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Fortunes.

Occasionally, ignorant persons profess curiosity as to what the priest does with all the money he receives. If he could follow the city priests, at least, day after day, they would not wonder at what he does but rather how he manages to do as much good as he does with available funds. Few persons, we fancy, have any idea of the calls that are made upon a priest. Rarely, now-a-days, do we hear of large amounts of personal property being distributed to surviving relatives of deceased priests and this is as it should be. The priest devotes his life to the service of Almighty God, not to the acquisition of personal fortune.

In far-off Australia two bishops died the other day who never were accused of personal enrichment. Rt. Rev. Dr. Doyle left the munificent fortune of one shilling and six pence, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Murray left not one cent! Speaking of these two great men, Cardinal Moran paid this tribute: "A time ago we were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of one of their Bishops, Dr. Doyle who had only one shilling and six pence to leave after his labors in the diocese, but their own bishops had not six pence to leave. I will read for you a passage from Dr. Murray's will, which would give a fair idea of his great faith and piety. In that will he wrote as follows: 'Having no means at my disposal for the celebration of masses for the repose of my soul, I trust myself unreservedly to the charity of my priests of the diocese to say more Masses for me, and remember me always in their Holy Sacrifice. I cherish the earnest hope that the faithful people of the whole diocese will not fail to offer their fervent prayers and their Holy Communion, and frequently recite the holy rosary for me in their homes as well as in the church. The Marists, the nuns and children attending their schools in all parts of the diocese were devoted to me during my life, and am sure they will ever remember in my behalf the words of St. Ambrose: 'We have loved him in life; let us not forget him in death.'"

A writer on the staff of the "Evening Star" (N. Y.) pays the following graceful tribute to the memory of Bishop Murray: "Seldom do clergymen die so wealthy as the good Bishop Murray, of New South Wales. The cable said that he died unpossessed of a sixpence. Truly, did he die a wealthy man. The letters 'R.C.' which were attached to the Bishop's name in the columns of the press tempt one to give them a new interpretation. It is a matter of common knowledge, of course, that they mean Roman Catholic, a title that has caused heads to be broken in less peaceful days. To please an odd fancy, if you will, why not accept the letters of associated with the wealthy Bishop, now gone from the ways of men as representing

Real Charity, which is rare now-a-days.?"

St. Thomas.

Anecdotes of the selection of Cardinal Sarto to be Pope are plentiful enough. Some of them are palpably incredible, no matter how interesting. But one has come to light recently which is plausible, at least.

It is related that one morning the Patriarch of Venice was told that a majority of his colleagues had decided to vote for him as successor to Leo XIII. Word was returned that Cardinal Sarto never would consent.

"Will Your Eminence send me to Cardinal Sarto? The last word is not said yet," asked Cardinal Satoli when this discouraging reply reached the august body. And a long conversation between the two Cardinals followed in the cell of the Patriarch. Cardinal Sarto was still obstinate. However, Cardinal Satoli had another trump card to play, and that no less than the authority of the great doctor of the Church, St. Thomas of Aquin. If that failed, they would not wonder at what he does but rather how he manages to do as much good as he does with available funds.

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Stupid.

A despatch has been going the rounds of the secular press and has also been accepted by some Catholic papers, to the effect that an Irish representative is short-tempered and is appointed as diplomatic agent of the British Empire at the Vatican. We prefer to credit the following special correspondence of "Veritas" to the Catholic Standard and Times: When talking of Pius X. it is well to put an end to a stupid joke perpetrated on the "Univers" of Paris, a Catholic paper which publication was given to the notice that an "Irish representative to the Holy See" is to be shortly appointed as diplomatic agent for the whole British Empire. Now, this is a joke or a man correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" wires to his journal: "The Vatican is following with keen interest the reports coming from England with regard to a possible appointment of an Irish representative to the Holy See."

Count Holstein-Ledreborg, the new Premier of Denmark, is the first Catholic Prime Minister since the Reformation. Although he is past the age of 70, he is looked on as the broad-minded statesman in this country, and after the King of Denmark had consulted with nearly every member of note, including Admiral Richelieu, he felt himself under the necessity of recalling Count Holstein-Ledreborg, who had been out of politics for over nineteen years. That no protest whatsoever, nor even the slightest criticism, has been made on religious grounds, shows that religious intolerance is becoming less and less among the masses of the population in all Protestant countries. This has been largely brought about by the tact of the hierarchy and of Catholic residents in these

WHAT THE SIMPLON MEANS.

These New Tunnel Has Effaced a Romantic and Historical Path.

The piercing of the Simplon has happily, brought with it the final effacement of one of the most romantic and grandly historical paths in human expedition. The closing of the Simplon has afforded the most magnificent spectacle of the century. Its argument narrates the complications of society and the complexities detail the element of personal magnetism and force. The superbly built road over the Alps has remained one of the most fascinating diversions for the thoughtful tourist and has been fraught with memorable experiences. From the moment of embarkation in the yellow diligence, when the whip was cracked over the heads of the post horses at Brieg, to the arrival in the gorge of the Simplon at Leate it was a continuous unfolding tableau of grandeur and charm. The overture had been back in the Rhone Valley with the castle of Aon and Sierre, at the foot of the Great St. Bernard. When the assumption of the Simplon began it took on a long series of findings through fortified defiles, led a grand tour of the mountains and through the widest of mountain passes. One was awed by the color and stirred with conflicting emotions. It was indeed a refuge of the hospite of the Augustinian monks who that has experienced the will never forget the welcoming hospitality of the four secluded towers in the desolate spot.

Diamonds for Drawing Wire.

Diamonds are used quite extensively as dies for drawing wire of the smallest sizes. For instance the size less than one 1/2 inch diameter. The hardest steel dies are not suitable for this work for the reason that the wear upon them is enormous. The die that the diameter of the wire is not uniform within the required percentage of variation at the beginning and end of a drawing. The work of copper silver and platinum are the metals usually drawn in the very small sizes. With diamond dies it is practicable to draw platinum to a diameter of one thousandths of an inch. The dies of the finest of a copper wire drawn to only three one-thousandths of an inch in diameter may be set here from the fact that in the pound of the metal there are over 200,000 of such wire. The weight of the diamond used for this work is from four to five carats, and they are uncut except as to the die. The value of these dies, which of course are not of the first water, varies from \$15 to \$20 a carat and several hundred thousand dollars worth of diamonds are utilized as dies in the various factories of this country.

Still, however, as must be the case with these small dies, and are encased as the wires drawn through them may be yet neither will stand comparison with the output of the spinner of the common spider which spins a single thread of six or eight times the thickness and is equal in thickness to an ordinary single strand of sewing thread.

The South Becoming Active.

These days of active activity in the industrial of railroads in the South and more especially toward the South Atlantic and Gulf ports. Much of this, no doubt due to the opening of the Panama Canal, which would be completed within a few days. The great systems of the middle west are striking for routes to the ocean highways, and the short water route to the Orient is especially engaging their attention. The eastern systems are preparing to conserve their own interests in the great developments that will come from this immense work. The increasing product of the coal mines of the South in Tennessee and Alabama and southern Ohio and Kentucky also justify the establishment of depots at the southern coast points for fuel for the ships of commerce, which are coming in fleets to the South for the splendid trade that is growing almost beyond measure in this section. Charleston (S. C.) Post.

House of Paul Revere.

The house of Paul Revere, in North Square, near the old North Church, in Boston, from which he started on his night ride to arouse the country, was up to Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775, was to be torn down, but has been rescued by a number of citizens, among whom are Governor Douglas and Mayor Collins. The sum of \$1,000 is to be raised to buy the property and put it in good condition, restoring it to its colonial dignity, and making it a reliquary of the past.

A Drain on India's Population.

Few probably realize the constant drain on life in India by the plague since it and the famine scourged the whole country. Even during the seven days ended on May 6, 52,252 deaths were returned, showing a decline of 4,478 on the previous week. The mortality in the Punjab, however, increased by over 15,000 in the same period. -N. Y. Sun.

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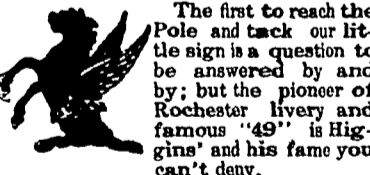
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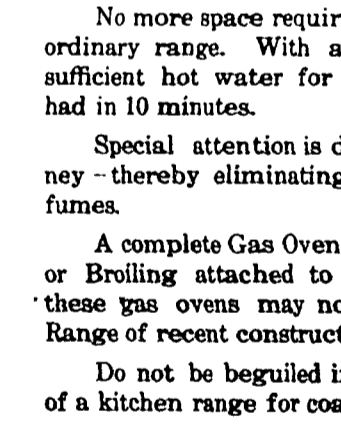
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