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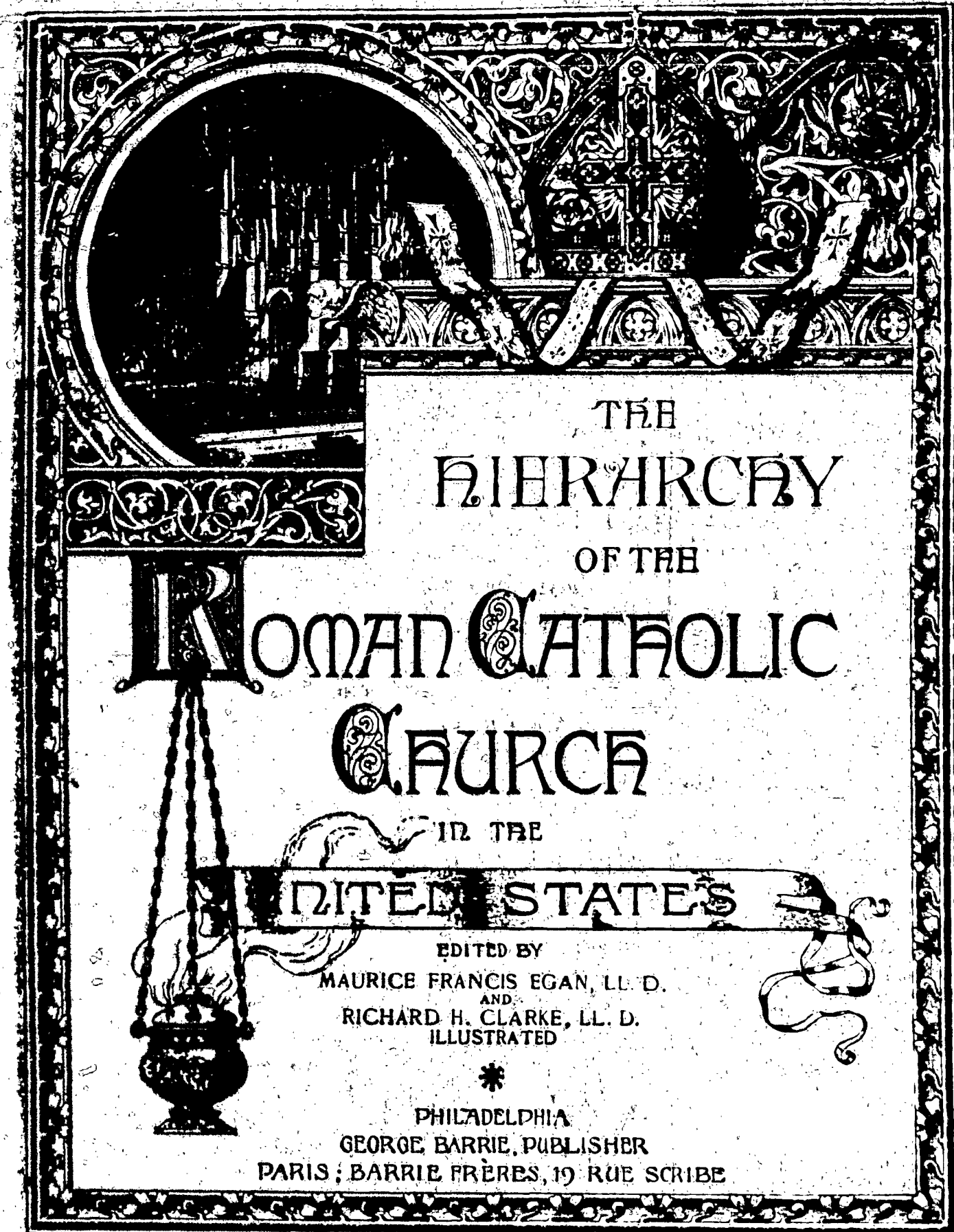
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IMPURITIES IN FOOD.

They Are Not as Common as Many Persons May Suppose.

Singularly exaggerated ideas concerning the adulteration of food are very generally held, according to Dr. H. W. Wiley, chemist of the United States department of agriculture. Sand, for instance, is not sold with sugar—at least in the United States.

The granulated and lump sugars to the market are almost absolutely pure, powdered sugar sometimes, though rarely, contains a little flour or starch, and low grade sugars are impure chiefly through the molasses and water they are made to absorb in manufacture.

Not as good a report can be given of sirups. There is very little pure maple sirup, most of what is sold as such being a mixture of glucose or cane sirups, with a small proportion of the product of the maple, while in an imitation actually protected by a patent the maple flavor is given by an extract of hickory bark. Liquid honey is largely adulterated with glucose. Of cane honey, however, only that in bottles and jars is impure, the old impression that count honey on the frame is adulterated having proved to be erroneous.

Ground coffee is so largely adulterated with chicory, peas, beans, etc., that it is rarely found pure, and even the unground berry is impure. It is rarely mixed with foreign leaves, but frequently has its weight increased by the addition of salts of iron and copper—materials quite prejudicial to health. Cocoa and chocolate are largely adulterated with starch and sugar, and products of animal life greatly improved as to digestibility may have little of the virtues of the original cocoa bean left in them.

A dangerous adulterant is the use of adulterated tin which may contain as high as 12 per cent of lead, the organic salts formed by the corrosion of the lead being always poisonous. The common practice of boiling peas with copper is very objectionable. The use of preservatives, such as salicylic acid, is not without risk, while an occasional source of danger is the development of nitrogenous bodies called ptomaines in preserved meats. The above are illustrations of the principal food adulterations, which, though bad enough, are insignificant in comparison with the startling reports that have been published. Much the greater part of foods we eat is pure and wholesome.

NATAL AUTOGRAPHS.

The Signs Manual of the Child That Does Not Change in Life.

There is born with every one of us and continues unchanged during our lives an unerring and ineradicable mark or marks, which absolutely distinguish each one of us from every other fellow being. These physical marks never change from the cradle to the grave. This born autograph is impossible to counterfeit, and there is no duplicate of it among the teeming billions in the world. Look at the insides of your hands and the soles of your feet, closely examine the ends of your fingers. You see circles and curves and arches and whorls, some prominent with deep corrugations, others minute and delicate, but all a well defined and closely traced pattern. There is your physiological signature.

Run your hands through your hair and press finger nails on a piece of clear glass. You see all the delicate tracing transferred—not two fingers alike, even "the left hand knoweth not what the right hand doeth." They are distinctly different. Even twins may be so little different in size, features and general physical condition as to be scarcely distinguishable, yet their finger autographs are radically different.

In fact, in all humanity every being carries with him on his baby fingers and his wrinkled hand of decrepit old age the identical curves, arches and circles that were born with him. Nothing except dismemberment can obliterate or disguise them. Criminals may burn and wear their hands, but nature, when she restores the mutilated, invariably brings back the natal autograph.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Way of Long Twilight.

On first thought it seems to be a rather paradoxical statement that the nearer we approach to the equator the shorter is that intermediate stage or transition from day to night and from night to day, which we call "twilight." This being the case, however, the period of duration of "the dim, uncertain light" in all tropical countries is very short when compared with that of countries of high northern or southern latitude. The explanation is this: On the equator the sun's path is at exact right angles with the horizon. The last beam of light fades from view when the sun is at 18 degrees below the horizon. This 18 degree mark is quickly reached at the equator; for reasons given in the first sentence of this explanation. The farther from the equator we get the less become the angles which the sun's course makes with the horizon, and the longer the time required for him to reach the 18 degree mark; hence the longer the period of twilight.—St. Louis Republic.

Cinnamon and Cholera.

A decoction of cinnamon is recommended as a drink to be taken freely in localities where there is typhoid fever or cholera, for cinnamon has the power to destroy all infectious microbes. Even its scent kills them, while it is perfectly harmless to human beings. It is said that the essence of cinnamon, when exposed in the sickroom, will kill typhoid bacilli in 12 hours and prevent fresh cases.—Kansas City Times.

A great idea is usually original to more than one discoverer. Great ideas come when the world needs them. They surround the world's ignorance and press for admission.—A. Phelps.

One of the first things to be done in case your clothing catches fire is to keep as cool as possible.

CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest From all Parts of the Catholic World.

Religious Happenings Presented in a Condensed Form.

In 1871 there were forty Catholic churches in New York City, to-day there are eighty four.

A gift has just been made to the Holy Father of several ancient Mexican manuscripts. The gift is destined for the Vatican library.

Rev. Father Muller, of Mangalore, India, is meeting with great success in the treating of leprosy by means of the electro-homeopathic system cure.

Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State, has expressed to Count Lefebvre de Beahaine, the French ambassador to the Vatican, his pleasure at the election of M. Casimir Perier.

The Holy See has decided not to renew to the firm of Pustet Brothers, of Batisbuna, Germany, the privilege of the exclusive sale of liturgical books. The privilege will expire in 1895.

A nephew of Cardinal Ledochowsky, Prefect of the Propaganda, Father Valadimir Ledochowsky celebrated his first Mass in the Convent of the Ursulines at Cracow. He promises to be a most distinguished member of the Society of St. Ignatius.

The Germania, the organ of the Catholic Centre Party, advertises the important proposal that a German Catholic University should be founded at Berlin, with state aid. According to this journal the idea is being well taken up in official circles. The question will probably be discussed at the next German Catholic Congress to be held at Cologne.

The Pope has approved of the proposal that the Archbishop of Baltimore shall become the legal proprietor of the residence of the Papal Delegate in Washington upon the expiration of the present term.

Rt. Rev. F. S. Chataud has returned from Rome. One of the objects of Bishop Chataud's visit to the Eternal City was to make request of the Holy See to change the name of his diocese from Vincennes to Indianapolis. The change was thought to be desirable in every respect, owing to the comparative insignificance of the former to the latter place. The request, it is understood, was granted.

The German Catholics of Connecticut celebrated in Waterbury, recently, what is known amongst them as Catholic Day. The German Catholic population of this entire country is organized into what are known as State unions or "Lands." The object of these unions is the dissemination of the Catholic faith, the building up of the German Catholic churches and parochial schools, in which the children of German Catholics may be instructed in the tenets of the faith and the language of the fatherland. Each State union holds a convention once a year, when delegates from each church society connected with it meet for the furtherance of their aims and objects.

Mgr. Satolli was the centre of attraction at the fifty-first annual commencement of Villanova College, Pa. Archbishop Ryan presided. The Papal Delegate spoke to the graduates in English. He said in opening that he was "a very little boy" in the language, "but I have received so pressing an invitation to speak to you that I cannot well refuse. I have been both pleased and gratified in what I have seen this afternoon. The efficiency shown by the graduating class has afforded me great satisfaction, and I look forward to great advancements and a bright future for every member of the class. But, as I speak English with great difficulty and am somewhat of a novice in your language, I will take the liberty of addressing you in the language to which I am most accustomed." Mgr. Satolli then finished his remarks in Latin, congratulating the class upon their progress and paying a glowing eulogy to the Church for its efforts in the line of solid education. He spoke eulogistically of the Constitution of the United States, and contended that the principles of the Catholic Church underlie those of the American Government, both of which, he said, were in absolute harmony. Catholic philosophy, he declared, acted out and developed the true principles of American liberty.

New Catholic schools, erected largely through the bounty of Sir Peter Mostyn, the Earl of Dunhigh, and

Mrs. Rockall at Stokryn, will be opened at Holywell, Wales, towards the end of July. The buildings can also be used as reception rooms for the numerous pilgrims who visit the shrine of St. Winefrida.

The Catholic temperance societies of the United States have more than 100,000 members.

The Spanish Catholic Congress this year will be held at Tarragona in the first fortnight of October.

The Jesuit Scholastics from St. Louis, Mo., and Cincinnati, Ohio, are at Detroit College, Detroit, Mich., spending their vacation.

Rev. Daniel Oudizhy the venerable pastor of St. Mary's Church, Milford, Mass., has sailed for Ireland, to be gone a few months.

Rev. John Fox, S. J., is giving a retreat to the Ursuline nuns at Columbia, South Carolina.

Rev. Robert Fulton, S. J., of St. Lawrence Church, New York City, is conducting the retreat to the priests of the diocese of Manchester, N. H. Rev. Neil N. McKinnon, S. J., also of St. Lawrence's is conducting a similar retreat to the priests of the diocese of Providence.

Rev. V. Lecler, rector of St. Anne's Church, Woodstock, R. I., and Rev. Eugene Lesard, assistant pastor of the Church of the Precious Blood, left for Europe. They will be absent about two months.

Rev. J. P. Manning, an assistant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, Me., has been transferred to Presque Isle. It is announced that Father Harrington, formerly a member of the Passionist order, will take his place at the Cathedral.

A check for four hundred dollars was presented to Rev. William E. Starr of Baltimore, Md., in honor of his silver jubilee. The presentation took place at a reception which he gave to his parishioners and friends in the school hall of Corpus Christi Church, on Mt. Royal near Lafayette Avenue.

Rev. Dr. Grace of St. Mary's church, Newport, R. I., has left Europe for home. Rev. J. P. Sullivan of Newport, has been assigned to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Providence of which Rev. W. I. Simmons is pastor. Since his ordination last Christmas, Father Sullivan has been temporarily assigned to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Central Falls.

The wooden portion of the sanctuary in St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, Md., has been replaced by Italian and Tennessee marbles. The flooring is of octagonal Italian marble interlaced with stripes of Tennessee and white marble. Marble steps also have been substituted for the wooden one in front of the main altar and also those at the altars of the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.

Bishop Foley of Detroit, Mich., has made the following assignments in his diocese: Rev. Miles Whalen is assigned to the Cathedral as assistant ad tempus. Rev. Anthony Burke to the new parish of Palm and Missions as rector. Rev. D. O'Loughlin, as administrator ad tempus to Owosso, Rev. James Rivard as second assistant at Kalamazoo. Rev. C. Kennedy as rector at Hastings. Rev. William Dunn as assistant at St. Vincent's, Detroit. Rev. M. Esper as assistant in Sacred Heart church, Detroit. Father Mueller to St. Albertus, as rector. Rev. P. Esper as assistant to N. Door. Rev. Thomas Ryan to Pontiac as rector. Rev. H. Koenig to North Branch, as rector.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which is to hold its convention shortly at St. Paul, Minn., has increased during the past year by the addition of 48 societies with a membership of 2,676. This makes the total membership of the Union 67,350.

In these days of A. P. A. bigotry and intolerance it is pleasant to see the various religious denominations of Chicago working together regardless of the yelps of the fanatic boycotters who are endeavoring to bring creed into politics. The Interdenominational Association, composed of Methodists, Roman Catholics, Baptists, and Presbyterians, is not only doing a great work for temperance, but it is solidifying and building up the true American sentiment of religious tolerance. So long as the churches stand together the A. P. A. will kick against the pricks in vain.

The few want to accumulate wealth at the expense of the many, hence the present great strike.