very warm. Bubbles died away in the half-finished glasses of ginger ale; rain beat gently on the

There was a long silence. Then Martin came in, spattered with rain, tired and dishevelled and dirty, his

Mary Kate went to the pantry, cut buttered it lavishly, placing it before disdain at her interlocutors. him. She also placed on the table "'How's your husband this morn- a soup-plate of honey in which crumbs dially, aking an enormous mouthful apologized politely, perfunctorily. "Tea, Mart?"

"Oh, Lord, no! This is grand." His eyes went alertly from his sister's faction.

"If you'd seen what I saw, when I reproachful. come back from the pitchers with the "Well, heavens, Mother, every fam- girls-" Mrs. O'Hara began, in a high, rich." Mart went on, with enthusiasm, emotionless voice.

"Marrying!" Mart echoed, thunder- fine eyes.

"Mother," Mary Kate said bitterly, wife's family, Mother," the pew, and droppin' my purse all "all but threw him out of the kitchen! "How do you mean he doesn't marry

thinkin' of the little nuns—safe at he'll think we are is more than I'll marry his wife's family?"

"I mean that what with the chil-"It's the greatest nonsense ever was dren to raise and educate, and me with the club with the fact that he is earn-"You have to have a vocation, to be in it, and you nineteen," the older wo- years of schooling ahead—and Tom to ing his salary."

settle in something-" Martin's look moved through puz- Mrs. O'Hara's eyes came about at Inhale Minard's Linime for Asthma.

It's your mother, Mary!" exclaimed Hazel Wright, Mary's room mate in the college dormitory.

As she peared out her heart to her mother and from the very sound of her parent's voice gathered strength

to overcome that homesiciness which only those who have experienced it can appreciate. Healt Wright wondered how anyone could be without a telephone even as she herself expressed it "If it took too least count."

"Mother!" eried Mary Strong who had thrown herself on the hed in a fit of homesickness.

Homesickness And a Cure!

"He wouldn't have to be a murderer for me not to want him to run off with Mary Kate," Teresa O'Hara said with dignity.

"Well, don't warry," the girl said, acidly, "for he'll never come back to

"The roof'll stay on," her mother predicted calmly.

Martin looked uneasily at his sister, who had seated herself at the end of the table opposite him. She had planted her bare elbows on the dark red oil cloth, her chin was in her hands, her expression was angry. But down her cheeks the swift unwelcome tears were beginning to roll. Mr. O'Hara, cast one glance at her, raised her chin, continued her stony contemplation of distant spheres.

"Maybe Mother's right," Martin be gan craftily.

"That's right, sk! against me!" his sister said hotly.

The boy leaned back in his chair; her hard eyes met his. Only for the fraction of a second their looks crossed then Mary Kate continued her intertears were dried by magic.

"Now you hear your brother!" Mrs. "Here's what I think, Ma," Martin

said, gulping down flat ginger ale, "Mary Kate'd be a fool to marry a fellew like Cass Keating." "Well, now you see," his mother

"Even if he was in love with her-

Mary Kate was regarding him with

"A fellow like that doesn't know his "Well, now you see?" Mrs. O'Hara The kichen was lighted by but one put in a kindly, triumphant aside for

> "He'd break her heart," the boy continued. "He would, Mart. He would that!"

"What do you like about him, Mary Kate?" Mary Kate deigned no reply. She was sitting at the end of the kitchen her son with a flash of white, like a

table her elbows on the red oilcloth, her chin cupped in her palms. She him a great double slice of bread, and cast a glance of bored, magnificent "I like him," Mar confessed cor-

> of bread and honey. "But not for Mary Kate." "Well!" Mrs. O'Hara said, in satis-

we don't know at all. And the both sphinxlike one. "Didn't you go to the urged them. And her look at her brother was a little puzzled, and a little

"He's making good, he's going to be "and it'd be a constant reproach to

merely thinking aloud; her fine eyes "And kissin', and talk of marryin'," expression suddenly altered; a slightly disturbed expression clouded her

"Well, a man doesn't marry his

over the floor, and there I'd kneel, I never saw anything like it! What his wife's family? Who wants him to those funny motions before he throws



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your book-

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Now music sways the brook,

horse's eve.

"You mean I'd settle down and be a bur'n on him, is that it?" she demanded mildly-too mildly.

"Oh, not a burden, exactly," Martin There was another silence, during which Mary Kate, her eyes deep in thought, her mouth occasionally twifching slightly, looked straight

(To be continued.)



the ball?"

"Wants to impress the manager of

Now winds pipe merrily on ready

reeds. And silvered crystal cups the skies; Pale lilies lell their beads To dragonflies.

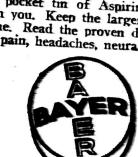
The sun is sweet and heady with content. And idles through a shadowed way-

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"Yes, ma'am,' he said, "I've asked for money, and begged for money, and even cried for money.'

"Have you ever thought of working for it, my man?" she asked.

"No, not then, ma'am," said Willie. 'You see, it's like this, I'm going hrough the alphabet, and I ain't got

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