

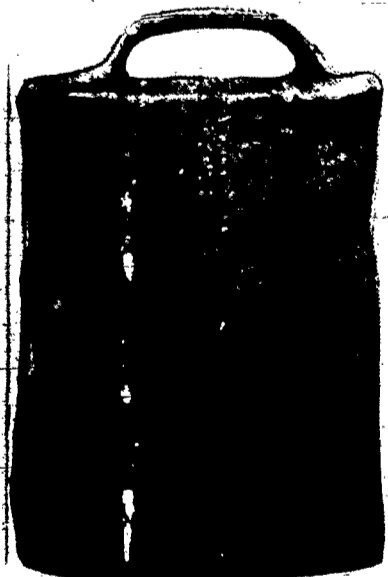
St. Patrick and the Shamrock



THE SHAMROCK came into Irish history at the time St. Patrick was trying to convert Leoghaire, a chieftain, and his followers to Christianity. St. Patrick said to have plucked a shamrock from the sward to explain by its triple leaf and single-stem in some rough way the doctrine of the blessed trinity—one God and three divine persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The Bell of St. Patrick

TO St. Patrick's bell, now on exhibition in the National Museum in Dublin, is attached an interesting bit of Irish history. Far west of Connagh there is a range of tall



By courtesy Catholic Encyclopedia.
ST. PATRICK'S BELL, NATIONAL MUSEUM, DUBLIN.
Mountains which bid defiance to the waves and storms of the Atlantic. At the head of this range arises a

Proverbs of St. Patrick.

Followers of Christ should not be so swift in judgment until they know how true it may be which is written, "Do not desire quickly to be a Judge." Those in authority in the church ought not to have worldly wisdom but divine examples before them for it does not become the servants of God to be crafty or cunning. Judges of the church ought to judge just judgments for with whatever judgment they shall judge it shall be judged to them. Judges of the church ought not to respect a person in judgment, for there is no respect of persons with God. Pluck of an Irish Prince. It is related that while engaged on the capture of royal Prince Aengus son of the King of Munster, St. Patrick, being on his way, passed with his flock by the prince's field. Aengus, seeing the priest, removed. When St. Patrick, at the close of the ceremony, saw the blood spilt and asked why he had remained about the prince and that he thought it was a part of the ceremony. He Kidnaped St. Patrick. Ailbin, the Irish chieftain who kidnaped St. Patrick, ended his life by throwing himself into the flames that were destroying his castle. He had previously thrown all his personal belongings into the fire, hearing that St. Patrick was coming to visit him. The saint saw the work of destruction from a nearby hill, but too late to prevent Ailbin's self destruction. Birthplace of St. Patrick. E. A. D'Alton, after making an exhaustive study of Irish history for the Catholic Encyclopedia, declares there is no reason to believe that St. Patrick was not born at Dumbarton, Scotland. Conall's Gift. Conall, the first Irish chieftain to become a Christian, made a gift to St. Patrick of a site for a church which to this day retains the name of Donagh-Patrick.

ST. PATRICK'S CHARMED LIFE.

St. Patrick was doomed to death twelve times during his fight to establish Christianity in Ireland and each time escaped paying the penalty.

ROUND THE WORLD

This year \$225,000,000 may be spent on Panama canal work. In street accidents in 1912 532 persons were killed in New York. Commerce of Hawaii in 1912 was \$15,000,000 greater than in 1911. German manufacturers of valve have combined in a huge syndicate. Dr. W. C. Woodward is advocating open air schools for the District of Columbia. Siberia is expected to be an important source of the world's food at an distant day. The naval militia is now organized in twenty-two states and the District of Columbia. Washington will hereafter grade salaries of public school teachers according to their experience. New York's department of education last year employed 396 lecturers, who delivered 5573 lectures. Enlargement of the arteries is now cured by the use of a glass tube inserted in the affected part. Nearly \$1,000,000 is now on deposit in school savings banks in 1,149 schools throughout the United States. In the last six months of 1912 there were constructed in the United States 791 boats of an aggregate tonnage of 103,584. More than \$250,000 has been left unclaimed by relatives in the cases of persons found dead in New York in the last year. North Carolina sends much dogwood and persimmon lumber to England, where it is made into shuttles for the cotton mills. The Chinese official newspaper, which has been published for 1,500 years, has been put out of business by the new administration. Men of northern China, as a rule, continue to wear their cues, whereas in southern China nearly every cue has been discarded. Attempts are being made in Mexico to make it impossible to set railway bridges on fire by using fireproof material in building. Four more national bird reservations were established by the United States government last year making the total number fifty-six. The government of Uruguay has engaged an agricultural expert from the United States to organize an agricultural school in the republic. Paper from which magazines can be made instead of using the more expensive fabric has been invented by an Italian scientist. Official figures show Africa led the world in the production of gold last year with the United States second, Australia third and Mexico fourth. A new method of preserving oil paintings recently patented in Germany consists of inclosing the entire picture in a case having a glass front and filled with nitrogen. Low testing examinations in Germany have been instituted only since 1909, but control more than 112,000 cows. The associations are intended to increase the milk capacity of German cows. Are shorthand writing and note taking doomed in courts of justice? An Australian judge has just declared, "I believe the day is not distant when the phonograph will be regularly used to take down evidence." Last year the cornfields of the United States yielded the greatest crop in the history of this country. It reached the enormous amount of 3,169,000,000 bushels, valued at \$1,750,000,000. The United States raises three-quarters of the world's crop of corn. More than 4,500,000 gray squirrels were killed last year in Siberia for their fur. The tails alone weighed over twenty-one tons. The animal figuring next in the fur trade of Asiatic Russia in point of numbers was the white hare which contributed 1,500,000 skins. New South Wales has adopted the California plan of plowing at night. For this purpose two powerful acetylene headlights are attached to the traction engine which draws the plow, and the ground is so well and brightly lighted that the operator can work over the field quite as well as by daylight. There are now in use in New York, and its immediate vicinity ten automobile hearses as against four less than a year ago, and there are a number of livery and undertaking establishments equipped to furnish complete automobile funerals including, besides an automobile hearse, black painted limousine automobiles in place of horse-drawn carriages. Practically no dressed beef was exported from the United States during the last six months in 1912. Up to a few years ago American beef was sold in great quantities in the markets of practically every nation of the world, and the international supply of beef depended on the American market. Now the United States has passed from this position to that of a nation able to supply beef only for the consumption of its own people. Six Siberian dogs have arrived on the Jungfrau (11,140 feet) and will be employed in drawing sledges up the Jungfrau mountain and across the Aletsch glacier after they have been trained to the work by Mr. Zochokke, a Polish expert. The idea is to give visitors to Switzerland in summer a glimpse of life in the snow and ice bound districts of Siberia and in Greenland. This is the first time that dogs have mounted to so great a height in Switzerland.

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