

AUBURN, N. Y.

The Feast of the Assumption that was celebrated at St. Mary's Church last Sunday, was one of the most important of the history of the church. The beautiful statue that was presented to the church was unveiled and received by the trustees of the church. During the week it was put in place in the niche that was made for it over the central door of the church. It will be lighted by twelve electric lights and will present a fine appearance as well as adding beauty to the church. The sermon of the day was delivered by Rev. James F. Winters, a former school boy of St. Mary's parish. The services during the day were attended by large congregations of the members of the church.

The Catholic church at Cayuga which is under the direction of St. Aloisius parish of this city is being repaired and will be one of the prettiest churches of the smaller towns of the diocese when completed. The entire church is being plastered and painted and when completed will be a fine sight. The dedication of the new church will take place in the near future and the ceremonies will be attended by hundreds of Auburnians who have their summer homes at the village. The pastor in charge, Rev. J. J. McGrath, of this city, will be at the church on Sunday and will outline to the congregation just what improvement will take place. Mass is said at the church each Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and is attended by large congregations.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, held their annual outing and reunion at Koenig's Point on Thursday, at which over 125 members attended and enjoyed themselves. The games and pastimes were enjoyed by the members while the shore dinner, which was served to the members, was one of the best ever enjoyed by the Knights. The members claim that the day was the best ever spent by them.

The parochial schools of the city are in condition for the opening of schools and the teachers who are assigned to the city have all arrived and everything is in readiness for the scholars. The attendance during the coming session will be the largest ever registered.

CANANDAIGUA.

The Sodality and Children of Mary will receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

Diagram pew proof will be posted for examination next Sunday. The school collection for August will be taken next Sunday.

The funeral of William Burns, formerly of Gorham, took place from the home of his sister, Mrs. Michael J. Callan, Monday morning, Rev. A. J. McCabe, of Stanley assisted with the solemn mass. Burial in Stanley.

Anniversary of Lawrence Gavin, Friday and of Rose Smith, Saturday.

We are pleased to record an improvement in the condition of William J. Donovan who was stricken with paralysis last week. Mr. Donovan was one of the most energetic members of the Church Building Committee and we hope he may be spared for further usefulness.

The pastor contemplates taking a new census of the parish in the near future when he expects to gather statistics containing names and ages and will also inquire about church fidelity and the things that make for the peace, religion and happiness of the Catholic homes.

Florence Elizabeth Murphy and Agnes Marian Ryan were baptized last Sunday.

Rev. M. J. Crowley, of Monroe, Michigan, is on hand for the Custer celebration.

Honeoye, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Francis, James Morrow, Grace Buckelew, George Patterson, Lucy Patterson and John Short have been spending a week at Conesus Lake, Mrs. Austin of Battle Creek, Mich., who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Honeoye and Livonia, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Miss Ella Wilson of Buffalo, is visiting her father and sister, Mrs. Jacob Peterson.

Jennie Lahey, who was a guest of her sister, Mrs. James Costello, has returned to her home at Buffalo.

Wm. Beahon of New York, is a guest of his parents.

Mr. Fred Erdie and daughter of Rochester, were guests of his brother on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rearden of Corning, has been spending a week with his parents.

Mrs. Louis Badger had her infant daughter baptized on Sunday at St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Costello, has daughter and grandson of Massachusetts, are guests of his brother, Thomas Costello.

Mary Costello of Lima, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Minnie Deyo, one of the most accomplished and popular young ladies of Honeoye, will be married September 3 to John Allen of New Haven, Conn.

Miss Susie Wilson of Orange, N. J., is spending her vacation with friends in town.

Miss Allie Anderson of Buffalo, has been a guest of Mrs. Charles Hawcraft.

Mass will be at St. Mary's at 9 o'clock next Sunday.

DANSVILLE

Next Sunday is the regular monthly Sunday for mass at Groveland, at 8 a. m.

Rev. Father Dunn in company with his sister, Miss Mary A. Dunn, sailed for Europe Saturday to spend some time in traveling through Ireland and other points of interest, his parishioners and many friends here wish him and his sister bon voyage and safe return with renewed good health.

Patrick O'Connor has been seriously ill.

D. E. Driscoll and family, Mrs. Marvin and Miss O'Keefe were guests at Livingston Inn, Conesus Lake, last Thursday.

William F. Murphy of Mt. Morris, was the guest of his father last Sunday.

The Alumni of St. Patrick's School held a picnic at Long Point, Conesus Lake, last Tuesday, all present report a delightful time. Among the guests were Rev. Father Dougherty of Canandaigua, Day of Mt. Morris, and Hughes of Geneseo, and Prof. Quirk, Superintendent of Boston Schools. The officers elected at the business meeting, presided over by Rev. Father Day, were: President, Martin E. King; vice president, Elizabeth Day; secretary, William E. Bacon; treasurer, Rev. John Sullivan.

Miss Matilda Burrett is enjoying a two weeks vacation at Conesus Lake and Buffalo.

Misses Mary and Josephine O'Meara are guests of Mrs. D. Foley.

Rev. Andrew Byrne of St. Bernard's Seminary, was the guest of Rev. Father Krishel a few days last week.

Mrs. Dougherty and daughter of Pennsylvania, are guests of Mrs. William Shafer.

Mrs. Ellen Buckner, mother of Mrs. Robert Pratt, died at the home of her daughter, August 1, with complicated diseases. Mrs. Buckner was 80 years old, a woman of beautiful Christian character, a loving mother, a devoted friend and a loving neighbor. She endeared herself to all. She leaves four daughters. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

LIMA N. Y.

Mr. Michael Cleary and Miss Mary Noonan have been hired to teach the village school.

Peter Finnigan has returned to his home here after a two months energetic tour through England, Ireland and Scotland. Mr. Finnigan reports a very pleasant trip, but prefers to live under the Stars and Stripes.

One evening last week the blacksmith shop recently built by John Hogan on Lake Avenue, was entirely destroyed by fire.

Miss Annabel Costello, who has been visiting Miss Nellie Hendrick has returned to her home in Pennsylvania.

Myron Crandall and family are in Michigan, visiting relatives.

TORONTO FAIR.

One Fare for Round Trip via New York Central Lines.

August 26th to September 7th, inclusive. Consult New York Central and West Shore ticket agents.

HAT RAISING IN GERMANY.

Differences of National Etiquette Which Prove Pitfalls.

The etiquette of hat-raising in Germany is one of those things which may betray the foreigner into unintentional rudeness through sheer ignorance. A correspondent knows of a German lady who was puzzled and hurt because some Englishmen whom she had met before did not raise their hats to her in the street, until the explanation came that she expected them to do it of their own accord by the German rule instead of waiting for her to recognize them first by the English. These differences of national etiquette are great pitfalls. A converser was that of an Englishman staying in a German town who accompanied his host's wife to a concert. Walking home, he gave her the inside of the pavement, according to English manners; but the host, who happened to see this, was rendered painfully suspicious by this unfamiliar attention.

TESTING YOUNG BULLS.

The Automobile Used to Determine Their Courage.

That the automobile can be used with great success in determining the courage of young bulls intended for the bull ring has been demonstrated by Pedro Fernandez Somellera on his San Isidro hacienda in this state. The novel experiment was made a few days ago with a twenty-two horsepower car.

On all haciendas where fighting bulls are raised the young animals are "tested" with a view to determining their future fitness for the bull ring. Those that prove their courage are marked and left to grow up for future contests.

Up to this time the tests have been conducted by men on horseback, armed with pikes, like picadors. But Mr. Somellera, who is an enthusiastic motorist, this year decided on an innovation by introducing the motor car in place of the horseman. Accordingly after the young bulls had been herded into a large corral the machine was driven into the enclosure. The occupants were armed with the usual pikes.

The experiment proved an exciting success. Several of the young bulls charged the machine at mad speed, and it was only by clever driving that the car and its occupants were kept clear of the horns of the surprised and apparently indignant animals.

The bulls that attempted to mix with the automobile have been credited with exceptional bravery and they are expected to bring fame to the San Isidro hacienda by their future performances in the bull ring.

Gray Horses in Maine.

After a disquisition on the value of gray horses as compared with horses of other colors, the Parkhurst writer says: "You may change a farmer's religion or politics, make his bank be rich and handsome; his wife to run away with you, or his dog, but you will never make him back a gray horse is not a jewel. I read somewhere recently that gray horses were not up to the standard of awards to that effect. I never was so astonished in my life. I have always thought, and do now, that gray or white horses were the handsomest, toughest breed on the planet."

The celebrated Arabian horses are white or dapple gray. Famous Genesee stallions have ridden white or brown gray chargers. Circus men select gray horses to draw the wand wagon in street parades. A great packing company always selects Percheron horses not so much for the color but because their feet will stand traveling on the pavements better than any other breed. It is said that John of Arc rode a milk white horse and St. John the revelator, saw a white horse in Heaven (Rev. 1: 2). Half of the draught horses in Arcotank are white or gray, and another decade will see 50 per cent of them of that color.—*Lawson Journal.*

Why He Did Not See Him.

A junior barrister was hurrying across to the London law courts when he almost collided with a cab. The driver, who had pulled up with a jerk, spoke out in his opinion in plain English of absent-minded people: "Couldn't you see the bloomin' oss?" he asked. "See him?" gasped the startled barrister, looking contemptuously at the half-starved animal. Then he stepped on to the curb. "I didn't see your horse when I stood in front of him," he added, "but I can see something when I look at him sideways."

Quality of Australian Coal.

According to a contemporary experiment has shown that, as a general rule, Australian coals are not specially liable to spontaneous combustion, with the exception of those coals that are rich in iron pyrites. If the pyrites portion, commonly known as "brassy tops," is exposed to the weather there is then a liability of spontaneous combustion, and it is important for the working of the coal that these "brassy tops" be absolutely got rid of in the mine if not admitted at all to the seam.

What Death Revealed.

A strangely pathetic tragedy has been revealed by the death of a man in the casual ward of the Tunbridge workhouse. The man arrived there in the prosecution of his search for his wife, from whom he separated many years ago, and he died through breaking of a blood vessel. He told his story to the workhouse master, who made inquiries and ascertained that on the same day a woman had died from a precisely similar cause in the same workhouse. It was the missing wife. Both bodies are buried in one grave.

Voting in Austria.

Austria has passed a law by which its citizens not only receive a vote but are compelled under penalty to use it. About forty thousand are to be called up and fined for neglecting their duty. This is a revival of the exquisite simplicity of the Athenian legislators, who literally roped in the citizens with a reddened rope. The man who had a red mark was fined.

The total consumption of coal in the world is fifty million tons an hour.

TRIALS OF ORCHID HUNTING.

Attended With Great Difficulty and Risk of Life.

The prices sometimes paid for rare and new orchids seem exorbitant, but when the figures are put by the side of the hardships endured to procure the plants they are seen to be reasonable enough.

An official of the Botanic Gardens at Washington tells of the perseverance displayed by an agent for that institution.

This agent was sent to New Guinea some years ago to look for a dendrobium, then very rare. For months he dwelt among the natives, faring as they fared, and living under the most trying conditions. But he secured about four hundred of the coveted plants and loaded them on a little schooner. Then, thinking his mission accomplished, he hastened away with his trophies. But on putting into a port in Dutch New Guinea he had the misfortune to see his vessel burned to the water's edge.

He was ordered to go back for more plants. He went. This time he found a magnificent collection of the orchids growing in a native burying ground, among exposed bones and skulls.

It was no easy matter to obtain permission to remove the plants, especially as some the skulls had to be removed with them. However, at last the natives consented, sending with the consignment a little idiot to watch over the spirits of the departed.

This time the orchids reached their destination. Inferior varieties, which the agent had been permitted to gather in addition to the specimens desired for the Government's gardens were sold in the open market at prices ranging from twenty six to one hundred and forty eight dollars each.

Many such plants will grow in swamps, which the natives themselves regard with dread as the home of fever and mosquitoes. To go in search of the orchids is often to face death. One agent, detained at Panama, went to look for an orchid he had heard of and was carried back from the swamps to die.

The difficulties of the work are as great as the dangers. One collector was known to wade up to his waist in mud for a fortnight, seeking a specimen of which he had heard, and another lived among the Indians of Brazil for nine months peering through the tangled jungle for a rare variety.

To obtain the orchids that grow on trees, the collector must hire a certain area of woodland, with the right to fell the timber. As the natives can not be trusted to climb the trees and gather the plants, the wasteful plan of cutting down the trees is adopted, and he gathers his specimens from the fallen trunks.

The forest being often inland, the plants after being collected, must be carried to river or sea. In one case they were carried for six weeks on men's backs from the mountains to a river, then six weeks in canoes, with twenty portages, and then conveyed over the ocean.

Earliest Book Plates.

It was within half a century from the invention of printing that book plates were introduced as identifying marks to indicate the ownership of the volume.

Germany, the fatherland of printing from movable type and of wood cutting for making impressions in ink on paper, is likewise the home land of the book plate.

The earliest dated wood cut of accepted authenticity is the well known "St. Christopher of 1423," which was discovered in the Carthusian monastery of Buxhelm in Suabia.

It was to insure the right of ownership in a book that the owner had marked with the coat-of-arms of the family or some other heraldic device. Libraries were kept intact and passed from generation to generation, bearing the emblem of the family.

The first book plate in France dated 1574; in Sweden, 1575; Switzerland, 1607; and Italy, 1623. The earliest English book plate is found in a folio volume once the property of Cardinal Wolsey and afterward belonging to his royal master.

The earliest mention of the book plate in English literature is by Pepys, July 16, 1688. The first known book plate in America belonged to G. D. Dudley. Paul Revere, the patriot, was one of the first American engravers of book plates and a designer of great ability.

All Animals Have Cancer.

It was long thought that cancer was a disease peculiar to men; but it is now proved that there is scarcely a vertebrate animal without it. Savage races were long supposed to be free from cancer. Now that trustworthy reports are being sent in to the imperial cancer researchers, however, it is known that savage races, and indeed all animals develop cancer quite as freely as people living under civilized conditions.

He was the first tramp of the season, and merrily we welcomed him. Here, we said, is a glass of water. Pure cold, delicious water. What you refuse it, man?

He shook his head and sighed. I have to sir, he said. You see, I've got an iron constitution, and water would rust it.

If you will show me the style of a man's amusements and recreations, I will tell you what are his prospects for this world and the world to come.—*T. D.*

Unsung songs cheer so hearts.

DECLINE OF CLUB LIFE.

Due in Measure to Popularity of the Restaurant.

When the first few clubs were established they were the embodiment of new ideas, and they stamped out all competition. Restaurants in those days were not "smart," and it was not the custom to take ladies to dine in them. The clubs appropriated most of the great cooks of the day—Ude left Buckingham Palace to go to the Coventry Club, Soyer went from Lord Chesterfield to the Reform—and a man of fashion could give his friends a better dinner at his club than he could anywhere else in London. The "house dinner" was a novelty, and a very useful one. That a club man could sit down amid comfortable surroundings and eat a well-cooked dinner for 2s. 6d or 3s. 6d. was a pleasurable surprise to men who were used to go to the steaming chop-houses if they wanted a cheap meal served quickly.

Each club had its library, and all the new books of the day were placed in some convenient room for the members to read. Men got a better rubber of whist at their club than they got elsewhere, that boggy gout had not frightened half the male world into drinking whiskey and mineral waters, or poor thin white wines, and the men of a club were proud of its cellar and talked of its bins of vintage port.

And, perhaps the most important of all, to belong to a club in those days was to be of the monde elegant. Men felt that they must live up to the standard of their club and there were rows of shining silk hats on the pegs in the club halls, not the "bowlers" and dusty antiquities which are now hung up. In those days men were not in such a hurry as they are now, and if the hall porter was a lordly and sedate person, of the butler and wine steward were so conscious of their own importance that they could only move at professional pace, the members accepted all this as part of the atmosphere of a good club.

But the swordfish soon came round the whole. Everything that a club can give its members some other establishments now gives, and gives it better and more cheaply. The forty guineas or so that a man pays as his entrance fee to a good club, and his eight or ten or twelve guineas a year subscription, have to be added on to his club bill before he can congratulate himself on living more cheaply by frequenting his club than by dining elsewhere. The restaurants have done more toward killing the clubs than any other enemies of the species.

Origin of Golf Stick.

It is probable that the little boy in the street who calls a hockey stick a golf club is only speaking the truth a few centuries too late. There are many reasons to believe that the Scotch gam of golf, sometimes called bandy ball in the old accounts of it, developed into hockey with a flavor of football about it when it came south, and this is borne out by an old fifteenth century print of two bandy-ball players in which the stick used, called bandy because bent, resembled a hockey stick far more than a golf club. The Gentleman's Magazine, in 1795, also mentions shinty as a Scotch game similar to golf, and another writer defines shinty as "an inferior kind of golf played by young people and in London called hockey."

Weathering of Coal.

It is probably not generally known that coal exposed to the atmosphere undergoes chemical changes greatly affecting its quality. Moisture is the most powerful agent in producing such change. It is a matter of common knowledge among men engaged in the making of illuminating gas that coal which has been stored for a long time experiences a loss of hydrocarbons, and the effects of the change are shown in a diminution of the volume of the coal and in a loss of illuminating power in the gas produced from it. Such chemical changes occurring in great masses of coal may even produce sufficient accumulation of heat to cause spontaneous combustion.

A Disappearing Industry.

Among interesting native industries which tend to disappear with the advance of civilization is the making of "bark cloth" in Africa, from the bark of the brachystegia tree, which grows in Uganda, and in parts of British, German and Portuguese East Africa. The natives strip the bark from trees about two feet in diameter and pound it with stones at the same time pulling it in the direction of the fibre. It is made in sheets averaging six by ten feet in size. The cloth does not possess much strength, and the manufacture of it is rapidly ceasing with the increased use of cotton cloth.

Motorcycles for Laying Wires.

A new application of the motor cycle to military service has been invented in Austria. It contains the quick laying of telephone and telegraph wires. In front of the cycle is installed a cylindrical roll or reel upon which the wire is wound, and a man sitting in the moving car lays the wire, by means of a long pole, either in the tops of trees or if there are none, in the ditches or gutters. With the new apparatus three miles of wire may be laid in 12 minutes.

A London department store keeps a staff of clerks on duty all night to take orders for goods to be delivered early in the morning.

ROBBED WHILE HE MADE LOVE.

Berlin Merchant Victimized Through a Too Agreeable Caller.

Berlin is amused these days over the queer love adventure of a retired merchant living on the Muhlenstrasse. He has a grown up daughter who keeps house for him, and when she went on a holiday visit she relatives in another city she left a very large vacancy in his heart and home.

He was particularly blue on New Year's eve when a knock came to the door of his apartment and a very attractive looking young woman asked for his daughter. He explained that she was away.

The visitor was disappointed almost to tears. She was an old school friend she explained and was visiting Berlin. One of the things which she had most looked forward to was the meeting with her chum.

The father grasped at the chance of a little companionship. He asked the young lady to come in and rest. Then he made tea for her.

She steered the chat along such lines that he ventured to ask her to visit a vaudeville theatre with him, and she accepted. He found her so good humored and amusing that he was deeply smitten before he left her at the door of a house where she said she was stopping.

When he opened the door of his apartment on reaching home, a chilly blast struck him in the face. One of the windows was wide open. The shutters showed the marks of a jimmy.

The whole place was topsy turvy. Pretty nearly everything valuable was gone, including about \$100 that had been locked in a bureau.

It never occurred to the victim to connect the robbery with his agreeable visitor, but the police put the two occurrences together. By watching the house where the old man had left they soon discovered her identity.

She was a young woman, actually an acquaintance of the absent daughter, but a resident of Berlin. She had no police record, but she was known to associate with a young man, still a pupil in a business school, whose habits were bad.

This youth and a still worse associate were arrested, and they confessed to the robbery. They had wanted money to celebrate New Year's Day, they said, and they had persuaded the girl to lure the old man, who they knew kept money in the house, away from home while they turned the trick.

When the girl was arrested, the victim offered to refrain from prosecuting her if she would marry him. She replied that she would do so if he would let the whole three go free. This excited the elderly suitor's jealousy and he flatly refused. The girl then decided to stand trial and go to prison rather than marry him. The case has not yet been tried.

Too Loquacious.

As everyone knows, the great Von Moltke never wasted words and despised anything that approached garrulity in others. German army officers are fond of telling an anecdote illustrative of this peculiarity. Von Moltke was leaving Berlin on a railway journey. Just before the train pulled out of the station a Captain of Hussars entered the General's compartment, and recognizing him, saluted with "Guten morgen, excellenz." Two hours later the train slowed up at a way station. The Captain, arose, saluted and with another, "Guten morgen, excellenz," left the train. Turning to one of his companions Vos Moltke said, with an expression of the greatest disgust: "Intolerable gas-bag."

Insent Curious Progressions.

Among the curious sights sometimes witnessed by entomologists are the "processions" formed by the larvae of a moth inhabiting pine trees in some parts of France. They march in single file and the leader spins a thread which is added to by its followers. A procession consisting of 114 of these larvae was seen in the woods near Arcahon. The processions are formed both at night, when the creatures make excursions from their nest to feed on the young leaves, and in the daytime, when they descend to the ground to seek a place in the sand where they may burrow and pass to the pupa stage. A kind of fly was observed attacking the procession above mentioned, to lay its eggs in the marching larvae.

Good Works of Fiction.

Since the world began there have been written perhaps 100 supremely good works of fiction. Assume that the first of these was the Iliad, now about 3,000 years old. One hundred good stories in 3,000 years is a story every generation. Since the battle of Waterloo, then, there have been rather less than three of them. Probably we are overrating the number rather than the contrary. When you consider the matter, three supremely good stories in a hundred years is a very high average.

Bone Converted to Opal.

At a meeting of the Geological Society of London there was exhibited by Professor Seely the upper bone of the leg, or paddle, of a plesiosaurus which had been almost completely turned into opal, the mineral having replaced the substances of the bone. The fossil was found in an opal mine at New South Wales. The plesiosaurus was a long-necked inhabitant of the sea in the age of the great reptiles, or Jurassic time, and sometimes attained a length of 30 feet.