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Confession.

Non-Catholics make confession their great bugaboo. It is not at all uncommon to hear a non-Catholic say that if it were not for the tribunal of penance they would become Catholics. They say they are afraid to confess to the priest. They protest that they do not think it right to tell their sins to a mere man and so on.

After a non-Catholic has become a Catholic and has approached the tribunal of penance his whole notion of confession changes. He wonders why he even dreaded the procedure. Such a load is lifted from his heart. Such a peace enters into his soul. Such contentment envelops him. He has told God's earthly representative all about his innermost feelings, about the temptations to which his poor weak nature had succumbed and those which had been resisted, of the doubts and the fears, none of which he would have even hinted to everyday friends. He has listened to the kindly advice of the priest, he has heard the stories of so many penitents and has counselled so many. He has knelt in the dimly-lighted church and looked up toward the high altar in front of which burned the red fire, signifying that the Lord of Heaven and Earth was in the tabernacle and thought that on the morrow the dear Lord would come to him in the sacrament of the altar and would be a help to him in every time of trouble.

After one of these experiences the non-Catholic that was wonders how he could have been so blind as to steel his heart to the Truth because of a foolish feeling of pride in connection with one of the most helpful, satisfying institutions of God's church.

Unfair.

The Catholic Journal has been much to criticize in Labor Commissioner John McMackin as a politician but it has reason to believe that he has tried to administer the affairs of his office honestly, both as to employer, employee and the general public.

We will have no part in or sympathy with underhanded attempts on the part of organized proselytizers to oust Mr. McMackin to make place for a non-resident agitator of the radical stripe even if that one has enlisted the somewhat injudicious support of a number of organizations, whose main object is to keep in the public eye by minding other people's business at the expense of the public treasury.

What John P. Altgeld could not stomach in the state of Illinois is not apt to be of benefit to the great Empire state.

If Mr. McMackin is to go, Governor Higgins, give us in his place a man of discretion, tact and firmness, not a tactless theorist who may bring lasting discredit upon your administration.

The office of labor commissioner should never be peddled about to make a reputation for this or that individual or association. Too many interests are in its keeping. Its incumbent should be a broad man, a tactful man, a man who knows men, a man who understands human nature. It is the last place in the New York State administration which should be filled by a faddist whose fetish is that the state should regulate not only business and politics but the government of the family.

There are a number of persons who have not become accustomed to 1905 even if they do make a better "5" than "4".

America has been well represented at the Vatican during the last few weeks and the Holy Father has not been niggardly with the substantial marks of recognition he has bestowed upon American clergymen.

Did your list of good resolutions include one to subscribe to a Catholic paper? If not, why not?

It cannot be doubted that the Czar's overbearing disposition towards reforms suggested by the lower classes in Russia will result in greater discontent than ever.

It was a sad home coming for Dr. Chadwick, if he is not guilty of any wrong doing.

Do you look over the books your children read? Do you see the play before you take them or allow them to go to the theatre? If you don't you are neglecting a parent's duty.

If parents only would make home pleasant and attractive we would not hear of so many young people going wrong, mothers would be spared from wayward daughters and fathers' hearts would not be wrung by misdeeds of erring sons.

Bishop Paelan's death removes another of the "Old Guard" of the American Catholic hierarchy. Requiesscat in pace.

Congratulations to Dr. Chauncey M. Depew. He occupies so prominent a place in the public mind, so warm a spot in the public heart that the politicians did not dare to turn him down and so he will serve the Empire, State in the United States Senate for six years more.

Governor Higgins has the Journal's best wishes for a successful administration.

Withal, 1904 was not so bad a year.

WILD BEAUTY OF BRAZIL.

Where the Jungle Grows Close to the Elegance of the Cities.

There is much wild beauty in Brazil. A new language has been forced on the peaceful Indian, but his land remains unchanged. It is only a few minutes' walk from the orderly rows of palms in the botanical gardens of Flo de Janeiro to the jungle; if one would ride the trolley car and the cog train will take him in five minutes to where the wilderness is as wild as if man had not conquered it with steam.

As one sails across the broad harbor among many strange craft, says the Baltimore American, the view on one side discloses the red and yellow metropolis sitting on the hills, but all around are the huddling mountains crowding down upon it. The ride to Petropolis is so rugged and picturesque that if one will not listen to the puffing of the engine or look back at the shining rails, he may well believe that he is the first to pass that way. Huge birds soar upward in the haze, and brilliantly painted butterflies spread their delicate sails as they flash back and forth in the white sunlight; there are clumps of wonderful willows aflame with masses of bloom, all hedged in by towering peaks of lofty mountains.

Petropolis sits in the lap of the hills. Its tree-lined canals all come from the lead back to nature's haunts. All trade lead to rough places. Petropolis stands for all the elegance Brazil can boast. It is the national show place. About 500 of its citizens spend five hours of every day on the train going to and from their business in Rio. The legations of nearly all the foreign governments are located here. To live in Petropolis is quite the thing yet on all sides is it hedged in by the wilderness.

A Quaker City Bird.

A prominent lawyer, who resides in an attractive portion of Walnut street, beyond the river, has a queer sort of pet. It isn't a parrot, nor a dog, nor a cat—it's an everyday chicken, a Plymouth hen.

Pete is an intelligent bird. She does all sorts of tricks, including a graceful jump, as chicken jumps go, and spiral walking through its master's feet, as he wanders around the yard.

Pete has won a warm spot in the hearts of the household. She has free access to the richly furnished apartments of the entire house, besides having a special room of her own.

The lawyer in question anticipated a trip to the Thousand Islands over the holidays of July 4, and naturally, when the preliminary arrangements for the three days' trip were being talked over the other night, the question arose: "What shall we do with Pete?"

"Do with Pete?" interjected the barster. "Why, Pete must go along."

And now the preliminary arrangements will include a method of transportation for the tame chicken.

By the way, this same chicken lays one egg every day, and it's the only egg her fond master will eat at the breakfast table. Other varieties are said to be inferior. This would signify that Pete is useful as well as ornamental.—Exchange.

REMARKABLE OLD WATCH.

Curious Relic Once the Property of Royalty.

The descendants of Mary Setoun, one of the four maids of honor to Mary, Queen of Scots, have in their possession a curious watch, which was given by that queen to her favorite. This watch, which is in the shape of a miniature skull, is about two inches and a half in diameter. It is supposed to have been purchased by Mary herself when on a visit to Blois with her husband, the dauphin of France, as it has the name of a celebrated Blois manufacturer engraved on it.

The entire skull is curiously engraved. On the forehead there is a picture of Death, with the usual scythe and hour glass and sand glass. He is depicted as standing between a palace and a hotel, to show that he is no respecter of persons, and underneath is the familiar quotation from Horace, "allida mors aequo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas Regumque turres." At the back of the skull is another representation, this one being of Time also carries a scythe, and beside him is the emblem of eternity—the serpent with its tail in its mouth. The upper section of the skull is divided into two pictures. On one side is the Crucifixion, with the Marys kneeling at the foot of the cross, and on the outer side are Adam and Eve surrounded by animals in the Garden of Eden.

Below these pictures, running right around the skull, there is an openwork band to allow the sound of the striking of the watch to be heard. This openwork is a series of designs cut to represent the various emblems of the crucifixion, such as scourges, the cross, swords, spears, the lantern used in the garden, and so forth. All of the carvings have appropriate Latin quotations.

By reversing the skull and holding the upper part in the palm of the hand and lifting the under jaw on its hinge the watch may be opened, and on the plate inside is a representation of the stable at Bethlehem, with the shepherds and their flocks in the distance. The works of the watch are in the brains of the skull, the dial plate being where the roof of the mouth would be in a real skull. This is of silver and gold, with elaborate scrolls, while the hours are marked in large roman letters. The works are remarkably complete, even to a large silver bell with a musical sound, which holds the works in the skull when the watch is closed.

This curious old watch is still in perfect order and when wound every day keeps accurate time. It is too large to be worn and was probably intended for a desk or private altar.—Kansas City Journal.

A Locomotive Testing Machine.

One of the latest triumphs of engineering skill is to be found at the Great Western Railway works at Swindon, where an ingenious contrivance for giving a locomotive its trial trip without leaving the scene of its construction is in operation. The feature of the testing plant is that the engine, after being placed on the machine, runs on wheels fitted with tires which correspond to the tread and section of the permanent way. A clever braking arrangement secures a representation of the difficulties encountered in running on the metals, and all the tests usually made on a trial trip can be conducted inside the works with all the appliances at hand. The dangers of a breakdown, and subsequent blocking of the main line, are thus obviated, and the work of experimenting is simplified. This machine is the invention of the locomotive superintendent, J. G. Churchward, and is said to be the only one in Europe.—London Chronicle.

A Past Dominican Episode.

On the 6th of December, 1869, the American flag was raised at Samana Bay on the island of Santo Domingo, with the full expectation that it would never be lowered. With this in view it was expressly stipulated that the money paid for the first year's rental of the bay, \$150,000, should be deducted from the price paid for the whole island, in case of the ratification of the treaty of annexation.

This price was to be \$1,500,000, which was no more than the estimated value of the property, docks, navy yards, custom houses and other public buildings owned by the Dominican government. Out of this sum all the debts of Santo Domingo were to be paid, so the United States would have a clear and unincumbered title to the eastern portion of the island. As a bargain in islands this was as cheap as dirt, and could not be matched to-day, notwithstanding the present low prices of West Indian real estate.—Independent.

"Pop's" Day at Home.

We have dressed the jacket of evil schoolboys, dressed the shrubbery and trees on our home place, (ad) dressed debating societies in the rural precincts, but until recently we never undertook to dress the baby. Why, bless your chin whiskers, we would as "leave" try to decipher ancient chronicles on the Babylonish tablets! And that little eye of our eye and chin of our chin looking up at us as if he pitied us or thought we were getting him ready for hanging. Buttons, hooks, pins! Pins, hooks, Buttons! Armholes and bands, and safety pins, gee! ain't it fun to dress the baby. It's like an ice cream picnic in a cold rainstorm. If we were the high mucky muck who sets the fashions going we would recommend gunny sacks for babies. Cut three holes in the bottom for the head and arms, and have a puckering string at the other end. Presto! What a dream of ease and simplicity!—Elk Point (S. D.) Leader.

SET THE TIME FOR SCOTLAND.

Ball on One Hilltop Drops When Cannon on Another is Fired.

"Speaking of clocks," said the traveler, "Edinburgh, Scotland, has the most interesting time marking device I ever saw. The city lies between two hills. On one of these, known as Carlton Hill, there is an observatory tower, in the top of which a large black ball is suspended. Across the valley, probably a mile away, is Castle Hill, surmounted by the historic Edinburgh Castle. One of the large guns in this fortress, pointing toward Carlton Hill, is electrically connected with the ball in the tower a mile away. Every evening at six o'clock the gun is fired, and at the same moment the ball falls. The device sets the official time for all Scotland.

"It is interesting to stand on Carlton Hill at the appointed hour to see the simultaneous flash of the gun on Castle Hill and the fall of the ball close at hand, while the roar of the gun is of course some moments in crossing the valley. On the other hand it is equally interesting to stand beside the big gun at dusk to watch the ball on Carlton Hill fall just as the shot is fired. I recall once standing in the courtyard of the castle, watch in hand, waiting for the cannon just overhead to be fired. It occurred to me it would be more exciting to watch the crowds of passing people, especially since not one was apparently thinking of the shot from the cannon. When the roar took place, absolutely without warning, hardly a yard above the heads of the crowd, the scene well repaid my waiting. Everybody dodged. Children screamed, and men and women jumped to the side of the wall. Of course, it was all over in a second, but in that moment it seemed that an electric shock had passed through the crowd."—Birmingham News.

Three Famous Senators and a Money King.

Amongst the faded, yellow pages of an old book which no amount of money could buy from its owners are a number of the schoolboy compositions of three men who later became famous Senators of the United States; of one who became the greatest money king the modern world has known, and of a little girl who became the wife of the great money king.

The boys were Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Edward O. Wolcott, James K. Jones and John D. Rockefeller; the girl was Celestia Spelman, now Mrs. John D. Rockefeller. A further strange fact is that two of these boys in later years became the chairmen of the National Committees of the two great political parties—Jones of the Democratic and Hanna of the Republican—as well as the leaders of their respective parties in the United States Senate, while "Eddie" Wolcott won hardly less distinction as a Senator of the United States from Colorado.

The owner of the little age-yellowed book is Andrew Freese of Cleveland, O., and no offer of money could induce him to sell the volume, though he has now for the first time permitted copies of several of these compositions to be made, and has allowed the National Magazine's representative to make photographic facsimiles of some of the early writings of Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller.—National Magazine.

Found Sanctuary in a Chimney.

For the past ten days the town of Newry, in Ireland, has been convulsed over the curious strategy by which a small contractor, named James Gill, has defied the efforts of the police to enforce the penalty of a 10s. fine or a month's imprisonment, to which he had been sentenced for drunkenness.

The man had recently undertaken the demolition of a factory chimney, round which the scaffolding necessary for the work had been erected and he sought security from the clutches of the authorities at the top of this structure, climbing by means of a short ladder, which he drew up after him as he reached each successive platform of the staging. Food and drink are furnished to him by his son, and raised to the summit of the chimney by an ingenious mechanical device. The other evening Gill managed to descend to the ground and reach his home unobserved, but he returned to his lofty perch early on Monday morning.

Pronunciation of Niagara.

"Everybody pronounces Niagara wrong," said the philologist. "The accent of this beautiful Indian word should not be put on the syllable 'ag,' but on the syllable 'ar'—the penultimate one before the last.

"Niagara means 'Hark to the thunder.' Its accent should fall on the penultimate because the Indians themselves accent it there, because in practically all our Indian names of places the penultimate is the accented syllable. Think of the Indian names you know. Don't you accent nearly all of them on the syllable before the last? There are, for instance, Toronto, Mississippi, Alleghany, Appalachiola, Narragansett, Tuscaloosa, Saratoga, Ticonderoga, Oswego, Conshohocken, Wissahicon and Hochelaga. In all these names the accent is on the penultimate.

"Niagara is a Huron word, and if you find a Huron, you will find that he accents it as he does Saratoga or Tuscaloosa. I don't know how we have fallen into the habit of accenting it wrongly."

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