

Correspondence

AUBURN.

Auburnians will be interested in the success of a former young priest of this city who is now in New Zealand. The success that Rev. John B. Moran has attained in his new charge at Groton is wonderful. He went to this parish when it was in a run down condition and the parishioners had lost heart in their church work. Father Moran took charge of the church April 27 last and immediately started to make a success. With the cooperation of his parishioners with whom he had met with general favor, he has one of the most flourishing parishes in this diocese. Without a cent in the treasury and \$680.67 being owed by the church, he started and cleared up the debts and also improved the church and surrounding property to the extent of \$1,069.27, which together make a total of \$1,749.94, paid out during the year and still has a sum in the treasury of the church. The people of Groton, both Catholic and non-Catholics, hold Father Moran in high esteem.

Rev. Cornelius Silke, who has taken charge of the church at Moravia, has started out with a vim that is sure to win. He has booked an important engagement to give a benefit for the church which will be one of the greatest shows ever presented in Moravia. The cast is strong and the company is among the headliners. When the date is made public it is expected that a number of Father Silke's former parishioners at St. Mary's will go to the village and help him in his success. Auburnians should watch for the date.

The Willing Workers Club of the Auburn Aynum will hold Wednesday afternoon card parties for the Aynum. This is one of the most charitable clubs in the city and should be encouraged. The parties are held each week in the C. M. E. A. hall on Franklin St.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a grand ball in Music Hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 15. The ball will be the social event of the season both for the knights and their friends. The committee appointed includes the following: Lecturer John W. Culneen, chairman; A. Pedy Briggs, treasurer; E. J. Gulliford, secretary; and Sir Knights Reynolds, Brown, Curran, Kelly, D. Sheenan, F. Long, Hanlon, Coughlin, Curtis, Irving, McGinire, Mullaly, Deemer, Shields, Wood, G. Hennessy, J. O'Connell, W. Sullivan, Cowan and Louis Schmitz. The feature of the ball will be the grand march in which a number of pretty figures will be introduced to amuse the dancers. The knights balls are the only exclusive balls given in the city and anyone lucky in receiving a ticket should go. A bountiful lunch will be served by Shea and Murray.

DECEASED.

A card party for the benefit of the church was held Wednesday evening in Parish Hall.

Intelligence was received here last Monday of the death of Mrs. Catherine M. Dalley in Birmingham. She formerly resided here but left 30 years ago. The remains were brought here last Wednesday morning and the funeral was held from the church at nine o'clock.

John Crowley, a student in St. Bernard's Seminary, is visiting relatives in Ithaca.

A large class graduated from the parochial school last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan of New York, are visiting their son, Joseph B. Ryan, of this city.

Saturday morning a requiem high mass was said for Bernard Riley.

LIMA.

James Whelan died suddenly last Thursday after an illness of typhoid fever. His death was a great shock to all who knew him. He was a model young man and a practical Catholic. Everybody speaks words of praise in his behalf. His funeral took place from St. Rose's church Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was largely attended. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, two brothers and two sisters, Daniel, Edward and Mary Whelan of Lima, and Sister Thelma of Westbeth Convent, Rochester, N. Y. The family have the sympathy of the community.

CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were said Sunday for the repose of the souls of Frank Tartineck, John Stapleton, of Jersey City, Neil Hogan, of Rochester, and Mrs. M. Flood of Stanley.

The first Friday will be observed this week. Candles will be blessed at 7 o'clock mass—the feast of the Purification. Saturday the feast of St. Blas, the ceremony of the blessing of throats will take place.

Efforts are being made to discontinue the somewhat annoying habit of buying and selling newspapers in front of the church on Sunday.

The requiem masses this week are: Tuesday, Mrs. Wither; Wednesday, Mrs. F. Buckley; Saturday, Mrs. Hogan.

The Holy Name Society deserves credit for turning in \$40.95 as the net proceeds of the card party held last week.

The school collection last Sunday amounted to \$66.

The new rent for the February quarter will be one cent Sunday.

The people were warned last Sunday against late prayers—offering great rewards to those who complied with the requirements and fearful punishments to those who neglected to comply. The prayer books contain some very good prayers but soon with these fearful attachments.

Mrs. Rose Marshall of Phelps Street, died on Monday, the sad news of her mother's death at Cherry Creek, N. Y.

Father Dougherty preached Sunday on the goodness of God in punishing us abundantly with the means of salvation. In the evening he went to Auburn for the blessing of the new baptismal font donated to St. Mary's by the C. E. S.

A social entertainment is planned for the evening of Feb. 15, at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Ryan.

Five Minute Sermon

The Parable of the Cockle

At the first view it might be said that the good seed is meant the word of God, but according to the explanation of the Divine Master we are to understand by the good seed the effect rather than the cause, and therefore the good seed signifies the effect of the word of God, that is, the good Christians produced by the preaching of the apostles and their successors, the bishops, assisted by the priests, who teach the people in their name.

The cockle represents sinners, heretics, teachers of perverse doctrines, in a word—all bad Christians. From this parable we should learn three things. First, to be vigilant that the devil may not sow cockle in our hearts or in the hearts of those under our care. Second, to console and sympathize with poor sinners. Third, to endeavor to make ourselves wheat for paradise and not cockle for eternal fire.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday February 4—Gospel, St. Matt. xiii, 24-30—St. Andrew Corsini, bishop and confessor.
Monday 5—St. Agatha, virgin and martyr.
Tuesday 6—St. Dorothy, virgin and martyr.
Wednesday 7—St. Romuald, abbot.
Thursday 8—St. John of Martha, confessor and doctor.
Friday 9—St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, confessor and doctor.
Saturday 10—St. Scholastica, virgin.

Cook Opera House.

The Cook Opera House will have as its principal attraction for next week Valerie Bergere, who will present a one-act version of "Carmen." This one-act condensation has been highly praised as presenting the most important scenes and most charming sentiment of the famous story. Another act that is a great favorite in Rochester is "The Mud-town Minstrels" presented by the Crane brothers. They are funnier than ever. Sam Watson's Farmyard will present a number of trained roosters, pigs, dogs, horses and like animals. This is said to be the most ludicrously amusing of all animal acts. A large number of other good acts will be presented. This promises to be one of the strongest bills of the season. Matinees are given daily at Cook Opera House.

BAKER THEATRE.

If you were to be saved from drowning would you care if the person who did it dragged you out by one foot? Even if you were a pretty young lady and your rescuer were a young gentleman with whom you had no previous acquaintance, would you be offended? That is the riddle upon which the opinions of the principal characters in the play "The Butterflies" split, and this split forms a foundation for the story of the play. How it came about, the result and many interesting details of its development will be told graphically in the Moore Stock Company's production of that play for next week at the Baker Theatre. This was one of John Drew's former great successes and has not been seen in this city for several years. Matinees on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Monday afternoon post card souvenirs of Sam Harris will be given to the ladies.

NATIONAL THEATRE.

The management of "Mr. Dooley" which comes next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday takes great pleasure in announcing for this season's edition an entirely new production as regards scenery and costumes, as well as a company conspicuous for the merit of its individual performers, and for its chorus which is composed of twenty-five of the most beautiful in the theatrical profession.

Mr. Chas. E. Blaney has turned the dramatic trick again. His latest play "Young Buffalo, King of the Wild West" with Young Buffalo as the star, has achieved an immense success. This attraction comes to the National next week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Its topic treats picturesque Western frontier life and deals with a stirring story in a frankly melodramatic way; the piece develops qualities of artistic realism which at once enchains interest and ultimately arouses enthusiasm.

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MAKING FAKE ANTIQUES.

Large Sums at Times Paid for What Purchaser Thinks Genuine.

There are plenty of old curiosity shops in New York where it would be difficult to find an article which is what it pretends to be. The persistent credulity of their customers must be a sore temptation even to honest dealers. Of old curiosity shops in general it may be fairly estimated that 45 per cent of the objects offered are spurious, expressly manufactured for sale or "faked" in some way. The ingenuity of the forger is unlimited. Furniture, prints, china, pictures, plate, armor, ivory, bronze and tapestry—all are successfully imitated. "Antique" armor and metal work of all kinds are made in Birmingham. Spurious antique china comes from France, Holland and Germany. The spurious print is perhaps the commonest trap of all. "The craze of the colored print" is just how with us, and the demand for examples of the celebrated engravers of the eighteenth century exceeds the supply a hundredfold. These are exceedingly scarce, consequently the market is flooded with reprints and reproductions. Several firms are engaged in producing them, and they cost the dealers in "objects of art" from seven and sixpence to a pound apiece. Usually the paper is manipulated to give it the appearance of age, or the print is put into an old frame. It is certain that countless numbers of them are sold as originals. A reprint has this excuse, that though subsequently "touched" by a more modern hand, it is an impression taken from the original copper plate, but it cannot, of course, be compared with original prints from the graver of Bartolozzi, Ward, Schiavonetti, Valentine Green, Cipriani or John Raphael Smith. A reprint however, still contains some of the original lines. A reproduction is merely a copy, every line of which, aided by photography, has been traced by a modern hand.

Correll Scores Society.

Following the example of the bishop of London and other prominent persons, Marie Correll is out in an expression of her views on the simple life. She attacks chiefly what she calls "the over-rich fools" who spend what would be an ordinary man's small fortune on one evening's entertainment.

After referring in scathing terms to the wanton waste of money in mere feeding at expensive luncheons and dinners given daily and nightly at fashionable restaurants in the West End, Miss Correll answers a critic who asked where the smart set which she and others described could be found by declaring it to be "at public eating houses of luxury where can be seen at any time the admitted leaders of the world of fashion, familiar supporters of the stock markets and well-known millinery stands who carry dressmakers' creations into the view of a gaping world as sandwich men carry boards which announce the latest sensational novelty."—New York Sun.

Lookout Mountain Tunnel.

Through Lookout Mountain, on the face and summit of which northern and southern armies struggled 40 years ago, when Gen. Joe Hooker fought the "battle above the clouds," a tunnel is to be bored. It is an enterprise of the Southern Railway Co. for its new line to Stevenson.

The tunnel will be started upon from both sides of the mountain. At the approach from the north side, the one nearest the city, a force of at least 300 men will soon be employed. It will be some time before the work on the tunnel proper will be begun, as there will be an open cut until a depth of 60 feet has been reached, which means an open cut more than 300 feet long. The excavation will be through solid rock almost from the start and will be largely blasting work until the tunnel is finished.

Kettle Bridges.

Perhaps the most remarkable bridges in the world are the kettle bridges, of which Cossack soldiers are expert builders. The materials of which they are constructed are the soldiers' lances and cooking kettles. Seven or eight lances are passed under the handles of a number of kettles, and fastened together by means of ropes to form a raft. Sufficient numbers of these rafts, each of which will bear a weight of half a ton, are fastened together, and in the space of an hour a bridge is formed on which an army may cross with confidence and safety.

A Pocket Door Latch.

A simple little pocket device has recently been invented, which may be applied to a door to secure it in a closed position. The device consists of a bolt and a jaw member. The latter is formed with teeth at one end adapted to be sunk into the door jamb. The other, or projecting end, is formed with a slot to receive the bolt, which may be operated in the usual way to "bolt the door shut." This little latch will be found very useful for traveling men, who are often obliged to spend the night in suspicious and even dangerous lodgings.—Scientific American.

Mummy Factories in Europe.

A French newspaper asserts that the trade in "artificial" mummies in Egypt amounts every year to more than \$200,000. Most of the up-to-date "mummy factories" are in Italy, but there are also a great number of them in Germany, France and England.

DOMESTICS IN A LARGE HOTEL.

Scale of Wages Low—Strong Feeling of Class Distinctions.

The employees in the linen room receive twenty dollars a month, with room and board, and their hours are well regulated in most of the large hotels. The parlor maid or maids come next on the salary list with eighteen dollars, room and board, and the tips often bring this sum up to thirty or even fifty dollars. The maid's duties are to keep the parlor swept and dusted, and herself tidy and ready to attend the women guests who desire her services. The chambermaids, bath-room girls, paint cleaners (of whom every hotel employs a small army) each receive twelve dollars. The work of the two last named is distinctly different. A scrub-woman would not think of cleaning paint, and a paint cleaner would feel that she was demeaning herself in scrubbing the floor. Throughout the house the question of social distinction is argued, the maids feeling above the bath-room girls, the parlor maid above the other maids, and the linen-room girls above the parlor-maid, and so on. Human nature is much the same the world over. In the parlance of hotel employees, scrub-women are known as "soubrettes," the chambermaids as "the chorus," while the parlor maids are called "show girls." The "soubrettes" begin their work at one o'clock in the morning, and do not finish until about five. They scrub the floors, and go throughout the house with soap and hot water. At the Hotel Victoria (the exception among hotels) the employees are permitted to enter the help's dining hall at any time of the morning or afterwards between regular meals and have a cup of tea and light lunch—a system which has much to do with the contentment reigning among the employees of this establishment. The cost is only a trifle, and although the plan has been in operation for some time, those who enjoy its advantages do not abuse it.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Man Housekeeper.

One meets the man housekeeper every where on the Continent and is glad to have his deft, careful, quiet service. They have to work and they have taken the work which has easiest come to them and do it well and ably. And there is no reason at all why men should not sweep and dust, make beds, clean windows, fix the fire, clean the grate, arrange the furniture, while their special adaptability to the art of cooking is amply attested by the princely salaries the heads of this interesting profession receive in distinguished instances. What is there in all this that a woman can do better than a man? What is there in this that unites a man for association with his fellows, or lowers him below a rank that he thinks is rightly his?

Fortunately, a sane view of the situation has arisen of late, partly from seeing the work of men servants abroad, partly from the well-recognized superiority of Japanese and Chinese men servants and partly from the extraordinary incapacity of the average woman servant. Every housekeeper in the land can contribute a bitter chapter to the latter subject, and the women must thank themselves if the men supplant them in this important field. That, however, is not likely to happen for some time to come, but the movement has begun.

Black Hair Strongest.

Black hair is stronger than gold-tresses and will sustain almost double the weight. Recently a German scientist has been experimenting and has found that it is possible to suspend a weight of four ounces by a single hair, provided the hair be black. Blond hair will give way at varying weights dependent upon the exact tint. A yellow hair will scarce support two ounces, a brown will hold up three without breaking, while a very dark brown will sustain an additional half ounce.

The greater vitality of the black hair is declared to be the reason for the preponderance of blond bald heads, and according to this experimenter, a person with jet black hair will still enjoy a full growth, while the blond will have been bald for seven and a half years.

That Old Wicker Chair.

To renovate a shabby wicker chair—First cleanse the wicker thoroughly, using a scrubbing brush and plenty of soap and water. When dry the chair will be greatly improved with a coating or two of green stain. For the seat make a cushion of green linen or a pretty greenish cretonne. Another cushion for the back may be liked and it is easily made. Make it of the same material as the seat cushion and of bag shape, longer than wide. It may be fastened to the chair by means of tapes sewn at the top and bottom. If a loose cushion be preferred, a pretty yellow linen would look nice and contrast well with the green. Make the case stiff fashion, so that it may easily be washed.—An unbleached calico bag will be good enough for the vegetable down with which the cushions are filled.

The Dangers of Fasting.

An infectious disease is more liable to be taken when one has been long fasting than soon after a hearty meal; consequently, if one is going to see a friend suffering from anything of the kind it is a good idea to eat a substantial meal first. One should never go into an infected area when, in consequence of over-heating, the pores of the body are all open.

Poisons in Daily Drink.

Dr. W. Scott Tebb, public analyst to the Borough of Southwark, London, has been making an inquiry on behalf of the Borough Council into the constituents of tea, to ascertain what injurious ingredients are present, and in his report he contrasts the tea drinking records of Great Britain and the countries, says Reynolds's Newspaper.

The only countries which approach or exceed Great Britain as tea drinkers are her colonies. Western Australia is easily first with 10.7 and all the other divisions of Australia exceed Great Britain.

"We drink far too much tea," concludes Dr. Tebb. He calculates that each person in Great Britain, on an average, takes a daily dose of 1.6 grains of alkaloid and 9.7 grains of tannin. This means that the average tea drinker takes half as much alkaloid and nearly as much tannin as the maximum allowed by the British pharmacopoeia for an occasional dose.

And of course many thousands of people drink a great deal more than the average dose.

Amusements of the Blind.

With closed eyes, two young men in the blind asylum were playing chess. The board they played on had the black squares raised and the white ones sunken, while the black pieces were rough and the white ones smooth.

"Give us this handicap on account of our blindness," said one of the young men, "and we will play as quick and accurate a game of chess as anybody. Give us checkers and a checker board constructed on the same plan, and there, too, our playing will equal yours."

"I would rather be blind than deaf," he went on. "Blindness doesn't rob you of much. The blind are excellent anglers. They play a good game of euchre, or poker, or bridge. They use cards that have embossed pips."

"The blind are good runners, good gymnasts. In our last sports the hundred yards were done in under twelve seconds, and on the horizontal and parallel bars the giant swing, the corkswing, the straight arm balance and the finger balance were executed in a way that elicited salvos of applause."

Earliest Theater.

What was probably one of the earliest theaters built was the Theater of Dionysus, which was begun five centuries before Christ. The seating capacity of this remarkable building is said to have been \$3,000 nearly four times that of our largest amusement palace. The Theater of Dionysus was erected when Greek art and literature were in their prime. Plays were presented to appreciative spectators the wonderful works of Eschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.—Exchange.

Cemetery Censors.

Large cemeteries have a censor who prevents the erection within them of tombstones with unseemly inscriptions upon them. Atheists sometimes direct in their wills that shocking blasphemies be carved on their monuments. The censor, however, sees to it that these blasphemies do not disfigure the cemetery.

Queer Ways of Chinamen.

Education and learning are objects of great reverence in China. The attainment of a degree is a tremendous honor. The Rev. E. J. Hardy says in his "John Chinaman at Home": "When a man obtains the degree of Sau Teol (B.A.) large placards are sent to his friends announcing his success. These placards are frequently posted outside the house of the recipient to show his pride at being able to claim friendship with so distinguished a person. Great is the ovation that is awarded to a successful candidate on returning home. Feasts are given, bands of music and processions parade the streets. The hero of the hour, wearing square-toed boots, a gilt flower-like ornament in his cap, and across his chest and back the bands of light red silk indicate his new dignity, is told by every one that he is an honor to his parents, to the school in which he studied and to the city or village of his birth. His parents are publicly thanked by the civic authorities for having given birth to so talented a son."

Whims of the People.

An amusing bit of human nature comes to light in Paris. The management of the underground railway until recently provided at every station a small box in an out-of-the-way corner for passengers to deposit their tickets in. As a natural result of this system, only one ticket in ten was deposited in the box; the rest fluttered about at will all over the station. The authorities noted this, and changed the small inaccessible box for a large one in a prominent position. The surprising sequel was that instead of one in ten, only one in a hundred tickets found its way into the new box. The easier it was to deposit the more careless were the passengers in disposing of them.



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