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Dangerous

Leaving aside the religious and
spiritual side of the question en-
tirely, citizens of this day and
age should ask themselves this
question: "Is not the daily speech
of many men as heard daily upon
the public streets, a grave men-
ace to our institutions and pre-
sumptive evidence that we are
retrograding notwithstanding the
vehement assurances of certain
professional talkers and writers
that the world is improving every
minute?"

He who contributes to public
charities or presides at "uplift-
mass meetings" is not thereby
licensed to use profanity and ob-
scenity at will. Neither is it de-
cent to use profane or vile lan-
guage in public places but this is
the rule nowadays, not the ex-
ception. It used to be consid-
ered bad form to swear or use vile
language in the presence of la-
dies. Perhaps, the "new woman"
with her demand for all the pre-
rogatives of the man, has encour-
aged this condition, unwittingly,
but this constitutes no excuse.
Men should not be permitted to
plead this extenuation of a viola-
tion of good manners and also of
the statutes.

Police officers should pay more
attention to those who offend in
speech than they do.

Good Work

It is gratifying to read that
New York is waking up to the
danger of lewd and licentious
dancing. One proprietor of a place
where indecent dancing was per-
mitted has been sentenced to six
months imprisonment in Black-
well's Island. Another proprietor
of a far more pretentious place,
where persons who call them-
selves "society folk" were wont to
foregather when the lights were
lit, found his lease terminated.
The owners of the property were
clean-living people who objected
to licentiousness.

It is well. The sooner that pre-
sumptuous persons realize that,
in the main, the American peo-
ple are clean in their lives and
habits, the better it will be for
all concerned. One word more. If
licentious and indecent dances
are persisted in the result will be
that all dancing will be tabooed
in social gatherings and this will
mean real hardship to those who
are fond of this form of amuse-
ment when it is innocent and within
the realms of decency.

For Example.

We are indebted to the Phila-
delphia "Daily Press" for the
following unqualified indictment
of non-Catholic Church-goers:

In an address before the month-
ly meeting of the Presbyterian
Social Union, at the Bellevue-
Stratford, last night, Cyrus J.
Musser, editor "The Reformed
Church Messenger," declared
that the majority of churchgoers
were hypocrites and that the
evangelization of the world, if
dependent upon them, would
never be realized.—Daily Press.

Does the reverend editor in-
clude in his sweeping indictment
the pastors of churches? If he
does not, then he should do so.
If Churchgoers are hypocrites,
then the pastor must be some-
what to blame, because is he not
supposed to lead his flock? If the
pastor be a hypocrite, if he
preaches only what he expects
will suit his congregation or re-
frains from touching upon topics
he fears will meet disapproval by
his congregation, is he not a hypo-
crite and how can he expect his
hearers to be anything different?

That is one of the sad phases
of the non-Catholic side. Its
preachers and teachers offer but
an empty shell to their congrega-
tions, often not even a pretense
at religion. They are told that it
is not essential to believe this or
practise that in order to be a
church attendant. What wonder,
then, that the average non-Cath-
olic has not as much reverence
for his church as he has for his
club or his place of business?

Why, Pray Tell Why?

Noting the growth of the os-
tensibly "patriotic" and "fra-
ternal" organization which ap-
pears to have succeeded to the
late and lamented A. P. A., as a
vehicle for bigotry and intoleran-
ce, we think it timely to repro-
duce the following from the
"Catholic Advance"—

Catholics discovered this coun-
try! Catholics first settled it.
Catholics first preached the Gos-
pel in it. When fighting for liber-
ty in the days of the Revolution
began, Catholics shed their blood
for it. Washington himself was
constrained to give public testi-
mony to the Catholics especially,
for their patriotism and sacrifice
in the time of need. In the civil
war for the preservation of the
Union, whole regiments of Cath-
olics, with their Catholic chap-
lains, fought and died for their
country. Catholics more than all
other organizations combined
have built and are supporting
asylums, hospitals, protectories,
houses for the poor, the waifs and
the outcasts, shelters for the
aged and insane and schools, acad-
emies, colleges and universities
for general education.

Now, we would ask for which
of these benefactions are we
hounded by crazy Watsons or
slandered and abused by A. P. A.'s
infidels, Orangemen, Socialists
and occasionally by backwoods
Gospel-grinders like the whiten-
ed sepulchre at Aurora, Mo.?

The profane man and the ob-
scene man, taken together or
singly constitute a distinct men-
ace to society at large.

Are you truly observing the
Lenten season.

It is a striking commentary
upon the large attendance upon
the Lenten week-night services
at the Church of the Immaculate
Conception that it is found neces-
sary to hold separate services on
different nights for men and
women, else the church edifice
could not accommodate all who
come. And no importation of
"big guns" is necessary to at-
tract the crowds!

It is not nice to blaspheme. And
it is not respectful to the Creator.

Aptly says the "Western
World" like other indecencies,
dirty language could be lessened,
if not stopped, by civil law.

The "New World" is of the
opinion that there are too many
bachelors. Why does not the edi-
tor practise as well as preach?

When will Congress quit talk-
ing and get down to real busi-
ness?

The New York State Legisla-
ture is to adjourn on March 29th.
For this little relief let us be
thankful.

How to Keep Roses Fresh.
Proper care of cut flowers will double
their lease of life. Even hothouse
roses, usually the shortest lived of bloom-
ers, can be made to retain their
beauty and fragrance for two weeks if
one will take the trouble to boil the
stems. To do this set a pan of hot wa-
ter on the stove and when the water
begins to boil place the stems of the
flowers in the water to the depth of
one inch. Hold the flowers carefully to
prevent their touching the sides or bot-
tom of the pan. Allow them to boil fif-
teen or twenty minutes. Remove the
flowers and clip off the portions of the
stems that were in the water. They
are then ready to be arranged in the
vase or bowl. Many persons have poor
success in keeping cut flowers because
they do not put fresh water into flower
vases every day. The stems of the
flowers should be clipped every day to
enable them to take up more water.
Never leave cut flowers in a warm
room overnight. Set them in a cool
place.—Kansas Industrialist

Mecra's Polluted Well.
A scientific analysis has been made
of the Zem Zem water from the sacred
well at Mecra, which, according to the
Arabs, is the well that the angel show-
ed to Hagar and whose water saved
the life of Ishmael. After reading the
results of the analysis one cannot won-
der that pilgrims who drink the water
frequently are attacked by cholera.
The specimen examined contained sixty-
nine grains of chlorine to the gallon.
Water which contains so little as nine
grains of chlorine to the gallon is ordi-
narily regarded as scarcely fit for hu-
man consumption. Moreover, in the
case of the Zem-Zem well it is believed
the chlorine originates from the cus-
tom of pouring the water over the pil-
grims and allowing it to run back into
the well. The sacred water was found
to possess an extraordinary degree of
"hardness," three times as great as that
of average water. It also held twenty-
times as much ammonia compounds as
drinking water should contain.

A Touch of Human Nature.
The doors which open from the side-
walk into the lobby of a big building
are heavy ones and are very hard to
open. Yesterday a little hunchback
stepped out of an elevator on the first
floor, followed by a great big man.
The hunchback reached the doors first
and "threw himself" against one. At
though he pushed with all his might,
he couldn't open it. ("Hagrined, he step-
ped back and the big man stepped up.
Noticing the look of humiliation on
the face of the little fellow, the big
man said:

"I've got a sore wrist. Come on, let's
see if we both can't open it."
The hunchback and the big man both
pushed on the door, and of course it
opened. The two went out smiling.
The big man had no sore wrist at all.
Two or three people looking on felt
like cheering for him.—New York Tele-
graph

How to Walk.
There is no virtue in a dawdling
saunter. The slow and languid drag-
ging of one foot after the other which
some people call walking would tire
an athlete. It utterly exhausts a weak
person, and that is the reason why
many delicate persons think they can-
not walk. To derive any benefit from
the exercise it is necessary to walk
with a light, elastic step which swings
the weight of the body so easily from
one leg to the other that its weight
is not felt and which produces a
healthy glow, showing that the slug-
gish blood is stirred to action in the
most remote veins.

Domestic Strategy.
"I suppose you try to make your
home so attractive to your husband
that he will wish to spend all his spare
moments in it."
"Yes, I keep matches and cigars
where he may always find them handy;
there isn't a tiny or a sofa pillow or
anything of that kind in his room, and
I allow him to have portraits of his
father and mother hung in places that
are just as good as those which are
devoted to the pictures of my own pa-
rents."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Stalling Merit.
"I bought my wife a fine arrange-
ment for long motor rides."
"What is it?"
"A sort of trap to wear over the
mouth called a dust protector."
"Does it work?"
"I don't know about the dust part
of it, but it keeps her from talking."

No Need.
Priscilla—Jack is the oddest fellow!
He took me driving yesterday, and
when we were seven miles from home
he said if I wouldn't promise to marry
him he'd make me get out and walk
back. Penelope—Did you walk back?
Priscilla—No, indeed, but the horse
did.—London Telegraph

Two Factors.
Willis—I've got to cut out this high
life while my wife is away. Gliss—
What's the trouble now? Willis—The
pace and the neighbors are beginning
to talk.—Puck

An Extremist.
Hicks Mathers is one of those sim-
plified spelling cranks, isn't he? Wicks
—I should say so. He spells wife "y2."
—Boston Transcript.

Household Talk.
Ezra—A fool and his money are
soon parted. Wife—I haven't noticed
any of the fool about you for some
time.—Judge.

Humility is the virtue all preach,
some practise and yet everybody is
content to hear.—Soldier.

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