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Speaking of the imprisonment of Father Gill, of Grandby, Canada, for refusing to disclose what was told him in the confessional, an exchange says:

Several test cases have arisen in the United States, in which it has been decided on appeal that priests are not in contempt of court when they refuse to testify to facts that have come to their knowledge only under the seal of confession. But whatever may be the law, the priest is bound to suffer any punishment—even death—rather than betray a penitent who has opened his conscience to him. In this matter the priest has before him the example of St. John Nepomucen of Bohemia, who was tortured and put to death by the Emperor Wenceslas in 1383 for refusing to reveal to him the confession of the empress. His hands and feet were tied, and he was thrown from a bridge into the river Moldaw at Prague.

POOR ECONOMY

It strikes us that it was poor economy for the mayor to force the Board of Health to discontinue the manufacture of anti-toxine. It was a noble charity, a humane charity and a valuable charity from a sanitary standpoint. The new medicine is not so common yet that it can be sold at a price within the reach of the poorer classes. Rochester's health officer was the first public official who took up its manufacture that poor people could be benefited. They have been benefited, and the cost has not been one-hundredth part of what is wasted in a week by useless employees on the city's pay roll. Niggardliness is not true economy.

THE RAINES BILL

Governor Morton has signed the Raines bill. His defense of it is labored and weak. In fact it is rather an apology than an approval for the new law. The JOURNAL has opposed the so-called Raines bill. It still doubts the wisdom of its passage, but it is now law and we hope it will be strictly enforced. Every saloon should be closed on Sunday. No partiality should be shown. All should be treated alike. This end could have been attained under the present law had the officials so desired. Under the new law there is no excuse or reason for its non-enforcement. As we have said before, there are some good points in the new excise law, and we hope time will prove that our objections were not well founded. If not, then we will be treated to a continuance of the excise tinkering that has grown so numerous in late years.

The Detroit "Free Press" says Congressman Linton cannot carry the great state of Michigan with him in his A. P. A. opposition to Father Marquette's statue at the National Capitol at Wash-

A young German recently entered the Dominican Monastery at St. Rose, Ky., ostensibly to study for the priesthood. In reality he was a spy in the service of the A. P. A. His object was to secure information about the inner life of the monastery, with a view of making capital of it, if possible, in support of A. P. A. charges. On leaving the Monastery, he took with him a money bag, and for that offense was arrested and given thirty days on the rock pile. If it were a Catholic who had taken such means to get information about the A. P. A. the bigots would have berated it all over the land.

The Cincinnati "Telegraph" says pertinently says: "If President Cleveland were a Catholic instead of a Presbyterian, and had presided at a Catholic meeting instead of a Presbyterian, and had urged on the development of Catholic home missions instead of Presbyterian, and had said that he did so not only in his private capacity but also in his official character as the Chief Executive of the nation, how the Protestant press and pulpit would have reverberated with clamorous remonstrances. But, as things are, not one of them has criticized the solemnity of his action or identified his office with his Protestantism."

Bishop Durier, of Natchitoches, in a recent interview with the Holy Father, remarked that the only opposition to Catholics in the United States came from the A. P. A. "Oh," replied the Holy Father, "that opposition is but a little cloud which will clear up before Catholic loyalty. Let Catholics go on and on, ever and always loyal and true to their grand American country which they love so well," and he added that "in that noble America, where the Church enjoys full freedom, the duty of Catholics to country is, moreover, loyalty in love."

M. Luyson, formerly known as Pere Hyacinthe is a wanderer upon the earth, and his erratic movements of recent years, since his congregation in Paris, went to pieces, have been observed with wondering curiosity. He has affiliated, more or less regularly, with half a dozen different sects, in addition to having a church of his own, and now, it seems, he has joined the Copts.

It is an open question whether the State should pay for medical treatment for persons addicted to intoxication. Its answer depends upon whether drunkenness is a disease or not. Our own private opinion is that in a few cases it is, in most cases it is not. With God's help any man can abstain from the use of liquor, can overcome a thirst for strong drink. In man's own weak strength he can do nothing. Therefore, they who are addicted to the use of liquor should seek God's help. The grace imparted by the Almighty is far more potent than any medical treatment.

Will some one kindly explain what official position Anthony Comstock has or whence he derives the authority that permits him to exercise a censorship over the morals of these United States? For our part, we do not think Comstock the right sort of an individual to supervise public morals. He might do as referee in a prize fight or an inspector of brothels, but that is all.

It is a queer proceeding to deny the lieutenant-governor of this State, a distinguished citizen and eminent in the political party with which he is affiliated, the small honor of going as a delegate to a national convention of his party. If it be that this was done because he dared to express his honest convictions on public matters, then we say it is contemptible politics.

Governor Levi P. Morton is now New York State's acknowledged candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency. All citizens of the State, irrespective of party, hope he may be nominated.

Conventions and caucuses remind us that a presidential campaign is under way.

The "New World" makes the astonishing assertion, "In truth, it requires no ordinary man to maintain his integrity as a member of the Chicago City Council."

We do not care what William McKinley thinks on the currency question, but we would like a plain unequivocal statement as to whether or not he is a member of the A. P. A.

Edna Haggard has wisely expurgated from the later editions of his novel "Montezuma's Daughter" all reference to "walled up nuns," and has expressed profound regret that it ever appeared.

If you have not yet made your Easter duty, do so at once. The Easter season will soon expire. If you go beyond that you excommunicate yourself.

When one Rochester newspaper starts accusing another of publishing "fake news" it reminds us of the ancient proverb of pot calling the kettle black.

It is to be hoped the A. P. A. will take a hand in national politics and run an independent ticket of their own. These bigots should stand up and be counted just once.

Neither of the great political parties should make any concession to the free silverites in the coming national conventions. The populists should be allowed a monopoly of wildest currency.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Mark xiv. 1-7—At that time: "Mary Magdalen" and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe: and they were astonished. Who said to them: Be not afraid: who seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here. behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you."

What are we to learn from this Gospel? We ought to learn from these pious women to be courageous in working for the glory of Jesus Christ, and, as St. Gregory says, "we shall bring Him precious palm if we serve Him with humility and with mortification."

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 5—Easter Sunday. Epht. 1 Cor. v. 7-8; Gosp. Mark xiv. 1-7.
Monday 6—Easter Monday.
Tuesday 7—Easter Tuesday.
Wednesday 8—Of the Octave.
Thursday 9—Of the Octave.
Friday 10—Of the Octave.
Saturday 11—Of the Octave.

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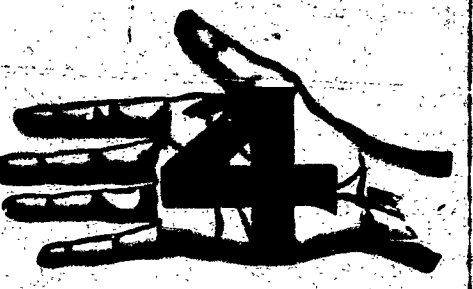
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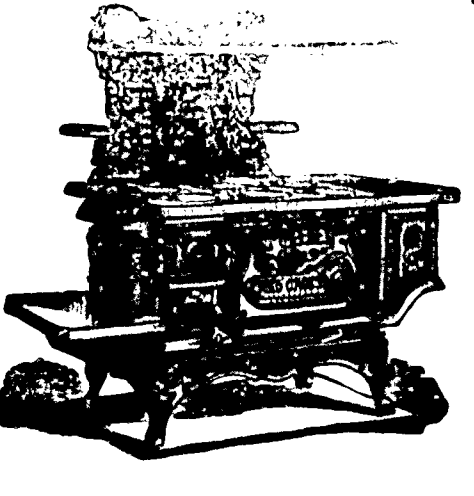
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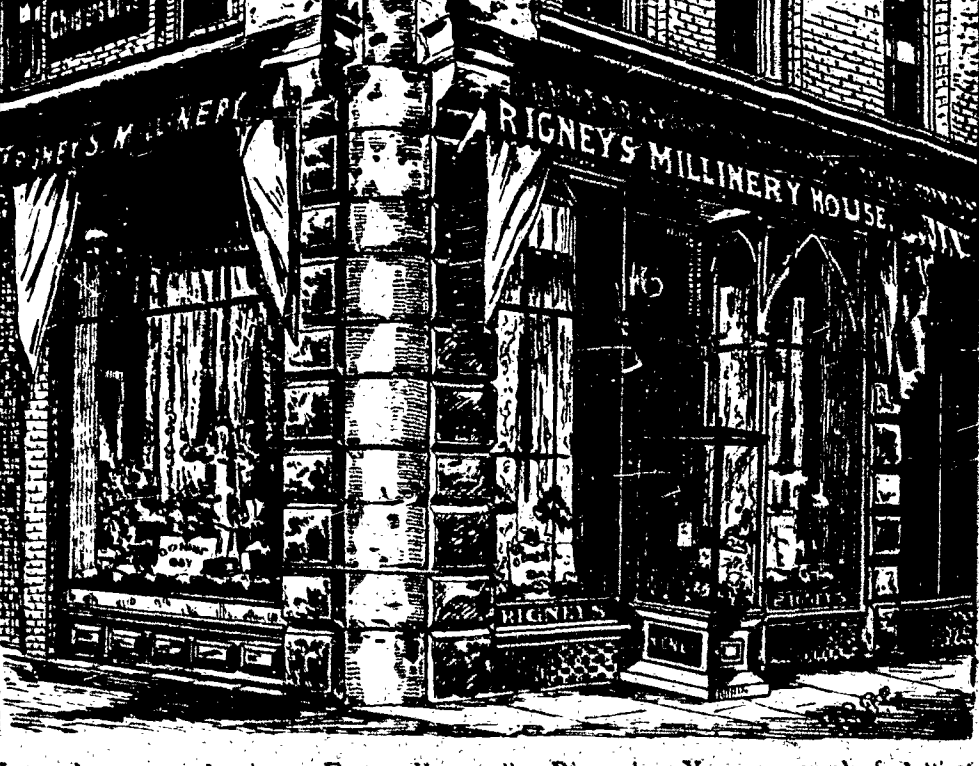
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