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• • • • • **READERS** of The Southern Cross who have children within the school ages will find a series of notices in our columns this week from well-known schools and colleges. It is never an easy task to select a school; a visit to one or more of the institutions listed in this issue will be of assistance.

• • • • • **THE Franco American Committee** in this city, presided by Dr. Rafael Bullrich, is moving heaven and earth in order to persuade the Minister of Education to modify a recent Decree which reduces the French language from an obligatory subject to an optional one.

The reasons adduced by the Committee are two: French is of great practical importance and it is the chief vehicle of modern culture and thought. The first argument is disputable, but the second is imperative. French is the language of modern civilization.

But the thoughtful person will reflect that modern civilization cannot be properly understood except its origins are taken into account. From this point of view, Latin is far more important than French, and yet our secondary schools and universities continue to ignore the mother-language of Western culture.

• • • • • **THE decision** of United States Congress to spend sixty thousand million dollars on naval planes shows which way the battle of the oceans is turning. The sun of the capital ship is setting. The seas of the future will be held by the power which knows how to combine the action of its fleets with heavy squadrons of short and long range planes. The disaster of Pearl Harbour and the destruction of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse off Malasia have borne swift fruit.

The nations which hold the high seas at the present moment—the United States and Great Britain—will continue to hold them till the end, because the Axis Powers will not be able to construct sufficient air armadas to drive them off the water. Before long the English-speaking countries will have sufficient seaplanes to meet and rout the enemy at any selected point. The total command of the oceans will decide this war.

• • • • • **SOMEONE** writes reproaching us indignantly for daring to say (last week) that Argentina will never become a first-class industrial nation. This writer lets his feelings run away with him when he implies a lack of patriotism in us. It is a queer brand of patriotism which would urge a man to love his country because in the future it might become rich. Our correspondent should re-read the story of Whang the Miller.

The first-class industrial countries in the world are those which have coal and iron ore handy. If you have to transport either or both these materials over thousands of miles of ocean, it is obvious you cannot compete in the sale of manufactured articles with the countries which have them on the door step.

And anyhow, Argentina can look forward to quite as good a future as any highly-industrialized country—perhaps better. Our nation is singularly blessed as a producer of food. The human race can do without steel, but not without bread.

• • • • • **WE** have been frankly disappointed with the final results of our collection for St. Patrick's Home from readers of The Southern Cross. The total received was just over three hundred pesos, though small sums still continue to trickle in. Truth to tell, we had expected far more. The cause was good, the time was ample and we refuse to believe that times are as bad as people say they are. We hope for better luck next time.

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(By KENNETH EATON)

Friends may be many, or friends may be few.
Or life may smile cheerfully ever on you;
Your prospects may always be bright as the day,
And pleasure may ever be strewn on your way,
But whether you're wealthy - or plunged in distress
A mother's the most precious thing you possess.

God's gifts come in plenty, they rarely are few:
The sunshine and flowers, the rain and the dew.
But one special gift has God given to men;
He gives it but once, and He gives not again;
And this special gift from the Father above
Is a mother's sweet care and her undying love.

Bad times may distress you and trouble your life,
And you may feel certain that vain is the strife;
But though you may fail and meet trouble, and then
Be judged as a failure by standards of men,
Still one is on earth who is true to the end,
For while you've a mother you've always a friend.

God's sweetest gift she is given to all
To smile for our joys and to help when we fall,
To cry for our troubles and comfort our woes;
And when she has gone to her long repose
No eloquent monument plac'd o'er her head;
"Here lies a mother," is all need be said.

You have only one mother, so treat her with care,
For none can replace her when she is not there,
Care for her tenderly, love her above all;
She was your guide, when helpless and small,
And when she grows old, be still faithful and true,
And care for your mother as she cared for you.

Irish News

MINIMUM BUS
FARES—

An extraordinary situation has arisen in connection with the bus services in Dublin. It has been quite a common thing for a long time past for a person who lived five miles or ten miles out from the city to find that he could not get a seat on his last bus because it was already full, filled by passengers who had only a mile to go. To prevent this hardship the company has now introduced minimum fares on such long-distance buses. The idea, of course, is to preserve the seats for those who have a long journey to go. Actually the change has had no such effect. It has increased the company's revenue, because the people who have only a mile or two to go still get on the buses and pay the minimum fares, but alight long before they reach the point to which these minimum fares would entitle them to travel. In other words, those who can afford to pay can still out the long-distance travellers. If the company was really anxious to safeguard the convenience of the long-distance travellers, the proper course would be either to seek a police regulation making it an offence for short-distance travellers to board the buses or to get sanction for a regulation authorising the company to run non-stop buses (non-stop in the sense of not allowing any passenger to alight) except at a point three or four miles beyond the centre of the city.

BARTERING
HIDES.—

Partially tanned leather and tanning materials are to be imported from Britain in return for surplus cattle hides. Mr. Kennedy O'Brien, Chairman of the Federation of Irish Tanners, and Director and General Manager of Irish Tanners Ltd., Portlaw, said, "This ar-

rangement should ensure ample supplies of leather of all kinds for at least a year. The position is very hopeful.

"Owing to the foot-and-mouth disease there has been an increase in the number of animals slaughtered for the dressed meat trade, with the result that there is now, and has been for some time, a considerable surplus of hides for export."

Mr. O'Brien said that there are about 12,000 hides available weekly and half of that number is enough for home requirements.

PAYMENT FOR
WRECKAGE—

Rubber, timber, oils and other wreckage washed ashore from sunken ships will now mean money for coast-dwellers who find it, besides helping to keep home industries going.

A new scheme was officially announced recently under which finders of wreckage will be paid a substantial part of the estimated value of each article as soon as it is delivered to the local receiver of wrecks.

In the case of rubber, arrangements have been made for its collection by the Dunlop Rubber Co., which will similarly reward finders, the balance of the value to be paid to the State, which will hold it in case an owner is found.

The Dunlop Company is to appoint representatives to take delivery of salvaged rubber.

The idea behind the new scheme is that large quantities of raw rubber, timber, raw cotton, oils and fats—the ownership of which could not be determined—have been washed ashore or recovered from the sea in recent months.

Delivered without delay to the authorities, this wreckage would help to keep factories and building jobs going, and the Government Information Bureau pointed out that—apart from the

legal aspect—it is obviously the duty of every right-minded citizen to help in this.

The legal position, it was added, is that the State is responsible to the owner of the ship or cargo for wreckage which can be identified. Other material becomes the property of the State.

In either case, therefore, wreckage has to be surrendered by the finder to the local Customs man or the Garda.

But formerly finders of such salvage could be rewarded only when the property's owner had been established or its value had been discovered on sale.

Now coast and island dwellers who recover wreckage can be sure that they will get their money without delay.

EARLY CLOSING.—

Representatives of most of the organizations of the distributive trades in Dublin are considering proposals for the earlier closing of certain classes of shops in the city to save light and fuel.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce is considering the advisability of making an order on the subject, and a conference had been summoned to ascertain the views of the shopkeepers concerned.

Among the organizations which have been invited to send representatives are the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the Drapers' Chamber of Trade. The Licensed Grocers and Vintners' Protective Association are not included.

AN TAOISEACH SOUNDS A WARNING.—

An Taoiseach, addressing a large parade of members of the Defence services in Tralee some time ago, said he wanted them not to allow themselves to be tempted to rest on their oars. The reasons for steady, intensive training were as urgent to-day as when he was last there or when they first joined. The dangers threatening the country were as great now as then. Let them not be lulled into any feeling of security by the fact that for some months the main land theatre of war had moved away to the east.

"This island remains, and will remain to the end of the war, in the very heart of the battle zone with danger of attack ever present."

They must prepare unceasingly to meet the attack if it came. Military

preparedness had advanced considerably since the war. The strength of the forces was, however, not yet nearly what it should be. There were still very many young men who should be in the permanent forces or L.D.F.

They could not be satisfied that the nation was doing its best to defend itself until every young man was in one or the other. Let each one go out in his own neighbourhood and put it to these young men that it was their duty to join and get trained without further delay. It would be too late to come in when the attack was launched.

EXAMPLE TO WORLD.—

Eire had set an example to the rest of the world and the Government and the Trade Unions had been congratulated and praised in other countries for their strength and wisdom in stabilising wages, salaries and director's fees, said Mr. A. W. P. Mulligan, member of Dublin Rotary Club, addressing Cork Rotary Club recently.

This, he added, would do much to stop the vicious spiral of prices and wages chasing one another ever upwards, causing inflation.

He believed increasing prices were brought about chiefly by speculators and interests outside the legitimate trade.

RATIONING TO SUPPLY ALL.—

Turf is rationed under an order announced by the Department of Supplies in Ireland. For householders in the non-turf areas the monthly ration during September and October was five hundred-weight of coal or ten hundred-weight of turf. Householders may buy either coal or turf.

They may also buy a combination of the two, if they wish, on the basis that coal has twice the fuel value of turf.

The consumer, for instance, may buy two and a half hundred-weight of coal and five hundred-weight of turf as his monthly ration.

Within the scheduled—or turf-producing—area, of course, no coal may be bought for household use, and this area was increased by a second order making the following additions:—

Counties Carlow, Cavan, Monaghan and South Tipperary, the rural districts of Glin, Newcastle West, and Rathkeale, in Co. Limerick; and the rural districts of Millstreet, Macroom, Bantry, Dunmanway, Skibbereen, Schull and Castletownbere, in Co. Cork.

Householders outside this area, and who may be wondering whether coal or turf is better, were advised by the Department that:

"The type of coal available at present is mainly slack, which is very difficult to use for domestic purposes, except when used with large coal, coal blocks, turf, or wood blocks.

"All persons in a position to produce supplies of wood blocks are urged to do so and put them on the market," the statement added.

Provision is also made in the new orders for the licensing, as fuel merchants, of persons selling turf outside the scheduled area and for the registration of domestic users with their dealers.

A person who has turf for sale and who is not licensed may sell it to a licensed fuel merchant.

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NOT WANTED IN ITALY.—

A broadcast from Moscow is to the effect that many manifestations have taken place against German troops in Italy. Recently on entering Florence they were stoned by the public and clashes between German and Italian troops in Sicily were so frequent that the whole island garrison had to be replaced.

HOW HE WILL RULE.—

The newly elected Chilean President, Sr. Juan Antonio Rios, intends to rule the country in a very democratic manner, justice, liberty and work are his slogans. He has been elected to office by a substantial majority; and it is thought he will assume power earlier than is customary. No decision will be taken re the breaking off of relations with the Axis powers till the President-elect takes over the reins of government.

MEAT AND MILK RATIONED.—

Henceforth the Italians will be forced to eat less meat and drink less milk as both are being strictly rationed. The former product can only be eaten once weekly, in quantities that will not amount to one kilo per month, and the latter will probably not pass two litres per month, except in the case of children and the sick. Meat will only be sold on Saturday mornings. Certain restrictions have also been adopted regarding the preparation of meals in private homes.

BACK FROM THE NORTH.—

The first of the Argentine mercantile fleet, Rio Dulce, to bear the flag, abroad, returned to port last Monday, after covering a distance of 16,000 miles. The vessel is under the command of Captain Fernando J. Estella and set out around the west coast taking a cargo of wheat to Peru and thence through the Panama Canal to the United States. From there it returned with a consignment of coal for the C. A. D. E.

DR. GUINAZU RETURNS.—

Quite a large number of people were present in the "Seis de Setiembre" aerodrome last Monday to welcome the Argentine Foreign Minister, Dr. Enrique Ruiz Guinazu. As the Minister alighted from the Panagra plane, the public broke into cheers. He was accompanied by his son and other members of the delegation to the Rio Conference.

FUTURE ECONOMY.—

Lack of coal stocks and the difficulties of obtaining sufficient supplies are some of the reasons why special winter hours will be adopted in Government offices and certain restrictions applied in the public lighting system.

It is alleged that from March the working hours in all public administration departments will be from 10 to 16 o'clock. Nothing definite has been published as to what the lighting restrictions will be.

NOT ACCEPTABLE.—

Major Vidkun, Quisling, who has been appointed Prime Minister of Norway, by Nazi approval, will not be recognised by the legal representatives of that country in London. Quisling sold himself to the small Nazi party in Norway and this is his reward. It is but too well known that most Norwegians are anti-Nazi and desire to escape to England to offer their services against their country's usurpers, but now, the death penalty hangs over those endeavouring to escape, while reprisals and sufferings untold await members of their families.

MACARTHUR'S STUBBORN RESISTANCE.—

General MacArthur and his gallant forces are bravely defending their positions in the Far East. Last week their powerful canoes, defending Manila Bay, accounted for the destruction of a Japanese expeditionary force which attempted to storm the forts. The General and his men who are defending the Bataan peninsula have resisted wave after wave of enemy attacks and inflicted severe losses in the Japanese ranks.

ARGENTINE WHEAT IN DEMAND.—

The president of the Chilean National Grain Board, Dr. Luis Anibal Barrios, is at present in Buenos Aires and it is understood that he is negotiating for the purchase of 50,000 tons of Argentine wheat for his country. If we can play the game and counteract the work of speculators, Argentina will figure prominently in the American map when the present struggle ceases.

USE MORE HONEY.—

An eastern college professor claims that honey may play an important part in national defense. He is Prof. L. R. Cressall who says food today is too refined.

With the increase in use of devitalized sweets of all kinds, such as refined sugars from sugar cane, corn, beets and the maple trees, honey is the only unprocessed sweet left to man, he asserts.

People in Europe, Professor Cressall points out, have known for centuries that honey will aid in physical development because of its many health-giving qualities.

He notes that during the last war, in the face of a sugar shortage, the public had to use honey for sweetening purposes. He terms it regrettable that the American people did not continue this beneficial practice.

"As the war clouds thicken, we may again turn to honey—the natural sweet," the professor concludes.

DRINKABLE AND PLEASANT.—

At the fair in Macey's Department Store, New York, where samples of Argentine and Chilean red and white wines were exhibited, as well as Brazilian champagne, Peruvian Brandy and Mexican Tequila, the Argentine

and Chilean wines were judged as being of excellent quality and Brazilian Champagne met with general approval. There were eighty different classes of Latin American wines exhibited and sold at the fair.

FEEDING A STARVING WORLD.—

Mr. Morgenthau, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, declared recently that he was in favour of using U. S. credit to help to feed the starving post-war world.

He urged farmers to start producing for such a market.

"After the Allies win this war," he said,—"and they are going to win it—the opportunity for American agriculture and the need for a colossal production of the right kinds of food will be much greater than it is even to-day."

GREECE IN THROES OF FAMINE.—

Hunger, cold, cholera, typhus and typhoid are reported to be claiming a heavy death toll in Greece. The bread ration amounts to 30 or 60 grammes per head daily, oil, milk and fats are unobtainable. According to a Turkish broadcast children are dying in thousands and parents are too weak to bury them, and the Axis powers refuse to help in any way.

CROWN JEWELS FOR INVADERS.—

President Hacha, head of the Protectorate, has handed over the famous Czech Crown jewels to German custody.

At a formal ceremony in the famous King Wencesla's Chapel of Prague's 1,000-year-old Cathedral he surrendered the seven keys of the jewels to Herr Heydrich, the Reich Protector, as Herr Hitler's trustee.

"These ancient jewels," he said, "are a symbol of the loyalty of Bohemia and Moravia to the Reich." As an expression of confidence, Herr Heydrich then returned three of the keys to Dr. Hacha, whom he described as the "guarantor of the good faith of the Czechs."

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TIMELY RAIN.—

The rainfall during the month of January has improved the general state of the crops, especially maize. In Santa Fe, Entre Rios and the northern part of Buenos Aires the maize crop is said to be in very good condition and the prospects of a flourishing harvest are excellent. In the Pampa the prolonged drought has caused much damage as 40% of the sowings are considered lost.

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ANNUAL DRINK BILL.—

The U. S. has spent \$5,846,630,000 on drink since the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, or £730,820,000 a year.

These figures have been given by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

This drink was bought legally, but another \$584,663,000 was spent on illegal sales of alcohol, it is stated.

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FIGHT FOR SINGAPORE.—

Under the command of Lieutenant-General A. E. Percival the stubborn fight for the Singapore stronghold has begun. The island is well stocked with food and ammunition and can hold out for a long time. Singapore is seven miles long and fourteen wide. In the north it is bounded by the Johore Strait, which is three quarters of a mile wide, and which the Japs must span to invade the island. The city of Singapore is in the southern part of the island. The fall of the island would open a way for the entrance of the Japanese to the Gulf of Martaban and aid them in blocking Chinese supplies by the Burma Road. The British defenders expect to hold out until reinforcements arrive to hurl back the invader.

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A GIANT BRIDGE.—

In the near future the National Roads Board intend calling for tenders for the erection of a bridge over the river Uruguay, from Paso de los Libres, in Argentina, to Uruguayana, in Brasil. The length of the same will be 1,419 metres and the cost has been reckoned at four and a half millions. Once the contracts have been awarded the work must be completed within thirty months.

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FARMS WILL "GROW" CARS.—

Henry Ford envisages a day "only several years off" when a farmer will grow most of the materials of which his motor car is made and perhaps provide its fuel from plants as well. "The plastic body made from cellulose, fibres easily grown will be several hundred pounds lighter and will be a better body for several reasons," he added.

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INDIAN ROUTE TO RUSSIA.—

One more link with Russia is being established with the organisation of a regular supply route from India, via Baluchistan and Eastern Iran.

A trial trip over the route for the

delivery of much-needed supplies of jute has brought valuable information of the 760 miles of barren, waterless country between Nokkundi, at the terminus of the Indian railway in Baluchistan, and Meshed, in North-Eastern Iran.

It is expected that after a second experimental trip with a consignment of shellac it will be possible to evolve a system for a regular service with little delay.

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AN INCONVENIENCE.—

Anyone who has ever worn gaiters during the summer knows how uncomfortable they are, yet the police force of Buenos Aires, who direct the traffic are condemned to wear them, year in year out during their long hours of service. These men who have to bear the brunt of the summer heat at the street corners should be lightly and comfortably clad during the dog days, and in that way there would probably be less cases of sunstroke in their ranks.

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THOSE MOLESTING NOISES.—

In Mar del Plata as in the city of Buenos Aires little heed is paid to the ordinance governing molesting noises. Many of those who arrive from the capital in their cars fall into the general rut in a few days and indulge in fast driving, sounding of klaxons etc. Until the local police take a more serious view of the affair and determine once and for all to curb the noise fiends, there is little hope of betterment.

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CONTROLLING IRON STOCK.—

Fearing that existing stocks of unused iron might be commandeered by a clique the Government last week decreed a national stock-taking. Interventors were delegated to the various metallurgical establishments in the city and provincial authorities and police have been requested to lend their aid in counting and forcing a declaration of stocks.

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NATIONAL TOBACCO.—

Recent statistics give the superficial area under tobacco as 13,380 hectares, which are distributed as follows: Corrientes, 8,335; Misiones, 6,000; Salta, 2,800; Catamarca, 450; and other provinces and territories, 345. The harvest will be under that of last year by 3,430 hectares.

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A RACIAL QUESTION.—

Last week some medical practitioners in the Pñeiro hospital took it upon themselves to try and oust a young lady, also a practitioner, who won the post on merit, from the institution. Their only objection to the lady's presence was that that she is of Jewish descent. It is rather unbecoming in public institutions that employees of the same are permitted to adopt such measures and pass over the will of the authorities. There is something wrong in the state of Denmark.

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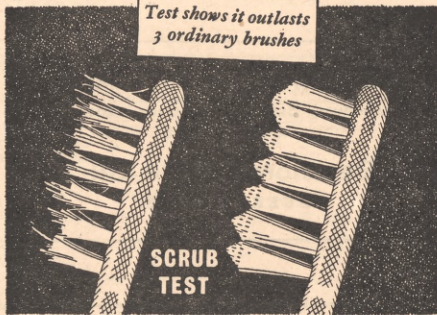
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Valuable Collection Of Ancient Coins

MONEY which may have passed through the hands of Christ 1900 years ago is now in the possession of a Chicagoan. In the collection of William J. Benz, is a golden aureus, said to have been issued by Augustus of Rome whose likeness is imprinted on the coin. Augustus, who reigned from 27 B. C. to 14 A. D. was sovereign of Rome and Judea at the time of Christ's sojourn on earth.

Another coin of Christ's time belonging to Mr. Benz is a Jewish Shekel. This small silver piece, presumed to have been coined in the year two, bears the imprint of a branch with three buds intended to represent Aaron's rod. The inscription in Hebrew says, "Jerusalem, the Holy."

Mr. Benz, who at near middle age has a rare collection of thousands of coins, began his money gathering as a boy, when he kept Indian Head pennies in a toy safe. His ambition, now partially realized, is to have the Litany of Saints in money. Already his collection numbers nearly one hundred coins from various countries struck with the images of saints.

SAINTS ON COINS.

This seemingly unearthly arrangement by which saints of the Catholic Church, rather than national heroes, smile on the face of popular currency, has no modern counterpart except in the case of Vatican City, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Hungary, land of the Magyars and gypsies is devotionally Catholic. Having two patrons, the Blessed Virgin and St. Stephen, their images were often stamped upon their coins. As late as 1938 money bearing the image of St. Stephen on it was coined in the country.

Czechoslovakia, or the various national names the strip of contested Eastern European land has had throughout history, pictured St. Wenceslaus on horseback, on its money from 1829 to 1933.

Explaining the widespread custom, it will be recalled that during the middle and early modern ages, a Bishop had temporal as well as spiritual power over his See. The See, being a sovereign state, had the power to coin its own money. The patron saint of the diocese usually was pictured on its money.

The most popular time of the Sainted money was during the Holy Roman Empire, though the custom continued down through the first centuries following the Reformation and did not fall into general disuse until modern times.

The possibility of taking almost any country and showing its religious status through its coins is an easily accomplished fact with Mr. Benz' collection.

BURIAL OF ST. STEPHEN.

Among the Sainted coins of the Middle Ages Mr. Benz has a Brakret showing the burial of St. Stephen, first martyr, and his soul ascending into heaven. This was in use in sections of the Holy Roman Empire as late as 1160.

In the 18th century it was the custom for parents to give godparents a golden ducat imprinted with the Baptismal scene and bearing the inscription. "Do not forget your sponsor's obligations." This ducat was nearly always saved as a memento of the occasion, but could be used as legal tender.

St. Christopher bearing the Christ Child appears on a coin from Rosenburg dated 1767. A coin minted by the House of Mansfield, Germany, in 1609, has the impression of St. George slaying the dragon on the reverse side and the seal of the House on the obverse.

ST. SEBASTIAN.

Ottingen, in 1759, chose St. Sebastian, bound, tied to a tree and pierced with arrows to be used on its money. Lubeck money shows Moses and Jews getting the Commandments from Jehovah, who appears out of the clouds. The obverse side of the coin shows the crucifixion. Straussbourg money in 1679 shows Noah's Ark riding crest of the deluge. Another coin from the same See shows SS Rupert and Virgillias on one side, while on the other is a Rogation Day procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament.

Austrian Tyrol recognized St. Afra on its money in 1686. Salzburg in 1625 chose a picture of the Blessed Virgin and Child on one side and on the other St. Rupert, one time Bishop of the See on the other.

Representing France is money from Liege in 1724 bearing the likeness of St. Lanert.

St. Martin dividing his cloak with a beggar forms the subject of Lucca coinage in 1758. Florence (Italia), commemorated the Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist on silver during the 17th century.

CHINESE KNIFE MONEY.

Perhaps the most ancient of all money in Mr. Benz collection is Chinese knife money said to have been made from 800 to 1000 B.C. This paper processed money is made in the shape of a handled knife.

It is a relic linking the history of pre-historic times to the present inasmuch as it recalls the ancient barter system. In age old China knives were the most coveted pieces of property in the land. Hence knives became the standard of barter. In keeping with this tradition the first money made by the government was in the shape of a knife in order to appeal to the sense of the familiar in the people.

Siamese gold money made in the shape of bullets, a coin from Brunswick, depicting mining, hunting, fishing and a domestic scene on its surface are some of the curios of the collection. A coin about six inches in diameter issued in Brunswick, 1676, was given subjects in exchange for money loaned the King to carry on wars. At the end of the war it was redeemed very much the same as a Defense Bond today.

DERIVATION OF DOLLAR.

Speaking of United States currency, Mr. Benz stated that the word dollar is not a purely American term. Tracing its history he said the first dollar was made at Joachimstalle where there was a silver mine and coins of dollar size were minted. Because they were from Joachimstalle near Joachim's Valley they were called challer, an abbreviation of the longer word. In the various countries where coins of that size were used the letters in the name were changed to meet the phonetic requirements of the language.

The expression, "bit," according to Mr. Benz comes from the Spanish War when in certain localities there was a shortage of small coinage. A dollar was then cut into eight pieces, each of

The First Irish School In Argentina

We transcribe below a brief account of the foundation of the first Irish school in Argentina, undertaken by the

Irish Sisters of Mercy. It is taken from Murray's "Story of the Irish in Argentina".

IN 1856 the Sisters of Mercy trod for the first time the straight streets and flowery plazas of Buenos Aires. A large tide of emigration had been turning towards the Argentine Republic, and these Religious had come at the urgent call of the authorities to minister to the pressing wants of the people, and establish schools and hospitals throughout the territory. The application had been made to the Parent House, and Archbishop Cullen, Mother M. Vincent Whitty, and Mother M. Xavier Maguire took the deepest interest in the first South American foundation, and selected those who were best suited, from the volunteers. The priest who managed the business for the Buenos Aires authorities was Canon Anthony Fahey, who had been superior of the Irish Dominicans in Rome, and was well known to the Dublin Metropolitan. It took many months to arrange matters to the satisfaction of all, though the conditions, like to many others of a similar kind, ultimately proved to be worth no more than the paper on which they were written. The Archbishop gave a special blessing to the courageous volunteers, bade them apply to him as to a father in any contingency that might arise in their new field of labours and rely on his aid in every emergency. The Mothers gave them many a warm maternal benediction, made every possible arrangement for their spiritual and temporal weal, and followed them with love and prayers over the vast watery expanse which they themselves crossed more than once a little later. It was, therefore, with deep spiritual joy and high hopes, that the little band of seven Sisters turned their faces southward, on the feast of the Kings, January 6, 1856, and set out on their toilsome journey from the Liffey to the Rio de la Plata. Cheerfully did they bear the heat of the torrid zone, the monotonous days, the trying tediousness of that lengthy voyage. While most of the passengers, enervated by the fierce tropical sun, lay stretched out as if dead, they were up and doing. The cooler waters of the South Temperate Zone and its beautiful, starry skies were a relief and a joy to them. After a prosperous but uneventful voyage, their vessel cast anchor in Rio, where they were detained a fortnight for the repair of the coasting steamer in which they were to continue their voyage to La Plata. This time they spent with the Sisters of Charity in one of the palaces allotted them by the Emperor Don Pedro. On February 24th, their steamer was in the immense river along whose banks stretches Buenos Aires. A tugboat brought them near land, and in a few moments they clambered down its sides to the boat that was to land them opposite their provincial Congregation. The Superior was Mother Evangelista Fitzpatrick, the assistant was Mother M. Baptist O'Donnel; Sister M. Catherine Flannigan and Sister M. Joseph Griffin were the only professed besides the mothers; Sister Rose Foley, lay novice, and two postulants completed the muster-roll. Two of these ladies are still living (1895).

which was termed, a "bit."

Rare United States money from the present day back to the time of the thirteen original colonies have a place in Mr. Benz' collection.

Good Father Fahey awaited them on the quay, and gave them a most hearty welcome. He declared that the day of their arrival was the happiest he had seen in the fourteen years of his pilgrimage in Buenos Aires. He had a good house in the centre of the town prepared for them, and to it they were conducted by this kind father and other friends. The street on which they then lived was called Calle Merced.

The Calle Merced of that day is now Cangallo, and the house which served as the first Irish Convent was between Esmeralda and Suipacha. When the Sisters went to live in the new Convent and Hospital in Calle Riobamba they sold the old place to Dr. Velez Sarsfield.

About the time the Sisters of Mercy arrived in Buenos Aires yellow fever broke out in a very violent form and their first labours were in the care of its unfortunate victims. Having been trained in such work in Dublin they were specially successful in helping the stricken and the authorities appointed them to the charge of the Lazaretto, or hospital of isolation.

In 1858 the new institution in Calle Riobamba, was ready for occupation and from then commences the history of the old house in Riobamba, called by the very old-timers the "Irish Hospital," later the "Irish Convent," and lastly the "Irish Orphanage." Owing to the increased demand on the labours of the community three more Sisters—M. Liguori Griffin, M. Gertrude O'Rourke and M. Berchmans Fitzpatrick came in the year the new house was opened, and the following year four others came from Dublin, but three of these found the climate too trying for their health and returned to Ireland, only Sister M. Agnes Whitty, of the four, remaining in Buenos Aires. The Sisters seem to have been wholly occupied with hospital work at this time, for they had charge of the women's department of the City Hospital. With the opening of the new institution and the re-enforcements from Dublin, however, they started schools, public and private, the public school being free and attended almost exclusively by children of non-Irish descent. The pay-school was composed almost wholly of the daughters of Irish stock-raisers. Portion of the new edifice was used also as a home for Irish immigrant girls out of employment, and about the year '60 some few orphan girls were taken care of.

Hutchinson, a Wexford man, who was British Consul at Rosario, wrote of the establishment a few years after its foundation: "No institution exists in the city more praiseworthy than the Irish Convent School and House of Refuge, of which Mrs. Fitzgerald is the present Superioress. This convent has from sixty to seventy juvenile board-school-farmers in the camp. The edifice is spacious, airy and well ventilated, being near the outskirts of the town; It was founded by the indefatigable Father Fahey, the Irishman's friend, counsellor and banker, as well as spiritual adviser. Besides a school for the poor, which has upward of 200 day pupils, and an hospital, these good Sisters undertake the care and education of six orphans. The House of Refuge attached to the school is designated as a temporary home for Irish servants out of place."

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DEATHS.

On the 28th of January, at Villa Catalina, Ida Enriqueta, daughter of Henry Wm. and Elena Buist, aged 9 months.

On the 30th January, at 104 Calle Pavon, Belgrano, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Julia Palmer Lowry, widow of the late John J. Lowry, Esq., aged 72 years. Mrs. Lowry was a native of the State of New York, U.S.A., but had passed most of her lifetime in these countries, having come to Buenos Aires when a mere child.

DEPARTURE OF REV. MOTHER FITZGERALD OF THE SACRED HEART.

The readers of *The Southern Cross* will be sorry to hear of the departure of the excellent superiorress of the Sacred Heart Convent, Madame Fitzgerald, who for 12 years exercised her sacred calling amongst us and who leaves an admirable record of good and charitable deeds. Few who ever had the pleasure of a conversation with Mother Fitzgerald had not been touched by her superior and noble qualities, which appear in every word and action in spite of her innate modesty and humility of heart. As an educationist she achieved remarkable success in Buenos Aires, and ladies of the best families in the city owe their intellectual and moral training and refinement to her, and to her Order. Our readers are aware that the nuns of the Sacred Heart had for many years charge of the Irish Orphanage and that the institution owes them a large debt of gratitude for their assiduous care and attention. Mother Fitzgerald has now gone to Chile to superintend the central house of the Order there. On leaving the Darsena on Wednesday, she was accompanied by a large crowd of friends who cordially bade her goodbye and some lady friends accompanied her as far as Montevideo. In Chile, as in this country the nuns of the Sacred Heart are held in the highest possible esteem by all creeds and classes, and we have no doubt that Mother Fitzgerald will be as heartily welcomed in the Chilean Capital as her departure is deeply regretted in this. She is succeeded in her office of Superiorress of the three branches of her Order established in Buenos Aires by Mother Finlay, who was always Mother Fitzgerald's most active assistant in her important duties, and who is a member of a very gifted Irish family, remarkable alike for their fervent piety and brilliant talents.

ITEMS.

In addition to the many improvements affected in the morale of the police by the Chief, Dr. Donovan, we understand that he has in formation the contemplation of a library for the use and benefit of the members of the force and the employees in connection therewith. It is admitted on all sides that any addition to the stock of knowledge possessed by the average policeman here would be a decided advantage

not only to himself but also of benefit to the public at large. Therefore we wish the excellent idea of the popular Chief every success, as it furnishes another proof of Dr. Donovan's anxiety to render the police force as efficient as possible.

REFLECTIONS.

RULES.

Keep good company or none.

Never be idle.

If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

Always speak the truth.

Make few promises.

Live up to your engagements.

Keep your own secrets if you have any.

When you speak to a person look him in the face.

Good company and good conversations, are the sinews of virtue.

Good character is above all things else.

Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.

If anyone speaks evil of you let your life be such that none will believe him.

Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors.

Ever live (misfortunes excepted) within your income.

When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day.

Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper.

Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind.

Never play at any kind of game of chance.

Avoid temptation through fear you may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.

Never run into debt unless you see a way to get out again.

Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it.

Never speak evil of anyone.

Be just before you are generous.

Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy.

Save when you are young to spend when you are old.

Read these rules at least once a week.

Do You Know This ?

244) Which Is The Largest Land Bird?

245) What Bird Lays The Fewest Eggs?

246) What Is The Largest Sea-Bird?

See Answers on page 24.

Obituaries



"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD."

May Dolan, R.I.P.

*Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death came with friendly care;
The opening bud to heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there.*

(Coleridge).

Surrounded by a family's loving care and comforted by the last ministrations of Holy Mother Church, on the evening of the 22nd of last month, at the Italian Hospital—the last stage of her earthly purgatory—May Dolan ga-



ve up her soul, purified by pain and ennobled by suffering, to her Maker and her Lord, whose crown of glory is now adorned by another gem.

The young lady, who was only 14 years of age, was the eighth child of Mr. Peter Dolan and Mrs. Kathleen Kehoe de Dolan of Belgrano. On the 30th of September last she was run over by an automobile near her home and her left leg was badly crushed. At the Pirovano Hospital, where she was immediately taken, and subsequently at the Italian Hospital, she received expert medical attention. Despite the patient's extraordinary rally-

ing powers, which time and again revived hope in the hearts of those around her, all the efforts of science and the unceasing devotion of those who watched by her day and night were powerless to avert the fatal result.

Up to the time of this fateful event May was just a child, a pleasant school-girl who to the unobservant stranger would perhaps have passed unnoticed among her playfellows. But suffering revealed her soul in all its pristine beauty and brought to light unsuspected virtues, virtues fostered in a truly Christian home and guarded from all danger by the tender Protectress whose name she bore. An eyewitness told how while lying on the pavement, racked by pain, she asked for a priest before a doctor. During almost four months, day after day, hour after hour, she offered up her sufferings in expiation of what she believed to be her own imperfections. Her dear ones, living and dead, friends who were undergoing severe trials, those who had fallen away from God, all were remembered in her long drawn out calvary. Even doctors and nurses, accustomed as they were to human pain, were impressed by her heroic resignation and, in all certainty, moved to ponder on the Faith that inspired it. Many must have been, we venture to think, the souls

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that little May, the willing instrument of a Divine purpose, brought back to the Cross which she herself so readily embraced.

Profound indeed was the sympathy felt for the bereaved family throughout our community and this was eloquently exemplified by the large number of people who attended the wake and the Mass "corpore praesente" celebrated at St. Patrick's Parish Church by Rev. Fr. Peter Richards, C.P., cousin of the deceased, who also recited

the burial service at the British Cemetery. Present too at the interment was Very Rev. Fr. Albert Deane, C.P., who attended Miss Dolan throughout her illness and at her last moments.

Henceforward, in the stricken home, there will be an empty seat by the fireplace in the winter evenings, a vacant chair at the table, a childish face missing at the family gatherings. While others will gradually forget, however deeply they may feel the tragedy, there are a fond mother and father, affectionate brothers and sisters who will

always treasure the memory of their darling. But those who are left behind to tread the path of sorrow will not be lonely. For as one steeped in our traditions and beliefs has written, "our dead will take care of us if we do not fail them. We will wear them in our shield upon our arms, as a shield upon our hearts, for Love is stronger than Death". And as for her who has preceded us on the last journey, we who believe in the immortality of the spirit cannot bring ourselves to lament, with the poet, the solitude of the dead. May he not alone. She has joined the mighty company that lived and died to leave us the heritage of Faith which she proved so worthy. Supreme happiness is hers. She is with God Himself.

J. E. R.

Thomas Harte, R.I.P.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Thomas Harte, of Rosario, will come as a shock to his many friends. The sad event occurred last Saturday at his home, after a comparatively short illness, during which everything possible was done to prolong his life and alleviate his sufferings. Alas! his hour had come and all efforts were in vain. He was sixty-six years of age.

Thomas Harte was born sixty-six years ago, in Co. Cork, Ireland, his parents being James Harte and Ann Cotter. He came to Argentina in early manhood and was joined by several other members of his family—the well-known Harte Brothers, who will be recalled by all hurlers of a generation ago. Mr. Thomas Harte is therefore associated with the foundation of hurling in this country, as he was an original member of the Buenos Aires Hurling Club.

From his arrival in the country till his retirement a few years ago, Thomas Harte served on the railway lines first with the Central Argentine, then with the State Railway and latterly with the Pacific. Few men in the land were so intimately acquainted with the intricacies of our railway systems.

Many years ago Thomas Harte was married to Miss Bridget Garrahan, who, with her five children, remains to mourn his loss.

His interment took place in the Salvador Cemetery of Rosario, on Sunday, and the last prayers were recited by Mgr. Sheehy, who was assisted by Fr.

Meagher. Several Salesian Fathers were also present, as well as a large concourse of friends and mourners. May he rest in peace!

A Friend.

Thomas Fullam, R.I.P.

It is with deep regret I announce the death of the gentleman whose name heads these lines, which took place in this city on the 21st of January.

Thomas Fullam was born 69 years ago in San Pedro, being the youngest son of the late Michael Fullam and Kathleen Sargent. Brought up in a true Christian home he was educated in the Passionist College of Salto, under the able tuition of the late Father Victor C.P.

Forty-one years ago he married Miss Mary Martin, who preceded him to the grave nine months since. He was greatly esteemed by his legion of friends for his kind and amiable personality.

He was constantly visited by the Passionist and Pallatine Fathers, especially by Father Joseph Campion and the Parish Priest of Belgrano, who imparted the last rites of the Holy Church and Papal Blessing.

On Thursday the 22nd, his remains were laid to rest at the Chacarita Cemetery. Fathers Stephen, Quaine C.P., and Matias Capó officiating at the grave side.

He leaves to mourn his loss one son, three daughters, one sister, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, four grandchildren, nieces and nephews. May he rest in peace.

A Friend.

Richard Murphy, R.I.P.

Not only old Irish Navarro, but also, legions of friends outside, lament bitterly the untimely death of poor "Dick" as he was familiarly known. An athlete of no mean order, he graduated (years ago) the famous athletic sports of which Mercedes was and is so justly proud, and though over the three score years that youthful spirit never left him. A man of fine physique and noble spirit he was the sunshine of his happy home and of whatever reunion he found himself in. Not even the shadow of the incurable malady which brought him to the grave could rob Dick of what was his distinguishing feature—his sunny disposition. It was the tear, blending with the smile—a blend which only his strong Irish faith could produce or sustain. He was the Christian head of a Christian home and it is today the greatest consolation of his widow, Elena Maxwell and his three children, that he died as he lived happily resigned to God's will and invoking the Holy Family—Jesus Mary and Joseph.

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About People

We are asked to inform that the month's mind Mass for Jesús Seoane R.I.P., in Mercedes F.C.O., will be at a quarter to ten o'clock (and not 10 o'clock as published) on Saturday, February the 7th.

Mrs. M. Duffy de Lienhart, from Avellaneda, is spending some time with friends in Perez Millan.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Delhanty, who were on a holiday in Mar del Plata, have returned to their home in Berisso.

Mr. Michael Ward, who had to undergo an operation in La Plata, is, we are glad to say, quite well again.

Messrs. Gerald Leonard, of Pergamino, Cristy L'Estrange and his daughter Mary Ellen, of San Martin, and Michael Seery, of Quilmes, after spending some days with relatives in San Nicolas, have returned to their respective homes.

Mr. James Boland, of Berisso, has been on a visit to his friends in Carmen de Areco.

Mr. P. M. A. Ryle, after a fortnight's holiday in San Pedro and surrounding districts, has returned to his home in Avellaneda.

Mr. Patrick Walsh and family, from Montevideo, have been spending a holiday in this city.

Miss Bridget Ryle, from Carmen de Areco, is spending a holiday at Villa Anita, La Cumbre, Córdoba.

Miss Mollie Dunican, after a pleasant time in Mar del Plata, has returned to her home in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Thomas Ryle, from Carmen de Areco, has been on a business trip to San Pedro.

Among the guests at the City Hotel is Mr. J. O'Brien.

During the week Mr. Philip O'Keefe arrived at the Continental Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dogherty are among the many guests at the Continental Hotel.

Mr. W. Moore departed by the Pagnagra plane last Tuesday.

During the week Mr. H. Horan arrived from Rio by the Pan American air line.

The Dean of the School of Journalism, Columbia University, Dr. Carl W. Ackerman, left for home on Wednesday.

The Rev. Fr. Joseph Campion, who was ministering to the spiritual wants of the Passionist Sisters in the far south, has returned to Buenos Aires. The Rev. gentleman had to cover many miles on horseback daily, and though being born to the saddle, the work has told on him. Fr. Joseph is imbued with an exceptionally missionary spirit and to him bodily comforts matter little when the work of the Master calls.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Clara Leloir Unzué to Mr. Carlos Menditeguy, the well-known polo player, who formed part of the champion team "El Trebol". The wedding will take place in April next.

At the annual general meeting of the Venado Tuerto Polo and Athletic club, which took place recently, Mr. Arturo J. Kenny was elected president of the club for the coming year.

Amongst the departures by plane for Itezu early in the week was Mr. L. Smart.

Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Magrane Casada were amongst the arrivals in this city from Mar del Plata early in the week.

Mr. Ernesto Dowling is passing a season in Mar del Plata.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mulhall are amongst the many visitors from Argentina to Punta del Este and are registered at the Biarritz Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauricio Kenny and family are spending a holiday in Mar del Plata.

Dr. Miguel Duran, accompanied by his daughter, Edith, and Miss Marta Torres Duggan, leaves this week for Chile to spend the summer season at Viña del Mar.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Hearne entertained a number of friends to dinner at the restaurant Tourbillon, Mar del Plata.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Cavanagh have returned from Traful, where they had been on a visit to the Estancia of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Larrieviere.

Miss Ana Maria Nally Loran after a pleasant visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sills, of Baradero, has returned to this city.

We are glad to say that Mrs. John McDonnell, of Mercedes, who met with a very serious accident on the 22nd of last month is going on well; she is in the Blas Dubarry hospital of that city.

Saint Paul's College, Capitán Sarmiento, F.C.C.A., will reopen on Monday, 2nd March next.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Villa Urquiza left for Carhué.

Miss Lucy C. Plant has returned from Mar del Plata, after a most enjoyable holiday.

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Are Boarding Schools Doomed?

THERE is some restless quality in the human spirit which prompts us to be forever changing. It is usual to single out the female sex as the chief exponent of this mutability of mind, but that is not fair. Humans manifest their desire for change in things more serious than the shape of hats and the length of skirts. We are, all of us, steadily tearing down the past and building up the future, urged on by some inscrutable discontent of mind.

Educational fashions are just as liable to change as any other activity of humans. The Americans who are beyond all praise for their aptness in terminology, speak of the mutability of school fashions as "educational trends", which is an excellent term, suggesting as it does an even dosage of experiment and experience, which lies at the root of all human progress.

To him who surveys from a prudent distance the mechanism of local schools, one fact becomes immediately apparent: the boarding school has fallen into a decline, when compared with its condition twenty years ago. There was a time when it was fashionable to have been an inmate—a whole-time inmate—of the better-known schools; and parents held the conviction that they were not doing their very best for their offspring unless these were relegated for one or more years to the mild detention of a boarding college.

Today the average mentality has changed. The school bus is more fashionable than full board, and parents consider that it is their duty to cling as closely to

their children as they can. The impression grows that boarding colleges are chiefly suitable for dealing with orphans or problem children. In consequence, more than one educator has told us that the old-style boarding school is doomed.

We do not agree. Boarding schools, in our community at least, fulfill one excellent purpose which the changing fashions cannot alter, and that is the fosterage of the English language as the language of the home. Irish-Argentine parents are alive to the sentimental value and the practical utility of the traditional family tongue and they must perceive recognize that our local boarding schools and convents are the best medium for preserving it.

When education is viewed from this angle, the small boarding school becomes immediately important. It must perforce be admitted that the standard of tuition in all schools, large or small, resident or non-resident, is today much the same. The educational authorities of the country see to that by means of their inspectors

and programmes. And where a maximum of individual attention is sought, such as is required when the aim is to make children continue using their family tongue, then the minor boarding school or convent comes into its own. We grant that these schools have been undergoing a crisis, but they are emerging successfully.

There are other considerations which can be urged in favour of our community schools. They have stood the test of time; they are in

charge of accredited teaching bodies and responsible persons; they place capital importance on the imparting of religious knowledge; they are conducted by people who understand our community idiosyncracies and can sympathize with them.

These are some of the reasons why parents, at this time of year, should consider very seriously the large claims which our own schools can force upon their attention.

Golden Jubilee of the Círculos de Obreros

THIS week occurs the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Argentina's foremost Catholic social organization—The Círculos de Obreros. The inspiration came from Father Frederick Grote, the indefatigable Redemptorist missionary who left such a vigorous impress on a whole generation of Catholics in this country. Father Grote was a disciple of the famous German bishop, Ketteler, who was one of the founders of The German Zentrum Party, the largest Catholic social organization that has ever existed.

The nineties in Argentina appear as a period of great social stress. The population of the country was in process of separation into employers and employed, those fixed estereos after the European model which have bred so much unrest and hatred in the bosom of society. The tens of thousands of workmen and artisans who were pouring into the port of Buenos Aires had, most of them, very vivid memories of the injustices of the undiluted capitalism which had made their lives unlovely on the other side of the Atlantic. They were contaminated in great part by the virus of Marxism and it was natural that when they found the European situation reflected, though ever so faintly, in what they had been led to believe was a land of promise, their reaction was true to type. Socialism became rampant in Buenos Aires.

It was to meet this threat to the social peace of the country that Father Grote, after taking counsel with his ecclesiastical superiors, founded the Círculos de Obreros. In passing we may mention that two of his earliest collaborators were Irish-Argentines, Messrs. James Gahan and Felix Dolan.

Father Grote met with considerable opposition, not only from the quarter whence opposition should naturally

come viz., the socialist clubs, but also from distinguished personages in the Catholic camp. Mer. Usher, in a recent article in "El Pueblo" relates that he was a theological student in the Seminary at this time, and he and his companions were accustomed to listen and take part in heated debates about the new movement. Fr. Grote was censured in some quarters because he did not call his centres *Círculos Católicos* (a modification which was introduced later): because the rules of the centres did not demand that individual members should be all Catholics; because there was no rule by which members obliged themselves to hear Mass on Sundays and communicate at Easter.

Criticism however died away when the success of the *círculos* became indubitable. Today the organization boasts hundreds of centres all over the country, and it is particularly strong in this city, where its need is greatest.

The *Círculos de Obreros* have today a two-fold character. They are mutualist organizations where members enjoy certain medical and other benefits resultant from the payment of a small monthly sum. It is usual also for the centre to provide recreational facilities. Besides this, the *Círculos* carry on a constant propaganda for Catholic social doctrines; and thus they constitute the spear-head of the Catholic attack upon Marxism and other social ills. In some ways less spectacular in its results, it is certain that this steady stream of Catholic predication has done, and is doing, an incalculable amount of good. It was this aspect of the *Círculos*, we apprehend, that Fr. Grote cherished most.

No man may know what Providence has in store for the *Círculos Católicos de Obreros*. The future may not be propitious to all and every non-state organization, for the trend of govern-

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BELTS " \$6.50, \$5.50, \$4.50 to	\$ 2.50

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GREETING TO A NONAGE-NARIAN.

On the 16th inst, Mrs. Ellen Murphy de Garrahan will be ninety years of age. The blessing of so long a life is given to very few, and fewer still are the nonagenarians who are privileged to look back over their lengthy span and find it as richly adorned with meritorious good works. Such is the main consolation of long life.

Mrs. Garrahan was born at the family home in Lobos, a year before Caseros. They were the difficult years for the old pioneers; the ravages of the Indians were still recent dreaded memories; the Province of Buenos Aires was still the pampa; and Argentina was an uneasy confederation of mutually hostile cities and towns.

But they were also the good old days, when all is said and done. Family affection thrived in spite of distances and the almost utter absence of communications; people lived the simple life and they were simple kindly folk; there was prosperity in reward for hard work; there was utter trust in Providence which never went unfulfilled.

Mrs. Garrahan will celebrate her birthday on the 16th at "Estancia Espadañelo", Uribelarrea, F.C.S. By special concession of the Archbishop of La Plata, Mass will be offered in the estancia that morning, and throughout the day Mrs. Garrahan will have pleasure in receiving her friends. Her surviving children, Mr. Robert Garrahan and Mrs. Elena Garrahan Manny, her children-in-law, grandchildren, nephews and nieces and numerous other relatives will gather about her on this happy occasion.

A daughter of Mrs. Garrahan, Sister Mary Bernard, who was a religious of the Sisters of Mercy, died some years ago.

Her sister, the late Mother Mary Clare Murphy, founded the Convent of Mercy in Adelaide, Australia, and was Superioress of the same for many years.

Mrs. Garrahan is now the only surviving member of the Founding Committee of St. Joseph's Society. She was closely associated with Mrs. Michael Mulhall in that enterprise, and the Society is indebted to her for much wise counsel and valuable help during the fifty years of its existence. Numberless other Catholics charities have been the recipients of her encouragement and support.

Our most sincere congratulations to

ment seems to be towards the suppression of non-official initiative. But this we know, that in the dark days, when the voice of Catholic social doctrine was scarcely yet heard in the land, Father Grote, of venerated memory, erected a resounding platform which has stood in place for fifty years. *Floreat!*

Mrs. Garrahan on this auspicious occasion. She is our very oldest reader, and as one old friend to another we can say: *ad multos annos!*

ARRECIFES DANCE.

The Committee of the Irish Society of Arrecifes once more reminds the readers of *The Southern Cross* that on the 14th inst a great dance is to take place, beginning at 22 o'clock.

We know that the majority of our community has knowledge of this event and from many parties they have promised to come. This is why the committee is preparing the programme with enthusiasm.

Tea and cakes will be served as usual and for those who do not dance there will be billiards and "45" tables at hand.

The entrance fee will be:

- Ladies, members \$ 1.—
- Ladies, non members 2.—
- Gentlemen members 2.—
- Gentlemen non members 4.—

Patsy McLoughlin,
Pro secretary.

STATIONS IN SOUTHERN CAMPS.

In order to afford residents of the southern camps an opportunity of complying with the Easter Duty a Passionist Father will hold stations as follows: At Estancia "El Sermon de Rocha", Parravicini, on Feb. 22nd. and 23rd.; on Feb. 24th. at Estancia of Sra. Chaper de Guíñezú, Parravicini; on Feb. 26th. at Mr. P. Lambert's, Lezama; On Sunday, March 1st, at the Parish Church of Pila; on March 2nd, at Mrs. A. Finneean's, Villanueva, on March 4th. At Mrs. E. Finneean's, Rosas; on March 5th. at Mr. T. Kilmurry's, Newton; at Estancia "La Elvira" of Mrs. Scally de Fox, Horosteguy, on March 7th.

HUNGER IN SPAIN.

Like many other European countries Spain today is suffering from empty larders. Family and individual rations have been reduced and those who feel the pinch most are the middle and working classes. The ever-rising tide of the cost of living indicates darker days ahead which must inevitably result in widespread disturbances.

The Spanish workman earns on an average seven pesetas daily in the provinces and those in large cities from eleven to fifteen. This might seem a living wage, but when we consider that potatoes cost from four to seven pesetas per kilo, it appears rather a miserable pittance. Table and cooking oils are sold at four pesetas per litre and butter scarcely exists. Eggs and toma-

Wedding Bells.

MacLoughlin—Dogherty.

When Mr. Charles Dogherty and Miss Mabel MacLoughlin spoke their nuptial vows in the Nuestra Señora de las Victorias Church on the 2nd inst, the sacred edifice was tastefully decorated for the occasion with white gladioli. Rev. Fr. Michael Deane, C.P.,

Gowned in white broderie Anglaise, with flared skirt forming a circular train and modern tulle d'illusion veil, bordered with embroidery and fastened with an orange-blossom sprig and bearing a crystal rosary, the beautiful bride entered the church to the strains of the bridal march from Lohengrin. She was attended by her sis-



performed the ceremony and the sponsors were Mrs. Cecilia Kenny de Dogherty, the bridegroom's mother, and the bride's father, Mr. John J. MacLoughlin.

Messrs. Marcos MacLoughlin, Fernando Stormi, Miss Angela Dogherty and Dr. Patricio Dogherty acted as sponsors at the Civil Registry.

ter, Miss Thelma MacLoughlin, in blue organdie and cap of variegated flowers, and Miss Beatrice Stormi, in similar dress with matching head-dress.

Later, members of the family were received at the Continental Hotel where the newly-married were feted before they departed for an undisclosed destination to pass the honeymoon.

FEDERACION ARGENTINA DE HURLING.

TENNIS.

The distribution of prizes to the winners of the championship and tournaments held lately will take place on Saturday 7th. inst., at 21.30 o'clock, during the course of a cocktail-party. All members are invited to attend. The following is a list of the prize-winners: Championship "A" Ladies: Misses D. and G. McAllister—Men: Messrs. R. Aleman Helien and A. Rush, class "B" Ladies: Messdames J. Noonan and J. Kearney—Men: Messrs. J. D. Mohé and C. Sharpless. Tournament—Ladies: Misses B. Fallon and G. McAllister—Men: Messrs. J. P. Molloy and A. Rush. Inter-teams competition—winner "Donald Duck" formed by Misses O. Ramirez, Mollie Dolan and Hayve Gabancho Feenan, and Messrs. R. Aleman Helien (captain), S. E. Whelan, C. Sharpless and P. Wade.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET.

Members and friends are requested to bear in mind that St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated this year at the club's premises with a grand banquet. Further details soon.

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For further information apply to:—Sister Directress, "St. Mary's", San Antonio de Areco, F.C.C.A.

American Troops In Northern Ireland

SEEING IS BELIEVING—TRUTH WILL OUT.

THE cable services keep us informed that the American troops in Northern Ireland are being accorded a particularly warm welcome by the Government and people of Northern Ireland. This is at it should be because the troops have landed there in order to defend them. We are glad the American soldiers are in Ulster, and our chief reason is because we know that those soldiers are inspired with a genuine love for freedom and decency and fairplay. They will be able to gauge for themselves what kind of freedom exists in Northern Ireland; and since a considerable proportion of them are Catholics (30 % at least) they will be able to discover how religious tolerance is interpreted under the Ulster regulations.

The first fact which will impress itself upon them is that the Government of Northern Ireland is in the hands of a Secret Society. In order to ascertain this, they will merely have to turn back to a public speech made in County Down three months ago (November 13th, to be exact) by the Prime Minister of Ulster wherein he pledged himself to maintain the closest unity between the Government and the Orange Lodges. Here are his words:

"By electing me Grand Master for County Down you have united in one person the leadership of the Unionist Party and the leadership of the County Down Orangemen. I am also leader of the Unionist Labour Association which I maintain is the real democratic representation in Ulster. So long as

I occupy the position of Prime Minister I will take care that these institutions be inseparably linked together."

When the American soldiers visit Belfast they will have an opportunity of looking out over the placid waters of the harbour. If their sight is good enough, they may be able to catch sight of a floating bulk, wherein nearly fifty men have been detained for the space of several years, without trial and without specific charges being formulated against them. The soldiers will be able to interpret the meaning of the word "democratic" as used in Ulster.

The American soldiers will also be able to take note of the manner in which a man's religion influences his career in Northern Ireland. They will search in vain for Catholics in the more lucrative positions of the public services. In the Orange villages and towns, they will find iron rings drawn around the better-paid jobs, in order to keep the Catholics out.

If they should visit Stormont, the Ulster Parliament House which has been trying to pay compliments to the United States by flying the Stars and Stripes, they will recall, we hope, how some years ago a Minister apologized to his constituents because there was one Catholic amongst the one hundred and thirty employees of the Parliament building.

The American soldiers will not be slow to discover that democracy, freedom and tolerance mean one thing in the United States, and quite something else in Northern Ireland.



CALENDAR



Feb. 1942

The Sacred Infancy.

F. 30—S. Martina, F. M.
S. 31—S. John Bosco.

February

The Sacred Passion.

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THE IRISH FEAST IN JUNIN.

The Committee of the Irish Race Society of Junin wishes to express that the blessing of the beautiful picture of St. Patrick, painted by Miss Brennan, of Devoto, will take place in the Hall of the Society on Saturday, February 7th, at 8 p.m. A lunch will be served immediately after, and then dancing will take place until midnight. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin will also be the sponsors.

Entrance for members, \$1.50; families of members, \$1.00; non-members, \$2.50; families of non-members, \$1.50.

The Committee expects that sympathisers of the Society, especially those of Irish descent, will not fail to be present, and all the latter are cordially invited to attend.

The Committee.

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About People

(Continued from page 11.)

Miss Mercedes Horriagun of Velez Sarsfield left yesterday morning for Mar del Plata, on a well earned holiday.

The marriage of Miss Ivy Hughes to Mr. Jacob Lafitte took place in La Plata on Tuesday.

The runner-up in the great automobile race through the Southern territories, which terminated on Sunday last in Bahía Blanca, was Mr. Roberto Harriague, who proved the dark horse of the event as it was the first time that he had taken part in an event of this nature. On his arrival in Bahía Blanca amongst the first to welcome him was his Irish wife, Mrs. Elena Fitzgerald de Harriague.

Don Carlos Mezquita and his wife, Mrs. Berta Keen, gave a children's party at their home in Mar del Plata on Saturday last in honour of the friends of their son, Carlos.

This week that splendid organization, Los Círculos de Obreros Católicos, celebrated the golden jubilee of their foundation. The founder of the organization was the Rev. Federico Grote and amongst the members of the first committee were two well-known members of the Irish-Argentine community in those days, Messrs Felix Dolan and James F. Gahan. On Sunday morning a thanksgiving Mass was offered up in Las Victorias church, belonging to the Redemptorist Fathers, of whom Father Grote was a member, with the presence of the Cardinal Primate and the Apostolic Nuncio in Buenos Aires.

Holy Cross Altar Society has a fixed date for the annual Irish Fair; the first Sunday of June, consequently this year it will be held on the 7th of June.

Mr. Enrique Roberts, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Hope, and children is spending the summer in Mar del Plata.

On last Saturday morning the mortal remains of Colonel Pedro Zannery were laid to rest in the Recoleta cemetery. Previous to the interment of the remains, several panegyrics were delivered by various military and aerial officers, paying merited tribute to the services rendered to our nascent aviation by deceased.

Local dailies and the authorities in Mar del Plata are anxious that all potential visitors to that watering pla-

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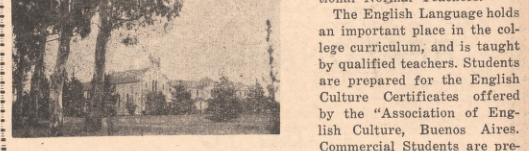
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25th. and will continue for thirty days consecutively. On Friday, February 20th., at 11 a.m., there will be a Solemn Month's Mind Funeral Mass, offered up for the repose of his soul at the parish church. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1359—f.6-13

† PATRICK J. DOWNES, R.I.P.—A Solemn Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the parish church of Navarro, F.C.S., on the 19th of February, at 10.30 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick J. Downes. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1357—f.6

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A Short Account Of Irish Catholic Action In Argentina

(Continued)

That task is far beyond the scope of the present paper. To us it is allotted to trace the history of Irishmen, not in all South America, but in Argentina alone, and that history only in so far as it bears upon Catholicism. In such history, which we wish we could write as it deserves to be written, there will be found a record of much self-sacrifice, of heroism not a little, and the visible proofs of a constant endeavour to preserve the Mass and the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood in the lives and hearts of His faithful people.

During the period of the Spanish Colony, no foreigner could settle in the River Plate without the Royal permission. Hence the number of Irishmen previous to the days of Independence was very limited, being confined practically to a few immigrants via Spain, and the survivors of a wrecked ship under the command of an Irish freebooter, Thomas MacNamara, who perished off the Montevidean coast in 1765. To these must be added some Irish soldiers who settled in the country after the defeat of Beresford's and Whitelocke's expeditions in 1806 and 1807.

FATHER BURKE, O.P.

There is no evidence to show that these scattered units tried to coalesce in any way in order to form a distinct colony. Nevertheless, as early as 1802 we find that there was an Irish Dominican priest, Fr. Burke, in Buenos Aires, and that he attended to the Irish and English Catholics, and was considered as their chaplain.

It is only from 1813 onwards, when the country was thrown open to foreign immigrants, that we find records of Irishmen in any considerable number. In 1824, the number of Irishmen in and about Buenos Aires, was, according to Murray's calculation, about four hundred.

The spiritual needs of these Irish settlers early constituted a problem for the ecclesiastical authorities. With the exception of Father Burke, probably none of the local clergy could speak English, and the Irish were slow to learn Spanish. Father Burke, old and infirm, struggled along as best he could until his death in 1828 deprived the Irish of the River Plate of the only pastor of their own race.

Even before his death, the possibility of bringing out a priest from Ireland had been discussed. As early as 1822, General O'Brien, an Irishman who had figured prominently in the Wars of Independence, conceived the idea of bringing from Ireland several hundreds of his countrymen to be employed in the municipal works of the city. Amongst the conditions laid down in his plan was one which stipulated that an Irish priest should accompany these labourers and remain as their permanent chaplain. The project never materialized.

FATHER MORAN, S.J.

About the time of Father Burke's death the Irish residents of the city approached the ecclesiastical authorities of Buenos Aires in order to obtain

an Irish priest, and at the invitation of these, Archbishop Murray of Dublin appointed Father Patrick Moran, S.J., as Irish Chaplain of Buenos Aires. He arrived at this city in February of 1829, and as he lived only one year, there is little record of him. But that he succeeded in endearing himself to his countrymen is proved by the marble tablet which they placed over his grave in the Recoleta Cemetery.

The great campaign for Catholic Emancipation which Daniel O'Connell was waging in Ireland about these times, found an echo amongst his countrymen in Buenos Aires. In April of 1829, General O'Brien addressed a circular to the Irish residents informing them that Catholic Emancipation would be treated during that session of the British Parliament. He was pessimistic as to the result, and advised his countrymen to wait patiently for definite news, and he declared his intention of cooperating with the Universal Catholic Association.

FATHER O'GORMAN.

After the death of Father Moran, application was again made to Dublin and Archbishop Murray designated Father Patrick O'Gorman to the post of Irish Chaplain of Buenos Aires. He arrived at Buenos Aires in 1831, and worked here till his death in 1847, at the comparatively early age of 46.

The first Irishmen who came to Buenos Aires in the beginning of the nineteenth century settled almost exclusively in the city of Buenos Aires where they devoted themselves to urban occupations, such as trading, coach-building, carpentering etc. To this manner of life they were probably directed by the many dangers to human life, from Indian marauders and the white lawless bands, known as the *montoneros*, which made the great plain of Buenos Aires an insecure home to the colonists who wished to settle on the land. But, according as the political system of the country became more fixed, and a series of energetic Governors were elected to office, human life became comparatively safe in the open camp. This change came about 1828 and it had a speedy effect upon the Irish immigration. Already in 1832, according to a calculation of Woodbine Parish, for many years the British Representative at Buenos Aires, and whose figures, being compiled from official resources, are trustworthy, the number of Irishmen in the River Plate numbered 2500. Ten years later McCann, an Irishman who spent some years here and wrote a book about his experiences, calculates the total number of Irish as 3500.

Before Woodbine Parish wrote his book the Irish had begun to spread out beyond the city limits, and push into the interior of the Province of Buenos Aires, there to occupy large tracts of land and lay the foundations of immense fortunes.

FATHER ANTHONY D. FAHY, O.P.

The gradual dispersion of the Irish colonists over the camp called for arduous work on the part of their chaplain, for according to the traditions of the Irish Priesthood, personal contact had to be maintained between

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priest and people. Father O'Gorman faced his task as best he might till further assistance was obtained. This came, again, from the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Murray, whose name should never be forgotten by the Irish in Argentina. On this occasion Dr. Murray selected for the Irish Mission in Argentina a young and energetic Irish Dominican, who had already seen ten years' missionary service in a mission field not dissimilar to Argentina—the States of Kentucky and Ohio, in the United States of North America. This Dominican was the Rev. Anthony D. Fahy, "with whose name" to use the words of the historian Mulhall "the advancement of the Irish in Buenos Aires will be for ever identified." He

was a native of Loughrea, and had been a student in the famous Priory of San Clemente in Rome.

Father Fahy was a man of splendid physique, of tall and distinguished appearance, highly cultured, and of charming and winning personality. In the political and ecclesiastical circles of his day in Argentina he speedily made friends. He lived—and died—in apostolic poverty. His funeral expenses and some small debts had to be met by a subscription amongst some friends. In 1865 a public testimonial of one thousand pounds was got up for his benefit; he handed the entire sum to the Irish Hospital, of which more anon, saying that he had no need for more than one coat and as much as provided his daily necessities."

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(By O. HENRY.)

BROWN as a coffee-berry, rugged, pistolled, spurred, wary, indefensible, I saw my old friend, Deputy-Marshal Buck Caperton, stumble, with jingling rowels, into a chair in the marshal's outer office.

And because the courthouse was almost deserted at that hour, and because Buck would sometimes relate to me things that were out of print, I rolled him in and tricked him into talk through knowledge of a weakness he had. For, cigarettes rolled with sweet corn husk were as honey to Buck's palate; and though he could finger the trigger of a forty-five with skill and suddenness, he never could learn to roll a cigarette.

It was through no fault of mine (for I rolled the cigarettes tight and smooth), but the upshot of some whim of his own, that instead of to an Odyssey of the chaparral, I listened to—a dissertation upon matrimony! This from Buck Caperton! But I maintain that the cigarettes were impeccable, and crave absolution for myself.

"We just brought in Jim and Bud Granberry," said Buck. "Train robbing, you know. Held up the Aransas Pass last month. We caught 'em 'in the Twenty-Mile pear flat, south of the Nueces."

"Have much trouble coralling them I asked, for here was the meat that my hunger for epics craved.

"Some," said Buck; and then, during a little pause, his thoughts stamped off the trail. "It's kind of queer about women," he went on, "and the place they're supposed to occupy in botany. If I was asked to classify them I'd say they was a human loco weed. Ever see a bronc that had been chewing loco? Ride him up to a puddle of water two feet wide, and he'll give a snort and fall back on you. It looks as big as the Mississippi River to him. Next trip he'd walk into a cañon a thousand feet deep thinking it was a prairie-dog hole. Same way with a married man.

"I was thinking of Perry Rountree, that used to be my sidekick before he committed matrimony. In them days me and Perry hated indisturbances of any kind. We roamed around considerable, stirring up the echoes and making 'em attend to business. Why, when me and Perry wanted to have some fun in a town it was a picnic for the census takers. They just counted the marshal's posse that it took to subdue us, and there was your population. But then there came along this Mariana Good-night girl and looked at Perry sideways, and he was all bridle-wise and saddle-broke before you could skin a yearling.

"I wasn't even asked to the wedding. I reckon the bride had my pedigree and the front elevation of my habits all mapped out, and she decided that Perry would trot better in double harness without any unconverted mustang like Buck Caperton whickering around on the matrimonial range. So it was six months before I saw Perry again.

"One day I was passing on the edge of town, and I see something like a man in a little yard by a little house with a sprinkling-pot squirting water on a rosebush. Seemed to me, I'd seen something like it before, and I stopped at the gate, trying to figure out his brands. 'Twas not Perry Roun-

tree, but 'twas the kind of a curdled jellyfish matrimony had made out of him.

"Homicide was what that Mariana had perpetrated. He was looking well enough, but he had on a white collar and shoes, and you could tell in a minute that he'd speak polite and pay taxes and stick his little finger out while drinking, just like a sheep man or a citizen. Great skyrockets! but I hated to see Perry all corrupted and Willie-ized like that.

"He came out to the gate and shook hands; and I says, with scorn, and speaking like a parouquet with the pip: 'Believe, great pardon—Mr. Rountree, I believe. Seems to me I sagatiated in your associations once, if I am not mistaken.'

"'Oh, go to the devil, Buck,' says Perry, polite, as I was afraid he'd be.

"'Well, then,' says I, 'you poor, contaminated adjunct of a sprinkling-pot and degraded household pet, what did you go and do it for? Look at you, all decent and unriotous, and only fit to sit on juries and mend the wood-house door. You was a man once. I have hostility for all such ones. Why don't you go in the house and count the tidies or set the clock, and not stand out here in the atmosphere? A jack-rabbit might come along and bite you.'

"'Now, Buck,' says Perry, speaking mild, and some sorrowful, 'you don't understand. A married man has got to be different. He feels different from a tough old cloudburst like you. It's sinful to waste time pulling up towns just to look at their roots, and playing faro and looking upon red liquor, and such restles policies as them.'

"'There was a time,' I says, and I expect I sighed when I mentioned it, 'when a certain domesticated little Mary's lamb I could name was some instructed himself in the line of pernicious sprightliness. I never expected, Perry, to see you reduced down from a full-grown pestilence to such a frivolous fraction of a man. Why,' says I, 'you've got a necktie on; and you speak a senseless kind of indoor driver, that reminds me of a storekeeper or a lady. You look to me like you might tote an umbrella and wear suspenders, and go home of nights.'

"'The little woman,' says Perry, 'has made some improvements, I believe. You can't understand, Buck. I haven't been away from the house at night since we was married.'

"We talked on a while, me and Perry, and, as sure as I live, that man interrupted me in the middle of my talk to tell me about six tomato plants he had growing in his garden. Shoved his agricultural degradation right up under my nose while I was telling him about the fun we had tarring and feathering that faro dealer at California Pete's layout! But by and by Perry shows a flicker of sense.

"'Buck,' says he, 'I'll have to admit that it is a little cull at times. Not that I'm not perfectly happy with the little woman, but a man seems to require some excitement now and then. Now, I'll tell you: Mariana's gone visiting this afternoon, and she won't be home till seven o'clock. That's the limit for both of us—seven o'clock. Neither of us ever stays out a minute after that time unless we are together. Now, I'm glad you came along, Buck,' says Perry, 'for I'm feeling just like having one more rip-roaring razzo with you for the sake of old times.



What you say to us putting in the afternoon having fun?—I'd like it fine," says Perry.

"I slapped that old captive ranger-rier half across his little garden.

"Get your hat, you old dried-up aligator," I shouts, "you ain't dead yet. You're part human, anyhow, if you did get all bogged up in matrimony. We'll take this town to pieces and see what makes it tick. We'll make all kinds of profligate demands upon the science of cork pulling. You'll grow horns yet, old muley cow," says I, punching Perry in the ribs, "if you trot around on the trail of vice with your Uncle Buck."

"I'll have to be home by seven, you know," says Perry again.

"Oh, yes," says I, winking to myself, for I knew the kind of seven o'clocks Perry Rountree got back by after he once got to passing repartee with the bartenders.

"We goes down to the Gray Mule saloon—that old 'dobe building by the depot.

"Give it a name," says I, as soon as we get one hoof on the footrest.

"Sarsaparilla," says Perry.

"You could have knocked me down with a lemon peeling."

"Insult me as much as you want to," I says to Perry, "but don't startle the bartender. He may have heart-disease. Come on, now; your tongue got twisted. The tall glasses," I orders, "and the bottle in the left hand corner of the ice-chest."

"Sarsaparilla," repeats Perry, and then his eyes get animated, and I see he's got some great scheme in his mind he wants to emit.

"Buck," he says, all interested, "I'll tell you what! I'll tell you what! I want to make this a red-letter day. I've been keeping close at home, and I want to turn myself a-losee. We'll have the highest old time you ever saw. We'll go in the back room here and play checkers till half-past six."

"I leaned against the bar, and I says to Gotch-eared Mike, who was on watch:

"For God's sake don't mention this. You know what Perry used to be. He's had the fever, and the doctor says we must humor him."

"Give us the checker-board and the men, Mike," says Perry. "Come on, Buck, I'm just wild to have some excitement."

"I locked the door and me and Perry. Before we closed the door, I says to Mike:

"Don't ever let it straggle out from under your hat that you seen Buck Caperton fraternal with sarsaparilla or persona grata with a checker-board, or I'll make a swallow-fork in your other ear."

"I locked the door and me and Perry played checkers. To see that poor old humiliated piece of household bric-a-brac sitting there and sniggering out loud whenever he jumped a man, and all obnoxious with animation when he got into my king row, would have made a sheep-dog sick with mortification. Him that was once satisfied only when he was pegging six boards at keno or giving the faro dealers nervous prostration—to see him pushing them checkers about like Sally Louisa at a school-children's party—why, I was all smothered up with mortification.

"And I sits there playing the black men, all sweating for fear somebody I knew would find it out. And I thinks to myself some about this marrying business, and how it seems to be the same kind of a game as that Mrs. De-lilah played. She give her old man a hair cut, and everybody knows what a man's head looks like after a woman cuts his hair. And then when the Pharisees came around to guy him he was so 'shamed he went to work and kick-

ed the whole house down on top of the whole outfit. 'Them married men,' thinks I, 'lose all their spirit and instinct for riot and foolishness. They won't drink, they won't buck the tiger, they won't even fight. What do they want to go and stay married for?' I asks myself.

"But Perry seems to be having hilarity in considerable quantities.

"Buck old hoss," says he, "isn't this just the hell-roaringest time we ever had in our lives? I don't know when I've been stirred up so. You see, I've been sticking pretty close to home since I married, and I haven't been on a spree in a long time."

"Spree! Yes, that's what he called it. Playing checkers in the back room of the Gray Mule! I suppose it did seem to him a little immoral and nearer to a prolonged debauch than standing over six tomato plants with a sprinkling pot.

"Every little bit Perry looks at his watch and says:

"I got to home, you know, Buck, at seven."

"All right," I'd say. "Romp along and move. This here excitement's killing me. If I don't reform some, and loosen up the strain of this checkered dissipation I won't have a nerve left."

"It might have been half-past six when commotions began to go on outside in the street. We heard a yelling and a six-shootering, and a lot of galloping and maneuvers.

"What's that?" I wonders.

"Oh, some nonsense outside," says Perry. "It's your move. We just got time to play this game."

"I'll just take a peep through the window," says I, "and see. You can't expect a mere mortal to stand the excitement of having a king jumped and listen to an unidentified conflict going on at the same time."

"The Gray Mule saloon was one of them old Spanish 'dobe buildings, and the back room only had two little windows a foot wide, with iron bars in 'em. I looked out one, and I see the cause of the rucus.

"There was the Trimble gang—ten of 'em—the worst outfit of desperadoes and horse-thieves in Texas, coming up the street shooting right and left. They was coming right straight for the Gray Mule. Then they got past the range of my sight, but we heard 'em ride up to the front door, and then they socked the place full of lead. We heard the big looking-glass behind the bar knocked all to pieces and the bottles crashing. We could see Gotch-eared Mike in his apron running across the plaza like a coyote, with the bullets puffing up the dust all around him. Then the gang went to work in the saloon, drinking what they wanted and smashing what they didn't.

"Me and Perry both knew that gang, and they knew us. The year before Perry married, him and me was in the same ranger company—and we fought that outfit down on the San Miguel, and brought back Ben Trimble and two others for murder.

"We can't get out," says I. "We'll have to stay in here till they leave."

"Perry looked at his watch.

"Twenty-five to seven," says he.

"We can finish that game. I got two men on you. It's your move, Buck. I got to be home at seven, you know."

"We sat down and went on playing.

The Trimble gang had a rough-house for sure. They were getting good and drunk. They'd drink a while and roller a while, and then they'd shoot up a few bottles and glasses. Two or three times they came and tried to open our door. Then there was some more shooting outside, and I looked out the window again. Ham Gossett, the town mar-

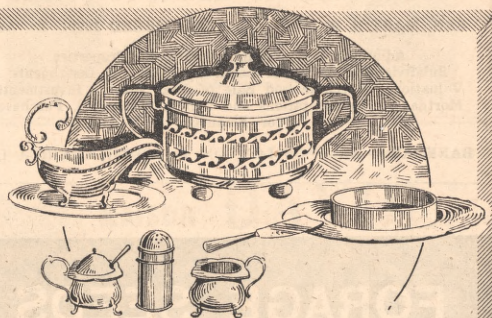
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Perfect health is expressed by the whites of the eyes. These should be a clear, bluish-white. Redness or a yellowish tint is a signal that the health is not in perfect order.

A warm boric lotion, used two or three times a day, will do much to improve the whites of the eyes. To half a pint of hot water add a teaspoonful of boric acid powder. Lemon juice is a wonderful aid to eye beauty. The juice of a lemon added to a glass of hot water tones the whole system, and will go a long way to removing yellow tinges from the eyes.

Many women have their beauty entirely marred by dark rings or bags under the eyes. It is best to consult a doctor in this case. Eau-de-Cologne and water will, however, be found to have a wonderfully soothing effect on eyes which are thus dull and heavy.

Dainty, well-marked eyebrows are ever an attraction on a feminine face. A new fashion is that of plucking the eyebrows. This, when done by an expert, may greatly improve the face. It is not considered beautiful in these days to have eyebrows that meet.

THE EYELASHES.

Sometimes one sees a face that is intensely charming, although the reason is not at first apparent. There is no particularly handsome feature. From whence, then, comes that indescribable beauty?

Then realization comes. Of course, the eyelashes! They grace the whole face. Eyelashes, like the brows, should be darker than the hair. Some promote darkness of the eyelashes by cutting. This is not advised, for it weakens the eyes to a certain extent.

Here again cocoa butter is a god-send. It promotes growth as well as strengthens colour. A dash of hazel in the eye-wash is good, too. Straight eyelashes may be encouraged to curl by stroking them gently upwards several times a day, using a little vaseline.

Crowsfeet and wrinkles round the eyes may be prevented to a great extent by generously smearing the region of the eyes with cold-cream before going to bed. The cream feeds the skin, and wards off a sagging appearance.

As is often the case, one of the best relievers of eyestrain is the simplest. Pure cold water is excellent. For bad cases, however, a wash of zinc sulphate made up into a weak solution by the chemist will be found effective.

THE USE OF BRAN.

For washing coloured materials, bran water should be used and the colours will not run. This method is especially good for washing cretonnes; and should be carried out as follows:

Place half a pound of bran in a muslin bag and immerse in a gallon of cold water. Bring slowly to the boil and allow to boil for half an hour. Draw off some of the water, and add cold till the water is tepid; add soap or soap flakes to make a lather and use for washing the cretonne. Save some of the bran water for rinsing. When partly dry, iron on the wrong side.

For bran baths, which are very good for babies as well as adults, place one pound of bran in a muslin bag, put in the bath and squeeze till the water looks milky.

For Paint—Bran should be used for washing varnished or coloured paint as it cleans without damaging the surface of the paint.

To prevent new tins sticking and burning their contents, half fill with bran and place in a warm oven till the bran is thoroughly dry. If this is done, the tins will never stick.

If shoes are wet, fill with bran and place in a warm place, but not close to the fire. The shoes will dry and keep their shape, and the leather will keep pliable and soft.

Recipes

BOTTLED FRUIT.

This is an old-fashioned recipe, and any large glass bottles can be used. Fill the bottles as full as possible with dry, unbruised fruit, then cover with bladder (make sure there are no holes or weak places in it) which has been soaked for at least 12 hours. Tie down tightly with fine string. Place the bottles in a large pan with a good bed of straw at the bottom, and straw round each bottle to prevent cracking. Almost fill the pan with cold water, and gradually bring to the boil. Simmer very slowly. You will notice that the fruit will gradually shrink in the bottle, leaving a vacuum between itself and the bladder, and when it has stopped shrinking the fruit is ready. When cold, take the bottles out of the pan, wipe them, and store in a very cool place. The fruit should keep for at least a year, provided care is taken during the process.

Do not throw away an old pair of wash-leather gloves, however bad they may be. Open them out carefully, even to the fingers, and stitch them on to a thin piece of muslin. You will find the latter hold the pieces together well and you will have a good wash-leather that will last quite a while.

JELLIED PLUMS.

Dissolve three-quarter of a cup of castor sugar in a pint of water. Wash a pound of ripe plums, remove the stones, and boil the fruit with the juice of a lemon in the sweetened water until soft. Cook very slowly, or use a double saucepan, so as not to break the plums. Dissolve an ounce of ge-

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latine in a little cold water and pour it over the fruit, cooking them together for a minute or two. Pour into a wet mould and stand in a cold place for about 12 hours. Serve with whipped cream.

FRENCH PANCAKES.

Three eggs, six ounces of flour, six ounces of sugar, four ounces of butter, half a pint of milk, jam, sugar. Beat butter and sugar to a cream; add the eggs, and lastly the flour and milk alternately. Spread the mixture evenly, over four buttered plates or tins. Bake in a quick oven for about ten minutes. Pile on a hot dish with hot jam between each. Sift castor sugar over and serve with cut lemon or orange.

Health Talks.

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FITNESS FOR THE BUSINESS MAN AND WOMAN.

Most young men and girls starting their business careers are in good physical condition, having been accustomed, at school or university, to a life of activity, with games and exercises to develop their bodies. The transition to a sedentary life for six and a half days a week needs careful planning if the health is not to suffer. Sports and games can only be indulged in at weekends, and the tendency is to over-do the exercise at these periods. Just as one large meal a week would not keep the body going, so an excessive amount of physical exertion once a week is unbalanced and inadequate. If the body is given sufficient exercise daily, then a strenuous week-end will do no harm; but to restrict physical activity to one day per week, or at most two, is both foolish and dangerous.

Physical health is one of the most valuable assets of the business man or woman. Millions of pounds are lost annually through poor health. This is not due solely to serious illnesses, but a day here, a week there, soon add up and cause inconvenience and loss of time and money. Such ill-health may not be sufficiently important even to keep the individual away from work; nevertheless, it will impair his or her mental faculties.

The brain must work in conjunction with the body, and no one can concentrate or conduct important negotiations when suffering from a splitting headache, or an attack of indigestion.

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breathe correctly. If the weight of the body is balanced on the muscles, as it was intended to be every breath and movement is unconscious exercise. It is of little use to do a "daily dozen" each morning if for the remaining hours the lungs are not used to full capacity, and a careless, ungraceful posture is adopted. "Physical jerks" are a fine help in keeping fit, but they must be backed up by good deportment during the rest of the day.

Once the physique is allowed to deteriorate, the vital organs become sluggish, the mind and body tire easily and the capacity for both work and play is lessened. Week-end games impose a severe tax on the human mechanism, and may have disastrous effects should the heart and lungs be thoroughly out of condition.

The problem of regaining fitness for such men and women, usually in their middle years, is more difficult. The body must be reconditioned slowly and gently by physical exercises, after consultation with their doctor. These exercises should be planned to tone up the heart, improve the circulation and lung power and help the digestion to function properly. Once fitness is recovered, and correct habits and posture acquired, it is a simple matter to retain physical health, even for those in sedentary occupations.

One or two final suggestions may be helpful. Walk at least a mile each day if possible, to or from your work. Eat and drink wisely, taking as much water as you can. Get all the fresh air possible during the day and night, wear sensible, comfortable clothes and have plenty of sleep. Your body and brain will then form a happy partnership, and you will enjoy your work and your play.

Hints

To remove tar stains from clothing, carpets, metals, tiles, and so on, sprinkle with oil of eucalyptus and rub with a clean rag. Repeat the process until all marks have disappeared.

Hard water usually marks the bath badly, and the stains are difficult to remove. Do not use too harsh an abrasive, but if you moisten an old cloth with paraffin, then dip in your usual cleaning powder, you will find it removes the marks well. Rinse out the bath afterwards, and the smell of the paraffin will soon go off.

Does your kitchen seem damp in winter, and close in summer? If so, try and keep a large glass jam-jar full of lime in it. You will have to renew the lime from time to time, but it will keep the air fresh and sweet, and take the damp out of the atmosphere.

Jams and marmalades should be covered whilst hot and jellies left to cool.

To prevent ladders in stockings, which are often made by the suspenders, run two or three rows of machine stitching just below where the clasp comes. The stockings should be stretched while stitching.

Politeness is the best policy, but it is not politeness if it is done from policy.

To clean a lace blouse, or frail garments which must not be washed, take equal quantities of Fuller's earth and magnesia, and well sprinkle over the garment. Roll up and leave for several days, then shake out, and leave in the air for a time.

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Japanese Nuns In Civil Garb.—

Under pressure from local police authorities, some Catholic religious communities of women in Japan have abandoned the traditional habits of their Orders and have donned garbs more like the dress of the women of that country.

This has become known through trustworthy reports from there. It is well established that this action has been taken against Catholic Sisters in Tokyo, but it is not yet known whether similar steps have been taken against nuns in other places.

National officials in Japan expressed amazement when the situation was called to their attention, it is said. They are understood to have taken the position that the action was merely that of local police authorities, and that the religious communities apparently thought it no great inconvenience to comply with the orders because they submitted without particular protest.

On the other hand, students of such matters point out that there are basic laws regulating religion in Japan and Manchuria, and that these ordinances give the authorities control over religion through a system of regulations providing for police supervision. This, it is said, gives the authorities control as a matter of practice rather than of legal definition. Operation of these ordinances, reports state, have led to the Salvation Army dropping the word "Army" from its name in Japan, and has led the Anglican Church in Japan to sever connection

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with its home organization.

It is also pointed out that the religious habits of some religious communities of nuns are very old. For this reason, observers say, it is not likely that the Sisters volunteered to change their garb, or that they did so without considerable sadness. It is the belief that the Sisters readily complied with the police regulations in order to avoid an issue with the police that might have jeopardized their works of charity and education.

Acute Lack Of Clergy.—

The lack of priests in Spain is becoming more serious and the situation is acute in some dioceses. It is believed that the Spanish Episcopacy will have to seek special directions regarding the problem of so many parishes without pastors.

The Most Rev. Gregorio Modrego Casaus, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Toledo, has made an appeal for Religious and priests from other Dioceses to come to the aid of the faithful in this extensive See which has now become more like a missionary land than one of the oldest centres of Catholicity. The condition is such that a priest visits one town and remains there a day or two, then journeys on to another with no definite schedule as to when he will be able to return.

Toledo was one of the Sees that suffered most from the effects of the civil war and Red persecution. Today it has but 318 priests, many of them aged and sick, to serve 147 parishes with more than 10,000 souls. The priest at Tamajon, for example, must serve 14 neighbouring towns; the three at Brihuega are responsible for 24 parishes. In the city itself, in addition to the regular parishes, there are the Cathedral, the seminary and a number of convents and institutions

which require the services of priests.

Of the 318 priests in the Archdiocese, only 276 are available for parish work and 23 of these are above the age of 70, and some 30 are past 60. Due to the hardships suffered during the war, the majority are unfit for an efficient parish ministry. And as one looks to the future, the situation becomes more acute. It will require 10 to 14 years to educate the youths now entering the seminaries and, during that time, many of the present priests will have died.

Bishop Modrego, through the Ecclesiastical Bulletin, is urging Bishops and Superiors of Orders and Congregations to send him priests. He suggests that the Religious establish small communities in the vacant parishes and thus be in a position to serve the spiritual needs of the faithful.

The Central Board of Catholic Action is doing everything possible to aid the Prelates in remedying the situation. It is encouraging vocations and its campaign is bearing fruit, but the present emergency must be met. In a press contest devoted to the "exaltation of the Catholic priesthood," the first prize of 2,000 pesetas went to the Rev. Pedro Cantero, a young priest who is the ecclesiastical counselor of Auxilio Social.

The Catholic Youth organizations also have special sections interested in vocations and this year a goodly number of youths have entered the seminary.

Support For Pontifical Society.—

The sum contributed by the various nations for the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith exceeded that of 1940—the average of recent years—by the equivalent of several million Italian lire.

This fact was mentioned by Arch-

bishop Constantini, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda in a Mission Sunday message read in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walsh, P.P., V. G., National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"When one considers the fact that a world war is being waged, and people in practically every corner of the globe had had, and still have to undergo, many privations, the response," said the message, "is really remarkable and entirely praiseworthy."

The Pope was deeply gratified with the increase in offerings, and blessed those who helped.

"With few exceptions, our intrepid missionary priests and brothers and our heroic nuns remain in the trenches of the Faith and continue to work, pray and suffer with undaunted courage. They do not lose hope. It is true that a number of them have been interned, but their works go on, thanks to the help of native-born priests and nuns and other nearby missionaries.

"The Church in the missions is not only maintaining her former position but is actually expanding, carrying further forward the standard of Christ. In China alone more than 100,000 adult conversions were registered during last year. Native seminaries continue to flourish everywhere, 3,848 senior students for the priesthood are nearing ordination and about 13,000 younger students follow closely behind them."

Parental Authority.—

The normal exercise of authority does not depend only on those who must obey but also, and in large measure, on those who have to command, His Holiness Pope Pius XII declared in a discourse on parental authority pronounced at an audience granted to 500 newly-married couples.

"God grants to some the natural gift of command, the gift of knowing how to impose one's will on another," the Holy Father said. "In clearer terms: the right to possess authority, the right to give orders is one thing and another is that moral pre-eminence which constitutes and adorns effective authority. Do not abuse it in dealing with your children. It is a precious gift. Should you abuse it with your children you would risk locking up their souls in fear, making them slaves and not loving children. Listen to the great Apostle St. Paul, who exhorts you: 'Fathers, provoke not your children to indignation lest they be discouraged.' Remember, O parents, that severity is only a merit when the heart is sweet.

"If the orders which you give your children, your reprimands, proceed from the impulse of the moment, from imagination, or from blind or ill-considered sentiments, the more often those orders will be arbitrary, incoherent, perhaps even unjust and inopportune.

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THE LONESOME ROAD.—

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shal, had a posse in the houses and stores across the street, and was trying to bag a Trimble or two through the windows.

"I lost that game of checkers. I'm free in saying that I lost three kings that I might have saved if I had been corralled in a more peaceful pasture. But that drivelling married man sat there and cackled when he won a man like an unintelligent hen picking up a grain of corn.

"When the game was over Perry gets up and looks at his watch.

"I've had a glorious time, Buck," says he, "but I'll have to be going now. It's a quarter to seven, and I got to be home by seven, you know."

"I thought he was joking. "They'll clear out or be dead drunk in half an hour or an hour," says I. "You ain't that tired of being married that you want to commit any more sudden suicide, are you?" says I, giving him the laugh.

"One time," says Perry, "I was half an hour late getting home. I met Mariana on the street looking for me. If you could have seen her, Buck—but you don't understand. She knows what a wild kind of a snoozer I've been, and she's afraid something will happen. I'll never be late getting home again. I'll say good-bye to you now, Buck."

"I got between him and the door. "Married man," says I, "I know you was christened a fool the minute the preacher tangled you up, but don't you never sometimes think one little think on a human bass? There's ten of that gang in there, and they're pizen with whisky and desire for murder. They'll drink you up like a bottle of booze before you get halfway to the door. Be intelligent, now, and use at least wild-goose sense. Sit down and wait till we have some chance to get outwithout being carried in baskets."

"I got to be home by seven, Buck," repeats this hen-pecked thing of little wisdom, like an unthinking poll parrot. "Mariana," says he, "I'll be looking out for me! And he reaches down and pulls a leg out of the checker table. 'I'll go through this Trimble outfit,' says he, 'like a cottontail through a brush corral. I'm not pestered any more with a desire to engage in rucuses, but I got to be home by seven. You lock the door after me, Buck. And don't you forget—I won three out of them five games. I'd play longer, but Mariana—"

"Hush up, you old loosed road runner," I interrupt. "Did you ever notice your Uncle Buck locking doors against trouble? I'm not married," says I, "but I'm as big a d—n fool as any Mormon. One from four leaves three," says I, and gathers out another leg of the table. "We'll get home by seven," says I, "whether it's the heavenly one or the other. May I see you home?" says I, "you sarsaparilla-drinking, checker-playing glutton for death and destruction."

"We opened the door easy, and then stampeded for the front. Part of the gang was lined up at the bar; part of 'em was passing over the drinks, and two or three was peeping out the door and window taking shots at the marshal's crowd. The room was so full of smoke we got halfway to the front door before they noticed us. Then I heard Berry Trimble's voice somewhere yell out:

"How'd that Buck Caperton get in here?" and he skinned the side of my neck with a bullet. I reckon he felt bad over that miss, for Berry's the best shot south of the Southern Pacific Railroad. But the smoke in the saloon was some too thick for good shooting.

"Me and Perry smashed over two of the gang with our table legs, which didn't miss like the guns did, and as we run out the door I grabbed a Winchester from a fellow who was watching the outside, and I turned and regulated the account of Mr. Berry.

"Me and Perry got out and around the corner all right. I never much expected to get out, but I wasn't going to be intimidated by that married man. According to Perry's idea, checkers was the event of the day, but if I am any judge of gentle recreations that little table-leg parade through the Gray Mule saloon deserved the head-lines in the bill of particulars.

"Walk fast," says Perry, "it's two minutes to seven, and I got to be home by—"

"Oh, shut up," says I. "I had an appointment as chief performer in an inquest at seven, and I'm not kicking a boot not kept it."

"I had to pass by Perry's little house. His Mariana was standing at the gate. We got there at five minutes past seven. She had on a blue wrapper, and her hair was pulled back smooth like little girls do when they want to look grown-folksy. She didn't see us the other way. Then she backed ar-till we got close, for she was gazing around, and saw Perry, and a kind of look scooted around over her face—danged if I can describe it. I heard her breathe long, just like a cow when you turn her calf in the lot, and she says: 'You're late, Perry.'

"Five minutes," says Perry, cheerful. "Me and old Buck was having a game of checkers."

"Perry introduces me to Mariana, and they ask me to come in. No, sir-ee. I'd had enough truck with married folks for that day. I says I'll be going along, and that I've spent a very pleasant afternoon with my old partner—especially," says I, just to jostle Perry, "during that game when the table legs came all loose." But I'd promised him not to let her know anything.

"I've been worrying over that business ever since it happened," continued Buck. "There's one thing about it that's got me all twisted up, and I can't figure it out."

"What was that?" I asked, as I rolled and handed Buck the last cigarette.

"Why, I'll tell you: When I saw the look that little woman give Perry when she turned round and saw him coming back to the ranch safe—why, was it I got the idea all in a minute that that look of hers was worth more

than the whole caboodle of us—sarsaparilla, checkers, and all, and that the d—n fool in the game wasn't named Perry Rountree at all?"

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

A young woman working on the land was sent to get some liniment to rub the rheumatism out of a cow. Two or three days later she returned to the chemist with a grievance.

"Look here," she said, "the other day you gave me eau-de-Cologne instead of liniment, and I put it on the cow before, I found out."

"It hasn't hurt her, has it?"
"Can't say it has," answered the girl, "but ever since she's done nothing but look at her reflection in the duck-pond and sigh."

They were young and in love. To them time meant nothing. So at midnight they were still saying "Good-night" in the porch.

"Look at the stars, darling," he murmured, blowing her hair out of his mouth. "That's Jupiter, and there's Saturn, and—yes, that's Mars."

"And that's pa's!" exclaimed the sweet young thing, as a heavy foot-step sounded in the hall behind them.

Then the gallant wooer fled. He'd no wish to see still more stars, and father wore size twelves.

Patient—"I say doctor don't you think it would be a good idea if I were to pack up and go to some place where the climate is warmer?"

Doctor—"Good heavens! Isn't that just what I've been trying to prevent?"

A humane society had secured a show window and filled it with attractive pictures of wild animals in their native haunts. A placard in the middle of the exhibit read thus: "We are skinned to provide women with fashionable furs."

A man paused before the window, and harassed expression for the moment gave place to one of sympathy, "I know just how you feel, old sports," he muttered. "So was I!"

A sportsman once gave a Scots gillie one of those tweed caps with flaps to tie down over the ears.

The following season he saw the gillie was not wearing the cap, and said: "Why, Donald, what's become of the cap?"

"Tah, mon, ah-ve nae worn it since the accident."

"What accident? Was anyone shot?"
"Nae, nae, 'twere nae that, but a friend offered me a drink and I nae heard him."

"What's the latest home front news?" asked a woman of her neighbour.

"Nothing much doing," said the other; "but our grocer has started turning his sixpenny labels upside down."

"I haven't slept for days."

"What's the matter?"
"I sleep at nights."

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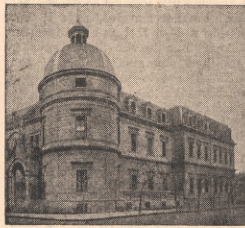
(244) The condor or the ostrich, according to the way one measures them. The condor is an American vulture native to the Andes. Its normal measurement between wing-tips is about 9 feet, but 10 feet is not infrequently exceeded. Graceful in flight, the condor has been observed to plane in the air for half an hour without once flapping its wings. Normally a very greedy eater, it is said to be able to go for up to six weeks without food, but after feeding it often sleeps so heavily that hunters are able to catch it before it can awake. Its usual home is on a ledge from 10,000 to 16,000 feet above sea level, and specimens have been seen at above 23,000 feet. The male ostrich stands up to 8 feet high and may weigh 300 pounds, or twice as much as an average man, but its wings are small and useless for flight. An ostrich egg weighs about 3 pounds.

(245) The fulmar, a member of the petrel family, lays only one each nest-

ing season. It is an Arctic sea-bird, whitish-grey in colour and about the size of a duck. Found in Iceland, Greenland, the Orkney and the Shetland Isles and the Western Hebrides of Scotland, it feeds on fish, blubber and any fatty substance found floating on the waves. When attacked or caught, it has a habit of bringing up the oil from its stomach. Its name means "foul, or stinking, sea mew" and is derived from its love of putrid matter as food. The common gullmott also lays only a single egg.

(246) The albatross, which may measure 17 to 18 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. It has a very powerful flight, and in southern seas is often met many days' distance from land. For this reason and because of its habit of following a ship for long periods, it became an object of superstitious awe among sailors. Coleridge's poem *The Ancient Mariner* is woven round the shooting of an albatross, an act considered by sailors certain to bring misfortune.

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