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It has been remarked that there is, to the mind of the American lawyer, a fatal defect in the English system of jurisprudence.

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While it cannot be denied that the lack of appeals, as practised so easily in the American courts, may occasionally work injustice, there is no gainsaying the fact that final determination of causes to the English Governor-General comes much more speedily than in this country where the possibilities of delay in determination, especially where one of the parties in question are possessed of ample means are notorious and constitute a breeder of socialistic tenets.

The Chicago "Columbian" thus characterizes the attitude of our prosecuting attorneys: "In no serious cases prosecutors work to the limit of their capacity to secure a conviction, because they imagine it will add to their personal reputation. It is a most sordid and contemptible motive. They desire a conviction regardless of guilt. If a conviction adds another scalp to their belt, the poor victim of their fight for notoriety may be hanged or go to the electric chair regardless of his guilt or innocence. One would imagine that our criminal courts had been created to make reputations for aspiring lawyers. No person who respects right or decency can view such methods without disgust or contempt. It is a discredit not only to the individual prosecutor, but to the whole profession.

Other Sharks. Just at present the Eastern summer resorts are filled with

terror of man-eating sharks. But there are other sharks, not of the sea-going variety, which infest our summer resorts. There is a grave danger to the moral life of the visitors, more grave than any dangers of the sea. Moral relaxation often accompanies physical relaxation. Throwing off business or social restraints is often accompanied by relaxation in other directions. It is an old saying and a true one that the devil takes no vacation but puts in an appearance at summer resorts purely on business.

It is observed that vacations are really a necessity, especially in the case of brain workers who cannot take the physical exercise necessary to produce an equitably balanced piece of human machinery. But there are points of disadvantage in taking a vacation away from home. The daily program of family life is disarranged. Families are separated. At summer resorts friends are made on short acquaintance. Many a divorce had its inception at the summer resort. The strict supervision exercised at home is lacking and young people are thrown into what often is too close familiarity, especially in tent and cottage sojourning. The danger that follows is apparent. Instead of summer romances, heart-breaking tragedies are the result. "Man eating sharks" of the system is modeled in great part upon the English system of jurisprudence. Or if he does remember he makes the querulous complaint that where no appeals can be made, the lawyer's business will fall off in surprising degree. Again he overlooks the fact that probably nine-tenths of the people would not lie awake with grief, were the ranks of the legal profession decimated.

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In Memory.

An exchange, writing about the absence of so many of our soldier boys on the Mexican frontier, recalls that on the 3d of July, 1778, the day before George Rogers Clark took Kaskaskia and imprisoned Rocheblau, he (Rocheblau) wrote the following letter to the English Governor-General:

"I am, monsieur, discouraged. No words in English can fittingly express my despair. Those settlers - Mon Dieu! What settlers they are! There is not one among them loyal to our great and good Majesty, King George; and they are bold; they converse much concerning the Colonial troubles, but for all that, our young men are running away to join Mr. Washington's army, helped either by the Indians or traders. Why this very day, Governor, I heard with my own ears my daughter singing a rebel song as she sat at her wheel. And when I questioned her as to where she got the ballad, she made answer that it had been writ by the priest and then by him set to a melody. Now, if the shepherd is so minded, what will the sheep do? Voila! The sheep they follow, and that my Governor may behold the spirit of Kaskaskia, I copy the sang: 'Twas a day in May, the sky was fair, A wealth of fragrance filled the air, From wild wood blossoms on bank and tree All the birds were singing; the drowsy bee Was aboard and taking his hoard From the deep-thwarted flowers of Kaskaskia.

In a trapper's hut, in a forest glade Beside her wheel sat a little maid; She was singing a ballad quaint and sweet, And these are the words she did repeat That morning in Kaskaskia;

"Dear heart, sweetheart, where'er thou be, 'Tis dreaming ever I am of thee, Praying that love like a guiding star,

May bear you this message where'er you are; 'Tis this, sweetheart, I loved you here, Here in the woods of Kaskaskia, I loved you there as I loved you here,

"O Monsieur, there is, I fear, me, more than billet d'amour in this singing. It comes to me that when sweethearts march to meet a foe to such love-laden encouragement that God alone can save those they go to do battle with. It is conjectured that the priest by whom the song had been written and set to music was the gifted patriot priest, Pierre Gibault, who gave to the American cause the French possessions east of the Mississippi and North of the Ohio.

Fraternal.

This is the day and age of the "fraternal." There are societies named after birds and animals, and other things and spices of life whose object is to satisfy the craving in the average human for consorting with his fellow humans in herds, under various names. Most of these are for purely social purposes, while others are instituted to provide insurance, either health, life or accident or to provide sick benefits. Others are really or allegedly to promote patriotism and love of country.

Most of these are avowed by and a great many really are non-sectarian and non-political. Most of these are to elevate and refine their membership. But there are some of these that disregard their avowed purposes and aims and foment religious discord and preach anarchistic principles - at least some of their leaders do and for their acts the whole organization is condemned and execrated. If "fraternals" are to live and prosper, these fellows must not only be repressed but driven out of the ranks altogether. No organization that exists for self alone can thrive or prosper in this glorious Republic under the regis of the Stars and Stripes.

Bishop Grimes likes our St. Ann's Home for the Aged so well that he is planning to establish a similar institution in the Diocese of Syracuse.

Many a man thinks he is the embodiment of charity when he is only a very successful self-advertiser.

The war is developing a crop of budding heroes.

There are many men who are alert and "on the job" when anything of a social or convivial nature is on foot in their Catholic society, but who are singularly apathetic and brain-fagged when anything is proposed of an intellectual nature.

While we were bewailing the lot of the soldiers on the Mexican frontier during the torrid days, the official thermometer in Brownsville, Texas, registered 74 degrees, when Rochester and the East sweltered in the nineties.

Let us pray that our boys at the front may not be called upon for other than patrol duty.

Between foreign war news and local rumors of domestic war, the telegraph toll bills of the newspapers these days are really and literally immense.

Thank fortune, there are not quite as many industrial dispatches chronicled these days as earlier in the year.

And the base ball fans are just as happy at hot weather as the raisers of corn.

SISTER M. GERALDINE.

Former Instructor at Nazareth Academy Dies After Long Illness.

Sister M. Geraldine for many years prominent as an instructor of painting in Nazareth Academy, died on Monday in Nazareth Normal school. She had been a sufferer from paralysis for nearly seven years. Sister Geraldine who was nearly 53 years of age, formerly was Miss M. Geraldine Kavanaugh. She came to Rochester from Canada, entering the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph more than thirty-five years ago. During the great portion of her religious life Sister Geraldine served as instructor in Nazareth Academy. When she was stricken with paralysis and unable to continue her work, she entered Nazareth Normal school. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Kingston, Ontario, and two of Philadelphia, Pa. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from Nazareth Normal school, Dewey Ave.

Avon Theatre.

The idea is that Oldport, Maine, was stagnating in the soft summer sunshine. There hadn't been anything more exciting than a trade in cows in a month. Then "Along Came Ruth," and Oldport woke up with a start that turned the little village upside so quickly and completely that the inhabitants don't know yet whether to laugh or cry, but they are busy counting the money the new conditions have brought to them that they don't really care which they do. From the moment of Ruth's arrival in the sleepy little village things begin to hum, and interwoven in the story is a charming love-interest that forms one of the many strong appeals of the delightful and charming comedy. A play of love that swept itself into international favor. Miss Courtney and Mr. Glaser have both splendid opportunities. "Along Came Ruth" will be at the Avon all next week.

Personal.

Mrs. Catherine Herlihy and daughter, of Greig street, and Mrs. P. J. Drumm, of Flower City Park, are spending the summer months with relatives in Warsaw and other points in Canada.

St. Peter's Rome, is the largest and most beautiful church in the world in many respects. Its area is about 18,000 square yards. The area of the great Cathedral of Milan is about 10,000 square yards; that of St. Paul's (Protestant), in London, about 9,350 square yards; of Cologne, 7,400 square yards.

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THE Burke, FitzSimons, Hone Co., Inc. Store Opens at 9 and Closes at 6 O'Clock. Great Sale of Corsets Begins To-day. Beginning this morning and continuing throughout the remainder of the week, we will conduct the greatest value giving sale in corsets. Remarkably low prices on corsets that are known by every woman on account of their Superior merits such as C.B. a la Spirite, Bon-Ton, Royal Worcester and Regal. Materials include batiste, coutil and brouche. Elastic tops for the slender figure; medium bust for the stout figures. Low girdle and medium bust, long hip models; sizes incomplete. Values up to \$5.00. Sale price \$1.00.

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