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A Catholic Wife.

"In 'Everybody's Magazine' is told in graphic terms a simple story of how a good Catholic wife has helped her non-Catholic husband to rise to affluence, also how wealth has not turned her head or caused her to neglect home and family.

James J. Hill is married to an Irish Catholic wife, while he himself is of Irish blood. Mrs. Hill was Mary Mehegan. Young Hill was poor then, he is rich now. But there is no chorus girl attachment, no putting aside the woman who stood by him in the early days, no fashionable second wife.

This is the way the magazine writer paints Mrs. Hill's picture: "Mary Mehegan has fulfilled the promise of her youth. From the day she entered the modest little frame cottage in which the Hills began their married life, at 34 Canada Street, until to-day, when she is mistress of the great house in St. Paul, she has always been the same sweet, gentle, refined woman.

Unaffected, she has gone through the greatest test to which character can be put—the passage from extreme poverty to extreme wealth. She has proved herself a true gentlewoman, modest and full of warm-hearted charity. No details of her beneficence ever get abroad, except now and then those who profit by her kindness break silence in spite of her. With the fine common sense that always characterized her she has never attempted to hide the story of her origin, and the lowliest of her relations are always given a hearty welcome in her great house. Even Mr. Hill's enemies in the Northwest—and he has a great many—concede without exception the beauty of his wife's character, and the sharp tongues of the most bitter society gossips speak only pleasant words about her.

"She has reared nine children, six girls and three boys, and all have grown up to do her credit and to pay tribute to her character. There has been no taint of scandal in the family, no angling for 'society,' no seeking after titles, nothing whatever of the un-American snobbishness or tuft-hunting that has grown so common of late among the very rich in this country. Four of the girls are happily married, and all fixed their choice on poor men and sterling Americans. The eldest son, Louis Warren Hill, married a trained nurse, a member of an old Minnesota family.

The years have brought Mrs. Hill many social and other responsibilities, but first of all, she still remains the careful, prudent housewife, putting her husband's comfort and her children's welfare ahead of everything else, just as she did in the little Canada Street house, when Mr. Hill needed her frugal management to help him to success.

Bill is Dead.

It looks as if the bill of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, to compel Bible reading in the public schools, is dead in the Assembly. It is also reported that its author, Mr. Northrup, of Poughkeepsie, realizes that he was handed a lemon by the bigots.

Mr. Northrup, it is said, was supported loyally by the Republican members of Poughkeepsie Council, Knights of Columbus, and it is safe to say that these might have made a difference in his vote last fall if they had any suspicion that he was tainted with bigotry. But it is understood that Mr. Northrup has found out just who and what is back of his bill and will not press it. It is to be hoped this is true.

Rochester's Federation of Catholic Societies has taken high ground against the bill. A few weeks ago the Hibernians of Buffalo discussed the bill and then adopted these resolutions:

Whereas, There is now pending and do not try to explain it away before the Assembly of this state a bill introduced by Assemblyman Northrup, entitled "An act providing for the reading of the Holy Scriptures in the public schools," each other's position, but such a bill provides that a portion of the Bible shall be read daily in the public schools; be it

Resolved, That the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Erie County in meeting assembled does hereby unreservedly condemn the said bill as a measure violative of the spirit and intent of the Constitution of the state of New York, as a proposal most objectionable to a large proportion of the parents whose children are attending the public schools.

The people of the state of New York have written into the Constitution a provision that sectarian or religious instruction shall not be permitted at the public expense, and we denounce this bill as an attempted evasion of that constitutional inhibition. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Senators and Assemblymen from Erie County, with a request from this organization to use all proper means for the purpose of defeating this obnoxious and unconstitutional legislation.

Assembly Henry R. Glynn, of this city, was the first to call attention to the vicious character of the Northrup bill, and he, together with Chairman Cunningham, of the Assembly Committee on Public Education, are entitled to credit for their determined stand against the bigots.

Cowardice.

In another column we have touched upon the question as to what constitutes bravery as compared in suicide or living on in the face of trouble.

The "Catholic Sun" takes the same view. After detailing a large number of suicides recently, especially that of Dean Huffcut, the "Sun" goes on to say:

"It is mute evidence of cowardice and paganism—this mania of suicide. There may be cases of insanity, it is true, but everything goes to show that they are few and far between. To some of the ghastly actors it may seem romantic, instead of foolish; but foolish it is and indescribably cowardly. Christian fortitude apparently is unknown to these people, and there is good reason to fear, so Christianity itself, as something vital. At the present rate of progress it is easy to foresee that future Presidents of the United States will find it necessary to enter the arena and write letters as strongly condemning suicide as President Roosevelt is now moved to condemn race suicide. Forty years ago who could think that a President of this country would have deemed it imperative to counsel the nation as the present chief magistrate is doing? We are making a bloody advance."

Misrepresenting Us.

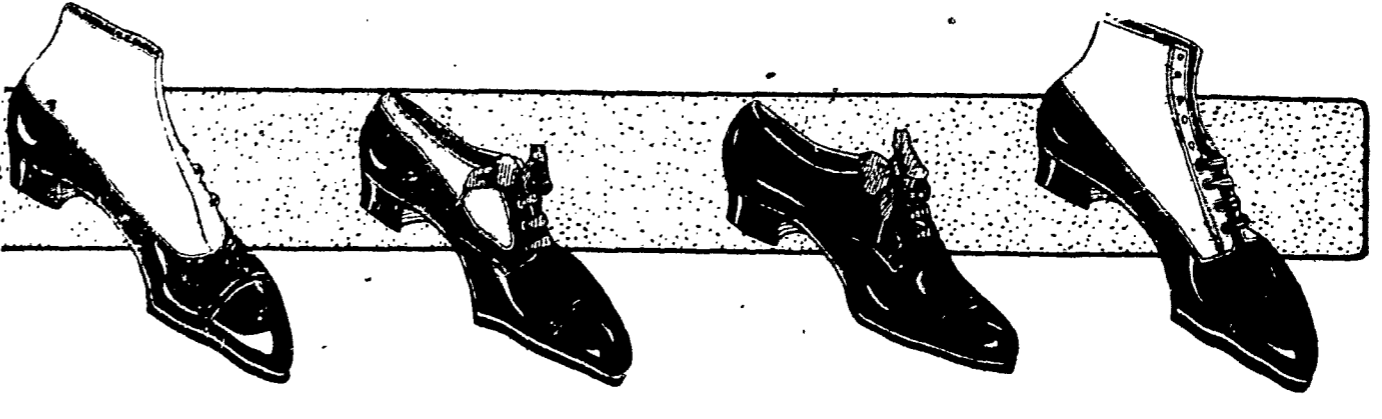
There are some non-Catholics who delight in misrepresenting Catholic position and belief even when position is explained. Recently the "Catholic News" remarked:

"A Methodist paper in its eulogy of the late Methodist Bishop McCabe remarked that he never passed a portrait of Abraham Lincoln without saluting it. And yet the very people who commend such a display of respect for the memory of a great American call Catholics idolaters when they salute a statue or picture of Christ, the Blessed Virgin or the saints."

Now, to a reasonable man, this would have been accepted as a pertinent bit of repartee and he would have let it go at that. Not so the editor of the Methodist "Christian Advocate" of Pittsburg. He went right back at the attack, as follows: "In this manner our Roman Catholic friends seek to ease up or explain away their worship of saints, relics, images, etc. Concerning this matter one of two things is clearly true; either they are grossly misrepresented and misunderstood, or this is not an ingenious statement. Which is the truth? Will our brother of the 'News' affirm that the feeling and the attitude of Romanists when they salute a statue or picture of Christ, the Blessed Virgin or the saints, is the same as, and nothing more than, the respect and reverence Protestants feel for Luther, or Wesley, or Calvin, or than patriots feel for Washington, or Lincoln? Will he dare not. It is not mere respect and veneration they show, but it is adoration, and that is idolatry, because it is in violation of the Second Commandment. That is the real distinction which they seek to cover up. Come now, friends, be honest and state the case as it is,

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Third Floor

same man has a place in the body politic?

EDITORIAL NOTES.
 Apparently, the New York state Republicans want to realize on Charles Evans Hughes as an availing asset before they try to promote him to the White House.

Now the Pittsburgh Orchestra has gone to pieces. Musicians find it difficult to get along in harness.

Bishop Hoban has decided that the Catholic Church, as an organization, shall take a hand against the "Black Hand" in Pennsylvania. If the Church enters upon a campaign in earnest more will be accomplished in the way of exterminating this menace than has been accomplished by police authorities.

The Governor need his adviser more in great measure, ignorant of the situation with which they are trying to cope.

It is to be hoped that Cardinal Merry del Val has a keen sense of set just a trifle too high a standard humor. If he has, he must have a lot of fun reading the American papers.

Says the Syracuse "Catholic Sun": "Attorney General Bonaparte asserts that the Washington correspondents are mistaken when they surmise that he is about to quit President Roosevelt's cabinet. It is only another instance of sensational journalism. During the last three years the newspapers have respected practically every prominent public official on earth." Our contemporary evidently does not know or does not care to bring out how the papers are "inspired" from Washington.

Secretary Gwynn Shepperd and Director Daniel J. Callahan, of the Jamestown Exposition, are Knights of Columbus. Mr. Callahan is state deputy for Virginia.

Miss A. E. O'Hare, associate editor of the "Catholic Universe," has sailed for a European trip.

Bishop Burgess, of the Protestant Church, is not in favor of marrying couples, one of whom is a divorced person. Speaking of a report that he would marry William E. Corey and Mabelle Gilman, the

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