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"The proverbs of a nation are the distilled wit of generations of its people and the true wit of the race is oftentimes in proportion to the truth and beauty of its proverbs," says Seumas MacManus, who points out, according to the Montreal Herald, that the sayings of the Irish are singularly rich in poetry, philosophy, satire and wisdom.

"The silent mouth is melodious," is an Irish proverb of poetic beauty.

"Our eyes should be blind in the abode of another," and "if the best man's thoughts were written on his forehead, he would wear his hat down over his eyes," inculcate charity in judging others.

"God never shuts one door but He opens two," and "Hope is the physician of every misery," express the optimism of the race.

"Fierceness is often hidden under beauty." "There is often anger in a laugh," and "A good dress often hides a deceiver," are other ways of expressing the idea that appearances are sometimes deceiving.

"A man with one eye is a king among blind men." "Without treasure, without friends," and "A heavy purse makes a light heart," show the advantages of possession.

"Look before you leap," and "Don't take the thatch off your own house to buy slates for another man's," are good advice to the improvident.

"Enough is as good as a feast," preaches a sermon on contentment.

Many Countries Supply England With Oranges

We seldom stop to think in England what a wonderful and delicious fruit the orange is. Its "family tree" includes the lemon, the citrus, and the lime, and the first oranges seem to have come from India.

They came to this cold country by way of south Italy, Spain and Portugal, and until recent times, when millions of boxes reach us from California and Queensland, our main supply came from the south of Europe.

The sight of a Queensland or California orange ranch is one to remember, for the orange tree bears blossom and fruit simultaneously. In Europe, where orange growing is an ancient industry, trees are to be seen whose age is reckoned by centuries. The up-to-date colonial orange grower clears his old trees out as soon as they begin to fail and puts young trees in their place.

Many thousands of boxes of oranges arrive at the London docks, not only from the countries already mentioned, but from the Azores, the West Indies, Tangier, Malta, Brazil and many other tropical and subtropical lands, says London Tit-Bits. There are nearly a hundred different varieties of orange, of which the navel orange is the pick. It is one of the triumphs of orange growers that they have evolved a fruit which is seedless.

Lucky

A dentist was called in a hurry by Jenkinson, who was suffering violently from toothache. The dentist examined the tooth, saw it was badly gone, and said it must come out. So he gave a tremendous yank with his big silver forceps, and the extraction seemed successful; but on closer inspection it was found that a small piece of tooth remained in the swollen and sensitive gum. The dentist went jabbing about for this piece a good while. However, he hadn't much luck.

"Hang it all," he said finally, as he jabbed at the gum in a rather impatient, cross way—"hang it all, I don't seem to feel it."

"No?" said poor Jenkinson, all white and trembling. "You're in luck."

"Poor Man's" Gout

Chronic gout is a lingering malady characterized by deposits of urate of sodium on the joint cartilages at the ends of the bones, especially in the fingers, and often in the ears. It is also marked by an excess of oxalic acid salts in the blood. There is severe pain in one or more of the joints at the time the deposits are forming, and the pain may recur from time to time in the same or in other joints. Frequently the eyes suffer and in some cases the disease attacks the internal organs. Chronic gout is sometimes called "poor man's" gout. Its treatment, which is usually dietetic, should be begun as soon as the trouble is discovered.

Wanted to Get Even

A southern correspondent writes of the pious petition of an old colored preacher in a Georgia settlement: "Lawd," he prayed, "we wants a blessin' for every one 'cept one, en dat is de yaller hound, Sam Johnson, what boarded de railroad train en runned off wid de whole collection what wuz took up ter pay our salary wid. Lawd, please make de train jump de track—don't hurt de yuther passengers, but take one leg off fum dat wicked nigger."—Boston Transcript.

Well, What Is It?

Henry Holt knew many of the great figures of half a century ago, and his reminiscences are full of anecdotes of the past and present. "One night at a dinner," he records in his "Garrulities of an Octogenarian Editor," "we heard William Dean Howells declare to St. Gaudens that there is no such thing as genius; whereupon St. Gaudens asked, "What do you call it when you see it?"

Marie Corelli's Religion

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, May 13.—The death of Marie Corelli, the noted authoress, gave currency to a persistent rumor that she had been brought up as a Catholic and that she was baptized at the London Oratory.

A search of the baptismal records at the Oratory failed to confirm the rumor.

There are conflicting stories about Miss Corelli's parentage, and the possibility that she was baptized under another name has not been excluded.

Another rumor says that she requested to be buried with Catholic ritual. But as there was no Catholic burial it follows either that the request was not made, or that she would not make the acknowledgements necessary to entitle her to Catholic rites.

Many of Marie Corelli's works display a distinct anti-Catholic tendency.

Second Catholic Woman in Congress

Jersey City, N. J., May 23.—Mrs. Robert E. Norton, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Twelfth District whose election is conceded, will be the second Catholic woman to be elected to Congress. The first was Mrs. Nolan of California. Incidentally, Mrs. Norton will be the first woman to be elected from an eastern state.

Mrs. Norton has an interesting platform containing the legislation she will push after she takes her seat at Washington. It is as follows:

"Increased pay for postal men, a national divorce law, and child labor welfare laws such as the child labor amendment just passed. A law enabling the head of the family to earn enough to provide for old age, a law helping to solve the problem of inamiable relations between husband and wife, and a law insuring the welfare of the children—all these constitute the element of the home."

Catholic Historical Drama Has Premiere

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

Hoboken, N. J., May 23.—A new Catholic historical drama had its premier performance last Sunday at St. Joseph's Auditorium, in West Hoboken, and was an artistic and dramatic success. The author is Father Bernard, C. P., Assistnat Director of "Veronica's Veil."

The title of the new play is "The Triumph of the Cross", and the text is based on a review of the historical facts relating to Christianity as founded by Christ and taught by the Catholic Church for nearly 2,000 years. It has been pronounced impressive, instructive and interesting. The scenic effects are especially striking in some of the major spectacles, such as the "Burning of Rome" and "The Church Triumphant". The cast has more than 200 players and sixty-eight speaking parts.

Missouri K. of C. Elect Delegates

Springfield, Mo., May 23.—At the Missouri State convention of the Knights of Columbus here last week, the following delegates to the national convention in New York were chosen: Will F. Plummer, Springfield; E. D. Stewart, Kansas City; Thomas Dwyer, Thomas A. Lanagan, Andrew Kaletta and Charles J. Riley, all of St. Louis; Arthur Mauntell, Washington, and Dr. J. J. Farrell, Hannibal.

Steps were taken to close the state council's drive for $250,000 as its contribution to the $3,000,000 fund being raised by St. Louis University. Three officers of the Supreme Council attended the convention: W. G. Ginley of New Haven, Conn., Supreme Secretary; Luke E. Hart, of St. Louis, Supreme Advocate, and Martin Carmody, of St. Paul, Minn., Deputy Supreme Knight.

Governor of Maine's Tribute to Late Bishop of Portland

Washington, May 13.—Among those who keenly regretted the death of the Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland, was Governor Percival D. Baxter of Maine. The Governor had come to Washington for a conference with President Coolidge and had not heard of the Bishop's death. He was told of it by a representative of the N.C.W.C. News Service as he was leaving the White House.

"I am indeed sorry to hear the news", the Governor said, "The State of Maine has lost a good friend. I had heard the Bishop was ailing when I left home, but the last report I had was that he was improving. This comes as a shock for we were real personal friends. The Bishop was what I like to call a 'good citizen' and his absence will be keenly felt."

Pope Pius Expresses Special Interest In N. C. W. C. and C. U.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, May 22.—Special interest in the National Catholic Welfare Conference and in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C. was expressed by His Holiness Pope Pius yesterday when he received in audience the Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco. Archbishop Hanna is chairman of the Administrative Committee of the N.C.W.C.

His Holiness also was pleased with a complete report on the activities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco which Archbishop Hanna presented, expressing special satisfaction over the account of work in the Italian colony.

Ice Cream Dealer Wanted His Child Christened "Sundae"

London, May 13.—Signor A. Pompa is the leader of all the Italian ice cream merchants in London, editor of an ice cream journal and secretary of an ice cream dealers federation.

And he thought it appropriate that his baby boy should be christened "Sundae." But when Signor Pompa took the child to St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the priest argued that "Sundae" had no religious significance and would not do for a Christian name.

Whereupon Signor Pompa produced an ingenious argument.

"If I had wanted to call the Child Dominic—Domenico in Italian—it would have been accepted. Well, Domenico is very much like Dominica, and Domenica is Italian for Sunday. After all Sunday sounds very much like Sundae."

So the priest accepted Sundae on condition that the baby was given two other names. It is now Augustine Harry Sundae Pompa.

One Family Holds Organist Position For 500 Years

Cologne, May 10.—For five hundred years, by the strict archives, the office of organist and sexton of the Catholic church at Herkearath, near Cologne, has been in one family, handed down from father to son. This month, the long line comes to an end. For the venerable man who at present is sexton has just given up his post because of his extreme age, and he has neither son nor other relative who can take up his task.

At Pier-Bonsdorf, there is a similar remarkable situation. Up to 1844, there were two parishes, Pier and Bonsdorf, and for 300 years the office of organist-sexton has been held by the Marx family. One branch had the appointment in Pier and the other in Bonsdorf. The present sexton at Pier-Bonsdorf, however, has sons to follow him, and the line is likely to continue.

Msgr. Plagens Named Auxiliary Bishop Of Diocese Of Detroit

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Detroit, May 23.—Word has been received here of the appointment of Monsignor Joseph C. Plagens as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

Monsignor Plagens is now pastor of the Church of the Sweetest Heart of Mary. He is a member of the board of Diocesan Consultors, one of the Diocesan Examiners of the Clergy, and President of the Detroit Deanery. He was made a Domestic prelate by Pope Pius XI in June, 1923.

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ing of our cathedrals, seminaries, and charitable institutions, every Catholic paper and magazine could within a very short time double its size and circulation, treble its influence and quadruple its potency for good. Then our press would indeed by the mighty right arm of our clergy; the greatest living force not only for the preservation, but also for the spread of the Faith in our country."

Two addresses on the News Service followed, one by Justin McGrath, the director, on "Present and Future of the N. C. W. C. News Service" and another by Vincent de P. Fitzpatrick of the "Baltimore Catholic Review" on "How to Make the Best Value of the N. C. W. C. News Service."

Deaths of the Week

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Fuerst—Mathias Fuerst, died May 23, at his home, No. 44 Sullivan street, aged 54 years. St. Michael's Church, May 26.

Prevost—Lillian Prevost, died May 23, aged 36 years. Blessed Sacrament Church, May 26.

Rein—George Rein, died May 23, at his home, No. 1243 Clinton avenue north, aged 75 years. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, May 26.

Madden—Agnes O'Connor Madden died May 24, at her home, No. 492 Colvin street. Holy Apostles Church, May 27.

Welland—Mary A. Welland, died May 25, at Scottsville, N. Y., aged 47 years. St. Mary's Church, May 28. Interment in Holy Angels' cemetery, Scottsville.

Grant—Mary Grant, died May 26, aged 74 years, at 207 East avenue, west, East Rochester, N. Y. St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, May 28. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Curran—Mary Catherine Curran, died May 26. Holy Cross Church, May 30.

Nolan—Mary Nolan, died May 28, at her home on the Mallock road, in Riga, aged 89 years. St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Churchville, May 31.

Dailey—John Thomas Dailey died at Albuquerque, N. M., May 23. Funeral from St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Scottsville, N. Y., May 28. Interment in the family lot in Scottsville cemetery.

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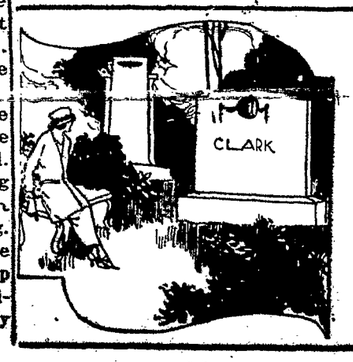

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Human Body Is Composed 75 to 80 Per Cent Water

People think that their bodies are, literally, among their most solid possessions. But the human body is composed largely of water, the average proportion being from 75 to 80 per cent. We are three-fourths water, even including our brains.

I have heard people speak of a person as having "a fluid mind." They did not realize how close they came to the literal truth. From head to foot, all of us are so "fluid" that it seems almost a miracle when we continue intact, year after year, apparently as solid as ever.

You may think that we become more solid as the years go by; that old people really are, as we call them, withered and dried up. But they are not "drier." Human beings grow even less dry as age comes on. It is estimated that the water content of the body in old age is from 81.2 to 84.8 per cent, as compared with from 75 to 80 per cent in earlier life. So the common expression, "a dried-up old man," has no basis in fact.

If the amount of water content in the body is reduced by only 10 per cent, it results in very serious disorders. If it is reduced 20 per cent, death is almost certain to follow. There have been cases where a person has survived beyond this point; but a loss of 22 per cent is, I believe, a limit beyond which human beings cannot live.—American Magazine.

Says Coffee Fruit Is Similar to a Cherry

"It is doubtful if in all nature there is a more cunningly devised food package than the fruit of the coffee tree," says William H. Ukers in "All About Coffee" (the Tea and Coffee Journal company, New York). He describes it minutely as follows:

"The coffee fruit is very like a cherry, though somewhat elongated and having in its upper end a small umbilicus. But mark with what ingenuity the package has been constructed. The outer wrapping is a thin, gossamerlike skin which incloses a soft pulp, sweetish to the taste, but of mucilaginous consistency. This pulp in turn is wrapped about the inner seal, called the parchment because of its tough texture.

"The parchment incloses the magic bean in its last wrapping, a delicate silver-colored skin, not unlike fine-spun silk or the sheerest of tissue paper. And this last wrapping is so tenacious to its guardianship [illegible] that no amount of rough [illegible] can dislodge it altogether [illegible] cling to the bean even [illegible] and grinding pro-

Teeter-Tail Is Enemy of Insects in Fields

Every boy and girl should know the little spotted sandpiper or teeter-tail, for it is widely distributed and is found along the gravelly shores of nearly all of our inland streams, lakes and ponds.

It runs rapidly, but every few feet it has to stop and teeter or balance itself on its slender legs, writes W. L. and Irene Finley in Nature Magazine of Washington. When it flies, it utters a sharp "peet-peet! peet-peet!" and with jerky wing-beats skims close to the surface to another spot farther along the beach.

As our spotted sandpiper is a widely known bird of the river borders, so the killdeer is the well-known plover of field and meadowland. He announces himself "kill-dee! kill-dee!" wherever he goes.

From the farmer's standpoint, he is such a good insect eater that he rightfully deserves the protection of both state and federal law throughout the year.

Many birds are born naked and blind, but young sandpipers and killdeers, like baby ducks and grouse, are well clothed in down.

Within a few hours after they are hatched they are ready to leave the nest and follow their parents about and are soon able to pick up a living for themselves.

"Uneasy Lies the Head"

I'd rather have a good digestion than a throne; and so, I imagine, would the king and his eldest son. Few people realize that his majesty suffers from chronic indigestion, and how on earth he manages to smile as much as he does passes my comprehension. The prince of Wales inherits his father's complaint, and is the despair of his hosts and hostesses because he practically lives on eggs and farinaceous fodder. His most solid dish is chicken—and even that has to be chopped up very finely for him. Yet he manages as a rule to appear in the pink of condition, and his natural nervousness and fidgetiness (he can hardly keep still for five minutes together) are admirably camouflaged in public.—London Mail.

In love we often doubt what we most believe.

Pity may be akin to love, but it's a poor relation.

Women know not the whole of their coquetry.

No one with brilliant ideas is ever a good listener.

The best disinfectant for bad habits is good company.