

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(6) Go Back to Work

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At another time a simple but sincere man, a [Goth](#), came to Subiaco to become a monk. Benedict directed the monk to clear briars away from the lakeside using an iron brush hook. While the Goth was hard at work clearing the brush, the iron blade slipped from its handle and flew into a deep part of the lake. The monk was certain there was no hope of retrieving it, so he went with some fear and sorrow and told [Maurus](#) what had happened. Maurus in turn told Benedict of the accident. The servant of God went straight away to the lake and thrust the empty handle into the water. Immediately the iron blade rose from the bottom of the lake and slipped back onto the handle. Benedict gave the tool back to the Goth saying, “Continue with your work now. There is no need to be upset.”