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Re: From the set of books *A Historical Personages, vol. III, Naambke to Toadless*

Oleanor the Younger: (1221-1254) [*note: no relation to Oleanor the Elder (1153-1215), please see entry, prev. page*] Established the lineage, in 1251, of what became known as "Christ's Grease Spot," a napkin [piece of cloth] supposedly used by Jesus of Nazareth at the Last Supper, to wipe olive oil from His lips. Once the lineage was established, the item became a Holy Relic, and Oleanor the Younger a minor celebrity, as he was in possession of said cloth. A bidding war broke out between bishoprics, and the cathedral at Aachen eventually bought the relic from Oleanor in 1253 for an undisclosed sum.

However, a scant six months later, the Lineage (as it had come to be known) was thrown into question by revelations from Norbert the Cockswain, who claimed to have spent a drunken evening with Oleanor and used the cloth to wipe pig's fat from his own mouth.

Oleanor was immediately brought before the Inquisition and found guilty. He appealed to Pope Innocent IV, but said appeal was viewed as further heresy, and Oleanor was tried again. Having been found guilty of heresy twice in three months (and once for the heinous crime of fabricating a Holy Relic), Oleanor was summarily burned at the stake in 1254.

[*note: records at the cathedral in Aachen do not show that the relic was ever destroyed, leading one researcher (Angus Plithers) to conclude that the Church believed the relic to be authentic, but after paying Oleanor, had experienced buyer's remorse, hired Norbert to discredit Oleanor, and thus recouped the lion's share of the money paid out upon his conviction.*]