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Those Schools.

We have before us three different complaints about the public school system from three widely varying sources and we ask our readers if they do not constitute a powerful argument in favor of our Catholic plan of Education.

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During the General Assembly of the Presbyterians in Denver, Dr. Joseph W. Cochran, of Philadelphia, deplored the lack of students for the ministry in that nomination. "Why can't we get the young men to preach?" asked Dr. Cochran.

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If you do not know just where to go. Why not take in the 'Babies' Field Day' sports?

Retracts.

Another example of effective organized and vigorous protest against anti-Catholic talents appearing in the secular press comes from St. Louis.

The Globe Democrat unconsciously allowed an attack upon Joan of Arc from the pen of a bigot to creep into the columns.

The Federated Catholic societies at once made vigorous protest with this result.

In the succeeding Sunday issue the Globe-Democrat contained the following editorial in reference to the subject: "In the publication of a humorous article upon Joan of Arc, appearing in last Sunday's edition, the Globe-Democrat seems to have inadvertently wounded the feelings of a number of its readers."

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Climbing Up.

It is reported that the success of H. H. Rogers who made \$100,000,000 before he died as the real head of Standard Oil will be John D. Ryan, of Butte, Montana.

Mr. Ryan's father was a native of gallant Tipperary, and he is fondly remembered in the Michigan copper regions. Mr. Ryan, with Thomas F. Cole of Duluth, F. A. Heinze and the Amalgamated, of which Ryan is the manager-director. He has displayed such business ability that now he is mentioned for succession to the late millionaire as president of Amalgamated Copper.

Lay Work.

Who shall say that a Christian Catholic laity may not do much to help the Church after reading the following tribute from a young man is ready for an education. Does he go for his education to a Christian school? A Presbyterian school? No. He goes to a godless state university, and when he returns to his home town he puts religion at low ebb, you know where to place the blame.

Speaking in Sinai Temple, Chicago, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, the famous Jewish rabbi, said in part: "The best minds of the nation now agree that there must be some system of moral training in the public schools. The eighteenth century theory that knowledge is all sufficient to the building of character is a mistake and an exploded idea. To-day every master of pedagogy is certain that the imparting of knowledge, unless supplemented by something else, is insufficient in building character and virtue."

The movement spread to the other churches and presently was taken up by priests and laymen in other cities of the country. Now several thousand Catholic churches of the United States have Holy Name societies, and the movement counts more than a million members—distinguished by the small button worn on the lapels which gives the name and object of the society.

Bishop Donahue of Wheeling, W. Va., waxed merry at the expense of a Knight of Columbus the other day. This K of C was hinting at some of the beauties of the order when the bishop replied: "You young men imagine that you belong to a secret society; but you are very much deceived. I have been up in the cupola of the Cathedral, and with the aid of a telescope have discovered everything that you have been doing. I know all of your signs, I know your passwords; and I even know the color of your goat."

RUSSIAN'S ODD WAGER.

The eight Different Methods of Locomotion by Which He Won.

A man named Duboroff has just won a highly original wager at Kief, Russia. He had undertaken to appear daily during eight days in the streets employing each time a different mode of locomotion.

He commenced by running down the steps of his dwelling and along the boulevard on his hands. The following day he hopped through the town on one leg.

Stilts, a skipping rope, roller skates and a bath chair all followed in turn. One day he was conducted through the principal thoroughfares by a small boy who led him on a string.

The finest of his exploits was undoubtedly yesterday's performance when, turning successive somersaults in the air for nearly a mile he arrived amidst enthusiastic cheers at the cafe where his friends were waiting to bestow the prize upon him.

Woman in Japan.

Japan controverts some western ideas as to woman's sphere for in the province of Shima on the south coast of the island empire, women are the sterner sex and not only do most of the field work but are also employed as divers. Stripped to the waist they enter the water at all seasons except during the coldest months of the winter remaining under water sometimes for over a minute and fish up shellfish and tenguas a kind of seaweed, which they pile in a small net carried by each diver at the girdle. These female divers are extremely hardy. The life is however a trying one and the constant exposure causes those engaged in it to become very coarse in appearance and to age quickly.

A Fruitful Potato Plant.

Next satisfied with yielding an enormous output in the regular way an old potato vine growing in the garden of C. Nail at Luthersville, Ga. some time ago began to put out potato all along its branches and when cut into the Constitution office yesterday had potatoes as large as eggs growing practically all over the vine. In a letter accompanying the freak Mr. Nail states that the vine grew in his garden where the soil is a mixture of sand and red clay. On taking up the plant he found that the numerous vines had not neglected their regular duty while pulling off its unusual crop as proved by the fact that an unusually large number of potatoes were found in their accustomed place to the ground. Atlanta Constitution.

Pure Water vs. Typhoid.

Prof. Geo. M. Kober recently collected statistics showing that the substitution of a pure for a contaminated water supply in American cities has been accompanied by a decrease of deaths from typhoid amounting to more than seventy per cent. Before the change the deaths numbered on the average, 694 per 100,000, since they have fallen to 19.8. A bulletin of the New York State Department of Health in 1908 showed in ten cities a reduction of over fifty-three per cent in the typhoid death rate after the introduction of a pure water supply. Youth's Companion.

A Lesson for Older Folk.

Some one told my little child there were bears up-stairs in the dark so she refused to go alone to bed. I told her there were no bears and anyhow I love and if she would always say that to herself nothing would harm her. At last she was persuaded to go alone. As it got darker toward the top of the stairs I heard her say aloud over and over: "God is love they isn't no bears. God is love they isn't no bears."

A Hopeful Soul.

Hope springs eternal, says the poet. The Chicago News gives a striking illustration of the truth of his words. Woman is naturally more hopeful than man. Yes, there's my wife, for instance, for years past every time she had occasion to buy fish she has asked the dealer if they were fresh, hoping, I suppose, that some day he'll say no.

A Roman Lady's Oyster Feast.

In the palace of the Caesars in Pompeii are still seen vomitons, where ancient Romans, when filled to surfeit, would tickle their throats with finger or feather and so eat ten or twelve times daily. A Roman grande dame at one sitting thus enjoyed 2,000 British oysters. Cleo showed appreciation for Cato by making six such returns at one session.

Good to Remember.

Physical defects can be turned into incentives to success instead of drawbacks, what we look upon as handicaps in the end may prove spur to enable us to reach the goal of desire, if we know but how to use them. We make our own happiness, we carve our own success.

The Only Way to Know.

Catherine had asked so many questions and father was growing impatient. Finally he said, "O, Catherine, I can't answer half your questions. I know you can't, father. But then I do not know which half you can't answer."

Grow Old in the Balkans.

In the Balkans is the greatest number of old folk. From a small population they number more than 5,000 over a hundred years old.

Terra del Fuego Famine Diet.

Dogs catch seals, old ladies cannot. In former famines Terra del Fuegians ate the old ladies.

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MEANING IN ORIENTAL RUGS.

Significance Among Eastern Nations of the Colors Used.

Not only do the designs on the covers of rugs woven in the Orient are full of significance. They represent national or individual traditions, they stand for virtues and vices, social importance or social ostracism.

They are the result, says the Eclectic, of the Church Magazine of the political and religious histories of the countries in which they were made. Turkish purple is almost universally regarded as royal.

Red was regarded by the Egyptians as a symbol of fidelity. Green has been chosen by the Turk as his gait color but he would not approve its use in rugs where it would be hidden in the feet.

Rose tints signify the highest wisdom, black and indigo sorrow with the Persians. Preference for duller tones of color among the Persians give to all their embroideries and other products of the loom a certain richness and dignity.

Shooting Leopard on the Spot. "Bill had charge of the animal tent said the old sterner man and among his pets was a leopard. He only one we had with the show and quite enough too. This leopard gave Bill more trouble than all the rest of the menagerie put together. It was certainly an ugly brute. Well, one day when we were showing in the Midlands I had come up to London to arrange about some advance business I was eating my dinner in the hotel when a telegram was handed to me. It was from Bill and said: 'The leopard has escaped. Prowling about town. What shall I do?' That was just like Bill. He had to have explicit directions even in an emergency like this. He didn't want to make a mistake. I immediately wired back to Bill: 'Shoot him on the spot.' I didn't think any more about it until a couple of hours later, when I received another telegram from conscientious, careful Bill, asking: 'Which spot?' London Times.

Lost Articles Department.

Bridget, who had administered the culinary affairs of the Morse household for many years, was sometimes torn between her devotion to her mistress and loyalty to the small son of the house. "Bridget," said Mrs. Morse in a tone of wonder, after an inspection of the storeroom, "where have those splendid red apples gone that the man brought yesterday those four big ones?" "Well, now, ma'am," said poor Bridget, "I couldn't rightly say, but I'm thinkin' if you was to find where my loaf of hot gingerbread is, likely them four red apples would be lyin' right on top of it, an' I'm only hopin' his little stummick can stand the strain."

It was Explicit.

Teddy brought a brush and comb to his mother, saying, "Mother, please put a pathway in my hair."

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