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Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Sunday, Jan. 30.—St. Bathildes, royal consort of King Clovis II. On the death of her husband she became regent and at once forbade the enslavement of Christians. She had all in her power to promote piety, filling France with hospitals and religious houses. When her son Clotaire came of age she retired to the convent of Chelles, where she died in 680.
Monday, Jan. 31.—St. Marcella, called by St. Jerome the glory of Roman women, became a widow in the seventh month after her marriage. She abstained from wine and flesh meat and employed her time in pious reading, prayer and visiting churches. Under her influence many monasteries were established in Rome. She died in 410.
Tuesday, Feb. 1.—St. Bridgid, patroness of Ireland. She feared that she might break her vow to give herself to God, and in answer to her prayer her beauty was changed to ugliness. On the occasion of her solemn profession her beauty was restored. She founded the first convent in Ireland and later established similar institutions throughout the country.
Wednesday, Feb. 2.—The feast of the Purification of Candlemas Day, which commemorates how Mary, through obedience, offered her Child in the Temple and redeemed Him with a pair of turtle doves. It is celebrated in the Church by the blessing of candles.
Thursday, Feb. 3.—St. Blaise, a celebrated physician who gave up his practice to become a healer of souls. He was appointed Bishop of Sebaste. While being taken off to prison to die for the faith, the mother of a child affected with throat disease appealed to the saint, who cured the child. He was beheaded in 316.
Friday, Feb. 4.—St. Jane of Valois, daughter of Louis XI of France. At her father's wish but against her own inclination she married the Duke of Orleans, who when he came to the throne, repudiated her. She gladly embraced a religious life and founded the Order of the Annunciation. During her lifetime the Angelus was established in France. She died in 1505.
Saturday, Feb. 5.—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, who was born in Sicily of noble parents and early consecrated herself to God. She refused to succumb to the temptations of the Emperor Decius and remained pure and undefiled. She was executed with cruel torments but Our Lord has shown His tender regard for her body down to the present day, for in modern times, the tomb being opened, the skin has been beheld entire and a sweet fragrance has issued forth.

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Taking Offense.
"A woman once complained to me," said Charles F. Choate, the eminent lawyer, "of the uncomplimentary remarks which she said men pass on women voters at the polls. I told her that she misinterpreted those remarks; she took offense where no offense was meant. She reminded me of the witness in the riddled gambling house case."
"And what happened in the interim?" a lawyer asked this witness.
"Look here," the woman replied indignantly, "I will not be insulted by you. I didn't go into the interim the whole evening. I stayed in the smoking room."

All That Was Necessary.
The young woman entered the grocery and approached the meat counter.
"Give me a nickel's worth of cheese," she said to the butcher.
"Why, lady, you won't get a smell for a nickel," the butcher replied, giving her a disgusted glance.
"That's all I want," was the triumphant answer. "It's for a mouse trap."

Bitter.
Max Eastman, the brilliant radical, discussed at a Greenwich village tea the recent advance in railroad rates.
"A 50 per cent advance," he said, "in Pullman fares! Horrible!"
Mr. Eastman set down his tea cup and added:
"The Japanese railroads provide medical attendance for the traveler. Our railroads by the same token are giving us bitter pills to swallow."

Great Expectations.
Louise—Clara has absurd ideas of life.
Julia—Does she expect her flowers to look like those in seed catalogues?
Louise—No, but she has expected a professional humorist and she expects him to be funny around the house.

WARD TO EXPLAIN POISONING

Scientists Unable to Tell Why Bites of Some Animals Are Fatal and Others Innoxious.

Scientists in Great Britain have been greatly interested in the recent case of a monkey bite resulting in the death of the king of Greece, says a London dispatch. The result is that a study is being made of the effects of bites from various animals. Inasmuch as the monkey is what is known as a "clean feeder," it seems extraordinary that the bite of such an animal should produce the fatal poisoning of a human being.
It does not, however, appear that the malignancy of an animal's bite can be measured by what it feeds upon. A dog is a carnivorous creature, yet its bite seldom produces serious results, while on the other hand the bite of a horse or a donkey frequently results in poisoning. Only a few weeks ago a woman died from being bitten by a donkey, while a man lost a hand through being nipped on the thumb by a horse.

PROOF THAT STONE GROWS

Rock on California Farm Has Increased in Weight Within the Memory of Settlers.

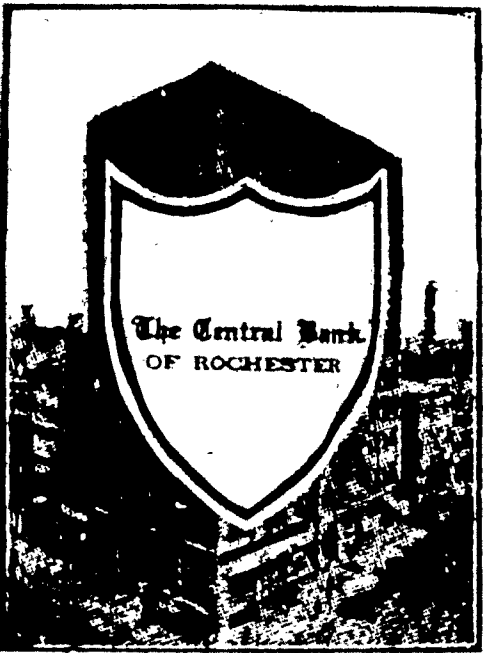
On the farm of Mr. James Champion, known as the old home place of his father, John Champion, boys used to meet years ago with the elder stone ball fashion, one to another. The same stone now lies in the yard, at the old place, and men now in their eighties often speak of this rock and identify it as the stone they used to toss about to each other.
Today it will weigh about 300 pound and lies near the spot where it has lain for nearly a century. Some of the most substantial old men of Mercer county who are now living, will vouch that this rock has grown from a small stone to its present size since their babyhood days.—Wilmore (Calif.) Enterprise.

CONTRACT WITH A TOO-SHARP MAN DULLS ONE'S CONFIDENCE IN HUMANITY.

The prodigal robs his heir; the miser robs himself.—Bruyere.

Nothing goes as far with a woman as a little masculine remorse.

Charity for all is likely to verge closely on pity in many cases.



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LEARNED LESSON OF THRIFT

Boys and Girls of New Jersey Town Have Made Record of Which They Are Proud.

If there has been less talk of the servant problem in Bridgeton, New Jersey, than elsewhere, it is quite explainable. Not to be outdone by their European sisters and brothers in matters of thrift and industry, 25 youngsters in that town have invested \$1,000 in United States thrift stamps this year, thanks to their own hard work. Boys and girls alike have welcomed opportunities of doing remunerative dishwashing, sweeping, dusting, store-cleaning, baby-minding, errand-running, etc., with the goal of economy symbolized by government stamps ahead of them. The more ambitious have undertaken cutting weeds, carrying coal, sitting ashes, selling papers, raising chickens, cleaning pavements, and some have even won prizes to add to their savings. Having found that time can be converted into money it is doubtful whether these boys will again find the street corner a worthwhile place for spending idle hours, or the girls be content to waste periods in gossip chatter.

GREETINGS THAT TELL MUCH

All Have a Character and to the Initiated Are Like an Open Book.

"Clawed"—One dance with this type. They always talk about the thatness of the that or G. B. Pshaw's latest.
"How do you do?"—Not a question—a statement. Probably accompanied by a smile. This class works slowly, but is sure to get you in the end.
"Deighted"—With giggle and invitation from baby-blue eyes. Must never be trusted.
"Very glad to know you, I'm sure"—She is not sure, but it seems best to say so. Last season's deb. Expects to be bored and it is best to live up to expectations.
"Oh, Mr. Stover, I'm so glad to know you, I've heard," etc.—Football hero stuff. Must use skill and ingenuity to escape this type.
"Here nod—Possibilities, but, oh, man, you'll have to work."—Yale Record.

HE NEEDED NO INTERPRETER

Up-to-Dateness of Chinese Official Rather Surprised This Pittsburgh Banker.

A banker who had visited China several times on important financial missions thinks the "heaven Chinese" is not only intelligent but that he has a delicate sense of humor, as well. He tells this one on himself:
"I called on an important Chinese official for a conference and, supposing he knew no more of English than I did Chinese, I took an interpreter. When we arrived at the office of the official I told my business to the interpreter, expecting him to translate my statement to the Chinaman and then to repeat the reply to me in English. However, I had hardly finished speaking to the interpreter when the Chinaman, with a humorous twinkle in his eyes, leaned over and said to me, in perfect English: 'Mr. Jones, please tell me who is pitching for Pittsburgh this year.'—Wall Street Journal.

How She Got His Name.

He was rather nervous about calling upon her. After all, she seemed rather reluctant to give him her address after their short flirtation. However he came around. His timid knock at the door brought forth a rosy-cheeked servant girl. Handing her a bright half-dollar, his visiting card went immediately upstairs.
Presently the maid returned and remarked: "Will you step upstairs, Mr. Whittacre?" He stared violently. His name was Henry de Peyster-Knaapp. Had he a rival?
Depositing another half-dollar with the maid, he asked: "What—er—made you call me Mr. Whittacre?"
"Why—why, that's your name, isn't it—when I gave your card to Miss Ethelyn, she read it and said: 'G. Whittacre! Show him up, Sally!'"

She Had Hopes.

"I, Mr. Fanson, counting you, Alice?" her chum Doris asked her one day.
"Not exactly—yet," admitted Alice. "But he is approaching step by step."
"What do you mean?"
"Well, when he first called he sat all the evening with a post card album in his lap."
"Yes?"
"Next time he sat with my poodle in his lap."
"Well?"
"Last night he took my little brother on his knee. So, you see, I hope it will soon be my turn."

Defined.

"I say, Harry," said a miner to his mate, "what's a cosmopolitan?"
"Suppose there were a Russian Jew living in England with an Italian wife, smoking Egyptian cigarettes, near a French window in a room with a Turkish carpet on the floor. If this man drank American cream sodas while listening to a German band playing 'Come Back to Erin,' after a supper of Dutch cheese made up as a Welsh rabbit, then you might be quite safe in saying that he were a cosmopolitan."—London Tit-Bits.

Not Likely.

"The girls are so bent on frivolity and dress nowadays, they spend no time on the improvement of their minds. I suppose the girl yonder, with her face so made up, never looks into a book."
"I daresay she is not as well read as she is painted."

Noncommittal.

Bachelor Friend—Can your wife cook?
Young Husband (evasively)—Well, she can make a good family stew.

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