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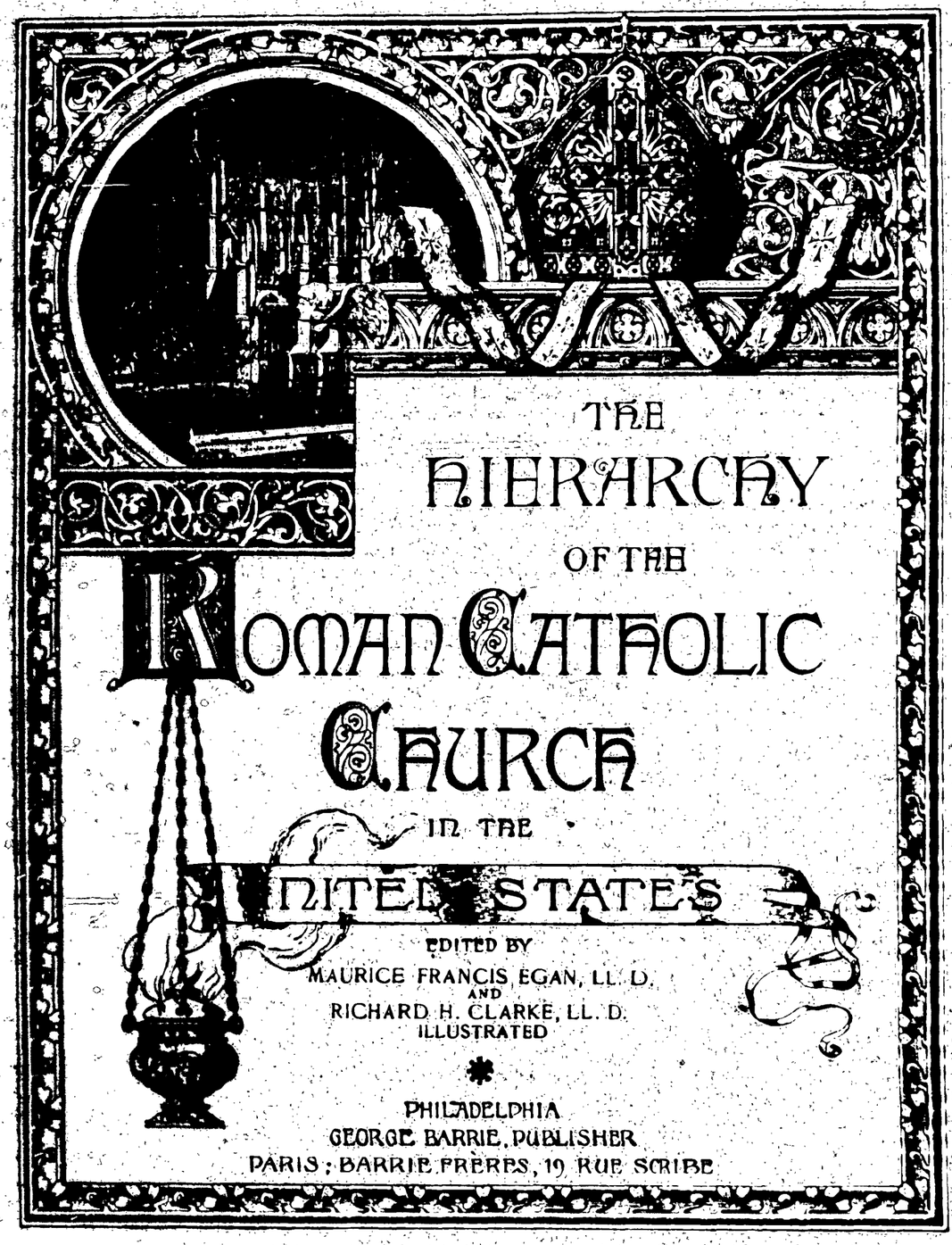

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The recent publication of the list of trinkets and pieces of jewelry sent to the Convent of the Sisters of the Order of the Precious Blood, 212 Putnam ave., Brooklyn, has served to greatly increase the pile that will go to make up the Golden Ostensorium Mother Mary Gertrude, the superioress, now has about seven hundred such contributions. One sent in last week was a fine uaset opal of large size and full of fire. The bazaar in the New Monastery will be opened shortly. The young men of the Leonian Lyceum of St. James' Cathedral, on Jay street, will have charge of the affair and they are working very hard for it.

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A BLAMED SIGHT WORSE.

A bachelor, old and cranky,
Was sitting alone in his room.
His toes with gout were aching,
And his face was o'ercspread with gloom.

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In fact, from the attic to cellar
Was quiet as quiet could be.

No medical aid was lacking.
The servants answered his ring.
Respectfully heard his orders
And supplied him with everything.

But still there was something wanting,
Something he couldn't command—
The kindly words of companions,
The touch of a gentle hand.

And he said as his brow grew darker,
And he rang for the hireling nurse,
"Well, marriage may be a failure,
But this is a blamed sight worse!"

—Boston Courier.

Couldn't Fool Him.

Charles Johnson, a negro, though of Swedish nomenclature, had been arrested for highway robbery out on Independence avenue. A toy pistol, which had served him in "making a bluff," and a handful of small coin were taken from him. He was then ushered before the captain for the usual catechism.

"Let's see, what were you in for the last time, Charley?"

"Never done been heah befo', boss."

"Oh, come, now, Charley, you've been here a dozen times before."

"May de good Lawd 'nilate me, boss, I'ze telling yuh de truth!"

"Well, take him and lock him up."

"Hol' on der, cap'n, ain't yuh gwine ter let me hab my money?"

"Well, I guess not," said the captain, winking at the lieutenant. "This is my take of. Do you suppose I can stay here for nothing?"

"But, yuh'll let me hab it in de mawnin, won't yuh?"

"No, sir."

"Not af'ah the judge gits t rough wid me?"

"No."

"Say, yuh can't feel me dat a way, boss. I'ze been heah befo'."

Then the old darky was taken down stairs, wondering what everybody was laughing about.—Kansas City Times.

Boiled Fish Sandwiches.

You may find it hard to believe that sandwiches made from boiled fish are good, but if when you have a bit of boiled halibut left from dinner you make a few for luncheon or tea you will find them very good. The fish should of course have the flavor that comes from boiling it in salted water with a bouquet of vegetables—say a slice of onion, a stalk of celery or a sprig of parsley and half a dozen peppercorns. Break up the fish with a fork, then take a wooden spoon and rub it as fine as possible. Make it into a seasoned paste by adding a fourth of a pint of sweet cream, a teaspoonful of salt, a saltspoonful of white pepper or paprika, and at the very last and gradually a tablespoonful of lemon juice. This amount of seasoning is for 1½ pounds of fish. Cut your bread very thin, spread the slices with a little butter and then with the fish. Lay between the slices before putting the two together a small, tender lettuce leaf.—New York Post.

A Use For Half Burned Carbons.

There is already a demand for the unused and half burned carbons from the arc lights. Some one has discovered that carbon is a cure for consumption, and it is a well known fact that men who work in carbon factories are singularly healthy. Just how the fragments of carbon are broken up and the particles inhaled does not appear, but people collect them a good deal and profess to derive benefit from their use. It has been claimed for years that a smoky atmosphere is a good one for a consumptive patient, although this has been denied by doctors again and again. The carbon theory may account for what some people believe to be nonsense and others an infallible theory.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Absentminded.

Professor Dusenberry of Columbia college is so completely absorbed in his profession that he is becoming more and more absentminded every day. He remarked to one of the students:

"Something very stupid happened to me the other morning. I believe I am becoming a little absentminded."

"What is it?"

"You see, I wanted to take my wife out in a buggy and give her some fresh air, and when I came to think over it I remembered that I never had a wife."—Texas Siftings.

What Did She Mean?

Dickie—So you've taken up the physical culture fad? I hear you are exercising on a rowing machine and indulging in long walks in the park. What does it all mean?

Daisy—Well, you see, it develops—but wait until you see me down at the seashore a couple of months hence.—Boston Courier.

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Of a mistaken philanthropist Jerrold said he was "so benevolent, so merciful, a man he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain."

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