

# The Swaddling Clothes of the Infant Jesus

ONE of the most famous cathedrals in Germany possesses as its most sacred relic the swaddling clothes of the infant Jesus. It is a sweet and beautiful possession which many visitors come from afar to venerate.

One Christmas eve the sacristan was arranging the treasure confined to his care, which was to be exposed to view on the great feast of the morrow. The sacristan was a little, hump-backed man, beady-eyed and red-nosed, and it was in this ugly person that the privilege was vested of going away carrying for the adored relic. We must not be astonished at this, but must reflect that often the most humble and unattractive are chosen to be nearer the kingdom of heaven. But unfortunately, the hump-backed sacristan had no idea that he was one of the elect, and the marvelous character of his task gave him no extraordinary mention. During the 20 years that he

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had added the candle of the candle, and born in daily contact with the treasure, he had received no enlightenment; he never made the sign of the cross before touching the sacred relic, but he treated it with the same mechanical indifference with which he had hammered the soles of the boots in his former occupation of a shoemaker.

This day, on opening the cupboard in which the linen of the infant Jesus was carefully confined, he whistled a little ditty tune and thought: "It's not nice weather outside." A violent wind was blowing in the street, and he whistled the signposts of the shops, and making the chimney smoke as all the chimneys were doing.

He was on entering the sacristy, he listened to the moaning of the wind and thought that the fury of nature did not accord well with the feat for which he was preparing, but doubtless there was a striking symbol in the

street. Now began an extraordinary race. From street to street; from roof to roof, the little swaddling clothes had crept by the crowd.

What a class! The priests, red with indignation, all lifting their arms, crying orders, and gestulating madly. The Swiss followed with his useless halberd. The little hump-backed sacristan ran also as fast as his bandy legs would let him. And behind came the old women, limping, plating, themselves, and trawling the name of Mary.

The whole town was rapidly raised by this great agitation. To the mad dead priests and the old deaconess was joined a population running and excited. Some brought poles, others ladders, and some brought cushions, or signs of blessed care, with which they thought they could ease the linen, attracted by the holy magnet.

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