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### A SORROW'S CROWN OF SORROW

Tennyson tells us that a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things. A lonely mother, 83 years of age, wears such a crown in a little village in the Appenines. The other day a messenger, haltingly, went to her door and told her that her son, Bishop Louis Ver-siglia, had been killed by bandits in China, together with a priest-companion and three Salesian Sisters-five new martyrs for the Faith.

"It was a particularily pathetic scene," the news dispatches tell us.

'God's will be done," the mother said, closing her eyes and clutching her breast. Two martyrs now-the son, in his blood; the mother, in her sorrow.

### THREE OF THEIR OWN

Three African Sisters of Charity, the first colored Sisters ever to arrive in Kimpese, Belgian Congo, were accorded a triumphant welcome when they arrived in the community recently. The entire village, men, women and children, flocked to see them, crowded around the little railroad station, accompanied the Sisters to their convent, and cried out again and again: "Black Sisters! Sisters of our own race! What joy for us!" News of their coming spread like wildfire to the adjoining villages and settlements, and residents of these places flocked to Kimpese to see "their own." The Church, wise with the wisdom of ages, thus gives to her children flesh of their flesh and bone of their bone, that, loving one another, they may also love the truths of God brought to them by "their own."

# A Solitary Way

There is a mystery in human hearts. And though we be encircled by a host Of those who love us well, and are beloved,

To every one of us, from time to time, There comes a sense of utter ioneliness. Our dearest friend is "stranger" to our

And cannot realize our bitterness. "There is not one who really understands, Not one to enter in ALL I feel;" Such is the cry of each of us in turn. We wander in a "solltary way," No matter what or where our lot may be; Each heart mysterious even to itself, Must live its inner life in solitude.

And would you know the reason why this

It is because the Lord desires our love, In every heart he wishes to be FIRST. He thereis. HIMSELF, therefore keeps the secret-key

To open ALL its chambers, and to bless With PERFECT sympathy, and holy

Each solitary soul which comes to HIM. So when we feel this loneliness, it is The voice of Jesus saying, "Come to Me;" And every time we are "not understood," It is a call to us to come AGAIN; For Christ alone can satisfy the soul, And those who walk with Him from day

to day Can never have "a solitary way."

-By An. Cr.

# MR. AND MRS. GOSSIP

Their first name may be anyone's. Perhaps it is mine. They have a very large family. All have the same disease, and though it may lie quiet for a time it seems to recur. The members of the Gossip family are the greatest authors of fiction in the world. No novelist ever equalled them in their mental productions. They may not intend to do any harm on account of their disease, or they may; but in any case they do a lot of harm. They make enmities, break up families, causesorrow and loss, and even suicide at times, because of their disease of gossip, injuring others who come in contact with them. Newspapers are not needed where there is even one of their family, for they spread news, near-news, and false news farther than any newspaper-ever-reached-

Suppose we take a sample: Mr. Green, an industrious man and good husband, one day was taken sick at his work. A kind foreman suggested that he have a day's rest. Mr. Green went home and had his rest. On the way home he passed Mrs. Blue of the Gossip family. She lived up to her name in making others blue. Mrs. Blue began to think it over. Why was Mr. Green out at that time of day? She did not ask him, but she immediately supposed a reason. Mrs. Blue met Mr. Gray. He always had a rather sombre idea of the world. She told Mr. Gray that Mr. Green had left his work, he was sick, and if he did not use quite so much home brew he would be far better off. Mr. Gray believies it. He passed on to his store, and then in walks Mrs. Black. She buys what she wants. Then the gossip starts, for both are of the Gossip family. Mr. Gray informs Mrs. Black that Mr. Green has lost his job. He was dismissed because of taking too much anti-prohibition ammunition in the form of white mule. And he went home, and in the fight that came off Mrs. Green had a black eye and other decorations usually given in the prize-fight ring. Mrs. Black hurries home and tells her husband what she has heard, and otherwise. She adds to the story as all members of the Gossip family do in order to be members in good standing. So Mr. Black, who is on his way to visit Mr. and Mrs. White, thinks it all over. When he is comfortably seated in the White home he begins his version of the story, which is growing like the house that Jack built. Mr. and Mrs. White do not care for Gossip and do not belong to the family. But at times they are forced to listen. And they receive the information that Mr. and Mrs. Green have finished. Yes, Mr. Green came home from work very much intoxicated .-- He beat up his young wife. She died in the hospital just a little while ago. Mr. Green has run away but the police are after him and expect to have him in jail by evening. Mr. and Mrs. White look dubious. And they keep quiet. Both of them, according to their old custom start out for an evening walk. It is warm. They like soda water on these trips. And as they pass into their favorite dispensary of the temperance drink, they nearly collapse. Both are astonished. They had been thinking of the Green troubles. They were sad over the death-of Mrs. Green. But at the table nearest the door sit Mr. and Mrs. Green, enjoying an ice cream and evidently enjoying some remark made by Mr. Green. There is no sign of a black eye. No policeman is near. Both are sober and seemingly very happy.

Why Use Latin?

The Catholic ('hurch uses the Latin-language because Latin is NOT A FOREIGN language. Latin makes the the Catholic Church international, and universal, and prevents it from being a mere national Church. Every Catholic prayer book contains an exact translation of the Latin prayers at Mass and at all other public religious services, so that every one knows everything that is said. Ask your Catholic neighbor for a prayerbook and see for yourself. In sermons, and private prayers, the vern acular language of the people MUST BE USED.

CATHOLIC POLAND SENT SOME OF HER MOST FAMOUS MILITARY MEN TO HELP US GAIN OUR INDEPENDENCE

### THE CALVERT SPIRIT

Celebrations were held in several American cities last week in honor of the 296th anniversary of the establishment of religious liberty in Maryland-"the first in the annals of mankind to make religious freedom the basis of the State," Bancroft says in his History of the United States.

The story of religious liberty in America is a tragic story. Written first in letters of light and of love, it was rewritten later in letters of hate and of blood. The Catholics who founded Maryland under the leadership of the second Lord Baltimore were disfranchised, outlawed, almost, persecuted and derided for more than a century of time.

Virginia, filled with the religious animosity of the Old World, bitterly opposed the settlement of Maryland by the Catholic exiles of England, and almost immedi--ately-commenced to make trouble for Lord Baltimore and his colonists. But in spite of troubles and of opposition the colony flouirshed. Puritans, Quakers and other persecuted peoples flocked to the colony, and in 1649 there was written into the law books of the State the immortal. Toleration Act. Passed unanimously, it provided :

"And whereas the enforcing of the conscience in matters of religion hath frequently fallen out to be of dangerous consequence in those commonwealths where it hath been practised, and for the more quiet and peaceable government of the province, and the better to preserve mutual love and amity amongst the in-habitants thereof: Be it therefore enacted noe person or persons whatsoever within\_this\_province\_professing to believer in Jesus Christ shall henceforth be in any waies troubled, molested or discountenanced for or in respect of his or her religion, or in the free exercise thereof within this province, nor in anything compelled to the belief or exercise of any other religion against his or her consent." This was the Calvert spirit-the Catholic spirit. Was it applauded and appreciated? It was not. Puritans in the colony seized the government, abolished the Toleration Act and wrote into the law books of the State an act "Concerning Religion". This provided that "none who profess and exercise the Papistic, commonly known as the Roman Catholic religion, can be protected in this Province." Followers of the Church of England were also proscribed. Immediately the inevitable happened armed fanatics broke into Catholic homes, chapels and churches, destroying all religious articles and terrorizing the people. For a brief time, later, the Catholic authority was restored, and the Toleration Act, with it. But in 1689 the Puritans again seized the Government of the Colony, and from that day until the American Revolution broke out the Catho-

lics of Maryland were proscribed, persecuted, disfranchised and deprived of all civil or other authority.

Thus, in the very colony where they had held out fraternal arms to all religions and to all mankind, were they compelled to carry the heavy cross of bigotry and endure the political martyrdoms of their ancestors. Priests were forbidden to sav Mass. A Jesuit, Father White, was sent to England in chains. Parents were forbidden to teach the Catholic religion to their children. Catholic attorneys were driven from the courts. Children of mixed marriages were forcibly taken from fathers or mothers after the Protestant party had died, and were sent away to be brought up hating the Church. Many Catholics left the State. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, father of the famous signer of the Declaration of Independence, made preparations to go, too, but was dissuaded by his son.

And so, for more than a century of time, hate, bigotry and oppression, wrote black chapters over the golden one of religious liberty. Then came the Revolution, with Charles Carroll of Carrollton and scores of other notable Catholic leaders in the forefront of the patriot cause. The shackles of bigotry were struck from their limbs, and Maryland, shamefacedly, sought to blot out the dark pages of the past.

Good will reigns there now, as it does in most parts of America; and as it should in all parts of America-good will, respect, friendship and confidence one in another, with respect for all religious beliefs and complete freedom for all,

Archbishop Curley of Baltimore calls

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

An Alabama judge recently shot a traffic cop. And for twenty years we've been trying to get up enough nerve to sass one!

Kansas has seceded from the Union. It is the only State thus far that has voted in favor of Prohibition in the Literary Digest's poll of 20,000,000 voters.

Who says America isn't drying up? There are only 200 horses left in the city of Utica, N. Y., a census shows, and there is only one watering trough for horses left in the city.

We felt terrible poor until we read the other day that an insurance agent in New York City had been awarded \$50,000 in a damage suit against the Central Railroad for the loss of one leg. Now we know we're worth \$100,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich., has a sensible judge. A youth of 22, driving an automobile recklessly, killed a young married man. The Judge sentenced him to pay the widow \$8.00 per week for five years. That keeps a youth out of jail, teaches him a lesson he will never forget, and also helps the widow.

"Coolidge Calm," said newspaper headlines, in telling about the closing of the doors of a Massachusetts bank in which the ex-President had an account. That's no news. If Cal. had become excited, it would have been big news.

The ashes of our fathers never bother us half as much as the antics of our son-. Billy Sunday's son is being sought as a fugitive from justice, Bishop Cannon's son has just been arrested and fined for reckless driving, and the Senatorial wind-bag from Alabama has more trouble with his son than he has with the Pope. The sons of reformers oft remind us that the fathers forgot to begin their work at home.

### vides many things, including these:

"Murder or brutality shall be presented only in such a way as will not inspire imitation."

"The use of liquor in American life shall be restricted to the actual requirements of characterization or plot.

"Scenes of passion shall not be intro-. duced when not essential to the plot.

"Pointed profanity is forbidden."

# SPEED AND CARELESSNESS

Automobile accidents in the State of New York caused the deaths of 2,960 persons last year, and injured 114,807 others. Deaths over the previous year from auto accidents increased by 278. There were 2,818,825 automobiles registered with the State last year. Charles A. Hartnett, State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, is the authority for these figures.

Speed or carelessness causes nearly all accidents. Pedestrians and motorists are alike responsible. It is possible to drive safely under the most adverse conditions, Commissioner Hartnett says, and yet many people do not drive safely even when conditions are the most favorable.

A pathetic feature of the Commissioner's report relates to children, 302 -under 14 years of age being killed by automobiles, and 10,974 injured while playing in the streets of cities and villages. The Commissioner rightly says the streets are no longer a safe place for children to play.

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Fifty-two per cent. of all the motor accidents were due to autos striking pedestrians, and 51 per cent. of these accidents occurred at street intersections. Jay-walking caused 449 deaths and 11,273 injurice, and 269 were killed and 9,580 injured while crossing streets where there were no signal lights or police protection. Walking from behind parked cars cost 148 persons their lives, and injured 3,929 others. Failure to observe the right of way cost 806 lives, and 468 others were Rued because motorists were driving so fast they "jumped" highways at curves. Taxicabs represent only two per cent. of the registered cars, yet they caused 24 There were 252 accidents in the State. crossings, with 172 deaths and 226 injured.

Quite a few persons were killed and injured while walking to and from church on Sunday mornings.

All in all, the report is a staggering A total of 117,767 killed and injured A total of 117,767 killed and injured when State in one year is a terrible and terribring total. The battle of Gettys-bad had here casualties than that, and bey bettee of the World War were not when the whole thing can be showd and caselesaness, it would be showd and caselesaness it would be showd and be showd an teleste or to our people

Mr. White, who is no gossip, remains outside the Gossip family. He is careful to say nothing of what they had heard. He asks Mr. and Mrs. Green how they are. And Mr. Green tells how he had not been well that morning and had taken a rest and was then in the best of health.

Some, big fires start from a spark. Some calamities start in that way. And many a bruised heart and many a sad couple have been the victims of Mr. and Mrs. Gossip, who when cornered will tell you, "they say." But no one ever yet has found out who is the "THEY" in that explanation of "they say".

Maybe you recall words, which to be

the best of my memory, went like this and were addressed to the Gossip family:

A wise old owl sat on an oak The more he saw, the less he spoke; The less he spoke, the more he heard-Why can't we all be like that bird?

Sunday's Liturgy

By Dom Bede Scholz, O.S.B.

Maryland's story of religious liberty oneof the blackest in the annals of all history. But, with the help of splendid upstanding Protestant sons of Maryland, the Archbishop is trying hard to make the present day-and age one of the brightest. He is succeeding remarkably well, and his example should be emulated all over America. There is no room for religious hatred here, and no place for it. It is a cold repose of past ages-and who wants a corpse at his hearthstone?

# NEW STANDARDS FOR MOVIES

From the office of Will Hays, President of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America comes a new set of rules governing the making of motion pictures, talking or otherwise. This new code is made necessary, the advance notice says, because of the development of the "talkie."

The new code, frankly, looks to us like a propaganda sermon designed to win back some of the lost, prestige of the movie world among people who love and respect decency. The old humbug, the sex play, died a jaded death long ago. It left a slimy trail in its wake. Problem plays, crime plays and their like, and the unadorned South Sea island stuff-well, they arc pretty lame now. The new code kicks them all into the ash can.

The leading production managers have signed the new code, we are told. It pro-

Dances which emphasize indecent movements are to be regarded as obscene."

"Such delightful subjects as "hangings or electrocutions, third-degree methods, brutality, apparent cruelty to children or animals, must be treated within the careful limits of good taste.'

All of which, we respectfully submit, means little or nothing. Just plain propaganda to help give a suit of respectability to whatever may be inside. Murder will be done so the rest of us won't want to do it. Liquor will be hitched tothe plot, not tied to the doorknob. Passion may run wild if considered essentiat to the plot. Profanity, pointed or otherwise, is just plain profanity. Varnishing it with honey won't change its nature. Indecent dances are to be "regarded as obscene," but the rule does not forbul them. Hangings, etc., are to be within the limits of good taste." Now, that is consoling!

However, we must give Will Hays little charitable leeway. Maybe the boxoffice returns have been failing off, and that we are to have some excellent respectability-all of this in the face of the fact that a whole raft of American movies had the "No Admission" sign hung upon them in England, Canada and Australia a few months ago because of their indecency and suggestiveness. So we are not going to fall into the arms of Will Hays right off the reel just because a new code has been adopted. We'll look for results, not rhetoric!

April 6--Passion Sunday

We must gradually come to realize **English and Welsh** (Prepared for the N.C.W.C. News) this co-operation is necessary for [ our own sanctification. In the spir- more fully that we are members of ifual life we either advance or fall the mystical body of Christ, and un-Service by the Liturgical Press, **Birth Rate Falls** Collegeville, Minnesota.) back. Now when we are called to derstand what such membership im-

Collect of the day: "We beseech undergo sufferings and trials, there plies. We must remain united to Theo, Almighty God, mercifully to is great danger that our faith will the Head. Christ, by grace. This look upon this, Thy family, that by waver; and we may act like the we can do, for all the means are Jews of today's Gospel and fail to given us to become ever more per-Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both progress on the road to perfection. fect and more active members of this birth-rate for a complete year ever To increase in perfection we must family. in body and soul." recorded in England and Wales is disclosed in the Registrar General's

go to Christ. Just as in a human family the children go to the father, Today's Collect begs God to turn merciful eye upon His family. This family of God is the Church. the head of the family, whenever The children of this family are the they are in need, so we must go to faithful who unite to form one fold, our Head, Christ, for "He is the Mefaithful who unite to form one fold. the mystical body of Christ. Bap- diator of the New Testament" (Epistism admits us into this family, and tle). Did not He tell us: "No man

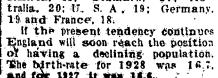
cometh to the Father but to me' by it we become sons of God and (John 14,16). He alone is canable brothers of Jesus Christ. This incorporation into the Society of the of delivering us from the enemies of worthless check operations, resulted Church makes us members of this our spiritual life and of instructing in a sentence for John B. Campbell mystical body, of which Christ is the us in the path of virtue, "Deliver Head. It is of this family, of this me, O Lord, from my enemies, teach living organism, that the Collect me to do Thy will" (Gradual). speaks. The Secret tells us in different ery.

A priest's neck cloth and collar. But why should there be need of words that we can break the bonds asking God to look upon us with of sin and obtain help by offering the which were seized by detectives who arrested Campbell, were used im evimercy if Christ, who is the source of sifts in union with Christ. "May all holiness, is the Head of the fam- these offerings, we beseech Thee, O dence. In seeking probation, which 119? Because we, the members of Lord, absolve the bonds of our wick- was denied. Campbell admitted that the mystical body, must fill up what edness and procure for us the gifts he posed as the Rev. J. Relly of St. is wanting to the sufferings of Christ. Let Thy mercy." Agnes parish.



over deaths falls to the new low Los Angeles, April 4.-Posing as a priest, so he could engage in record of 2.9 per thousand, as comto serve one to 14 years in San Quentin prison. He was convicted re-

in other countries are: Spain, 29; Italy, 27; Canada, 24; Holland, 23; cently on one of two counts of forg-Austria, 22; Denmark, 21; Au-



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Seriously in 1929

London, April 4.-The lowest

figures for 1929, just issued. It is

No nation that keeps statistics has

With the death-rate increasing

it is now 13.4—the margin of birth-

pared with a margin of 5 per thou-

Comparatve figures of birth-rates

16.3 per thousand.

a lower record.

sand during 1928.

and for 1927 it was 18.6. .....