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women who enter the convent, choose the better part and that God endows them with more than ordinary talent, viewed even from a worldly viewpoint.

ROUND THE GLOBE

Copper has been discovered in Nova Zembla
Dublin is adopting electric street lighting
Sugar beets are being made into flour in France
New York uses electric devices to heat its zoological gardens
Recent Yukon fires have destroyed lumber valued at \$100,000,000
The first legal autopsy was performed in China a few months ago
Flies are not a pest in Scotland, and the use of screens is exceptional
St. Louis has started a crusade against palmists and clairvoyants
New Zealanders consume more than seven pounds of tobacco per capita per year
Stockholm is in 1912 to entertain the international congress of mathematicians
During the past twelve months 18,831 ships entered or departed from the port of London
Nearly 1,500,000,000 of British capital is estimated to be invested in the Argentine republic
Of all the coal that passes through New York ten out of eighteen tons comes from Pennsylvania
In the whole German empire only \$300,000 has so far been donated for the erection of free libraries
An accident in a London hospital led to the discovery that some forms of deafness could be cured by X rays
Chinese farms are for the most part too small to make machinery profitable, and the farmers cannot afford to buy it
After many tests under government supervision trinitramine salt has been found the best preservative for butter
The government mint at Denver is operated entirely by electric power motors totalling 300 horsepower belts, used
Among other foreign garments Chinese are buying many sweaters. In colors they prefer green white and maroon
Italy requires makers of cheeses containing oleomargarine to paint them red on the outside and to label them properly
In the west end of London there are scores of head waiters whose incomes range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year from tips alone
The Stuttgart book publishers have a curious way of estimating their exports by the kilogram instead of by the number of volumes
Offering prizes to its motormen for the most effective operation of cabs by an English company has resulted in a saving of 25 per cent of the current
In England every dog over six months old costs \$1.80 for an annual license, and the animal must wear a collar bearing the owner's name and address
The women of India, in the Austrian province of Krain were so dissatisfied with the fire brigade that they formed one of their own consisting of sixty members
In Spain the savings banks have only \$3.60 per inhabitant. In Belgium the figure is \$29.99 per inhabitant. In France \$21.89. In Italy \$18.58. In Great Britain \$21.88
Within a period of fifty years the number of the insane and feeble minded in the United States has increased 160 per cent while the population has increased only 20 per cent
To overcome the tendency of plants to grow in the direction of sunlight a Philadelphia college laboratory uses a slowly revolving table to expose all sides of plants to the sun the same length of time
The Argentine national health department has posted signs along the principal streets of Buenos Aires telling what animals and insects should be avoided to lessen the dangers of infectious diseases
The population of the United Kingdom, Norway, Austria and Switzerland has increased at a slower rate in the last ten years than before but at a more rapid rate than Sweden, Belgium, Holland and Germany
In England there are at least half a million stamp collectors. Within a few years there have been printed nearly 3,000 books, each about some phases of stamp collecting. Two firms have between them \$1,250,000 invested in stamps
The legislature of Vera Cruz offers prizes of \$100 to \$1,000 to ranch owners who shall plant and be the first to harvest crops from orchards of oranges, mangoes and pineapples. This is the first permanent and definite incentive of the kind offered to farmers in Mexico
There is a steady stream of United States emigrants coming to the United States, made up almost entirely of young men. In many villages this exodus has left hardly any males except the old men and young boys and there is frequently a scarcity of labor at harvest and threshing time
One of the Rothschilds is said to value his life so highly that he is now visited every day by three doctors, and wherever he goes he is followed by a valet carrying a bag containing everything necessary in case of sudden illness. The doctor's fee is \$5,000 a year. It is said
More men enlisted as doughboys in the navy at the recruiting stations in New York city in the week of the recent big naval review than during any other week but one since the Spanish American war. There were more than 300 applicants, and the increase in the number of enlistments is timely, for immediately after the great review five destroyers were put in reserve because of the shortage of men

Possible Reason
We are going a long way in our state paternalism over the children. We provide free lunches at school, free dentistry, free optometry, free baths and free shows.
The "Ave Maria" notes another step in this direction, as follows:
As an instance of how various extraneous interests are by degrees grafted onto the public school system, here is a fine specimen. A medical man in New York examined the pockets of seventy school children and found this dreadful state of affairs: Thirty-two children had no handkerchiefs at all, twenty-two handkerchiefs were in an unsanitary condition, and all but twenty were crammed with germs. Accordingly the medical investigator recommended the city officials to establish a handkerchief department. Spectacles, lunch rooms, ear-drums, free dentistry and surgery have been strongly urged upon the system.
What next?
Possibly, these state paternalism advocates have method in their madness. They are so anxious to wean the children of the foreign element away from the Catholic schools that they are supplying a great deal of stuff free which parents should provide for their little ones and which many of them are well able to so provide. If the public school does so provide, then it is hoped that the children will be taken from the Catholic schools unless we follow suit and this would be a heavy drain upon our purses already taxed so heavily to keep up parental schools for conscience sake.
Writing to Dr. John B. Murphy, of Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Theodore Roosevelt says:
"I am able to speak with knowledge when I say that it would be impossible to desire more skillful and better and more careful treatment than I have received and this not only from the medical staff, but from the Sisters, nurses and all other attendants and from the standpoint of comfort as well as from the standpoint of medical and surgical skill. May I ask you to extend on my behalf my sincere thanks to the Sister Superior and to all connected with the hospital."
Now that election is over, some of the progressive party shouters will turn to their favorite pastime of Pope-baiting.
Let us so live that our example will prove the best recommendation of our Faith could have in the world at large.
If we would withhold our patronage from those we know ready to fling contumely, to put it mildly, upon the convent life such would be the most salutary and those who choose to so honor Almighty God, read the secular press despatches during the last few weeks?
If they have, then they should feel impelled to withdraw from those of these slurs and apologies. Down in Texas the other day a fire broke out in an orphan asylum conducted by their despised constitutions no valid reason why nuns. Did they rush to save their own lives, forgetting the hundreds of little ones entrusted to their care? Not they. Remaining at their posts until everybody possible could be saved, a half-tired temporarily, from politics? Why, they will now abuse daughters of Christ lost their own lives.
Similar instances are chronicled every few weeks in the secular press. Do they confirm the insinuation that convent life dwarfs human instinct, that it breeds weaklings, that it is all that is wrong? Not at all. It proves that

Evil Influence
There are many influences at work these days to divert young people from the straight and narrow path. Some people quite often do not exert the right influence. There is a tendency to loosen the moral ties, a hint that liberality should be the prevailing thought and that to be moral and clean implies that one is old-foggyish.
Too great liberty of action between the sexes is another tendency of the times. For instance, the position assumed in even the permitted dances is provocative of loose morals and improper thoughts, to say the least. And as for those hideous travesties on the dance of our forefathers, they are tolerated if not encouraged in social gatherings. Those would be ranked as disgusting even in the low-down theaters a generation ago, yet some so-called society folk seem to think them smart.
This much has been written to lead up to a justification of the steps which are now taken to discourage freedom and license in the dance. State law now vests in the local police power to supervise all dances and to stop all that even verge on the disgusting or the licentious. There has been some objection on the part of the loose-moraled persons and those ignorant of the reasons for this supervision. And there are those who have been heard to protest that the Catholic church authorities, exercising that regulation of the morals of her children that has been hers since her institution by Christ, has seen fit to forbid dancing at all in functions held under the auspices of the Church.
Bishops and priests and religious know more about the insidious influence to which Catholic boys and girls are subjected and they know better than their critics of the need for drastic action. Let us uphold their hands, not fetter them.
True Courage
Have those bigots who are ready to fling contumely, to put it mildly, upon the convent life such would be the most salutary and those who choose to so honor Almighty God, read the secular press despatches during the last few weeks?
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When Ships Were Built in the Woods
In colonial days the shipping for our home trade and for sale abroad was built chiefly in the district of Maine and in New Hampshire. These two colonies built rather more than one-half the entire American tonnage in the days immediately preceding the Revolution. The older ports could not compete with the new settlements amid the timber. When the great trees had been exhausted on the river banks gangs of shipwrights went a mile or two into the forests and here on the uplands would build a vessel of 100 tons or more mounted her on strong sledges of timber hewn on a team of 200 oxen and drag it in one steady pull over the snow to the frozen surface of a navigable stream. Such a team of oxen would be a quarter of a million long and it took the teamsters of a major general to start them all at a once. It was called "raising them" and this work once done nothing must stop them till the ship rested on the ice—Boston Globe

Grim Humor Saved His Life
When a spy was caught and brought before Marshal Bassompierre the marshal addressed him with the formula he always used when sentencing a man to death: "Brother, you or I must certainly be hanged." Next day as the spy was being dragged to the gallows he adjured his jailers to allow him a last interview with the marshal, as he had something of supreme importance to say to him. The jailers were so impressed by his intense earnestness that they begged the marshal to give him an audience.
"Bring the dog in," cried Bassompierre. "What's your business?" he asked the spy impatiently when he was dragged in. "Only this, my lord, my last interview you said either prepared out of the ordinary powdered you or I must be hanged. Did you really mean that? It's of supreme importance to you or me because if you won't be hanged I must, that's all." The marshal was so tickled with the man's humor that he ordered his release.—London Mail.

Arabian Snuff
Snuff in Arabia is not used as it is with us, although one occasionally sees a snuffer, but the snuff is ordinarily made into a pill of about the size of a robin's egg and is placed between the fingers of the hand and the teeth. This manner of using snuff is common among the laboring class, and almost every comely that is met in the street has his lower lip pulled out by a ball of snuff behind it. Arabian snuff is at our last interview you said either prepared out of the ordinary powdered you or I must be hanged. Did you really mean that? It's of supreme importance to you or me because if you won't be hanged I must, that's all." The marshal was so tickled with the man's humor that he ordered his release.—London Mail.

The Pagoda on the Balanced Rock
One of the curious sights of Burma is a huge boulder on Kelasa heights that rests in delicate poise on the very brink of a rounded cliff. So unstable is the equilibrium that the rock trembles in the wind. Very naturally this odd freak has attracted the attention of the superstitious natives, who look upon it as a miraculous work of the gods. They believe that the rock is Galveston News.

The Old and the New
The old fashioned bride who was dowered with a stack of bedquilts now has a daughter who is going to bring upon it as a miraculous work of the her husband a trunkful of lingerie—

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