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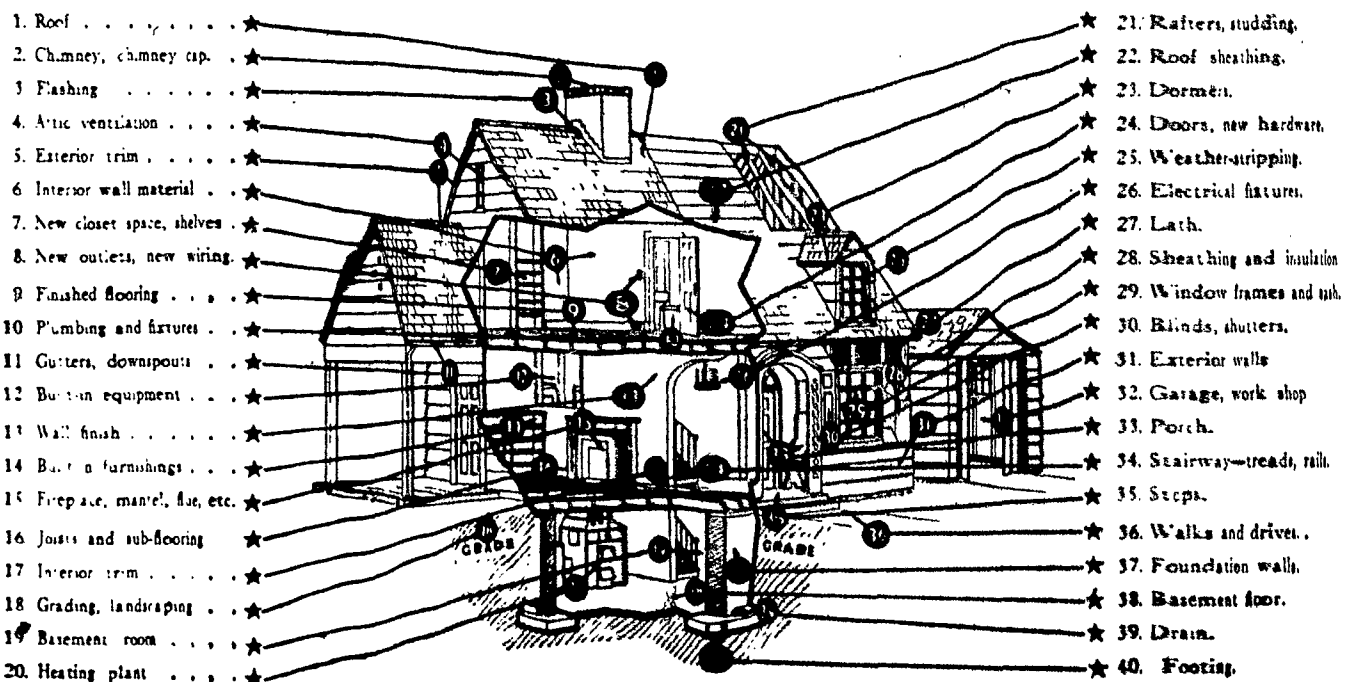
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I Believe— I Battle

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS

By Msgr. P. M. H. Wynhoven
Editor-in-Chief

Catholic Action of the South
On a recent trip to Guatemala, we had the delightful experience of sitting at the captain's table. It was not the official table that made it delightful but the fact that the captain was an exceptional personality. The lord on the sea proved to be an original thinker or an Archbishop of Rummel styled him "somewhat of a mystic." He was of pure Spanish-Mexican lineage and passionately fond of his native country, Catholic Mexico, as he referred to it. He maintained that nothing or nobody would ever destroy the deep simple faith of the Mexican people.

Objection to this statement was made on the grounds that we were ignorant people barely able to read or write and that, therefore, with the lack of priestly ministrations they were bound to lose their faith. The captain conceded the ignorance. But he philosophized today the faith of the uneducated is stronger and firmer than that of the intelligentia. Asked for an explanation of his theory he opined that true faith being a gift of God was not easily destroyed through unguarded and unguided self-education the kind that comes from reading the stuff our modern promiscuous literature offers. He concluded: "Because the poor people can hardly read they will not be poisoned and will remain true to their fathers' faith."

"Whatever is born of God overcometh the world." This positive statement of St. John does not seem to hold good any more in our days. Not that the Catholic Church has many outright defections, but it is alarming to see how many have quit practicing their Catholic teaching and following their rules and regulations. Even Catholics who are educated in our own schools seem so easily controlled by the world, instead of helping to overcome the world.

What is the reason for this? They were born of God, had Catholic parents, were educated in the correct schools and still they slip become indifferent and not infrequently give up the practice of their religion entirely. It seems that in their case the captain's diagnosis had they not been able to read they still would be good Catholics today—holds good in many cases it most probably can be proved that modern literature, writings without moral, with false philosophies and aesthetic tendencies, brought them down and mastered them completely, or, as it often happens, their association with worldly skeptics, spreading the freedom of unprincipled books was their undoing.

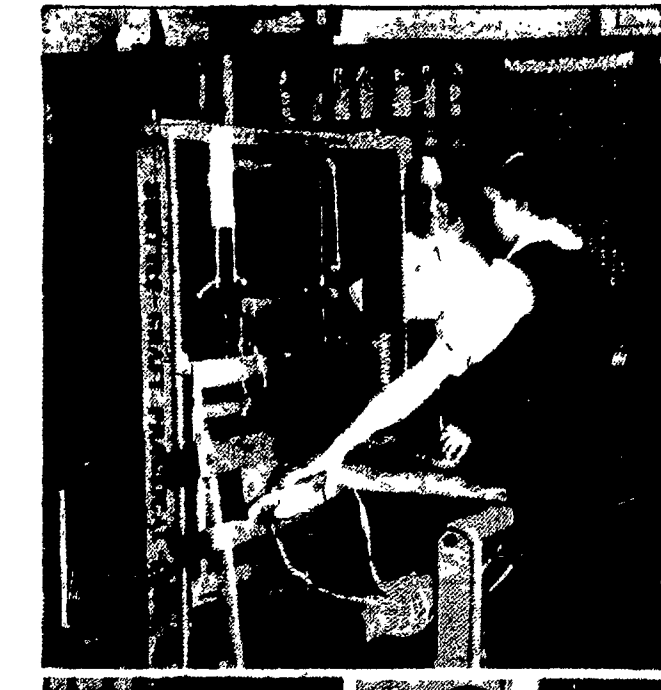
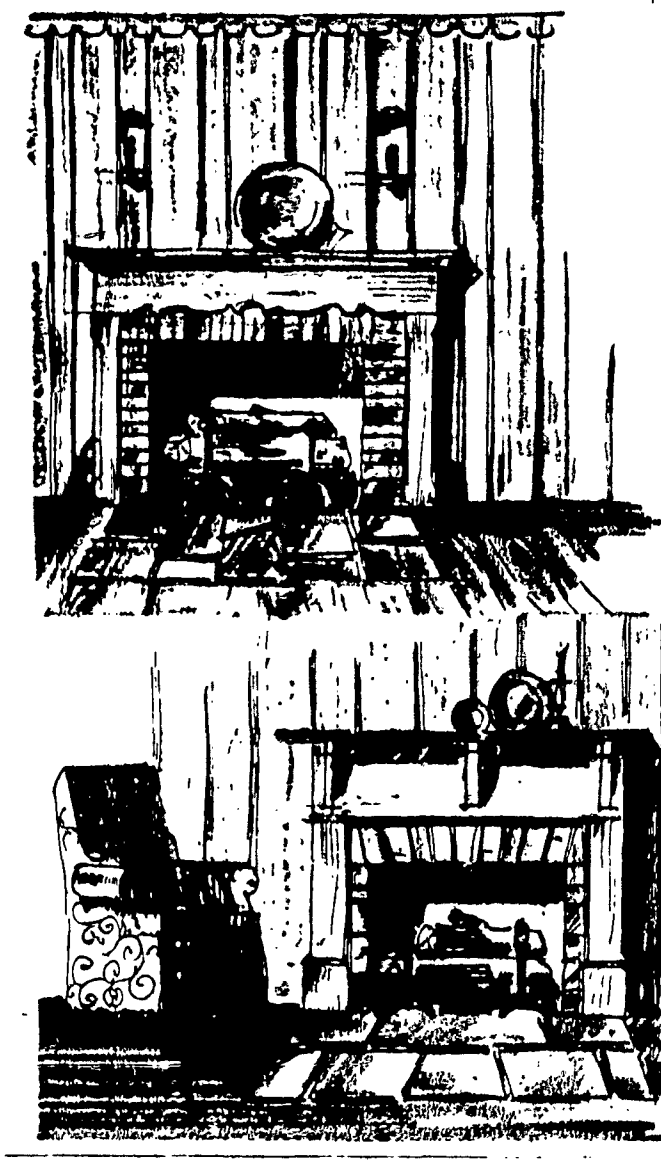
Bishop Althoff says: "It may be said that where conditions unfavorable to Catholic life exist, this is chiefly due to the lack of a Catholic paper in the home where, on the contrary, other publications carry on their detrimental work."

We tend to grow greatly alarmed when proselyting is done among the poor, who seem to be ready to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage. Many of these unfortunate may give up their membership in the Church, but at heart they do not lose their faith. Compelled by circumstances of poverty, they follow the tempting way to food.

The apostates to worry about, however, are the spiritually poor in the better and educated classes who do not give up their faith, but whom we failed to warn in season and out of season to keep away from poisonous reading, the ones whom we did not interest and urge sufficiently to have the right kind of literature in their homes. This sad, irretrievable mistake happens in parishes where the priests cannot get warmed up to the need of the Catholic press.

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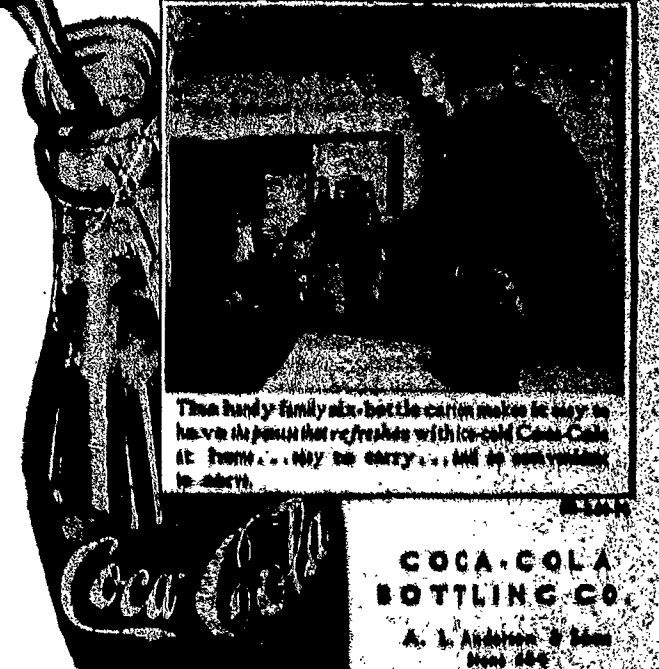
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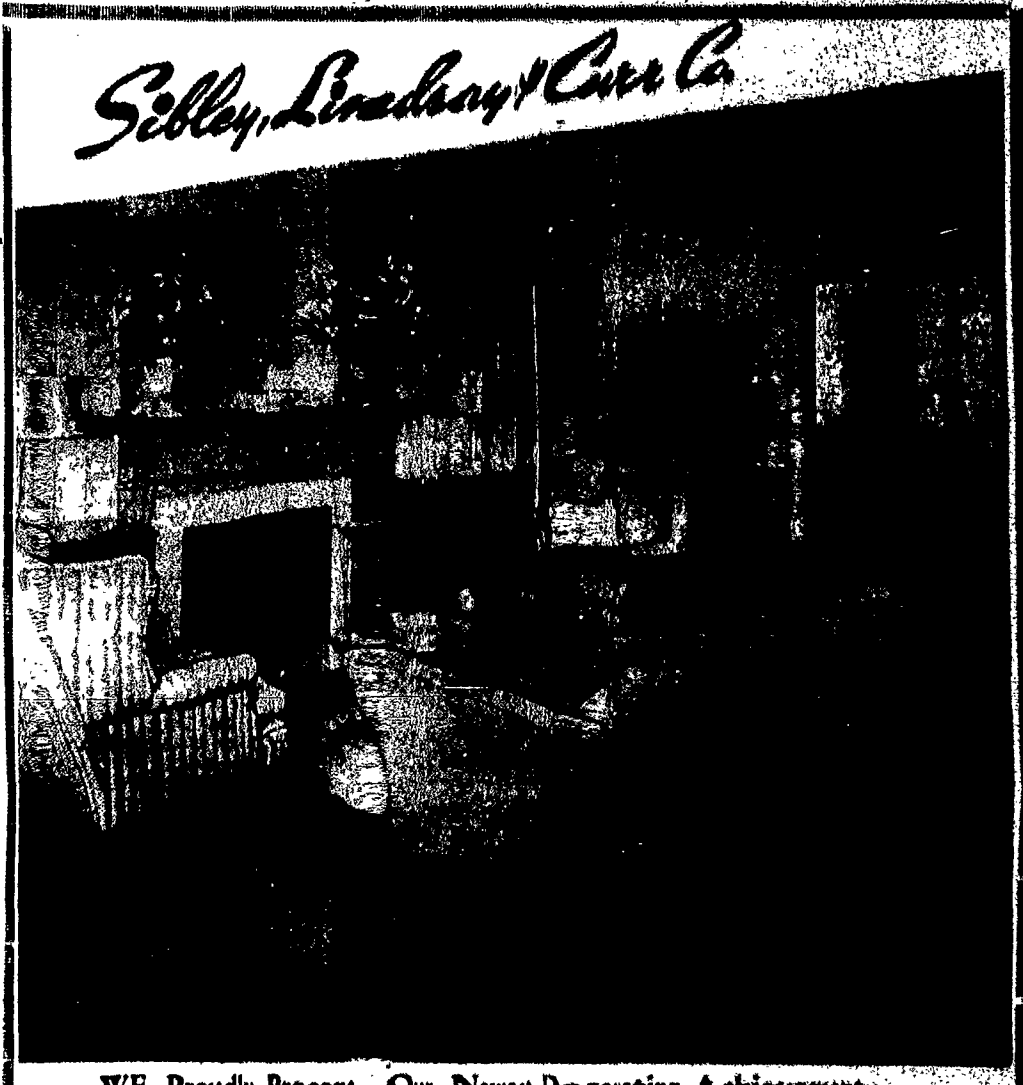
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