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Tit for Tat

Retributive justice has fallen upon Joseph H. Choate at last and from a quarter where he had least reason to expect the shock. Several years ago Mr. Choate was one of the speakers at a banquet given in New York by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick...

Frenzied Finance.

Thomas W. Lawson of Boston is the author of a series of remarkable articles on "frenzied finance" now running in a popular magazine. These articles are remarkable in more ways than one. They purport to expose the devious machinations by which Wall street financiers fleece a guileless public...

Finding Out.

Those Americans who have written and talked and shouted, in season and out of season, for closer and more amicable relations between the United States and Great Britain, probably found no fault with Sir Edward Clarke's jibes at the Thanksgiving banquet in London. Possibly they would applaud were some one to propose that we abolish the Republic and become subjects of King Edward. But Mr. Clarke's speech in London should be an eye-opener to many Americans, who are not infected with anglophobe virus, but who sort of

favor closer relations between England and the United States. Mr. Clarke says we are presuming when we call ourselves "Americans." Undoubtedly, a majority of Englishmen are jealous and envious of the pre-eminent place that the United States are attaining in the nations of the world and would be only too glad were we to get a set back. It is a national characteristic of the English race that they are more than friendly with a strong nation so long as it give England the best of the deal - and no longer.

It is well to keep this point in mind always. It is not a theory, it is an historical fact.

Holy Rosary

The Journal extends hearty congratulations to Rev John G. Van Ness and the congregation of Holy Rosary parish on their handsome new church edifice which is to be dedicated by Bishop McQuaid to-morrow morning.

Father Van Ness has worked hard to build up the parish. There were a number of Catholic families in the locality which had become careless in performance of their religious duties partly because of mixed marriages. It took time to bring these back to the church but Father Van Ness finally has seen fruit of his labors and the proof of this is the new church, school and fine church property on Lexington avenue.

The neighborhood has profited, too, by the location of the church there. It may be said that this is true of every new Catholic church. A non-Catholic gentleman remarked the other day to the editor of the Journal that he was only too glad when a Catholic church was located near where he lived because it was certain to build up the neighborhood with a desirable class of citizens.

The twenty Catholic churches of Rochester have contributed more than a little to the material prosperity of the city. What they have done for the moral upbuilding of the city cannot be stated or measured in the space of a brief newspaper article.

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not having suffered at his hands, will be more likely to exult at the neat way in which he fooled the Wall street crowd

Nevertheless the whole Wall street game is one of dog eat dog and honest men have no business in it.

Our Schools.

School Inspector James Clancy of New York, tells the New York "Sun" that for the first time in his experience of twenty years in New York city's schools, he recently set foot for the first time in a Catholic parochial school. With that name such an admission does not speak well for his Catholicity, but he does give the Catholic schools fine compliments although he says he felt "it would be impossible to find anything to commend Educationally, from a layman's point of view." Here is what Mr. Clancy says:

"In all the parochial schools I visited I was invited to examine the classes in any subject contained in the curriculum. Very few were below the standard while the large majority were superior to the public schools."

"In the essentials—penmanship, language (grammar) reading, arithmetic, history, and geography—the parochial schools seems to me to excel. They excel in drawing. The reason for the superiority of the parochial schools in these respects is simple. At the end of a school term (one half year) no child is promoted to a higher grade unless the child has a mastery of the subjects taught in the grade in which he or she has been studying for that term. In the public schools the aim is to get results in the shape of statistics. Fit or unfit, the child is pushed into a higher grade."

"In the parochial schools all through the course callisthenes are given at intervals to relieve the possible monotony of study, but no time is lost in taking children to the yard to play 'organized games' such as are ordered by the board of supervisors of the public schools. Play is as natural as eating and drinking, and the parochial schools are not content with how to get exercises out of their pupils, but rather they would have a clearer idea of the meaning of the words than the average public school child."

The parochial school children are fairly well acquainted with the geography of the world so necessary in these days when the newspapers give such ample space to the current history of nations. They are well grounded in the history of their own country with a good idea of the history of foreign countries, while their writing and arithmetic deserve the highest praise. "With the small amount of money the parochial schools can scrape together they work wonders. The board of superintendents of the public schools it seems to me, might profitably study their economies and methods. Were Inspector Clancy to visit Rochester he could say all this and more in comparing the Catholic schools with the public schools."

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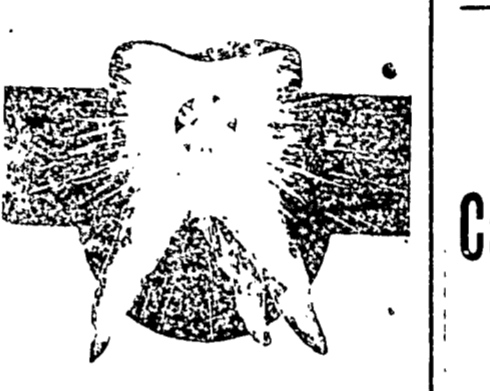
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Many Americans wish they could be in Rome next Thursday to take part in the impressive ceremonies attendant upon the golden jubilee of the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Some sort of fatality seems to attend upon the Brick church.

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