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AMERICAN TORIES

It seems out of place in this age of the world to speak of "American Tories," still it is a lamentable fact that there are such individuals in the United States and that they are not at all creditable additions to the population of the republic.

First in the list we are inclined to place George W. Smalley who, for years, represented the New York "Tribune" as its London correspondent, and distinguished himself mainly by his virulent attacks on Ireland, the Catholic church and the Irish hierarchy and people.

Laying all other considerations aside, which two are the better representatives of American manhood and ideas, Smalley and Bishop Potter, or Andrew H. Green and Senator Hawley?

for British customs, the British people and things British in general. In the course of an address before a church club not long since he declared that this country is on the decline, that it has seen its greatest prosperity.

Another speaker at the same dinner, Andrew H. Green, who is every inch an American, replied so vigorously yet so courteously to Bishop Potter that we cannot refrain from quoting from his address the following extract:

"We are continually called upon, for some reason, by persons who go for brief journeys in foreign lands, to emulate the virtues which they think they have discovered in one or another foreign community.

TO BE COMMENDED

District Attorney Kenefick of Erie county will be applauded in his new departure in the conduct of his office, which he thus explains:

The press has often pointed out the injustice of a system under which a man may be indicted without being heard in his own behalf, though it may develop on the trial that there is no evidence against him.

We are not so sure that the Syracuse "Post" is right when it asserts that Governor Black's recommendations for biennial sessions of the legislature will be strongly endorsed by public sentiment.

The "Ave Maria" pertinently says: "There are a few noisy newspapers which seem to think that the sole duty of a bishop is to administer a few sacraments, and which consequently assume to themselves the office of censors of faith.

The innate beauties of our American divorce system are well set forth by an incident that happened in Kansas City last week.

It is stated that Assemblyman C. J. Clark intends to introduce a bill providing for a tax of ten cents a day on each alien laborer employed in the state.

THE JOURNAL inadvertently omitted last week to congratulate Alderman William Ward on his election as president of the new common council, and Joseph J. Rebstein on being chosen as city sealer by the aldermen.

James Whitecomb Riley has disposed of the report that he is of French antecedents by emphatically asserting that he is Irish in his tastes, in his face and in his name.

One of the special pension bills introduced in congress grants a pension to a man who was so big that the government could not fit him with an overcoat while he was in the service.

It seems that from a recent trial in Erie county that among the Cattaraugus Indians the theory generally prevails that the chief political boss has a right to the property of all his subjects.

Following that Swiss operation comes a report that a Detroit surgeon has decided to remove the entire stomach from one of his patients.

Many Rochesterians are acquainted with Bernard J. York, who has been appointed president of the first board of police commissioners of Greater New York.

For ghastly humor this from Rochester "Sunday Herald" leads the procession: "Durrant is it."

The New York "Evening Post" is hard on Senator Chandler when it characterizes him as "a kind of republican Tom Watson."

John Sherman has finally tired of denying that he is to retire from the cabinet. After all, it looks as if there were only a Day at stake.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John ii. 1-11—At that time: "There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the Mother of Jesus was there.

We should learn from the married couple in this day's gospel to conduct ourselves at our tables and nuptials as if Jesus were invited and present by His grace.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, January 16—Second Sunday after Epiphany. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Less. Acts iv. 12. Gosp. Luke ix. 21; Last Gosp. John ii. 1-11.

A BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH GIVEN AWAY

A beautiful large photograph 11x14 inches of Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid will be given to every subscriber of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, who after December 1st pays a full year's subscription for 1898 in advance.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1897. The popularity of Hood's Sarsaparilla in this city is shown by the voluntary statements of people who have been wonderfully benefited by its use.

Blondie Gold. Mr. James L. McCulloch, an experienced miner who has lived in Alaska for several years and is thoroughly acquainted with the Yukon River territory and the supplies needed.

It is Well to Know. The ovation crown, in Rome, was made of myrtle.

Great Britain possesses about 1,200,000 more women than men.

It takes a healthy man four months to eat his own weight in food.

The Aroostock war with the Indians of this name lasted during 1838 and 1839.

When the crest of the liberty cap was pointed forward it was designated a Phrygian bonnet.

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BROKE UP A CIRCUS.

An Old Red Skin Fighter Thought the Indian Act Was Just.

Major Henry A. Newman broke in to another of his characteristic stories the last time he was in St. Louis. This is the way he told it, and there were present a half dozen to vouch for its truthfulness:

"A way back in '58 or '59 there lived an old fellow by the name of Sumpter, who was a neighbor of mine.

"The Indian grabbed the woman and dragged her from her horse, threw her down, and scolded her. He held up the wig, all dripping with blood. Vegetarian red. A thrill of horror penetrated the audience.

"The Indians commenced falling asleep under his repeated blows as fast as they did at the 'Horse Shoe.' Frank and myself rushed into the ring to bring the 'General' out.

"I finally got hold of the clown, and Frank grabbed the 'General,' and matters were adjusted without actual murder being committed.

Theosophical Kindergarten.

A Theosophist kindergarten is the latest step in educational fields—a kindergarten and fresh air venture combined.

Costly Imperial Train. The German Emperor's imperial train cost \$830,000, and took three years to construct.

Wedded at 94. Burke Perkins, 94 years old, whose children number twenty-four and whose grandchildren are uncounted.

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The increase of wealth in this country proportioned to population was greatest between 1850 and 1860.

North Carolina, although a large part of its territory is uncultivable land, has a valuation of \$156,100,202.

The number of pupils in the schools of the United States in 1896 was \$16,415,197, an increase of nearly 5,000,000 since 1890.

During 1896 the United States exported \$12,000,000 worth of hams—130,000,000 pounds—of which England bought 108,000,000.

WOMAN IN OFFICE.

A Member of the Fair Sex Elected County Treasurer in Kansas.

For the first time in the history of Kansas a woman has been elected to the office of County Treasurer. Many women have held the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in that State, and they have invariably given entire satisfaction.

Miss Kate Johnson, of Norton county is the young woman elected County Treasurer. She is a Republican, and although the Populists have been in the habit of taking all the offices in sight they were not able to defeat her at the recent election.

American Girls Abroad.

The latest outcry in English society against American habits is that young and pretty American girls do not hesitate to live by themselves with necessary servants, whenever they feel inclined and can afford it.

A New Profession for Women.

A new profession for women seems to be open in piano-tuning. This business pays well and offers many inducements to women in preference to others.

Fashions in Mourning.

Crepe is coming forward as an elaborate trimming in mourning. Parisians having as usual set the fashion.

New Sofa Pillows.

"The way to a man's heart is through a sofa pillow" is the modern maiden's version of the French epigram. And the college man benefits thereby.

The soft pillows of the season have not escaped the miniature mania, and pillows of flowered brocade, with oval painting of powdered beauties, are new and very pretty.

A novel way of trimming a sofa cushion is to place a broad piece of fancy—flowers, plaids or stripes are suitable—ribbon across the cushion diagonally, terminating at the upper corner in a big rosette.

Pillows of plain white or colored satin, finished with a frill of white lace around the edges, are handsome and serviceable in a pretty drawing room.

The linen and wash-silk cushions are sensibly simple in decoration, an embroidered border, a big loose monogram or a simple floral design forming the ornamentation.

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