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No Snob.

We take the liberty of continuing Supreme Flaherty's appeal to the members of his order not to affect the snobs who take the peculiar position that to like and appreciate refinement, good literature and fine music are attributes reserved solely for the feminine of the species.

Perhaps I do not make my point sufficiently clear. One cannot walk up to so intangible a thing as a state of mind and hit it with a club.

It is difficult enough for one, who has but an ordinary start, to arrive anywhere in this world. The road up from poverty and bare necessity is steep enough and rocky enough.

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"If there are any such as these among the Knights of Columbus, I cannot urge them too strongly to recognize the wrongness of their attitude without delay, and to change it for the sake of their companions and themselves. Tastes differ. Even if it were possible, I would not care to see our Order composed of opinionless units, without likes and dislikes of their own.

"When your Council next brings a scholarly lecturer to address you, make it a special point to be present. You may find in his words inspiration and pleasure that you had not known before.

When your Council arranges for a concert of the masters, go to hear it. Do your part that the artists may have the stimulus of a large and appreciative audience. Remember that the purpose of your Order is to better your lives as Catholic men, to better them in every way, intellectually as well as socially, religiously as well as intellectually.

Prof. Dr. Kinsman, who lectured at Nazareth College recently, was once an Episcopalian Bishop. This recalls the case of Monsignor Doane, of Newark, New Jersey, whose brother was the Episcopalian Bishop Doane.

Professional football, like professional baseball, must have a superman. "Big Bill" Edwards is to be the "Emory" Mountain Landis of football.

Jokesmiths.

"Various classes of citizens have been made targets for press jocosity," says the "Democrat & Chronicle" and goes on "Plumbers in particular have been bantered for several decades; and, unless they mend ways with which they are widely and humorously credited, the jests about them will keep green and fresh as ever through the years.

Yet jocular paragraphs can be made to realize the unkindness of their pinpricks by the soft answer that turns away wrath. Pindell of Peora was wise enough to know this. He was a successful and high-minded newspaper publisher, had been delegate at large to Democratic national conventions, that of 1912 among them, and was nominated by President Wilson as ambassador to Russia.

However, not all had as pleasurable a experience as Pindell. For instance: Timothy L. Woodruff was really a big man, professionally and as a business executive. But the public at large always took him as a joke after the newspaper boys pictured "Tiny Tim" as wearing gorgeous and multi-colored waistcoats and christened him "The Yellow Kid".

And thus it goes. We hold no brief for the New York "Mirror" but it is more than half right in the following editorial: "In Philadelphia a dog named 'Teddy' is on trial for his life. He is accused of killing a kitten.

"The motive of the dog in chasing and killing a cat is not questioned, even by the astute Magistrate. That's nature. 'Meanwhile the Philadelphia courts are clogged with criminal cases having to do with human activities.

"Sunday, forty newspaper reporters in New York City talked for hours to forty reporters in London. The conversation, described by the reporters themselves as 'not brilliant,' was carried on by means of radiophones. The voices were as loud and clear as though the speakers were only a mile apart.

"Probably this is something we ought to get excited about. But there is no record of any reporter displaying one-half of 1 per cent. of the emotion displayed on March 10, 1876, when Alexander Bell said over the first telephone: 'Mr. Watson, come here, I want you.'

"Wonders never cease, but they have been coming so swiftly in recent years that we've almost lost the power to exclaim about them, or to give them due recognition for the wonders they really are. The mystical Puck, who boasted he'd 'put a girld round about the earth in forty minutes,' was a piker compared to the men who have made direct conversation possible, between London and New York."

If Meyer Jacobstein runs for United States Senator will P. Henry Galvin manage his campaign.

The League of Nations does not appear to proceed altogether along lines of spontaneous unanimity.

Regulation?

Rapid development of Radio has led to lively discussion and argument as to who owns or should own the air and who is to or should supervise and control of the air.

At first blush one inclines to the opinion that the air is and should be free to everybody. But there must be some regulation in time of war and that leads up to the argument that there must be some other rule than that of might else the big telephone and electric companies would be the only ones who would be on the air and listeners in must accept the programme the monopolists see fit to allow access to the air.

The "Times-Union" is not far out of the way when it says:—Sooner or later radio broadcasters will have to bow to a code of ethics in that immensely important and complicated business. The air is no longer free. It is not fair for any one station to blanket a community with a continuous program.

To realize that a broadcasting station is ambitious to succeed, but that it is first an ethical enterprise and wishes no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality. To believe in the universality of the Golden Rule.

To realize that in the consideration of general problems, progressive broadcasting as a whole must be served rather than a selfish interest of individual stations.

Each member of the Chicago association is pledged to be loyal to his brother broadcasters, and to cooperate with other stations in being "Just, fair and generous in all dealings with other members and with the public."

This is a step in the right direction: Other groups of broadcasters might well follow this lead and give us, in time, a national code of ethics on the use of the radio.

"Nordic Nuisances".

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This, in a few words, is the catechism of Nordicism, that craze which hopes to save the country by closing out the Italian, the Pole, the Lithuanian and all the peoples in southern Europe. Looking over the history of the nation for the last one hundred and fifty years it becomes quite apparent that it has prospered fairly well despite the immigration of millions of these peoples from southern Europe.

"This nation never asked a foreigner up to the time that the Nordic craze seized the country. 'What part of the old world did you come from?' Rather did we request to know whether he was fit physically, morally and mentally. But we never placed his blood under a microscope to find the flaws which Fisher claims are there.

Those noisy students at the University of Rochester had better enroll Countess Vera Cathcart. As a publicity-getter, she has beaten them a mile.

Just who is Mr. George McLaughlin the new Police Commissioner of New York? Is he a son or nephew of the old King's County democratic chieftain, "Boss Hugh" McLaughlin?

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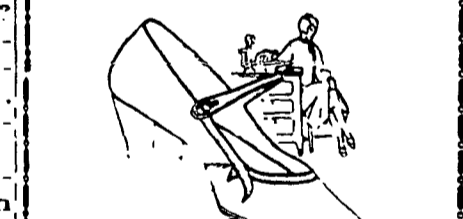
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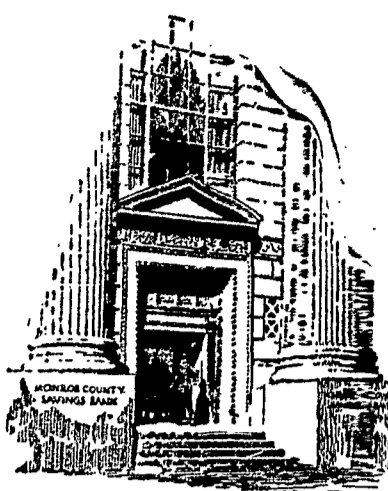
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