



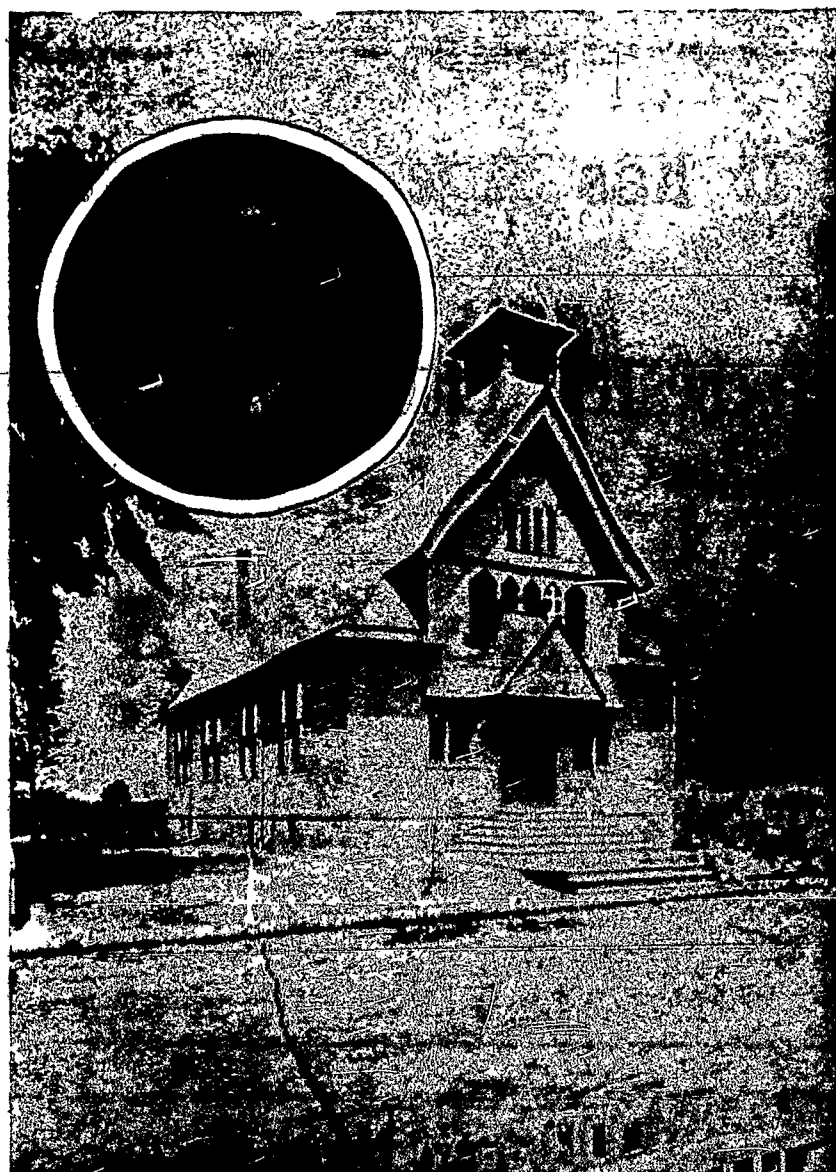
St. Michael's

Started in 1874, this was the first parish organized after Bishop McQuaid assumed the episcopate and to day is the largest German parish in the city. Rev. M. J. Hargather is its rector and Rev. Leo Hofschneider is his assistant.



Holy Redeemer

The parish of the Most Holy Redeemer was organized in 1867, the year before the diocese of Rochester was created. Rev. J. F. Staub is acting rector of this irremovable rectory.



St. Stanislaus

So many Poles had settled in Rochester that in 1890 Bishop McQuaid decided they should have a church of their own. Rev. Theophilus Szadzinski, the first pastor, is still in charge.

ALLIGATORS IN CAPTIVITY.

Creatures Not Hard to Raise, but Eat Their Young.

Probably as long as alligators have been known the young have been kept as curiosities, and most amusing pets do the little fellows make, says the Scientific American. Unlike the young of other wild animals, which are sometimes domesticated when small, they grow very slowly, especially when out of their natural environment, and are consequently well adapted for this purpose, as a number of years elapse before the alligator is large enough to be troublesome or even dangerous. Alligators do not appear to be very intelligent, the recognition of the person who feeds them in captivity being about the limit of their mental attainment. The older ones are sluggish and lazy, though they sometimes fight viciously with each other and are capable of doing terrible execution when aroused.

If properly taken care of, the young alligators will thrive even in unnatural circumstances. His main requirement is sufficient heat, and if the box or cage be kept at too low a temperature the little reptile becomes languid and almost torpid, refuses to eat for long periods, and frequently dies at the end of some weeks. If, however, the temperature of the air be warmed by the addition of a little hot water, he soon revives and attests his continued interest in life by renewed activity and the reappearance of his appetite. Unlike the older members of his family, the young alligator in captivity is quite lively; sometimes of an investigating turn of mind, and usually combative, his antics are often diverting. If he can escape from his cage he will travel considerable distances, and unless overcome by cold will wander indefinitely, subsisting as best he can.

Many persons who have attempted to keep young alligators have made the mistake of trying to feed them on a vegetable diet, for the alligator is first and last a carnivore. The diet of the young, who should be fed nearly every day, is simple, and consists of bits of fresh meat, insects and worms. They often show great fondness for the ordinary earthworms, and will frequently refuse all food but these. The larger specimens in captivity are fed about three times a week on fresh meat or small live animals and they require little attention other than that.

The older ones, particularly the males, will, if possible, eat the small alligators with avidity, and to check these cannibalistic tendencies the reptiles must be properly segregated. Alligators seldom breed in captivity, and while the females sometimes lay eggs, the latter are usually unfertile. However, the eggs that have been found in a natural condition in the curious cone-shaped mud nests are easily hatched by the application of heat, and while the young are at first feeble and helpless, they usually survive if carefully handled. Alligators live to be of great age, and there are a number of authentic records where individuals have been known to exist for nearly a century.

Quaint Questions.

Do you know that the bayonet was so called because it was first made at Bayonne, France?

That coffee received its name for the reason that it first came to Europe from Kaffa?

That candy was first exported from Candia?

That tobacco was so called from the island of Tobago, the home of Daniel Defoe's imaginary hero, Robinson Crusoe?

That gin was invented at Geneva and early became an important factor in the commerce of that city?

That the tarantula was a notorious pest in the vicinity of Taranto?

That cambric was made at Cambridge?

That muslin was made at Mouseline?

That calico was made at Calcut?

That dimity was made at Damietta?

That milliners piled their trade at Milan?

That the magnetic property of iron ore was first noticed in that dug in the neighborhood of Magnesia?

Washington Star.

When Are We Strongest?

The lifting power of youth of seventeen years is 280 pounds; in his twentieth year this increases to 320 pounds; in the thirtieth and thirty-first year it reaches its height, 365 pounds. At the end of the thirty-first year the strength begins to decline, very slowly at first. By the fortieth year it has decreased eight pounds, and this diminution continues at a slightly increasing rate until the fiftieth year is reached, when the figure is 330 pounds. After this period the strength falls more and more rapidly until the weakness of old age is reached. It is not possible to give statistics of the decline of strength after the fiftieth year, as it varies to a large extent in different individuals.—Chicago Journal.

Public Baths for Dogs.

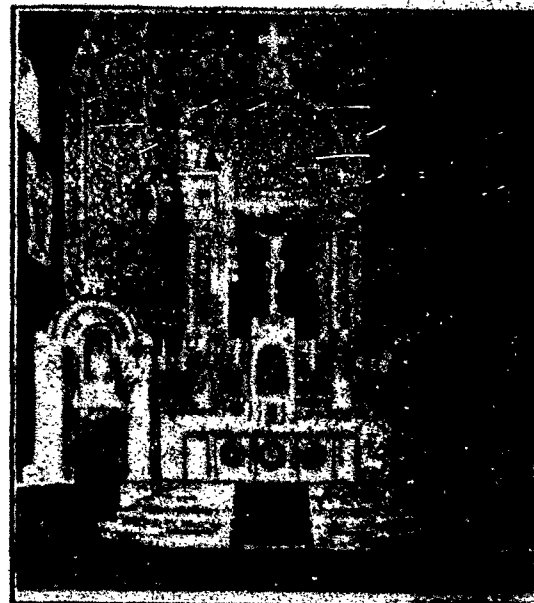
Dresden has developed a curious idea. The public baths of that city will shortly receive an addition that is probably without parallel. The new annex will consist exclusively of bathing establishments for dogs, organized on the strictest lines of class distinction. There will be first, second, and third class, subdivided into swimming and single wash-baths. It is even gravely stated that there will be a hair-dressing department for canine customers.

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