#### SOWING SEEDS IN DANNY

By NELLIE L. McCLUNG

Author of "The Next of Kin," "Three Times and Out," etc.

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Mrs. J. Burton Francis, a seeman with high ideals and more than the ordinary measure of the milk of human kindness coursing through her veins, notices that her seashwoman, Watson, is performing her labora in a sluggish manner, inquires about her health and about her numerous children, subjects her to some uplifting talk on motherhood, suggests books for her husband to read, and interests herself in the welfare of the family. The Band of Hope holds its meeting, with Mary Barner as its leacher. The children are anxious to say their pieces. "Pearlie" Watson waved her hand appealingly, and Miss Barner gave her permission to speak.

#### AND HERE IT CONTINUES

DLEASE ma'am." Pearl said, addressing Mrs. White, "Jimmy and me thought anything about a rattlesnake could do for a temperance piece, and if you had only let Jimmy go on you traffic would have seen what happened even a gentleman on the program. Pearlie would have seen what happened even a sanke that et what he hadn't ought to, and please ma'am, Jimmy and me thought it might be a good lesson for forget it and me had be a good lesson for forget it. thought it might be a good lesson for forget it, and was off like a shot into

Miss Barner thought that Pearlie's oint was well taken, and too'. Jimmy with her into the vestry, from which he merged a few minutes later, flushed and triumphant, and recited the same ection, with a possible change of text in one place:

As I was going to the lake I met a little rattlesnake: I fed him on some jelly cake. Which made his little stomach ache. he musical committee then sang: We're for home and mother, God and native land,

Grown up friend and brother, Give us now your hand. he was saying dum-dum-dum-dumdum-rum-dum-rum-dum-dum, if

Mary Simpson hadn't told. Wilford Ducker, starched as stiff as soiled and raw starch could make him, recited "Perish, King Alcohol, we will Hopers. Wilford was allowed to go to appointed.

Band of Hope only when Miss Barner went for him and escorted him home that day. Taffy enough for every one, amber colored taffy slabs with nuts in particular about Wilford from the first.

world bent upon pleasure with a ten-dency toward liquid refreshment. Her

And pleasure's glittering crown; The path of pride shall be my goal.

And conscience's voice I'll drown!

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Then Blanche sweetly admonished

Oh! lay aside your idle boasts. No pleasure thus you'll find; The flowing bowl a serpent is To poison soul and mind. Oh, sign our pledge, while yet you car Nor look upon the wine

Let not its curse be thine! Thereupon the frivolous creature reittle girls join hands and recite in nnison :

When it is red within the cup.

We will destroy this giant king, And drive him from our land; And on the side of temp-er-ance We'll surely take our stand!

Robert Roblin Watson (otherwis known as Bugsey), who had that very day been installed as a member of the day been installed as a member of the Band of Hope, after he had avowed his determination "never to touch, taste nor handle alcoholic stimulants in any form as a beverage and to discourage all traffic in the same," was the next

I belong to the Band of Hope, Never to drink and never to smoke: To love my parents and Uncle Sam, Keep alcohol out of my diaphragm; To say my prayers when I go to bed. And not put the bedclothes over my

Fill up my lungs with oxygen. And be kind to every living thing.

There! I guess there can't be no kick about that, Pearl thought to herself as Bugsey finished, and the applause rang out loud and louder. Pearlie had forgotten to tell Bugsey

so he stood irresolute, as the applaus

Day, owing to Miss Barner's kindness Day, owing to Miss Barner's anduces, Bugsey's cup of happiness was full. Miss Barner said she had an extra big piece for the youngest member, Master Danny Watson. Pearlie had not allowed grow up. but was accorded a very any person to mention taffy to him be indifferent reception by the Band of cause Danny could not bear to be dis

Then the White girls recited a strictly Oh, look, there's another plateful, and it able piece. It was entitled "The it's coming this way! "Have some Vorid and the Conscience."

Lily represented a vain weman of the there's lots of it." Was it a dream?

Her had left the vestry, Mary Barner sa dency toward liquid refreshment.

innocent china-blue eyes and flaxen braids were in strange contrast to the mad love of glittering wealth which was supposed to fill her heart:

Wise to me the flowing bowl,

Liet had left the vestry, Mary Barner salone with her thoughts, looking with unseeing eyes at the red and silver mottees on the wall. Pledge, cards which the children had signed were gaily strung together with ribbons across the salone with her. She was thinking of wall behind her. She was thinking of the little people who had just gone— how would it be with them in the years

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to come—they were so sweet and pure and lovely now. Unconsciously she bowed ber head on her hands, and a cry quivered from her heart. The yellow sunlight made a ripple of golden water on the wall behind her and threw a wavering radiance on her soft brown hair.

It was at that moment that the Rev. Hugh Grantley, the new Presbyterian minister, opened the vestry door.

The Reliet of the Late McGuire CLOSE beside the Watson estate with U its strangely shaped dwelling stood another small house, which was the earthly abode of one Mrs. McGuire, also of Irish extraction, who had been a widow for forty years. Mrs. McGuire, also of Irish extraction, who had been a widow for forty years. Mrs. McGuire, was a tall, raw-boned, angular woman with piercing black eyes and a firm forbidding jaw. One look at Mrs. McGuire usually made a book agent forget the name of his book. When she shuther mouth, no lips were visible; her inprurned nose seemed seriously to contemplate running up under her sun bonnet to escape from this wicked world with all its troubling, and especially from John Watson, his wife and his family of nine.

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lack of words, but from lack of breath, he slowly remarked: "Mistress McGuire, yer a lady."

"Yer a liar!" she snapped back, with still more eloquent burst of invec-

John lighted his pipe with great de-liberation, and when it was drawing nicely he took it from his mouth and said, more to himself than to her: 'Stay where ye are, Pat McGuire.

It may be not where ye are, but it would be hotter for ye if ye were here, and ye'd jist have the throuble o' movin'. Stay where ye are, Pat, wherever ye are." He walked away leaving Mrs. McGuire with the uncomfortable feeling that he had some way got the best of her.

The Watsons had planted their po-tatoes beside the fence, and did not dream of avil. But one morning in

the early autumn, the earliest little Watson who went out to get a basin of water out of the rain barrel; to wash the "sleeps" out of his eyes, dropped the basin in his astonishment, for the fence was gone—it was removed to Mrs. McGuire's swoodpile, and the lady herself was industriously digging the potatoes.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

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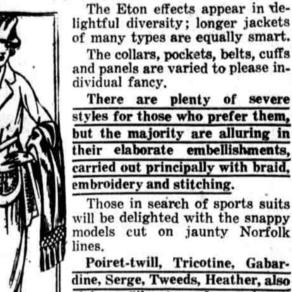
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