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## Congratulations.

The Catholic Journal extends hearty congratulations to Bishop Hickey, the faculty of St. Bernard's and the graduates upon the large class of levites shortly to be ordained from our ecclesiastical seminary on the Boulevard. Eleven of the young priests to be ordained are for the diocese of Rochester while the others will go all over the United States and to the far-off Philippine Islands to celebrate the Holy Mass, to minister to the sick soul, to preach the Gospel of Christ crucified.  
St. Bernard's Seminary has already justified the prediction made by its founder, the late lamented Bishop McQuaid and each year adds to its alumni who are serving God and the world.

## One Sign of the Times

While one may not always agree with all that Dr. Felix Adler does, says or advises, those of us who are still old-fashioned enough to cling to a trifle of olden ideals, traditions and beliefs, will feel inclined to coincide with a recent statement by him that the average American is galloping ahead so fast that everything is likely to go topsy-turvy.  
It does look as if many persons had reached that mental state where they find that the right motives, moral principle or ancient tradition interfere with what they have in mind to do and so they discard tradition, deny historical accuracy and affect to doubt the authority of Almighty God and scout the truths of Religion.  
So-called moral teachers dislike present conditions; they are so sorry that people are poor; they are shocked that the rich grind the poor; they are horrified at crime and so on and so forth. So they set about in different ways to ameliorate conditions. One would have things changed by legislative enactment. Another would reform the world by moral suasion while a third would take the money from the rich and distribute it among the poor, hoping thereby to change things from dark to bright.  
In all these agitations their advocates have forgotten all about the real reform agents, belief in Almighty God, faith in revealed religion and hope for eternal happiness. And so long as they forget these no real or lasting reform will come and conditions never will improve permanently.

The well-read man is never lonesome.

Books are splendid companions on even a hot afternoon evening.

How can you feel easy when you have all the "Sunday dreadfuls" in your home and not a single Catholic paper or magazine?

Pope Pius X should have a liberal offering from American Catholics on Pentecost Sunday.

## Mexico.

Porfirio Diaz, for years and years the presiding genius and director of the destinies of Mexico, has resigned at last and left the country he has raised to a first rank. He will spend his declining years in Spain and Southern Europe.  
Now that Diaz is out, we shall see if the Mexicans are capable of self-government without the guiding hand of the iron dictator who has ruled her destinies for a quarter of a century. It has been charged that Diaz stifled initiative on the part of his people, refused needed reforms and in many other ways made himself an absolute czar of Mexico. The revolutionists have alleged that they could do things so much better and now they have a chance to make good.

The world will watch with curiosity as to whether Mexico without Diaz will give us a Spain or Portugal in the Western hemisphere.

## Brightening Up.

It is a good civic sign when the people, generally, are demanding that streets be cleaned, that back alleys be put in shape and that better sanitary conditions all round must prevail.  
Good sanitary conditions in a municipality are absolutely essential to a healthy community and if all the citizens unite in support of such conditions the public authorities must act and no few kickers can hold back on the plea of expense and such specious arguments.  
Municipal cleanliness is never too expensive. Municipal filthiness is never cheap.

Keep cool these hot days. How? One good recipe is "Do not lose your temper."

Will Ireland have Home Rule ere long?

Rochester's ball team seems to be all right.

Peculiar, is it not, that divorced women who have remarried will be permitted at the coronation of King George and Queen Mary while a woman who chooses to live apart from a worthless and cruel husband is debarred from court?

In the Rt. Rev. E. F. Prendergast, the archdiocese of Philadelphia gains a worthy successor to the late Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan.

Why would it not be a good idea, following the "No Spitting" signs for the Holy Name societies to have "No Profanity" signs printed and distributed on the street cars and in public places.

Do not permit the hot weather to serve as an excuse for breaking your Holy Name pledge against swearing.

Maurice Francis Egan's stories have the merit of sprightliness minus the customary latter day bad dialect and coarse slang.

It looks as if the woman suffrage cause were not to prevail either.

Will the Legislature ever adjourn? Or Congress either.

Under the direction of Bishop Hickey, the Catholic laymen of Elmira have just raised \$14,000 for St. Joseph's hospital.

Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, as a lecturer and writer on economic questions and Dr. James J. Walsh as lecturer on scientific and historical questions, have done much to make plain the true position of the Catholic church in these important directions.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from the president and the faculty of the University of Notre Dame to be present at the sixty-seventh annual commencement.

## Handling a Haddock.

"There is no better place than a fish market to pick up queer superstitions," said a restaurant proprietor. "The other day I held up a fine specimen of haddock. The dealer, who was an Italian, nearly choked on the bunch of Neapolitan expatriates that rushed into his throat.  
"Nevalra, no, nevalra take up haddock so," he said.  
"How?" I asked.  
"By the head, so your fingers touch those dark spots on each side of the head," he said. "The curse fall on you if you do."  
"Whose curse?" said I.  
"St. Peter's," said he. "St. Peter gave the haddock those dark spots. They are his finger prints. He catch haddock just so in the sea of Galilee, and every haddock born since then has shown those same marks. Let go."  
"And I did let go. Of course I did not believe it, but when I found that half the fish dealers in that market did believe I deemed it prudent to handle haddock by the body or tail."  
New York Sun.

## A Maniac's Poem.

Probably the mass of prison poetry which has been written on stools and bedposts and scratched on prison walls far exceeds that which has found expression on paper, and many a "mutilated Milton" has begun and finished his poetical career with these "lost to sight" productions. There is in existence a short poem, said to have been scratched by a maniac on the wall of his cell, which runs thus:  
Could I with ink the ocean fill,  
Were all the world of parchment made,  
Were every reed on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God alone  
Would drain that ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.  
The authenticity of this being the work of a maniac has often been questioned because of the beauty of its expression and its sound reason, but the story stands.—London Saturday Review.

## Bird Stories.

A German scientific journal published in 1897 a story to the effect that a golden eagle shot in that year at Esseg, Slavonia, was found to have a ring about its neck engraved on which were the arms of a Slavonian family and the date 1646.  
In 1798 the Gentleman's Magazine told about a hawk, captured when flying in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope and taken by an Indian ship to England, which wore a gold collar inscribed:  
"This goodie hawk doth belong to his Most Excellent Majesty James, King of England, A. D. 1610."  
If this bird really escaped from England in the reign of James, 183 years elapsed between its escape and its recapture and it had flown a distance of 6,500 miles away from its former owner.

## A Boy Once Himself.

The principal of a village school in Kansas one afternoon detected a boy cutting the letters of his name in the desk in front of him. As the novel would put it, the principal rushed to the spot, angrily put forth his hand intending to grasp the boy by the collar, when, lo and behold, close by the newly formed letters were the initials of the principal's own name written by himself when he was a pupil in the same school. His grasp upon the boy's collar loosened itself, and he returned to his desk a sadder and a wiser teacher. That principal is today judge of an important court in one of the greatest cities of the world. We often wonder whether or not in the administration of justice the judge ever thinks of the incident in the village school.—Western School Journal.

## Parental Tactics.

A worried parent is sometimes obliged to do something like this:  
"Pa, what is a transcendentalist?"  
"Have you chained up the dog as I told you?"  
"Not yet, pa."  
"Well, do that, and when you come back I will tell you what a transcendentalist is."  
While Bobby was gone his astute parent dug the needed information out of a dictionary.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Beethoven's Fits of Rage.

Beethoven's behavior was often atrocious. In giving lessons to young ladies he would sometimes tear the music to pieces and scatter it about the floor or even smash the furniture. Once when playing in company there was some interruption. "I cry no longer for such boys!" he cried and left the piano. He once called Prince Lobkowitz an ass because a bassoon player happened to be absent.—Dole's "Famous Composers."

## Queer Human Nature.

"Man's a funny proposition!"  
"What now?"  
"When he reads a medical book he fancies he has every disease described, but let him read the work of a moralist and all the faults pointed out he sees not in himself, but in his neighbor."—Boston Transcript.

## Stunted Maples.

Stunted maple trees, grown in mountainous regions of eastern Austria, where the winters are long and severe and the snowfalls considerable, yield excellent wood for the manufacture of violins.

## How They Would Sound.

Mrs. Geley (musingly)—Suppose I should publish your love letters?  
Mr. Geley—Why not simply make a public acknowledgment that you married an idiot?

## An Early Airship.

We are told by the Parley, who wrote as an eyewitness, that in August, 1853, the airship Eagle was officially advertised to sail from London with government dispatches and passengers for Paris and to establish direct communication between the capitals of Europe. This early type of airship was 100 feet long, fifty feet high and forty feet wide, and she lay in the dockyard of the Aeronautical Society in Victoria road, near Kensington gardens, then quite a rural spot. Built to hold an abundant supply of gas, she was covered with oiled lawn and carried a frame seventy-five feet long and seven feet high, with a cabin secured by ropes to the balloon. An immense rudder and wings or propellers on each side for purposes of propulsion completed her fittings. The deck was guarded by netting. After all this preparation and advertisement the Eagle never got beyond Victoria road, for Count Lennox and his assistants failed to provide the necessary motive power.—London Standard.

## Carrying a Stretcher.

The bearers of a stretcher should be as near the same height as possible. If there is any difference the taller and stronger man should be at the head. A stretcher should be carried by the hands, or suspended by straps from the shoulders. Never carry a stretcher when loaded upon the shoulders. It frightens the patient, and he might fall off very easily, especially if one of the bearers should stumble. The bearers should not keep step, but break step, the one in front starting off with his right foot and the one behind with his left. The injured should be carried feet first. In going up a hill or upstairs the head should be in front and the reverse in descending, except in case of a broken thigh or leg, when the feet should be first in going up and last in coming down to keep the weight of the body off the injured limb.—"First Aid to the Injured," Dr. H. H. Hartung, in National Magazine.

## Coming In Out of the Wet.

There is an amusing story by Athenaeus, which suggests the possible origin of the phrase "He does not know enough to come in out of the wet." According to the entertaining grammarian referred to, a town in Greece under stress of evil circumstances borrowed money from a rich man, who took as security for the loan a mortgage on the handsome portico which surrounded the market place. He was not an ungenerous creditor, for when it rained he exempted the town officers to announce that the citizens had permission to take refuge under the colonnade. Strangers visiting the town who failed to have the matter properly explained to them were so impressed by the extraordinary circumstances that they spread abroad the report that the people were so stupid that they had to be told when to come in out of the wet.

## When a Dog Chokes.

Dogs frequently choke. A bone, a nail or a piece of tin gets in the throat, and there is great danger of death before the arrival of the surgeon. Many of them do die, but there is no reason for this, for it is easy, without the slightest danger of getting bitten, to put the hand in the mouth of a dog and to draw out or push down the obstruction that is choking it. A handkerchief or towel will do—passed between the teeth and over the upper jaw, and in a similar way another handkerchief is passed between the teeth and over the under jaw. One person, holding the ends of these two handkerchiefs, keeps the dog's mouth wide open. A second person can then with perfect ease and safety put his fingers down the animal's throat and relieve it.

## A Snake Story.

This story is told of the late Dr. Emil Reich. One day when traveling he lay down to rest in the shadow of a bush and fell asleep. He awoke with a start to find that night was coming on and that rain had begun to fall. Quickly snatching up his umbrella, he tried to open it and finding it worked stiffly, he pressed the spring vigorously. Suddenly there was a sound of ripping and tearing and a snake fell to the ground split in two. The reptile had apparently swallowed the umbrella as far as it could!

## Original Era of Good Feeling.

The phrase applied to the administration of James Monroe, "the era of good feeling," first appeared in a Boston newspaper, the Columbia Sentinel of July 10, 1817. From that time until the present hour the two administrations of Monroe—a period of eight years, 1717 to 1825—are referred to in the terms of the newspaper paragraph which so aptly expressed the public sentiment of the day.—Magazine of American History.

## Equivalent.

Cholly Softboy—I suppose I looked away awfully at the zoo today when that nasty Dick Dandy said when I stood by the big monkey's cage how much I was like it. Can't I find an equivalent for that?

## The Lesson.

He—Yes, it's very true, a man doesn't learn what happiness is until he's married. She—I'm glad you've discovered that at last. He—Yes, and when he's married it's too late.—Dorffbarber.

## No Sympathy.

"Here, waiter, there's a ty in my soup."  
"Serve the brute right. He's been bawling round here all the morning."—Life.

## Little to be Grown, but Still a something without its great mamma.

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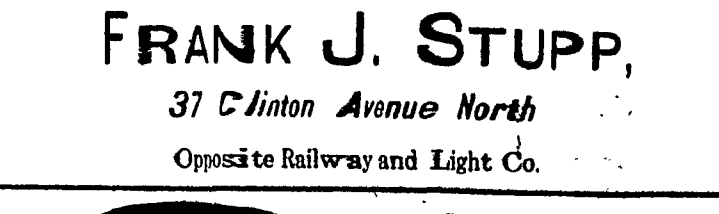
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