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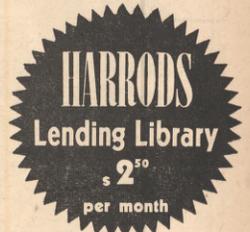
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• • • • • SO far our country has escaped most of the ill-effects of war, but this good fortune has been due to the fact that when Europe was closed as a source of supply, we could and did turn to the United States. Now the States are themselves at war, total war, and exports will fall vertically. Argentina will be thrown in her own resources, and will suffer severely even if we manage to escape involvement in actual war.

We must prepare ourselves for hard times. We must learn to do without many things we have been accustomed to have as a matter of course. Privation and suffering may become the rule, not the exception. We must harden ourselves, face the darkling future with courage and confidence in ourselves.

• • • • • THE Japanese occupation of the British and Dutch possessions in the Pacific will make itself felt very soon in Argentina. The rubber tyres with which our cars are shod, the soles of our sport shoes, the tennis and golf balls and the tubes of footballs and a thousand other articles in daily use are all made from rubber grown in the South Pacific islands. The impression exists that existing rubber stocks are not large, and very soon we may expect severe rationing in all products of this important raw material.

Prudent people have already laid in supplies of motor tyres; though there is some controversy as to the wisdom of buying large quantities from single dealers. Your name will be on his books, an arrow pointing straight to your secret cache.

• • • • • THE papers have been writing that the low percentage of voters registered in Sunday's election was due to apathy. It is a mild explanation. It is our belief that a great many voters kept away from the polls, especially in the Province of Buenos Aires, because they are disgusted with electoral methods, with the empty pre-election promises of politicians, and with the

persons of most of the contemporary politicians. The general feeling is that professional politicians are all insincere.

It is sad that this state of mind should prevail—sad now, and later, perhaps, dangerous. If democracy is to be preserved, politics in this country must be cleaned up.

• • • • • THE national and provincial governments spend some two hundred and fifty million pesos per year upon the primary schools of this country. The money is expended on the upkeep of fifteen thousand schools and on the salaries of seventy-five thousand elementary teachers.

The immediate result of this very large disbursement is that two million children are taught their letters. Is the result commensurate with the expense? The answer depends on your opinion of what a school should do for the children who cross its thresholds.

• • • • • IF a school need be nothing more than a place where mechanical instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic and a few other branches of knowledge is imparted, then the elementary schools of Argentina are moderately efficient, though there are plenty of people who will say that the word "moderately" is too optimistic. But a school should be far more than a place of instruction. Unless schools aim at forming character, we verily believe they do almost as much harm as good. Who will not agree that an instructed criminal is more dangerous than an ignorant one?

The principal feature in character formation is religion. Until due attention is given to religious education in the primary schools of this country, our school system will be open to grave criticism, will be defective. It is impossible to feel much enthusiasm for it while the liberal doctrine of religious 'neutrality' continues to be a cardinal principle of those who administer those yearly two hundred and fifty millions which come out of the pockets of the citizens.

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## ROOFS

(By JOYCE KILMER).

The road is wide and the stars are out and the breath of the night is sweet,  
And this is the time when wanderlust should seize upon my feet.  
But I'm glad to turn from the open road and the starlight on my face,  
And to leave the splendour of out-of-doors for a human dwelling-place.

I never have seen a vagbond who really liked to roam,  
All up and down the streets of the world and not to have a home.  
The tramp who slept in your barn last night and left at break of day  
Will wander only until he finds another place to stay.

A gipsy-man will sleep in his cart with canvas overhead,  
Or else he'll go into his tent, when it is time for bed;  
He'll sit on the grass and take his ease so long as the sun is high,  
But when it is dark, he wants a roof to keep away the sky.

If you call a gipsy a vagbond, I think you do him wrong,  
For he never goes a-travelling but he takes his home along;  
And the only reason a road is good, as ever wanderer knows,  
Is just because of the homes, the homes, the homes to which it goes.

They say that life is a highway, and its milestones are the years,  
And now and then there's a toll-gate where you buy your way with tears.  
It's a rough road and a steep road and it stretches broad and far,  
But at last it leads to a golden town where golden houses are.

## Irish News

BATTERY FACTORY  
CLOSING.—

Due to a scarcity of essential raw materials created by the war, Messrs. Ever Ready (Ireland), Ltd., Dry Battery Manufacturers, are closing down their factory at Portobello Harbour, Dublin.

Materials used in the manufacture of dry batteries are carbon, zinc, brass, and manganese. It is understood that a shortage of one of these materials—and officials were unwilling to say which one—is responsible for the company's decision to close down.

Cork dealers in dry batteries for wireless, torches, cycle lamps, etc., have been informed by Messrs. Ever-Ready that, owing to the impossibility of procuring essential raw materials from America, they will be unable to accept any further orders for supplies of dry batteries. They were at present working on the execution of the orders to hand, but were forced to suspend any further orders for the time being.

GRANDNEPHEW OF  
INSURGENT.—

Patrick Murphy, who has died, aged 96, at Knockaree, Strahart, Wexford, was grandnephew of Father John Murphy, the '98 insurgent leader.

Mr. Murphy was prominent in the centenary celebrations of 1898 and was the central figure at Ballyellis, three years ago, when the foundation stone of the '98 memorial was laid.

His father, John Murphy, was baptised by Father John in 1796.

HATRED  
FOSTERED.—

Rev. Dr. Heenan, English Radio Priest, in an article in the "Catholic Herald" examines the subject of Partition and its effect on Irish opinion. Dr. Heenan provides his English readers with some of the facts about Partition, religious discrimination and gerrymandering, "sufficient to show clearly how far from understanding the Irish position are those who believe that Ireland is living in the past and feels an un-Christian and illogical hatred for Great Britain."

"Catholics in Ireland say," wrote  
Dr. Heenan, "that Northern Protestants are not to be blamed for the excesses they commit. Religious hatred has been fostered in order to keep the country divided and weak. The British Government could solve the problem almost overnight by withdrawing her support from a Government which is a living repudiation of all those aims for which England is said to be fighting to the death," and continues the Radio priest, "It is notheworthy that Protestant ministers of religion in the South were unable to give me a single instance of discriminatory action against their co-religionists on the part of the Irish Government.
MISSIONARIES  
HELD UP.—

Seventeen students of the Maynooth Mission to China, ordained on December 21 for the Missions in China, Burma and the Philippines will remain in Ireland for an indefinite period.

The war prevents them taking up their missionary posts. They will remain at St. Columban's College, An Uaimh.

Even before its extension to the Far East, the war affected missionary activity.

About 15 students of the Maynooth Mission ordained a year ago have also been prevented from going abroad.

PEAT-COAL  
GAS.—

In view of the shortage of suitable gas coal the Emergency Scientific Research Bureau has carried out a series of tests at the Kilkenny Gas Works which show that a mixture of peat and coal can be used to make town gas.

It was found that a mixture containing up to 40 p.c. by weight of turf can be used without any special difficulty. The results of the experiments have been confirmed by independent trials carried out at other gas works.

At a recent meeting with the managers of the various gas undertakings, at which the results were discussed, it was agreed that the use of mixtures of peat and coal was likely to assist the smaller gas works to continue in

production.

In Dublin, a peat fuel experiment would not be feasible, because of the amount which would be required and because transport to provide peat for Dublin would best be direct to supplying provincial gas-works, the coal available being best held at the port areas.

Town gas from turf mixture or even from turf alone has recently been advocated by many Irish engineers who pointed out that peat countries on the continent have carried out such experiments long ago.

One engineer said that many factories in the country were already using peat boilers, while the Great Northern Railway Co. has for the past six months or more been running local trains on turf or turf-coal mixture.

**CHARLES O'CONNOR.—**

"Boys," Charles O'Connor used to say to his sons, "you must not be impudent to the poor; I am the son of a gentleman, but ye are the sons of a ploughman."

A ploughman he was, because the great O'Connor estates in Co. Sligo had passed into other hands at the time of the confiscations. But he preserved the dignity of the family, and there was nobody of his time held in greater respect than O'Connor of Ballinagare.

His writings were numerous and he managed, out of his small savings, to collect a library rich in ancient Irish manuscripts. Dr. Johnson was one of his admirers, and wrote to him urging him to continue his studies; O'Carolan, who often enjoyed the hospitality of his house, composed a famous piece in his honour. There was hardly an Irish scholar of note in the time in which he lived who was not his friend.

O'Connor, who died in 1791, was born at Kilmactranny, Co. Sligo, on January 1st, 1710.

**FOOD FROM GRASS.—**

Are we to have food from grass? Eventually, in one form or another, say Irish scientists, who are at the moment adopting the naturally cautious viewpoint that grass is "a rich, natural source of foodstuffs which may yet be developed." Our meadows can supply food in two different ways. One in factory-processed grass; the other, essential vitamins obtained from grass. In Trinity College, Dublin, Professor W. Fearon, F.T.C.D., is extracting from grass a vitamin substitute, carotene, precursor of Vitamin A. He works with mixed samples and refers to the difficulties of obtaining grass dried in sufficiently large quantities and at the correct temperature. It is too early to say whether grass prepared in toasted cakes, or in the other forms of well-known cereals, will ever appear on our breakfast tables. Until results have been definitely checked up, scientists will not raise our hopes. As an eminent dietician said: "During the last war people were told to boil and eat rhubarb leaves because they were rich in iron, a piece of genuine information, which, nevertheless, led to a general outbreak of colic such as had never been known before."

**LIMERICK MANSION FIRED.—**

Curragh Chase, near Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, for 300 years the home of the de Vere family, was destroyed by fire recently. The mansion was one of the finest in Ireland and contained valuable art treasures, all of which were lost.

The fire is thought to have originated

in the library and when the heat became intense it caused the electric bells throughout the building to ring. This awakened Mrs. de Vere and two maids—the only occupants.

The Limerick fire brigade was summoned, but the roof had collapsed when they arrived.

Mrs. de Vere is widow of Mr. Robert Stephen de Vere.

Aubrey de Vere, the famous poet and writer, was born at Curragh Chase in 1814 and died there in 1902.

**DOCTOR URGES CONTROL.—**

Direct administration of primary schools by the Government, is urged by Dr. E. MacShearraig, in his annual report as Laoighis Medical Officer of Health, in which he contrasts conditions in technical schools with those in national schools.

"The contrast," he states, "is so great that it would be Gilbertian if it were not so tragic."

Technical schools are rate-aided, new buildings, on the most modern lines, with ample heating and lighting, while national schools have to be heated and cleaned out of a totally inadequate grant, by the students themselves.

Dr. Mac Shearraig states that, while some managers have to provide one-third of the cost of all works undertaken, a manager of a school which is the property of the Board of Works has all the work done for him, as well as the benefit of periodical engineering and architectural inspection.

Referring to the heating and cleaning of schools, he states that the inadequacy of the grant in aid is "a scandal in the times we now enjoy." In schools where coal and anthracite are used, he adds, the children are very often left in the cold.

Dr. MacShearraig states that he is wholly in favour of a two-session school, where possible, and is convinced that teaching, health and receptiveness would all benefit as a result.

School meals are also favoured by Dr. MacShearraig, while he suggests that drill should be compulsory in all National Schools.

**SLEIGHS TO CARRY TURF.—**

Thousands of tons of turf lie well-dried and neatly stacked on the Wicklow Mountains but a parish council representative said, "We are tearing our hair figuring out how to deliver it."

The gasoline shortage, it seems, has been "piling up difficulties."

But P. T. Somerville-Large presented an idea to the Bray Parish Council, which has 1,800 tons dried at Glenree.

Bray's problem was to get the turf over bad mountain tracks to the nearest road.

Under Mr. Somerville-Large's supervision the council had twelve long sleighs built. Then they hired a tractor.

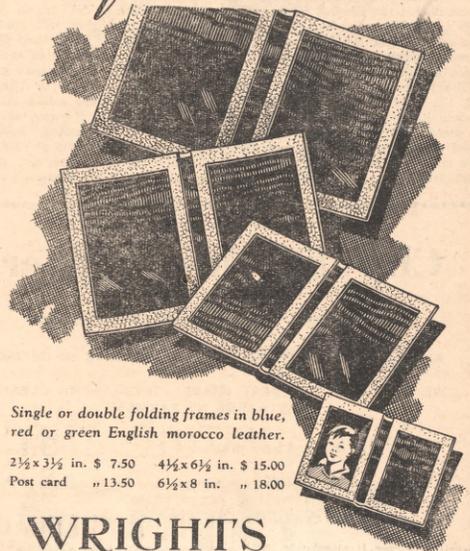
The caterpillar wheels on the tractor towed the twelve loaded sleighs over the mountain track to the loading point at the road, where the parish council truck did the rest.

The "shares" of turf due to the first subscribers to the council—the first to be served—were weighed at Bray Town Hall.

Blackrock Parish Council built a rough road to the top of Glencullen mountain, and stated that it promised a "unique method of transport" over the valley to the road.

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## THE BURMA ROAD.—

Japanese troops are pressing hard towards Rangoon and much pessimism prevails that the English forces will be able to hold them at bay. The American and British air forces are doing excellent work and have accounted for quite a number of enemy planes, but military experts opine that, despite all, the Japs are slowly advancing. Should Rangoon fall into enemy hands, it means that the Burma Road will meet with the same fate and China can no longer receive supplies through that artery.

## AIMING AT ICELAND.—

As the spring approaches, it is announced that the Nazis are turning their looks towards Iceland and that they will attack the island, while, at the same time they will occupy the Canary Islands, Dakar and Casablanca. Gaining possession of such points, they would be in position to harass shipping along the North Atlantic searoutes by submarine action. At present they are busy in Norway, as they are reported to be massing battle squadrons and transports at Narvik and Trondheim. They are also preparing a strong air force there.

## PASSING OF GENERAL VANDERBILT.—

With the death of General Cornelio Vanderbilt, at the age of 69 years, the financial world has lost one of its notable figures. Though born of a family of financiers, notable the world over, he had his own independent outlook in life and gave example of that independence by marrying against his parents' wishes. Early in life he qualified as an engineer, and though in possession of a very substantial fortune he never renounced work. New York City owes its first underground railways to him. When the European war broke loose, he was among the first who left the United States for the scene of battle. He distinguished himself by exceptional bravery at Ypres and won the title of general of brigade. Financier, inventor soldier and yachtsman he has passed out leaving many millions behind him.

had covered 315 kilometres in 73 hours and 45 minutes. When taken from the water he was pronounced to be in perfect physical condition. On removing the bandage from his body, he was placed in bed and immediately fell into a profound sleep.

## BATTLE FOR JAVA.—

United naval forces of the Allies hammered heavily on the Japanese fleet when an attempt was made to force a landing on the island of Java. Of forty transports, seventeen were sunk and the rest put to flight. Two heavy enemy cruisers were sunk or put out of action and three destroyers were fired and sunk. The full extent of the losses is not yet fully known, but it is considered that the enemy suffered heavily in man power and ships.

## WAS TOLD HE WAS DEAD.—

No reasons of any kind would be accepted from D. Adolfo Waldman, last Sunday, when he went to cast his vote. He was told he was dead and that was that. Finally he presented himself before the federal court and there he also figured as dead. Afterwards it was brought to light that Sr. Waldman was mistaken for a first cousin of the same name, so the error redounded on the Civil Registry. When the mystery was cleared up the gentleman in question was permitted to vote.

## BEFORE TAKING THE OFFENSIVE.—

The Commander-in-Chief of the United States fleet, Admiral King, has declared that before developing a general offensive, they must build up vital air and sea communications. They are undertaking all appropriate measures in strengthening key points, so that when the offensive is initiated, it will, owing to superiority and strength, in planes and ships, gain in scope and power.

## THE LUNAR ECLIPSE.—

The total lunar eclipse, which took place last Monday, was seen from all parts of South America, except a section of the west. In the city of Buenos Aires, Misiones, Corrientes and the greater part of E. Rios and the province of Buenos Aires, it was visible. At 18.27<sup>h</sup> the moon entered in penumbra and the total eclipse occurred at 22.9<sup>h</sup>. The duration of the whole was five hours, forty seven minutes and four seconds. Those who observed the occurrence could note that the moon did not wholly disappear and that it was tinged with a reddish colour produced by the solar rays.

## NEW NORTHERN ROUTE.—

The encroachment of the Japanese in the Indian Ocean as well as their activities in the Pacific, has awakened the U.S.A., people to the necessity of opening a highway that will link up Alaska with the States. In this way the northern peninsula can be more readily provisioned in the event of becoming a key point against Japanese activities.

## SLEEP CONQUERS CANDIOTI.—

Neither wind nor wave could break the indomitable spirit of the famous swimmer Candiotti, yet, when he was nearing the goal of his ambition, of uniting Buenos Aires and Rosario, sleep dominated him and he was forced to give up in front of San Isidro at 9.5 on Sunday morning (just 14 kilometres from the New Port) after he

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**AGAIN ON THE BOARDS.—**

Once more the question of toxic gases emitted by motor vehicles has been brought to the fore and the authorities have been asked to adopt means for their suppression. Laws and ordinances, to that effect, have been passed, put into rigid practice for a short time, then there is a relaxation and the culprits drop back into the old rut and continue poisoning the public. Constant vigilance is necessary to safeguard public health and whatever the transport problem suffers, those coaches which are a danger and offence should be removed from service.

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**WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.—**

When many of the South American republics severed diplomatic relations with the Axis powers, Argentina undertook the representation of Italian interests before them. As this was not exactly in accordance with certain resolutions adopted at the Rio conference, this country has now relinquished the said representation.

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**COTTON EXPERIMENTS.—**

Jute bags are scarce just now and not only scarce but dear. Great numbers of them are employed in the tobacco trade and to release those for utility on other fields, the Ministry of Agriculture has considered the question of experimenting on various classes of cotton cloth. It has been admitted that cotton bags have their advantages as they facilitate fermentation of the "weed". They have also their disadvantages as they are dearer than those of jute. However, their use would stimulate the cotton trade as well as solve the shortage of jute bags, which will be more acute with the prolongation of the war.

**TANTALUM OR COLUMBIUM.—**

This is a peculiar but valuable metal, first discovered in Haddam, Connecticut, U.S.A., and is utilised, not only in the manufacture of surgical instruments, but in many other fields. Now, the discovery of a deposit of the mineral has been reported in Jujuy, somewhere in the Humahuaca zone, and it is said that preparations are under way for the working of the same.

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**THE FUTURE OF MAIZE.—**

Demand for alcohol for explosives will possibly create a demand for surplus maize. The United States are looking at and examining our surplus stocks and it is probable that they will yet step in and buy up the whole. It would not be surprising if they ship the remaining outfit here, extract the alcohol and send it north, as this process would prove less costly than transporting the grain.

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**RAISING STATE OF SIEGE.—**

Last Sunday during election hours the state of siege was raised by decree, issued through the Ministry of the Interior, and affected the entire republic with the exception of the province of San Luis and national territories, where there were no elections. On Monday last, similar measures were adopted in the Provinces of San Luis and Córdoba during elections there.

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**ANOTHER MEAT MARKET.—**

The city of Lima never had a superfluous supply of meat and at present there is a shortage there. This country can provide for Peruvian wants in that sense if they apply to the authorities here. A short time back it was rumoured that a representative from there was to visit Buenos Aires to study from many angles the possibility of importing frozen meat.

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**TEST FOR THE NAVY.—**

According to the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Nazis are constructing submarines on an unprecedented scale and they will put the Navy to a test in "a most dangerous period of the shipping crisis". All this undersea craft will be supported by the Nazi and Japanese surface fleets. Being aware of such we presume the Allies are preparing or have prepared a counter defence.

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**POLICE OFFICIALS EXCEPTED.—**

Nobody is permitted to enter the polling booths with arms. Exception, however, has been made in the case of metropolitan police officials and chiefs, owing to a note addressed by the Chief of Police to the Minister of the Interior. Last Sunday, uniformed police bearing arms voted unmolesated and will do so at all future elections if they so will.

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# ACTINOMETERS

(By Rev. Ignacio Paig, S.J., Director of San Miguel Observatory.)

(Special to "THE SOUTHERN CROSS")

**B**EFORE explaining what an actinometer is and how it works, it is well to state the principles of actinometry.

At any given spot of the earth it is possible to determine with theoretical accuracy the quantity of heat which is there received from the Sun. But various local factors may modify in practice the theoretical value of solar heat. One important factor is the atmosphere, which acts as a filter on rays from the Sun and may be more or less dense at a given point or a given time. The proportion of water-vapour is another factor. Now the science which studies the real, not theoretical, proportion of solar heat is known as actinometry.

### The method.

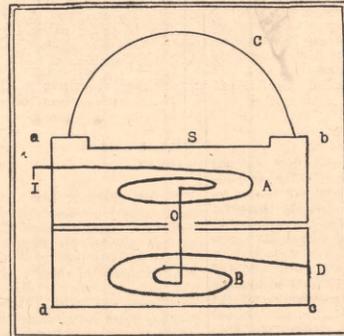
The obvious method of determining solar heat, is to expose to the Sun a surface covered with lamp-black, which absorbs all radiation and permits the measurement of

within a glass container and then creating a vacuum in the receptacle. Thus the thermometer gives off to heat because there is no medium to carry it away. This actinometer was used for many years, but was ultimately discarded because it inexactly was found to vary with the degree of vacuum and the density of the coating of lamp-black.

Violle then invented the actinometer which bears his name. The thermometer is placed in a double-walled receptacle and a stream of water at constant beat flows between these walls. It has fallen into disuse because it is too complicated.

### Modifications.

Pouillet added to the perfection of actinometry by means of a cylinder which orientated the rays of the Sun. This instrument was known as a pyrheliometer. Abbot replaced the cylinder by a silver plate. Mitchell in turn replaced this by a



THE D'HALLUIN ACTINOMETER.

calories. Moreover, it is a principle of physics that the temperature of a body rises in proportion to its nature and to the number of calories received. The operation thus becomes a matter of simple calculation.

An actinometer is therefore an instrument for measuring the radiant heat of the sun. It consists of a thermometer which has been covered with lamp-black. An observation is made by exposing it to the Sun for, say, one minute and then calculating how much the mercury column has risen. Such is an actinometer in theory. In practice, the matter is more complicated, because the instrument, while it gains heat from the Sun, loses it both by radiation and by contact with the surrounding atmosphere.

### The First.

The English astronomer John Herschel (1738-1822) hit upon the device of placing the thermometer

plaque made of two metals, which permitted the variations of temperature to be measured by computing the deformations in the metals by means of a microscope.

### Electricity to the rescue.

All these instruments have been replaced today by the electric pyrheliometer, invented by Angstrom, which is composed of two plates made of an aleation known as manganin. One plate is heated by the Sun, and the other by electricity. The latter can be measured by a galvanometer. A rheostat allows the operator to reduce the galvanometer to zero, and then the computation of the intensity of the current permits the computation of the calories absorbed by the exposed plate.

The first pyrheliometer for continuous observations was invented by the Polish scientist Gorczynski. It is founded on the Angstrom principle.

**FR. MAGUIRE ON PEARL HARBOUR HEROISM.**

A vivid account of the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, grim in its death and suffering and glowing in its revelation of heroism, has reached this country from one who was not only in the midst of the devastation wrought by the Japanese on December 7, but who was able to comprehend the significance of that "day of infamy." Captain William A. Maguire, Catholic Chaplain of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base and a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, told his story briefly.

"How proud our people in the United States would be," he said, "if they could have seen the spirit with which our boys fought and the heroism they revealed as they died. If only our American people could have seen how quietly the men suffered, how gallantly they died and how courageously they acted, thinking always about the next man and never about themselves, they would glory in the heroism of their defenders and would be certain that our front line will never yield."

"On that Sunday," he continued, "the Japs were machine-gunning and dropping bombs without cease. During it all, in the Marine barracks a wounded man would be brought in and another, with a leg or an arm missing, would call out, 'Put him here on this table and take me out—I'm all right.' Others their bodies burned and almost naked, would come to me carrying blankets and pleading, 'I want to get a gun and get back to my ship.'"

"There was no whimper heard," said Father Maguire. "The boys stood at their guns until the decks under them buckled with the heat. Those who died were killed fighting off an enemy who had attacked them treacherously. In their last hours they fought with a spirit that cannot die, a spirit that lives on and on."

The bodies of those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor have been buried on the island. When the cemetery overlooking the Pacific was filled, graves were dug on the crest of Red Hill, over-looking Pearl Harbor. Speaking of the dead, Father Maguire said:

"We did not bury these men with sorrow but with the conviction that they died manfully and that the treachery which took their lives will be wiped out. Each grave has been marked and each body identified. When the war is fought and won they will be

sent back to their homes."

Father Maguire pointed out that gardeners have been stripped to provide bouquets for the graves. The poinsettias, asters and hibiscus for which Hawaii has been noted now cover the two cemeteries as a tribute of the people of the island to the heroic dead.

**PHENOMENAL MEMORIES.**

History tells us that an ambassador to the Romans from Pyrrhus had so cultivated his memory that he learnt the names of all the assembled people in one day, and the next could salute members of the Senate, and the ordinary citizens, each by his own name.

Pliny tells us that Cyrus knew the name of every separate soldier in his vast armies. Napoleon also had an extraordinary aptitude for memorising the names of quite insignificant people.

But there are memories and memories. The kind first cited concerns itself with names and their owners. Another concentrates on ordinary words, like that of the philologist, Dr. Leydon. He could repeat, without misplacing a word, a long Act of Parliament or any similar document, after reading it once. No wonder he was able to learn foreign languages and dialects with extraordinary ease! Another well-known man with an excellent memory for the written or printed word is Horace Annesley, the novelist.

On one memorable occasion Mr. Vachell experienced the agony of finding that he had left an important typescript in an underground train. He had no carbon copy, and the story had gone for ever. There was nothing else to be done but to go through the distasteful drudgery of writing it all over again. To his astonishment the author found that he could remember every word of it.

A certain faculty, highly-developed in some artists, clearly perceives colours and forms in the mind's eye. The great painter, Turner, could examine a ship and then go home and draw it with every rope and spar as correctly placed as if he were standing in front of it. There have also been artists who could produce the most accurate likenesses from memory. The painter and Royal Academician, Calderon, was travelling in Spain when he had his watch snatched by one of the light-fingered brigades. He only caught a momentary glimpse of the thief by the light of a street-lamp, but he sketched his face

so faithfully that the police were able to recognise from the drawing an old practitioner well known to them.

Dr. Duncan, of Edinburgh, came across an amazing instance of this faculty on his travels in Germany. There was an almost priceless altar-piece, by Rubens, in the church of St. Peter at Cologne. One night this prized picture was carried off by thieves. A painter in the town, seeing the grief of the congregation, volunteered to make a copy of the altar-piece from memory, and succeeded in doing so with such accuracy that many people thought that the original Rubens had been brought back.

Some musicians have marvellous memories. Sir Thomas Beecham could conduct a work the playing of which lasts for five hours without having a note of the score in front of him. The composer, Mozart, recollected impressions so vividly that he could compose without the aid of an instrument. "When I proceed to write down my ideas," he said to a friend, "I take out of my bag

of memory what has previously been collected into it. For this reason the committing to paper is done easily enough, for everything is already finished, and it rarely differs on paper from what it was in my imagination."

This marvellous man, while he was composing in this way, could join in any conversation that was going on around him at the same time as his facial pen was flying over the music paper!

These are some cases of wonderful memories possessed by distinguished men. The fact remains that a specially good memory for some things is an attachment to be found in an otherwise quite inferior brain. The psychologist, Dr. Eddriege Green, knew a man of very feeble brain power who with regard to time or anything connected with it had a marvellous memory. His favourite reading was time-tables, and he knew nearly every train in Great Britain.

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**In medicine.**

An important application of actinometers and pyrheliometers has reference to heliotherapy. Sun-cures become more effective when administered in doses, like any other medicine. These instruments measure the doses. It is worthy of notice that the radiation of the Sun varies enormously from place to place, and from one hour to another. A human being exposed to the Sun heats in accordance with meteorological factors, such as the wind, dampness, etc. The heating brings into play the biological defences of the body which strive to keep the body at a constant temperature. This biological reaction explains the feeling of fatigue and lassitude experienced after a sun-bath. Hence the coldness or heat of the atmosphere play an important part in sun-bathing. That is why these baths were formerly

classified into cold sun-baths and warm sun-baths. Thus two kinds of therapeutic instruments are now used: ordinary actinometers to measure the warming of bodies, and pyrheliometers to measure their cooling.

**The last word.**

One of the most practical of actinometers is that devised by M. D'Halluin, of the Faculty of Free Medicine of Little (France). It is used for clinical and meteorological purposes, and is a real conquest of science.

In conclusion, it should be noted that actinometers are very important instruments in the scientific verification of climate. Climate ultimately depends on the amount of sun-heat received, and the true meteorologist must be able to measure that all-important factor.

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### DEATHS.

On the 26th February, at Concordia, E. Rios, Captain Joseph M. Manzane, of the Argentine Navy, in his 64th year.

On February the 12th, from the effects of a fall from his horse, William Phillips, of Suipacha, aged 23 years. Deceased, who was attended by a doctor and received the last consolations of religion, was very popular and his funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances. R.I.P.

### MONTH'S MIND MASS.

On Wednesday the 16th inst, month's mind Masses will be celebrated in the Piedad Church for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick Maguire. The Masses will be from 8 to 11 and a High Mass will be offered at which the family will assist. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

### NOVENA MASSES.

A novena of Masses, at 7 o'clock for the repose of the soul of late Catherine Kelly, will commence at the church of the Passionist Fathers, Calle Caridad, on Friday 4th inst., to conclude with a solemn Mass of requiem, on Saturday, March 12th, at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

### GENERAL ITEMS.

Our Celtic brethren, the Welshmen of Buenos Aires, celebrated the feast of St. David on Tuesday, in whose honour they dined together at Mr. Pugh's quinta. Mr. J. W. Reade, of Barracas, presided. He made a most humorous speech in the Welsh language and expressed a hope that Irish and Scotch would soon follow the example of the Welshmen in cultivating the old Gaelic language.

The Passionist Fathers will attend at Monte on St. Patrick's Day and will preach a sermon in English at the parish church. Rev. Fr. Edmund, Passionist, will preach at the inauguration of the new Church in Rosario on the same day.

News has been received from our old friend Rev. Fr. James Foran, whom very many in this country and the Falkland islands remember with affection and reverence, and we are glad to say that he is quite well, a hard-working P.P., in his old diocese of Hexham. The following passage from his letter will show that he has recently had what is vulgarly known as a rough time.

"I have had a rather busy winter. First, I caught the influenza. Before I was quite recovered my curate was badly attacked, and to crown all our misfortunes a neighbouring priest, who might have assisted us, was himself struck down. My curate was called home by the ishop of Cloyne before he

was quite well, so I had to do all the work of the mission, both day and night for several weeks. I am now quite strong again.

On the 17th March, at the College, Mercedes, the feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated as usual. High Mass will commence at 10 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Fr. Moultrie, S.M.

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- Spanish Consulate.—Moreno 1442. U. T. 38, 3298.
- Sheehy, Rev. John M.—Capilla San Patricio, Av. Salta 2643, Rosario de Santa Fe.
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- Hurling Club, ex-Federación Argentina de Hurling.—Santo Tomé 4158, V. Devoto, U. T. 50 - 5603.

## Do You Know This ?

- 256) What Is The Hardest Substance Known?
- 257) What Is The World's Greatest Canyon?
- 258) Where Is The Largest Telescope?

See Answers on page 24.

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas Francis Keilty, R.I.P.

After a brief illness—the epilogue of a chronic nephritis and ulterior complications—the death of the above-named and much esteemed gentleman took place at about 21 o'clock last Saturday night, 21st Feb., at his home near Arrecifes.

Deceased, who was born 56 years ago in the partido of San Pedro, was the eldest son of the late Andrew Keilty and Mrs. Mary Slevin de Toscano, of Santa Lucia. On Feb. 18th, 1911, he was married to Miss Kate Ann Brady in the Parish of Arrecifes, by Fr. Flannery, who also had christened him and married his parents. Their happy union was blessed with five children, all of whom still survive him.

Subsequently he came with his family to settle in the partido of Arrecifes, where, during the last 24 years he dedicated himself to rural activities; and by dint of hard, constant and honest labour, succeeded, some 15 years ago, in purchasing a handsome piece of land, on which he set up a really sweet and comfortable little home for the happy abode of his beloved family. Here were spent the happiest days of his life, in the full enjoyment of the sweet consolations of a truly Christian homestead, where he was at one and the same time both king and chum of his dear wife and children; for Don Tomás commanded love more than fear; and consequently had the privilege and reward of being idolized and passionately loved by his own. Well could this be witnessed at his obsequies, on beholding his stalwart sons, grief-stricken and bending under the mighty sorrow caused by their irreparable loss. There in that same Nazareth-like home, he eked out his last painful existence, surrounded by the loving care and affection of his family, and peacefully breathed his last in their loving and tearful embraces, after having with his usual faith and piety received the last rites from Fr. Francis Pez C.P., and the P.P. Fr. Vistalli, who spiritually assisted him up to just half an hour before his demise, he still retaining full consciousness. He had earnestly requested, and several desperate attempts were made in vain, to secure the presence and assistance of his Irish Chaplain, bosom friend and cherished old townie, Fr. Alfonso Rooney C.P., who was unavoidably detained on duty in Pergamino.

His mortal remains were removed into the city of Arrecifes and waked in the Hall of the Irish Society, of which he had been an active member, staunch friend and supporter from its very start; and on Monday morning were laid to rest in the local cemetery, the burial service at the church and graveside being officiated by Frs. Vistalli and Alfonso, the latter having managed to arrive just in time to recite the last Rosary and Response at the wake Hall. Owing to last hour unsurmountable difficulties, the proposed exequial Mass unfortunately had to be suspended.

He leaves to mourn him a heart-broken wife and an aged mother; a mother-in-law; three sons, two daughters, one son-in-law and one grandson; one full brother, Mr. Andrew Keilty, of Viña; four half-brothers and three half-sisters, the Toscano Slevins, of Santa Lucia; brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and many other relatives, to all of whom the writer tenders his deep and heart-felt condolence.

Thus ended the humble, yet fruitful and exemplary career of this remarkably peaceful and kind-hearted man, who had endeared himself to all who knew him; who, it would seem, could

never speak unless commendably of his fellow-creatures; and whose biography could well be thus summed up. He scrupulously kept the supreme law of loving God and his neighbour, and fulfilled faithfully his earthly mission, and liked it!

May the fatherly and benign St. Joseph now take full charge of his dear little home and family, is the fervent prayer of

*One whom he loved.*

### John Atkinson, R.I.P.

It is with feelings of deepest regret and heartfelt sorrow, we announce the death of John Atkinson, who passed to



a better world on Friday night at his residence in this city after reciting the Holy Rosary in company with his loving wife and only daughter.

In less than ten minutes after his seizure he expired despite all their ef-

forts. Their first care was to summon a priest and immediately his nephew Rev. Fr. Patrick Deane arrived and administered to him the holy Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

John Atkinson was born in Salto some sixty one years ago, second son of the late Patrick Atkinson and Mary Flood de Atkinson. In the year 1912 he married Miss Tessie J. Quinn, youngest daughter of the late William Quinn and Mary Fullam de Quinn, their union was blessed with three children, two of whom preceded him to an early grave. John, as he was familiarly called, was a general favourite amongst every one and was always ready to extend sympathy and a helping hand to a friend.

His unselfishness and fine qualities won for him a host of friends; he was of a kind and jovial disposition always with a smile for everyone, a kind and loving husband an affectionate father, a good neighbour; his humble home was a real paradise where peace and unity reigned supreme.

The high esteem in which he was held was eloquently testified by the large concourse of friends, amongst them some of our dear Sisters of Mercy, who attended the wake and funeral; there were also many floral tributes. His remains were piously laid to rest in the local cemetery where the responses were read by V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Quaine C. P., Fr. Bernard Garaghty C. P., Fr. Fidelis Rush C. P., Fr. Patrick Deane C. P.

He leaves to mourn his sad loss a broken-hearted wife, one daughter, two sisters; several nephews and nieces, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and numerous cousins, besides a large circle of friends.

Sweet Heart of Jesus have mercy on

## Bear in Mind...

**MARCH 14.** Retreat for ex-Fahy students at Fahy Farm, Moreno.

**MARCH 17.** St. Patrick's Day Banquets at the Hurling Club; and at the American Club (Irish - Argentine Cultural Circle).

**MARCH 28.** Farewell Party to St. Paul Clubites at Hotel Español, Avda. Mayo 1212.

**APRIL 12.** Cocktail Dance organized by St. Paul's Club at the Salón Español, Avda. Mayo 1212.

**MAY 9.** Variety concert in Little Theatre, Chareas 1155.

**JULY 25 and 26.** St. Patrick's Home annual Bazaar at Salón Suizo, Rodriguez Peña 254.

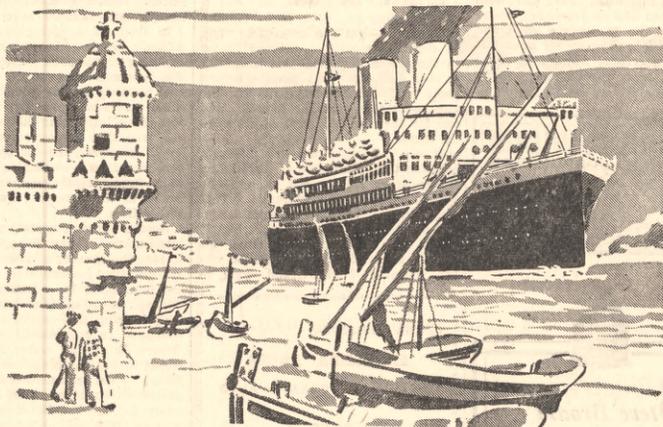
his dear soul and that he may rest in the bright kingdom of Heaven is the sincere wish of

*Sympathizer.*

### ST. BRIGID'S SCHOOL.

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SOMETIMES it is very difficult to induce celebrities to come to the microphone at all. Often they are too busy and often they are afraid of harming their reputations through a hastily-prepared script. But the most difficult big fish of them all is "the man of the moment." I remember trying to "catch" Douglas Corrigan, who astounded the world in flying the Atlantic by mistake.

However, in spite of being "the man of the moment," Douglas Corrigan was also a man who was not the slightest bit swayed by the storm of publicity which his achievement caused. He told me simply: "Ireland has been so well to me that if you say anybody would be interested in listening to me, of course I'll do it." So he did it: a broadcast almost as hectic and confused as his own flight.

My programme went on the air at 7 p. m. In the opening announcement I mentioned that we would present Douglas Corrigan later in the broadcast.

At 7.15 a slip of paper was handed to me, which read: "Corrigan is now at the Italian Embassy, but says he will reach the station in time." Frankly, I could not see how he was going to do it. The Embassy is a considerable distance from the studio. It was certain that if this paradoxical aviator mistook his direction this time there would be no hope of "bringing to you Wrong-way Corrigan!" But the fact is he did arrive in time. Three minutes before the broadcast was due to end, the studio door flew open, and in stepped the smiling Irish flyer.

Without benefit of script or rehearsal he chatted modestly about his flight, and when I asked him how he had been treated in Ireland, his quick-fire answer was: "Like an Irishman!" I countered this with: "Just what does 'being treated like an Irishman' mean? But he won the day with a swift and diplomatic jab, saying: "I guess it means being treated about as well as anyone can treat anyone else."

## "Bringing To You.."

By ERIC BODEN.

Another American flyer I presented a few months previous to Corrigan was Harry Richman—and what a contrast these two flights made. Richman's flight was regulated with the clockwork precision of Dick Merrill, the veteran U. S. pilot. The pair flew from America to Europe and back again, making the first Atlantic double-crossing in their unique ping-pong plane. However, it was not until about a year after this flight that Richman broadcast for me in Dublin.

He was particularly keen to broadcast, because he said: "You know, I've got an angle on Ireland that no one else has. When Merrill and I were flying from the States, we had been struggling through clouds for over thirty hours. Then when we figured we should be near something, the clouds parted for one split Heavensent second, and way down there below was Ireland; and I knew then what people meant when they said 'the most beautiful sight in the world was Ireland.' And, mark my words, that's the way a lot of other guys are going to feel when a regular passenger service across the Atlantic becomes a fact."

Richman's visit to the Broadcasting Studio was "as flying" as the rest of his experiences. He had an interval of only fifteen minutes between his stage appearances on the evening of the broadcast. Inside of these fifteen minutes it was necessary to get him off the stage, into a taxi, over to the studio, interview him, and then get back again to the theatre in time for his next appearance.

So outside the theatre we had a man standing by in a taxi (engine running, etc.—in the get-away style of detective stories). Richman came to the studio and made his broadcast in such fine time that on the return route he found he had still time to buy two cigars—one for himself and one for the man who steered his speedy course.

It was in another taxi on a different occasion that I saw one of the leading motor-racing drivers get scared by Dublin's traffic idiosyncrasies. That was Billy Cotton, dance band leader and sportsman, when I brought him in hectic style at a busy time from his theatre to broadcast. The occasion was the Phoenix Park Grand Prix, in

which Cotton came third in a gruelling race. He is an amazingly vital and versatile person, and thought nothing of crowding a broadcast into a day which was already filled with three stage appearances in addition to the race.

Jackie Saunders, the amateur featherweight champion of the world, who recently turned professional, was almost too genuinely modest to broadcast. It took a lot of coaxing to induce him to face the ordeal of the microphone. During the American tour, from which he had just returned, he had beaten all his opponents, but he said his two U. S. experiences with the "mike" had beaten him.

It seems that when he was coming out of an American hotel one day a microphone was suddenly planked in front of him. The first question he was asked was: "What do you think of the girls in Ireland?" When he had managed to circumnavigate this delicate subject, the effort exhausted him and he wasn't able to open his mouth for the rest of the broadcast. I promised I would not ask him such banal questions, and after that assurance getting him to talk was not so difficult.

Bringing a veteran like Ted Broadribb to the microphone was a much easier task. The former manager of Tommy Farr, Broadribb has now pleaded his hopes in Don Lydon. On the air, he gave us many interesting sidelights on the fighting game. He intimated that he still regrets the treatment he received from Farr. His faith in Lydon, as a contender for the heavyweight laurels, is tremendous.

In front of a microphone the most difficult people from whom to elicit anything interesting are athletes. The sportsman's code of team spirit and modesty is the good reason for this. But when your job is to bring something interesting to the listeners, not even that reason seems good enough. However, the microphone is too new-born a babe to be able to re-write these fundamental codes and it must suffer in the breach. Two incidents will suffice.

George Morgan, captain of the Irish international rugby team, and Eddie Heron, the country's leading highdriver, are two personalities who should be interesting to a radio audience. Perhaps sporting fans are satisfied with hearing the voices of their favourites. In any event, I must admit failure in getting either Morgan or Heron to say anything "newsy" or different. I am sure neither of them liked the microphone. They came to it solely for the benefit of their sports, because of its obligations, and my only regret is that I could not induce them to say anything of sheer radio appeal.

V. Barna, the Hungarian table-tennis world champion, was somewhat easier to handle. I was giving a running commentary on an international table-tennis exhibition in Portobello Barracks, Dublin, and, during a break in the proceedings, was seized with the inspiration of calling Barna to the microphone. Under similar conditions I would never have dared to bring an Irish athlete to the microphone impromptu. But Barna was "hardened" by European and B. E. C. broadcast and responded readily.

Interviewing him saved the day. One of the players on the table had broken his belt and retired to the dressing-room to have it fixed. I was

at a loss for words or anything to describe when I pulled Barna in front of that microphone. But in his hesitant English he gaily told us many exceedingly interesting table tennis facts until the inconvenienced player was able to return. A foreigner speaking a "foreign" tongue had saved the day.

Literary people are easy to handle. The only difficulty is to prevent them from "handling" you. This summer Randolph Edmonds, a brilliant negro Professor of Drama from a University in New Orleans visited Ireland. He had won an important scholarship which gave him the right to go where he pleased. He chose this country, and at the end of a six months' sojourn did not regret his choice. He was the only person I invited to speak twice in my topical review.

He has a shrewd immediate insight into Irish problems, and I was able to broadcast him at the beginning and end of his half-year's visit. His first impressions were favourable, and since it took him seven streamlined minutes to sum up his final opinion of us, it is futile to include it here. He was undoubtedly one of the most interesting visitors we have had in recent years, and he won an immediate listener-response with his rich voice and even richer sense of humour.

Val Gielgud, director of drama of the B. E. C., was another important radio personality I was pleased to present. He was paying a flying one-day visit to Dublin to witness his first Abbey play, and immediately responded when I asked him to broadcast with me from Radio Eireann. By telephone appointment I met him at 6 p. m. at his Dublin hotel, chatted with him for about ten minutes, and broadcast an interview one hour later—leaving England's leading radio producer still time to see his first Abbey play.

Val Gielgud (a brother of the possibly more widely-known John Gielgud) is one of the brightest dramatic minds in England. He had returned from Hollywood just previous to our interview, and was full of sardonic riffs about the celluloid city. Also, he had recently produced two of his own radio dramas over American networks, and was still a little dismayed by the experience. It is redundant to say that his was a facile and smooth broadcast.

In "bringing to the microphone" two hundred voices, not all of them were world-famed celebrities. But many were none the less interesting. To give but one instance, Charles McCoy, an almost-blind boy, originally from Newry, was one of the most successful broadcasters. I brought him to the microphone several months ago, and his vibrant voice and cheerfulness won him immediate response.

He told me in a simple, unassuming way how he learned the Braille system that eventually won him an ordinary competitive job as a commercial shorthand-typist. Probably for the first time, we broadcast a dictation and recording in Braille shorthand of its impromptu transcript on this programme.

### LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY.

The Committee of the Ladies of St. Joseph's Society wish to inform all who are interested that the Keating and Fahy Institutes will commence their classes on Monday 16th inst., and ask parents and guardians to make all the necessary arrangements for their children to be in these schools on this date.

The Secretary.

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# About People

Mrs. Olivia Macdonald de Duggan and family have left to spend a holiday in Mendoza at the Villaviciencia thermal springs.

Mr. Gerardo Leonard, of Pergamino, was amongst the visitors to town during the week.

Mr. M. C. Hearne arrived from Colón last week-end on a short business trip to the city.

Mr. Alfredo J. Harrington is spending a holiday in Mar del Plata.

Mrs. Ana Jack de Moughty is spending a holiday in Mar del Plata and has registered at the Tourbillon hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan and family have been spending a holiday at Camping El Morro in the hill district of San Luis.

Amongst those, who registered at the City Hotel during the week, was Mr. J. McCormick.

Mrs. C. McLoughlin and Miss A. McLoughlin arrived in this city on Monday last by Panagra plane from Córdoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campion and family are amongst the camp visitors to town and are staying at the Continental hotel.

Messrs. Heriberto Duggan and Winston C. Guest arrived last week-end from Punta del Este, where they had been spending a brief holiday. Mr. Guest is reported to be arranging the visit of an Argentine polo team to Mexico this winter and Messrs. Heriberto and Luis J. Duggan will form part of said team.

Mr. Christopher Kiernan, who spent a holiday in Mar del Plata, left early last week for estancia "Las Cabezas", Entre Rios.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Luisa Moughty de Feeney is at present under treatment in the British Hospital as the result of a serious accident.

On the 23rd. ult., the death took place in Bahia Blanca of Mrs. Arthur H. Coleman, wife of the traffic manager of the Southern railway in said city. Deceased received all the rites of the Catholic church during her last illness. Mrs. Coleman, who was of French parentage, was well-known and highly popular in Bahia Blanca, on account of her charitable works.

After 34 years service with the London "Observer", the famous Irish journalist, Mr. J. L. Garvin, has severed his connection with said paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feeney are leaving this week for Mar del Plata.

Messrs. Alec P. Ballesty, Willie P. Ford, Jim Whelan, Ernest Fox Casey and Thomas E. Duggan, have returned to B. A. after a 3,000 kilometre trip through the hills of Córdoba and San Luis.

Mr. Ambrosio Duff, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Patricio Duff, of this city, has entered the Villa Devoto Seminary. The young seminarian is a nephew of Canon Duff of San Martin, who concluded his studies in the same institution six-and-thirty years ago. Congratulations to Ambrose Duff.

Miss Martha J. Martyn returned to town after an enjoyable stay at Estancia "Santa Elena", in Mercedes.

Miss Carmen M. Dillon has left during the week, for La Cumbre, Córdoba hills, where she purposes spending some time.

Mrs. Mariana C. de Cormack and family, of Rawson, F.C.P., Mr. James Cormack and Mrs. Margarita R. de Flaherty, of Tres Sargentos, were in the city during the week, visiting Mr. John M. MacCormack at his home in Caballito; he is in delicate health. Mr. MacCormack lived for years in Gahan and Carmen de Areco. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Maguita MacCormack Flaherty, after an operation, is on the high-road to convalescence.

Mr. Hughie Cormack paid a short visit to his parents in Rawson, F.C.P.

Mrs. Lia K. de Junod returned to 'his city last Saturday after a delightful 'paseo' to La Cumbre, where she spent some days in company of her 'little daughter Gracie and her mother Mrs. Molly K. de Delamer.

Mrs. Mary G. de Quinn and her 'laughter Ines returned to the Federal Capital last week after a fortnight's holiday at "Villa Anita", La Cumbre, Sierras de Córdoba.

Classes will re-open on March 15th in St. Mary's College, San Antonio de Areco. Many inconveniences can be avoided by a punctual return. Assurances and non-assurances will be registered from above date. Parents of old and new pupils are earnestly requested to have their children in for Opening Day.

Among the many visitors to the Córdoba Hills are Misses Celina and Estrella Norton and Misses Kathleen and Lucy Fox, who are spending their vacations at "Villa Anita", La Cumbre.

Rev. Mother M. Colomba Gear, who was ill in the Sanatorio Castro, is now quite well and has returned to Colonia Uruguay.

Miss Baby Downes and Miss Carlota Purdon have returned to Venado Tuerto after spending their vacations in Rojas.

Mrs. Estela C. de Clancy of this City, is visiting friends in Ireneo Portela, F.C. del Estado.

Miss Anita Leavy, who is sorry to report, continues seriously ill, in the Maria Clara Morgan Hospital, San Antonio de Areco, F.C.C.A.

Master Kevin Ganly was visiting his friends in Baradero and San Antonio de Areco districts.

Mrs. C. McLoughlin and Miss A. McLoughlin were among the passengers who arrived by the Panagra plane from Santiago during the week.

St. Patrick's College, Mercedes, re-opens on March 16th. Because of St. Patrick's Day, the classes will not begin till March 18th. Pupils already on the rolls as well as those entering this year, have in all matters (pension etc.), to conform to the new prospectus of the college.

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## The Silkworm

NATURAL silk may be substituted, but it will never be displaced from the market because its toughness, beauty and duration cannot be equalled by the artificial product. It is also an article for which there is always a market. In fact, the use of silk, both for industrial purposes and for sumptuary consumption, is steadily growing.

Natural silk is produced by *bon-byx mori*, the silk worm, whose peculiarity is that it feeds only on the leaves of the mulberry tree. Apart from this daintiness of diet, the worm is a lusty creature, who will live and spin his gossamer web almost anywhere, though he does not like the cold. He can, however, be accommodated quite easily in heated quarters.

The worm is reproduced from eggs, infinitesimally tiny things, which are bought and sold by the gramme. Approximately a million silkworms are born from one kilo of eggs. It is estimated that a million silkworm will spin about one hundred and eighty kilos of raw silk.

Raw silk is valuable. Before the war, it was selling at thirty pesos per kilo, which was a low price. Today the same quantity will fetch eighty pesos. It is well to take note that this price would not persist if the seas were open, but in any case there is always a market for pure silk, for it can never be substituted perfectly.

The cultivation of silkworms offers one important difficulty. They eat the leaves of the mulberry and nothing else, and they eat large quantities of them. A change of diet means that the silk worms die; a shortage of diet means that they

will not spin the tiny silken thread.

Now the mulberry, fortunately is a tough plant, which resists heat and cold with equal felicity. There is hardly any place, except the sub-arctic regions, where it will not thrive, in one or other of its numerous varieties. The only drawback is that it takes several years to come to maturity, and it is unwise to strip it till that period.

The cultivation of the silkworm differs from all other pursuits in the fact that you must have large quantities of food on hand before you put the tiny eggs to hatch. In fact, you must have made your plans some five or six years beforehand, purchased hundreds of mulberry saplings, put them in the earth and tended them for that period of time. It is a curious thing that this long-term preparation is the main obstacle in the diffusion of the silkworm industry. Sarmiento, during his Presidency, tried to persuade the authorities in the upper provinces to establish this profitable industry; he purchased quantities of eggs in Japan and set the Ministry of Agriculture to prepare mulberry cuttings; and finally he enlisted the aid of the school-teachers of the country. But he was beaten by the time-lag required for the maturity of the trees.

The war is teaching us many lessons. Hundreds of thousands of ladies who regarded silk stockings as necessities, not luxuries, will soon have to turn their fancies to cotton or wool. They would not have been forced to this hard choice if Argentina had heeded the advice of Sarmiento. Perhaps the war will make us heed his long-forgotten counsels.

## Thirty Years' Work

A pleasant anniversary in the memories of residents of the flourishing town of San Martin took place on Sunday last. On the same day and date, exactly thirty years ago, Fr. John Duff was inducted parish priest of



San Martin. The town in those distant days was far from mild-mannered, religion had reached an extremely low level, and it was a tough proposition to

become its parish priest, as several clergymen had found to their cost. Bishop Terrero met the situation by appointing to the post the Pro-Secretary of his Curia, who happened to be Fr. John Duff. It is interesting to observe that Fr. Duff's colleague in that office was another young Argentine priest whose name has a familiar ring: Father Santiago Luis Copello.

Father Duff's long labour in San Martin has resulted in a wonderful transformation of the scene. It is today the most efficient parish in the archdiocese of La Plata, and it is famous throughout the whole country for the number of priests and seminarians who have come from it; for the strength and solidity of its parish congregations; for the vitality and impulse of its Catholic Action movement; for the monster First Communions which take place annually on December 8th; for the sturdy practical faith of the inhabitants.

It was deeply regretted by Canon Duff's parishoners that ill-health has temporarily separated them from their beloved pastor. They met on Sunday, thousands of them, at the altar-rails, and their communions were offered for his welfare. They were joined in spirit by Canon Duff's legion of friends throughout the country, who are all hoping for his speedy complete recovery.

## Week-End Retreat For Ex-Alumni Of Fahy Institutes

This Retreat will be held at the Fahy Farm Institute, Moreno, F.C.O., on March 14th and 15th 1942, and will be conducted by Rev. Father Mahon, S.J.

12.30 p.m. Lunch—Open air "Asado".  
4.00 p.m. Tea.

### PROGRAMME:

#### Saturday 14th.

6.30 p.m. Closing hour for entry to College.  
7.30 p.m. Supper.  
9.00 p.m. Opening lecture of retreat.  
10.30 p.m. Retire.

#### Sunday 15th.

6.30 a.m. Rise.  
7.30 a.m. General Communion Mass.  
8.00 a.m. Breakfast.  
9.00 a.m. Lecture.  
11.00 a.m. Final lecture of retreat.



NOTE.—The exercises of the retreat will end after the last lecture and all will be free to spend the remainder of the day as they wish.

### DO YOU GET YOUR PAPER PUNCTUALLY?

Readers have been experiencing considerable delays of late in delivery of the paper. City subscribers have been ringing us up on Saturday, Monday and even Tuesday to report that *The Southern Cross* has not yet arrived. They are perfectly right to complain, and in each case we have immediately forwarded another copy of the paper. But in order to avoid misunderstandings, will all readers please take note of the following:

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

## HOLY CROSS.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at Holy Cross with all due splendour and solemnity according to the following programme:

At 10 o'clock, Solemn High Mass for the living and deceased benefactors of Holy Cross. His Eminence Cardinal Santiago Luis Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Primate of the Argentine Republic has graciously consented to honour the Irish Community by presiding at the religious ceremonies. Holy Cross Choir will interpret Perosi's *Missa Secunda Pontificalis* (3 voices). Rev. Fr. Columba Dillon C.P., is to deliver the panegyric of St. Patrick. Through the courtesy of L. R. 5 Radio Excelsior the entire religious ceremony will be broadcast directly from Holy Cross Church.

The usual St. Patrick's luncheon will take place at 12 o'clock, in Holy Cross Hall, at the conclusion of which several noted orators are to address the gathering. During the afternoon, tea will be served and an Irish concert staged.

Tickets for luncheon and tea are available at Holy Cross any day previously and at the entrance to the Hall on the day of the feast.

The Passionist Fathers extend a most cordial welcome to the entire Irish Community to participate in the festivities in honour of Ireland's great Apostle at Holy Cross on March 17th.

## IRISH-ARGENTINE CULTURAL CIRCLE.

In response to enquiries received from members and friends, the Irish-Argentine Cultural Circle is pleased to announce that the traditional St. Patrick's night banquet will be held at the American Club, on March 17th, and will be followed by an informal social gathering. All those who intend to be present are requested to make reservations in advance. Full details will be published later.

Covers: \$7. Please reserve in anticipation.

## ST. PATRICK'S, BUENOS AIRES.

On Sunday 15th the patronal feast of the Parish will be celebrated with General Communion Mass at 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock, Solemn High Mass and panegyric by Rev. Fr. Joseph Clement Silva, S.S.

On March 17th, feast of the National Apostle, at 8 o'clock, general Communion Mass. At 9.30, Mass and sermon in English by Rev. Fr. Michael Martin, P.S.M., rector of the Fahy College, Moreno, F.C.O.

## HURLING CLUB.

St. Patrick's day will be celebrated at the Hurling Club's premises in Santos Tomé 4164 (Devoto), with a banquet which will take place on March 17th., at 21 o'clock. An appropriate programme of Irish music, songs and dances is being prepared, and the D.C. feel confident of achieving a great success, in fact better than last year. A circular has been sent to the members, but a cordial invitation is extended to the community in general. A limited number of tickets has been issued, and same can be got at Mitchells, Usher's or from any member of the Committee. The price (including tips) \$4.— for Ladies and \$5.— for men. The organizers wish to make public that tickets

must be got in advance, as none will be sold at the door.

## VILLA DEVOTO.

Mass will be offered up in honour of St. Patrick in the parish church of Villa Devoto (San Antonio), on St. Patrick's Day, at 8 o'clock, for those that cannot attend Holy Cross or St. Patrick's, and are living in the district.

## ITUZAINGO.

Saint Patrick's day will be celebrated for the first time in the picturesque town of Ituzaingó. A brilliant success is anticipated. Father Murray the genial and hard-working parish Priest of Saint Jude's chapel called a meeting after last Mass on Sunday, of all Irish and Irish Argentine residents of Moron, Castelar, Merlo, Moreno, etc., in order to form a committee to work out a suitable programme and after deliberating for some time, the following programme was drawn up and committee formed:

Sunday, March 15 at 10.30, Solemn high Mass with panegyric of the Saint by a well known orator.

At 12 o'clock, "Almuerzo Criollo", in a quinta near the corner of the Church.

At 17 o'clock, a concert of Irish music, Forty Five, Tea, etc.

## COMMITTEE.

Honorary President: Rev. Father C. L. Murray.

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Honorary President: Mr. Michael N. Kenny.

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Further details regarding tickets etc., may be had from the following:

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Mrs. Müller, U. T. 135 (Ituzaingó).

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## ROSARIO.

A Triduum in preparation for the feast of St. Patrick, to be preached by Father James Dwan, P.S.M., will begin on Saturday the 14th., at 9 p.m., in St. Patrick's Church, Rosario.

The order of the services, during that time will be:

Morning: 1st. Mass at 7.30, second Mass at 8.30.

Evening: Rosary, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 p.m.

## St. Patrick's Day.

Mass and general Communion at 8.30 a.m.

There will be a service in the evening at the usual hour 9 p.m., at which a sermon on St. Patrick will be preached.

N.B.—Confessions will be heard at any hour during the day. Confessions of men will be heard after the service at night.

A. M. D. G.

## SALTO.

The feast of our glorious Patron will be duly celebrated at St. Patrick's Chapel, Salto. At 9.30 there will be Mass, followed by the panegyric of the Saint, which will be preached by the Rev. Fr. Ambrose Geoghegan, C.P.

At 12 there will be a picnic in the Chapel grounds, all being invited to bring their own baskets.

## ARRECIFES.

The Committee of the Irish Society of Arrecifes very cordially invites all our Irish Community to participate in the commemoration of St. Patrick's Day, which will take place with the following programme:

At 10 o'clock, Solemn High Mass.

At midday a banquet will be served at the Irish hall, Santiago H. Perez 763, and various entertainments will be on the boards during the afternoon.

In the evening, tea will be served. All are welcome and the Committee will be very pleased to meet all our community at the celebration of the feast of Ireland's patron Saint.

The Secretary.

## CAFFERATA.

The usual St. Patrick's day celebration in Cafferata will take place this year on Sunday, March 15th.

Mass will be at 9 o'clock in Cafferata Church and at mid-day a picnic will be held at Estancia "La María", of Houlin Hnos., kindly lent for the occasion.

A group of young gentlemen are actively organizing the picnic and all Irish and Irish-Argentines are hereby cordially invited to come and bring their baskets.

## CAPILLA DEL SEÑOR.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Capilla del Señor in traditional style. There will be High Mass at 9.30 in the parish church, and the panegyric of the National Apostle will be delivered by Fr. Thomas Dunleavy, P.S.M., parish priest of St. Patrick's Church, Buenos Aires. All the Irish people of the district are cordially invited to be present.

## SUIPACHA.

Great enthusiasm was shown at the meeting held in Suipacha last Monday; preparations are well under way and everything promises well that St. Patrick's Day in Suipacha will be a record one.

The Committee elected is as follows: Hon. Presidents: Frs. H. Weber, S. Histon, Patricio Lawler, Michael Maguire, Michael Kelly, Edward Garrahan.

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## PROGRAMME:

Mass and Panegyric of St. Patrick at 10 o'clock, breakfast at 12.30, High Tea 4.30 p.m. The intervals will be filled in with various concert items. The Committee extends a welcome to all from far and near.

Larry Kelly, Sec.

## RAWSON.

On Sunday, March 1st., a number of Irish and Irish-Argentine gentlemen, attended a meeting in the parish house to make arrangements for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. It was decided to have a High Mass and sermon in honour of the national Apostle at 10 a.m., the panegyric to be preached by Fr. Christopher Gaynor, P.S.M.

Owing to the number of sad bereavements suffered by the Irish in town and district, it was thought better to suspend all public festivities. Consequently the usual St. Patrick's day picnic will not be held this year.

After Mass soft drinks will be served in the parish garden; all are cordially invited.

## MERCEDES.

The central committee of the Irish Race Society of Mercedes in its last meeting arranged the following program for St. Patrick's Day:

General Communion Mass at 8 o'clock.

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.

The Rev. John Bergin, P.S.M., has been invited to preach the preparatory Triduum and the panegyric of the saint.

All those who receive Holy Communion in the 8 o'clock Mass will be invited to breakfast (desayuno). Because of the sad times through which we are passing it was decided for this year to suspend the banquet and the other socials of the day. More details next week.

## SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO.

The Feast of St. Patrick, Erin's Glorious Apostle, will be celebrated this year, in San Antonio de Areco, with the usual solemnity. In preparation for the feast there will be Holy Mass, sermon and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament at 9 o'clock on the 15th and 16th. On the Feast itself there will be Holy Mass, Sermon and Benediction at 9 o'clock, followed by veneration of the relic of the glori-

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### PERGAMINO.

The Commission of the Irish Society of Pergamino, following the traditional custom of celebrating St. Patrick's Day, has decided to continue the same with all due splendour and solemnity. There will be High Mass and panegyric of St. Patrick at 10.30 in the Asilo de Jesús, officiated by a Passionist Father.

At 16 o'clock tea will be served at the Hotel Sarmiento. The Commission of the Irish Society of Pergamino cordially invites all our Irish Community to congregate in order that we may celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a worthy manner on Sunday, March 15th, 1942.

### NAVARRO.

The Irish people of Navarro have arranged a General Communion Mass at 8.30 for St. Patrick's Day. One of the Irish Chaplains of that district—Fr. M. J. Kelly, P.S.M. (St. Patrick's, Mercedes), will celebrate the Mass and preach the sermon of the day.

### GENERAL PINTO, F. C. O.

The Irish of General Pinto and surrounding districts are advised that the feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated this year in the Parish Church of General Pinto. The general Programme comprises High Mass at 10 o'clock with panegyric of the Saint by a Passionist Father; picnic at midday and various entertainments during the afternoon.

This year the customary feast will not be held in Lincoln as on former

years, so as all the Irish of the West may gather in General Pinto.

### MONTE.

The feast of the National Apostle will be celebrated with all solemnity on March 17th. Father P. J. Gormally, P.S.M., will attend at the parish church from the evening of the 16th. On the morning of the Feast, there will be Solemn Mass with panegyric of the Apostle. A social programme for mid-day is being prepared. All the Irish people of Monte and surrounding districts are invited to participate.

### LOCAL RUBBER RATIONING.

When the world was at peace Argentina imported most of her rubber stocks from the British Asiatic possessions, or say 80%, about twelve per cent came from the Dutch East Indies and 8 per cent from Brasil. Now all is changed, the great rubber plantations of the East have fallen into the hands of the Japanese and there is a growing shortage in the West, so much so, that this country will be forced to undergo a rationing system as our supplies are insufficient for National requirements. As time rolls on and war becomes more intense, the means of replenishing our stocks will grow less and less, for that reason, the use of rubber has been decreed prohibitive in the manufacture of all articles except the following: Tyres and tubes, rubber articles for medical purposes and indispensable industrial goods and shoes. Henceforth a system of rationing will be undertaken when preference will be given to National Defence requirements public services, transport services and owners of private cars.

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## Casement's Catholic Death--

IN the early days of August, last year, Canon Ring, parish priest of St. Mary's and St. Michael's, Commercial Road, London, passed to his reward. The death of this saintly priest and true son of the Gael snaps one more link in the chain of events connecting 1916 with to-day. Canon Ring it was who heard Roger Casement's confession in prison in Pentonville, and prepared him for death. The following account of Casement's last days on earth was given to a priest, by Canon Ring himself, whose exact words are used:

On his arrival in Brixton Gaol on Holy Saturday in the April of 1916, Roger Casement declared himself a Catholic in the hope that the Chaplain of the Gaol might be an Irishman and that he might get news from him about Ireland. The priest proved unsympathetic, and so no relations were established between them. Later Casement was transferred to Holloway. There an Irish priest (Father Kearney) went to see him and saluted him in Gaelic. Casement, delighted, kissed the priest's hand, saying that at last he had got what he wanted. Father Kearney told him the latest about Ireland, and then said to him: "What about making your Confession?" "Oh," replied Casement, "I am not a Catholic. I only declared myself a Catholic in order to get news. I thought here would be the possibility of the Chaplain being an Irishman." Father Kearney said his duty as Chaplain was to look after his soul for him. This led to a long series of discussion. Casement was actively anti-Catholic in his views at first, and attacked especially the pomp of the Roman Court and the teaching of the Church on eternal punishment. After many talks Casement acknowledged himself entirely convinced on all points, and showed himself eager to receive everything the Church could give.

### HIS CATHOLIC MOTHER.

During the course of these discussion the questions of Casement's baptism came up. He revealed the fact that his mother was a Catholic, who, in the North of Ireland, contracted a civil marriage with a non-Catholic. It must be borne in mind that in Ireland before April, 1908, marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic was a valid marriage. Shortly after their marriage Casement's parents went to live in Rhyl. There Roger was born. Upon hearing this, Father Kearney got in touch with the priest in Rhyl and found, with indescribable joy, that Casement's baptism was registered in the Catholic Church there. Mrs. Casement evidently did her duty as a Catholic mother. She died when Roger was only an infant and the boy never heard of his baptism; consequently, the sight of the copy of the certificate of Baptism which Father Kearney procured was a great astonishment to him. Now Canon Ring enters into the story. Casement was instructed and prepared for Confession. It was arranged that Canon Ring should hear his confession.

At this stage Cardinal Bourne got to hear of what was taking place, and wrote to Father Kearney saying that Casement should make some public apology for his conduct.

Weeks passed. The trial and condemnation took place. Then a petition was made by influential persons in England, particularly in the diplomatic service, for the reprieve of Casement. Both Canon Ring and Father Kearney were certain that the reprieve would be granted, and that in con-

sequence Casement would not be executed. Acting on this belief, both priests left one Monday evening to join their fellow priests of the Archdiocese of Westminster, who were assembled in St. Edmund's, Ware, for their annual retreat. Lest, however, anything should miscarry they left instructions that in case the execution were to take place they should be wired. The wire came on Wednesday. Both priests left their retreat immediately and went up to Pentonville.

### "ONE OF THE SAINTS."

Canon Ring heard Casement's confession. Casement, on entering the room, where Canon Ring awaited him, took off his shoes saying—"I do this because the place whereon I stand is holy ground; the mysteries of God are about to be enacted here." He then took off his prison coat, saying—"I do this to show that I am a perfectly free man in making my submission to the Church." His confession over—Canon Ring offered to help him with his coat. Casement politely refused the offer, then Canon Ring said—"You will allow me to assist one of the saints of God"—so impressed was he by Casement's beautiful dispositions. Casement submitted to be helped, and then they walked together in the garden of the prison. While walking there Casement said he had only two regrets in dying. One that he would not be left long to enjoy in this world the benefit and the blessings of his new-found Faith, and the other that he would not be able to cultivate the friendship of his newfound friends.

Canon Ring on leaving Casement that evening said to him that it was not in human nature that he would sleep that night, and therefore advised him to take some food or drink so that there would be no breakdown in the morning. This, he said, Casement owed to Ireland. He could receive his First Communion then as Viaticum. But Casement was firm. "Nothing shall pass my lips," he said, "until I receive my Saviour."

### WARDERS IN TEARS.

Next morning Mass was said by Father McCarroll and Casement, as firm as a rock, made his First Communion. The thanksgiving that followed was so edifying that Canon Ring was impressed beyond words. After thanksgiving, Casement, Canon Ring, Father Kearney and Father McCarroll all retired to the prisoner's cell for breakfast. Breakfast over, Father Kearney said it was time to get to prayer, since there was only half an hour left, the execution being fixed for nine o'clock. Canon Ring said he never heard anyone pray with such fervour and unctious as did Father Kearney in the prayers he extemporized during that half hour.

At a couple of minutes before 9 a. m. the warders came to pinion Casement. Whilst they did so, the prisoner, standing erect, said in a clear voice: "For God and Caitlin Ni Uallachain." As they marched to the scaffold the priests said the Litany for the Dying, and in a moment all was over.

Canon Ring declared later that he felt on that day like assisting at the death of a saint. The very warders were in tears as they led poor Casement to the scaffold.

### ONE JARRING NOTE.

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# Painter Of Lovely Women

(By Dr. JOHN ROTHENSTEIN)

At the Battle of Bull Run, one of the most bitterly contested battles of the great war between the American States, there occurred an incident of consequence in the history of art. A young Irish-American officer, seriously wounded, was attended by an army surgeon. At the end of the war both these soldiers of the Confederacy settled in England, and continued the friendship begun in battle. The name of the wounded man was McEvoy; that of the surgeon, Whistler.

Captain McEvoy was one of the captors of John Brown, the Northern Martyr; he had assisted in the construction of the famous Confederate ironclad, the *Merrimac*, had been present at the fall of Richmond, the Confederate capital, and claimed to be the inventor of the hydrophone, the appliance by means of which submarines are detected while cruising submerged.

Doctor Whistler was the brother of the famous painter, whom Captain McEvoy presently came to know. In 1878 Captain McEvoy became the father of a son who early showed ambition and ability to paint. The famous artist was quick to perceive the ability and to encourage the ambition.

It was natural that the influence of so formidable a genius as Whistler should leave an enduring impression on the boy. Once young Ambrose McEvoy had decided to become a painter, the sooner, it was felt, he learnt the elements of his art, the better, so he entered the Slade School in 1893, at the age of fifteen years.

Among the students the dominating figure was Augustus John, who, by his brilliant drawings of the nude, and of his strange characters he used to find inspired a generation. McEvoy was fortunate in attracting John's attention. A friendship grew up between the two, and during the summer they would tramp in Wales together or in some other part of the country, accompanied by a donkey and cart to transport their belongings.

At the Slade School he worked hard, and, in addition, spent much time in making copies of the works of the masters, of Titian especially, in the National Gallery and the Soane Museum. Out in the world, it was not long

before he showed a definite character as an artist. Not an adventurous character: the subjects that appealed to him most strongly were gentle, pensive girls in dimly-lit Victorian rooms. His attitude at this time was well expressed by a critic who called him "an unashamed romantic, blind to the humanity of women, remotely charmed, with the uncomprehending chivalry of a schoolboy."

McEvoy was, as he remained, a painter of "moods", of his own reactions, that is to say, towards his subjects. Of the works of his early years those most completely realized are *The Engraving*, a quiet interior, in which a young girl stands gazing without interest at a picture on a mantelpiece; *The Book*, a somewhat similar conception, in which two girls, in a shadowy corner of a room, turn the leaves of an ample folio; and *The Thunderstorm*.

Until the beginning of the war McEvoy's art, though it gained in fluency and breadth, underwent no striking change. But there was one development, so gradual as to be all but imperceptible at the time, which culminated in a total transformation.

In the early interiors referred to, the girls who so demurely pose in half-lit Victorian drawing-rooms are beings existing not in their own right, but as accessories in the realization of the painter's moods. More important: than walls and windows, tables and chairs, they are yet subordinate to their surroundings. Gradually, from

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# About People

(Continued from page 11.)

Among the guests at the City Hotel during the week was Mr. J. McCormick.

After spending some time in Mar del Plata Dr. M. O'Connell has returned to the city.

Ing. John Francis Sheehan Dominguez is on holiday in Mar del Plata.

Miss Sheila MacDonald is in town and staying at the City Hotel.

Mr. Julio L. Perkins and family are spending some days in the city and staying at the Plaza Hotel.

A recent arrival in the capital is Captain J. Reidy who is registered at the Continental Hotel.

Mrs. McArthur Butler is among the large number of guests registered at the Phoenix Hotel.

Mrs. Katie G. McLoughlin and the Misses Ellen and Frances McLoughlin are passing their holidays in Los Cocos, Córdoba, and are registered at the Los Molles Hotel.

gust 3rd, 1916. Canon Ring said it was most horrible, and the hardest thing to bear. As soon as the prison bell tolled announcing the execution there was sent up from the mob in the street a howl of delight.

But the fervent "Se do bheatha, a Mhuiré," sent up by the little faithful band of London Gaels, who on their knees recited the Rosary for Casement's soul, ascended like a sweet smelling incense before the throne of the Immaculate Queen of Heaven, and hastened, through the intercession of Mary, the entrance into possession of his eternal reward of the noble soul of Roger Casement.

Canon Ring returned that day to his retreat. He had an interview with Cardinal Bourne and told him what had happened. The Cardinal said he never thought the Government would make such a blunder, and added: "I will offer Mass for the soul of Roger Casement in the morning." Cardinal Bourne, Canon Ring and Roger Casement are now in eternity. Ar dheis De go raibh a anamna.

# AN EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

At Mar del Plata, on the picturesque "Loma" overlooking the wide expanse of the ocean—where she is passing the summer season—Mrs. Ann Gardiner Maxwell celebrated her eightieth birthday anniversary on Sunday last, March 1st. The auspicious occasion was simply but fittingly and piously celebrated. Surrounded by a group of her children and grand children the venerable octogenarian assisted at the special Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by her son, Rev. Fr. Joseph Maxwell at the beautiful Stella Maris Chapel.

During the day she was respectfully complimented at her residence by relatives and friends and received numerous congratulatory messages from absent, distant ones.

Her eightieth birthday finds this virtuous, exemplary, highly esteemed lady in comparative good health and with a lucidity and brightness of mind that is truly remarkable. She is a keen conversationalist and can recount vividly interesting events of the past. When she began her married life over half a century ago, conditions were not as they are today. The path of Irish parents in the camp in those days was an arduous, rugged one beset with trying vicissitudes. But Mrs. Maxwell, armed with an unlimited faith and confidence in God, successfully weathered storms and raised a numerous family,—a family of which she may be proud.

To the Church she has given a son,—a distinguished virtuous priest who is an honour to the Argentine Church. Having accomplished, nobly and well her duties as a mother, she is now reaping the reward, living serenely happy near her dear ones, all of whom—daughters, sons and grandchildren alike—vie with each other in lavishing on her their deep love, veneration and reverence.

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the middle eighteen-nineties until the war, they grow larger, more definite in form, and finally, asserting their independence, they emerge as the real subjects of his pictures.

Conversely their environment fades slowly until, when the transformation is at last complete, it scarcely exists at all. For by 1916 McEvoy had become a painter of portraits, and his sitters, still women for the most part, he no longer set in drawing-rooms, but swathed them in a radiant swirling nimbus, which is, so to speak, an emanation of their inmost being.

McEvoy's subtle, sympathetic understanding of feminine beauty, the delicacy of his taste, and the aerial fluency of his responsive brush, established him as a painter of fashionable ladies—the portrayee, some one wrote “of

the diaphanous splendours of Grandes Dames immaterialised.”

The practice of fashionable portraiture exposes a man to many temptations. There is the temptation to flatter; there is the temptation to accept conditions of work—hurried sittings, unsatisfactory light—that are the enemies of his highest achievement. The conditions under which McEvoy painted his fashionable portraits, combined with his daring, improvisor's method, contributed to failure more than once.

But he held steadily to his purpose, which was, as a contemporary critic well defined it, “to reach the spirit of the subject, the spirit of the sitter, impatient of detail except in the light of personality, and quite unable to dwell on it with the old solemn belief

in its importance.’ And in the best of his portraits he, again and again, fulfilled his purpose.

Women were not his only subjects. For a period during the war circumstances compelled him to do many portraits of men. Considering how much more he was drawn to women than to men, how much better equipped to do justice to feminine characteristics, he most creditably adapted himself to masculine subjects.

After the war was ended McEvoy took up his series of women's portraits where he had left it, but as the years passed his interpretations grew in audacity and brilliance. In portrait after portrait, in both oil and water-colour, he managed unerringly to convey, through a mastery of brush-strokes, each by itself seemingly without purpose, the essential charm of some lovely subject. In 1927, in the midst of his work, he was removed by an early death.

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As the weeks roll on other details will be forthcoming in reference to this important event. Bear the date in mind.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

KELLY—MacLOUGHLIN.

Congratulations to Miss Mary A. Kelly, of Navarro, and Mr. Francis J. MacLoughlin, of Mercedes, whose engagement we are pleased to announce.

1399—m.6

**DEATHS**

JOHN ATKINSON.—On February the 27th, suddenly, at his residence in this city, John J. Atkinson, son of the late Patrick Atkinson and Mary Flood de Atkinson. At the age of 61 years, leaves a sorrowing wife, one daughter, two sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and many relatives and legion of friends to mourn his sad loss. Sweet Heart of Jesus have mercy on him.

1391—m.6

**MASSES**

† R. P. THOMAS O'GRADY, R.I.P.—A Solemn Requiem Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Fr. Thomas O'Grady, P.S.M., will be celebrated in the Parish Church of Sulpacha, on Saturday 21st. March, 1942, at 10.30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. 1392—m.6-13

† MARY ANN ALLEN MALONE, R. I.P.—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mary Ann Allen Malone will be offered up at Holy Cross Church, on March 10th, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1382f.27—m.6

† JAMES PIERCE, R.I.P.—A Solemn Requiem Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of the late James Pierce will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Rosario, on 14th inst., at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1390—m.6

† JUAN A. O'FARRELL, R.I.P.—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Juan A. O'Farrell will be celebrated in the Basílica del Santísimo Sacramento, San Martín 1039, on March 9th, at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1388—m.6

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This purpose was later fulfilled, as we shall see. Moreover, a monument of Irish granite was erected to his memory in the Recoleta Cemetery, where it stands to this day, an enduring tribute to a noble-hearted Irishman and a true Missionary.

## THE IRISH IN LUJAN— FATHER GRAY

The Basilica of Our Lady of Luján is one of the most famous shrines in South America. It houses a miraculous statue of Our Lady which is the object of general cultus in Argentina and several neighbouring Republics. To our Lady of Luján the Irish of Argentina have a special devotion. In the middle of the last century many of them settled in the neighbourhood of her shrine at Luján—so many that an Irish Chaplain of Luján was appointed.

In the sixties Fr. Joseph Kirwan, whose coming to Argentina we have already noticed, was Irish Chaplain at Luján. He was followed by Fr. Thomas Carolan, who returned to Ireland, and was succeeded by Fr. Samuel O'Reilly, who lived at Luján, as Irish Chaplain for nine years. In 1879 Fr. Henry Gray, an Irish Vincentian, became the Irish Chaplain of the district. This short sketch would be incomplete without a tribute to this saintly Irish priest, whose name was a household word and whose memory is treasured in so many hearts. Father Henry Gray was a native of Lisnadill, Co. Armagh. He made his ecclesiastical studies at Castleknock College and was ordained at Dundalk in 1873. He came to Argentina in 1879 and was appointed the Irish Chaplain in Luján. He was an able theologian, and as Professor of Theology lived for some years in San Juan. But his life work was done at Luján, where he lived for more than thirty years. To the countless thousands who passed through the magnificent Basilica he was a familiar figure. His confessional was always thronged. After his appointment to Luján he established a College for Irish-Argentine boys,

which was later transferred to the Capital. Throughout his long life he was a firm friend to the Irish of Argentina always to the front when anything was to be done, but content to let others take the credit. Father Gray's memory is worthy of honour because of his great charity, which was particularly evident after the unfortunate incident of the "Dresden." Father Gray died on April, 2nd, 1928, and he is buried at the foot of St. Patrick's Altar, in the Basilica he served so faithfully.

## THE IRISH IN SANTA FE.

The Province of Santa Fé, one of the riverine provinces of the Argentine Republic, has also its complement of Irish settlers. Many of these found their way thither direct from Ireland. Others were settlers pushing out beyond the limits of the "inside camps." At one time the district of Venado Tuerto, was almost exclusively settled by Irish. They are numbers of them there still. The first church of Venado Tuerto was an Irish chapel, opened by Dean Dillon about the year 1882. For some years these people were attended to by Father Flannery, and also by Father Foran, during his periodic journeys from the Falkland Islands. It was Fr. Foran, when on a visit to Ireland, who pleaded the cause of the Irish of Santa Fé, living far from their own priests, and who secured for them the services of the present Irish Chaplain of Rosario, Rev. John M. Sheehy, who has held that post for forty five years. In Rosario, the second city of the Argentine Republic, there is a St. Patrick's Church, and Irish Hall, which are the spiritual and social centres of the Irish and their descendants in Santa Fé.

Nearly fifty years ago Mr. Michael Dineen paid the following glowing tribute to the Irish priests in Argentina.

"What have the Irish chaplains done for the Irish people of Buenos Aires during the last fifteen or twenty years? Rather let us ask what have they not done that was in their power to do? Travel anywhere from Buenos Aires to Nueve de Julio and from Santa Fé to Bahía Blanca; enquire the richest or poorest abodes wherever the Irish or the English language is spoken, you will find everywhere traces of the Irish missionary priest. You will be pointed out the dangerous passes where he was thrown from his horse or carriage in the darkness of the night while in the act of bearing the Blessed Sacrament to the dying Christian, and where he was forced to remain perhaps up to his knees in mud until morning dawned on him. You will be told how he left his home amid storm and rain, and travelled ten, twenty or thirty leagues in one day that he might comfort and cheer the wayfarer whom his Creator had summoned to a better world."

The passage of the years has made more evident the truth of these words.

## A PETITION TO ROME.

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ceased and steps had to be taken to replace them. In 1879 the Archbishop of Buenos Aires wrote to the Cardinal Secretary of State at Rome, imploring his assistance in dealing with the problem:

"My great and special predilection for the Irish people resident in this Archdiocese induces me to write this letter which, I hope, will merit your consideration and approval."

"The number of Irish in this province is about 28,000 and they are scattered over an area of land of about 7,400 leagues; by reason of the pastoral life which they lead, the families live at a considerable distance from one another. This is a great difficulty in the way of their spiritual assistance, although ten Irish priests are engaged in it. . . . The future of the Irish is sad unless a timely remedy is brought to them. Missions are most necessary in the camp, in order that the people may be instructed in the faith, and taught to practice its most holy precepts."

"It is necessary also to provide for the education of the rising generation of both sexes. If there can be found in Ireland a religious community of men who dedicate themselves to missions and education, by sending three or four of them here at once, we can immediately begin the Holy Work."

"In case it should be difficult to find a Congregation who dedicate themselves to missions and education, it would be well to procure members

of two different communities: the one specially for missions, the other for schools.

"In order that a permanent good may result from the work of missions among this people, the presence of a religious community is necessary, because no matter how zealous the secular clergy may labour individually, no matter what sacrifices they may make, each one cannot attend to all, nor do all they might desire to do.

"The Irish people are deserving of all possible care. . . . The necessary funds to pay the passages and establish the religious Orders of both sexes in this diocese will be ready whenever Your Eminence will favour me with an answer. Frederick, Archbishop of Buenos Aires."

(To be continued.)

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I AM the richer by the acquaintance of four newspaper men. Singly, they are my encyclopedias, friends, mentors, and sometimes bankers. But now and then it happens that all of them will pitch upon the same print-worthy incident of the passing earthly panorama and will send in reportorial constructions thereof to their respective journals. It is then that, for me, it is to laugh. For it seems that to each of them, trained and skilled as he may be, the same occurrence presents a different facet of the cut diamond, life.

One will have it (let us say) that Mme. André Macarté's apartment was looted by six burglars, who descended via the fire-escape and bore away a ruby tiara valued at two thousand dollars and a five-hundred-dollar prize Spitz dog, which (in violation of the exhortation ordinance) was making free with the halls of the Wutta-pistuekuesnoowetunahk Apartments.

My second "chief" will take notes to the effect that while a friendly game of pinocle was in progress in the tenebrous rooms of Mrs. Andy McCarty, a lady guest named Ruby O'Hara threw a burglar down six flights of stairs, where he was pinioned and held by a two-thousand-dollar English bulldog amid a crowd of five hundred excited spectators.

My third chronicler and friend will gather the news threads of the happen-

## The Unprofitable Servant

(By O. HENRY.)

ing in his own happy way; setting forth on the page for you to read that the house of Antonio Macartini was blown up at 6 a. m. by the Black Hand Society, on his refusing to leave two thousand dollars at a certain street corner, killing a pet five-hundred-dollar Pomeranian belonging to Alderman Rubitara's little daughter (see photo and diagram opposite).

Number four of my history-makers will simply construe from the premises the story that while an audience of two thousand enthusiasts was listening to a Rubinstein concert on Sixth Street, a woman who said she was Mrs. Andrew M. Carter threw a brick through a plate-glass window valued at five hundred dollars. The Carter woman claimed that some one in the building had stolen her dog.

Now, the discrepancies in these registrations of the day's doings need do no one hurt. Surely, one newspaper is enough for any man to prop against his morning water-bottle to fend off the smiling hatred of his wife's glance. If he be foolish enough to read four he is no wiser than a Higher Critic.

I remember (probably as well as

you do) having read the parable of the talents. A prominent citizen, about to journey into a far country, first hands over to his servants his goods. To one he gives five talents; to another two; to another one—to every man according to his several ability, as the text has it. There are two versions of this parable, as you well know. There may be more—I do not know.

When the p. c. returns he requires an accounting. Two servants have put their talents out at usury and gained one hundred per cent. Good. The unprofitable one simply digs up the talent deposited with him and hands it out on demand. A pattern of behavior for trust companies and banks, surely! In one version we read that he had wrapped it in a napkin and laid it away. But the commentator informs us that the talent mentioned was composed of 750 ounces of silver—about \$900 worth. So the chronicler who mentioned the napkin had either to reduce the amount of the deposit or do a lot of explaining about the size of the napery used in those days. Therefore in his version we note that he uses the word "pound" instead of "talent."

A pound of silver may very well be laid away—and carried away—in a napkin, as any hotel or restaurant man will tell you.

But let us get away from our mutation.

When the returned nobleman finds that the one-talented servant has nothing to hand over except the original fund entrusted to him, he is as angry as a multi-millionaire would be if some one should hide under his bed and make a noise like an assessment. He orders the unprofitable servant cast into outer darkness, after first taking away his talent and giving it to the one-hundred-per-cent, financier, and breathing strange saws, saying: "From him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Which is the same as to say: "Nothing from nothing leaves nothing."

And now closer draw the threads of parable, precept, allegory, and narrative, leading nowhere if you will, or else weaving themselves into the little fiction story about Cliff McGowan and his one talent. There is but a definition to follow; and then the homely actors trip on.

Talent: A gift, endowment, or faculty; some peculiar ability, power, or accomplishment, natural or acquired. (A metaphor borrowed from the parable in Matt. XXV, 14—30.)

In New York City to-day there are (estimated) 125,000 living creatures training for the stage. This does not include seals, pigs, dogs, elephants, prizefighters, Carmen, mind-readers, or Japanese wrestlers. The bulk of them are in the ranks of the Four Million. Out of this number will survive a thousand.

Nine hundred of these will have attained their fulness of fame when they shall dubiously indicate with the point of a hatpin a blurred figure in a flashlight photograph of a stage tout ensemble with the proud commentary: "That's me."

Eighty in the pinkest of (male). Louis XIV court costumes, shall welcome the Queen of the (mythical) Paw-paw Isles in a few well-memorized words, turning a tip-tilted nose upon the nine hundred.

Ten, in tiny lace caps, shall dust Ibsen furniture for six minutes after the rising of the curtain.

Nine shall attain the circuits, besieging with muscle, skill, eye, hand, voice, wit, brain, heel, and toe the ultimate high walls of stardom.

One shall inherit Broadway. Sic vana gloria mundi.

Cliff McGowan and Mac McGowan were cousins. They lived on the West Side and were talented. Singing, dancing, imitations, trick bicycle riding, boxing, German and Irish dialect comedy, and a little sleight-of-hand and balancing of wheat straws and wheelbarrows on the ends of their chins came as easy to them as it is for you fix your rat so it won't show or to dodge a creditor through the swinging doors of a well-lighted café—according as you may belong to the one or the other division of the greatest prestidigitators—the people. They were slim, pale, consummately self-possessed youths, whose finger-nails were always irreproachably (and clothes seams reproachfully) shiny. Their conversation was in sentences so short that they made Kipling's seem as long as court citations.

Having the temperament, they did no work. Any afternoon you could find them on Eighth Avenue either in front of Spindell's barber shop, Mike Dugan's place, or the Limerick Hotel, rubbing their forefinger nails with dinky silk handkerchiefs. At any time, if you had happened to be standing, undecisive, near a pool-table, and Cliff and Mac had, casually, as it were, drawn near, mentioning something, disinterestedly, about a game, well, indeed, would it have been for you had you gone your way, unresponsive. Which assertion, carefully considered, is a study in tense, punctuation, and advice to strangers.

Of all kinships it is likely that the closest is that of cousin. Between cousins there exist the ties of race, name, and favor—ties thicker than water, and yet not conglutated with the jealous precipitations of brotherhood or the enjoining obligations of the matrimonial yoke. You can bestow upon a cousin almost the interest and affection that you would give to a stranger; you need not feel toward him the contempt and embarrassment that you have for one of your father's sons—it is the closer clan-feelings that sometimes makes the branch of a tree stronger than its trunk.

Thus were the two McGowans bonded. They enjoyed a quiet celebrity in their district, which was a strip west of Eighth Avenue with the Pump for its pivot. Their talents were praised in a hundred "joints"; their friendship was famed even in a neighborhood where men had been known to fight off the wives of their friends—when domestic onslaught was being made upon their friends by the wives of their friends. (Thus do the limitations of English force us to retend.)

So, side by side, grim, sallow, lowering, inseparable, undefeated, the cousins fought their way into the temple of Art—art with a big A which causes to intervene a lesson in geometry.

One night at about eleven o'clock Del Delano dropped into Mike's place on Eighth Avenue. From that moment, instead of remaining a Place, the café became a Resort. It was as though King Edward had condescended to mingle with ten-spots of a different suit; or Joe Gans had casually strolled in to look over the Tuskegee School; or Mr. Shaw, of England, had accepted an invitation to read selections from "Rena the Snow-Bird" at an unveiling of the proposed monument to James Owen O'Connor at Chinquapin Falls, Mississippi. In spite of these comparisons, you will have to be told why the patronizing of a third-rate saloon on the West Side by the said Del De-

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lano conferred such a specific honor upon the place.

Del Delano could not make his feet behave; and so the world paid him \$300 a week to see them misconduct themselves on the vaudeville stage. To make the matter plain to you (and to swell the number of words), he was the best fancy dancer on any of the circuits between Ottawa and Corpus Christi. With his eyes fixed on vacating, he "mightily charmed thousands;" as his press-agent incorrectly stated. Even taking night performance and matinee together, he scarcely could have charmed more than eighteen hundred, including those who left after Zora, the Nautch girl, had squeezed herself through a hoop twelve inches in diameter, and those who were waiting for the moving pictures.

But Del Delano was the West Side's favorite; and nowhere is there a more loyal Side. Five years before our story was submitted to the editors, Del had crawled from some Tenth Avenue basement like a lean rat and had bitten his way into the Big Cheese. Patched, half starved, cuffless, and as scornful of the Hook as an interpreter of Ibsen, he had danced his way into health (as you and I view it) and fame in sixteen minutes on Amateur Night at Creary's (Variety) Theatre in Eighth Avenue. A bookmaker (one of the kind that talent wins with instead of losing) sat in the audience, asleep, dreaming of an impossible pick-up among the amateurs. After a snore, a glass of beer from the handsome waiter, and a temporary blindness caused by the diamonds of a transmontane blonde in Box E, the bookmaker woke up long enough to engage Del Delano for a three-weeks' trial engagement fused with a trained-dog short-circuit covering the three Washingtons—Heights, Statue, and Square.

By the time this story was read and accepted, Del Delano was drawing his three hundred dollars a week, which, divided by seven (Sunday acts not in costume being permissible), dispels the delusion entertained by most of us that we have seen better days. You can easily imagine the worshipful agitation of Eighth Avenue whenever Del Delano honored it with a visit after his terpsichorean act in a historically great and vilely ventilated Broadway theatre. If the West Side could claim forty-two minutes out of his forty-two weeks' bookings every year, it was an occasion for bonfires and repainting of the Pump. And now you know why Mike's saloon is a Resort, and no longer a simple Place.

Del Delano entered Mike's alone. So nearly concealed in a fur-lined overcoat and a derby two sizes too large for him was Prince Lightfoot that you saw of his face only his pale, hatchet-edged features and a pair of uninking, cold, light blue eyes. Nearly every man lounging at Mike's bar recognized the renowned product of the West Side. To those who did not, wisdom was conveyed by prodding elbows and glances of one-sided introduction.

Upon Charley, one of the bartenders, both fame and fortune descended simultaneously. He had once been honored by shaking hands with the great Delano at a Seventh Avenue boxing bout. So with lungs of brass he now cried: "Hello, Del, old man; what'll it be?"

Mike, the proprietor, who was cranking the cash register, heard. On the next day he raised Charley's wages five a week.

Del Delano drank a pony beer, paying for it carelessly out of his nightly earnings of \$42.85 5/7. He nodded amiably but coldly at the long line of Mike's patrons and strolled past them in-

to the rear room of the café. For he heard in there sounds pertaining to his own art—the light, stirring staccato of a buck-and-wing dance.

In the back room Mac McGowan was giving a private exhibition of the genius of his feet. A few young men sat at tables looking on critically while they amused themselves seriously with beer. They nodded approval at some new fancy steps of Mac's own invention.

At the sight of the great Del Delano, the amateur's feet stuttered, blundered, dicked a few times, and ceased to move. The tongues of one's shoes become tied in the presence of the Master. Mac's sallow face took on a slight flush.

From the uncertain cavity between Del Delano's hat brim and the lapels of his high fur coat collar came a thin puff of cigarette smoke and then a voice:

"Do that last step over again, kid. And don't hold your arms quite so stiff. Now, then!"

Once more Mac went through his paces. According to the traditions of the man dancer, his entire being was transformed into mere feet and legs. His gaze and expression became cataleptic; his body, unbending above the waist, but as light as a cork, bobbed like the same cork dancing on the ripples of a running brook. The beat of his heels and toes pleased you like a snare-drum obligato. The performance ended with an amazing clatter of leather against wood that culminated in a sudden flat-footed stamp, leaving the dancer erect and as motionless as a pillar of the colonial portico of a mansion in a Kentucky prohibition town. Mac felt that he had done his best and that Del Delano would turn his back upon him in derisive scorn. An approximate silence followed, broken only by the meowing of a café cat and the hubbub and uproar of a few million citizens and transportation facilities outside.

Mac turned a hopeless but nery eye upon Del Delano's face. In it he read disgust, admiration, envy, indifference, approval, disappointment, praise, and contempt.

Thus, in the countenances of those we hate or love we find what we most desire or fear to see. Which is an assertion equalling in its wisdom and chiaroscuro the most famous sayings of the most foolish philosophers that the world has ever known.

Del Delano retired within his overcoat and hat. In two minutes he emerged and turned his left side to Mac. Then he spoke.

"You've got a foot movement, kid, like a baby hippopotamus trying to sidestep a jab from a humming-bird. And you hold yourself like a truck driver having his picture taken in a Third Avenue photograph gallery. And you haven't got any method or style. And your knees are about as limber as a couple of Yale pass-keys. And you strike the eye as weighing, let us say, 450 pounds while you work. But, say, would you mind giving me your name?"

"McGowan," said the humbled amateur.—"Mac McGowan."

Delano the Great slowly lighted a cigarette and continued, through its smoke:

"In other words, you're rotten. You can't dance. But I'll tell you one thing you've got."

"Throw it all off your system while you're at it," said Mac. "What've I got?"

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"McGowan," repeated the amateur, "Mac McGowan."

"It don't matter," said Delano. "Suppose you walk up to my hotel with me. I'd like to talk to you. Your footwork is the worst I ever saw, Madigan—but well, I'd like to talk to you. You may not think so, but I'm not so stuck up. I came off the West Side myself. That overcoat cost me eight hundred dollars; but the collar ain't so high but what I can see over it. I taught myself to dance, and I put in most of nine years at it before I shook a foot in public. But I had genius. I didn't go too far wrong in teaching

myself as you've done. You've got the rottenest method and style of anybody I ever saw."

"Oh, I don't think much of the few little steps I take," said Mac, with hypocritical lightness.

"Don't talk like a package of self-raising buckwheat flour," said Del Delano. "You've had a talent handed to you by the Proposition Higher Up; and it's up to you to do the proper thing with it. I'd like to have you go up to my hotel for a talk, if you will."

In his rooms in the King Clovis Hotel, Del Delano put on a scarlet house coat bordered with gold braid and set out Apollinaris and a box of sweet crackers.

Mac's eye wandered. "Forget it," said Del. "Drink and tobacco may be all right for a man who makes his living with his hands; but they won't do if you're depending on your head or your feet. If one end of you gets tangled, so does the other. That's why beer and cigarettes don't hurt piano players and picture painters. But you've got to cut 'em out if you want to do mental or pedal work. Now, have a cracker, and then we'll talk some."

"All right," said Mac. "I take it, as an honor, of course, for you to no-

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Just think how much it means to be thorough in whatever you undertake. If you do any kind of exercise, whether mental or physical, thoroughly and with zest, over a short period, it will do you far more good than exercising in a desultory manner all day long.

Thoroughness applies also to meals, though it may sound a little strange. If you make a "business" of meals you are less likely to bolt your food, particularly if you are a business woman or a housewife who is alone most of the day. It is a great temptation "not to bother." But through not bothering, through taking scrappy meals, the vitality is lowered, and the price exacted by nature for such neglect may be very high.

Last, but not least, be thorough in your friendships. One true friend is worth all the acquaintances in the world. Only by being a good friend can you hope to make good friends, and to be a good friend means to be thorough, especially in loyalty. There is nothing more hurtful, nothing more likely to break friendship, than a casual attitude. If you have not enough time for both, give your friends first consideration and let the acquaintances manage with what is left.

### CHARM OF MANNER.

Although Nature has not bestowed the gift of a pleasant manner upon all her children, everyone can be, if he will civil and courteous both in word and manner to all with whom he may have to do; not only to those who may be his superiors and to such persons whom he considers his equals, but to those who are beneath him in rank and station. A bad manner is very different from bad manners. The former is but a surface trouble caused by shyness, want of knowledge, and the feeling very frequently of not being sure of oneself or one's position, all of which things can be overcome by care and patience. But the latter are, as a rule, one of the outwards signs of pride and self-conceit, while the difference between a good manner and good manners is that the one is a gift of nature—just as are good features and a fine figure—and the others are the effect of good and careful training. For, as Goethe writes: "There is no outward sign of good manners but has a deep foundation in morals." No stranger can get many notes of torture out of a human soul. That requires one who knows it well. Such a one understands the whole gamut of nervous system, and can touch the naked nerve-pulps

as a pianist strikes the keys. A delicate woman is the best instrument; she has such a magnificent compass of sensibility. The most accomplished players of this sad music are bad husbands.

### BEAUTY HINTS.

Does your complexion develop a complex now and then? Does it flare up and produce unsightly red speckles? Does it suddenly take on a gray or yellow cast, appear entirely out of form?

Don't get mad at the cosmetics you have been using. They are seldom at fault. More often the source of the trouble is fatigue, not enough sleep, not sufficient exercise or fresh air. Or possibly it's a diet that is all wrong.

When that feeling, "Oh, I'm so tired I could drop," besets you, and every muscle and nerve screams (or seems to), drink a refreshing glass of fruit juice. Morning, mid-day late afternoon or just before retiring the hour makes no difference, take a good eight ounces—that is an average size tumbler full of nourishing fruit juice.

Grape juice, in addition to its fine nourishment, is not fattening. Use two-thirds of a glass of grape juice and the rest water. Here is an excellent health protection for the weary. At such times it is nourishment, not stimulants, that repair the system.

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### A Talk About Glands.

A great deal of talk has been heard lately about glands. Some time ago people used to make jokes about "monkey glands," ridiculing the discovery of a well-known doctor; we read often about glands and we know about the glands in our necks and armpits, particularly when they swell and become painful or uncomfortable.

The study of what are called the "endocrine" glands is intensely interesting, and throws a good deal of light on the puzzle of why some people have one characteristic and some people have another; why some of us are tall and others short, and so on.

#### The Thyroid Gland.

This was the first gland about which discoveries were made. It is a small, soft gland surrounding the Adam's apple in the throat. Occasionally a baby is born without this most necessary gland. After about six months it will be noticed that growth is not normal, and there is no mental development. If nothing is done, as would have happened before the thyroid was understood, the child may grow physically to about four feet high, but will be practically an imbecile. To-day, however, even if the unfortunate creature is allowed to live for years in this dreadful condition, it is possible to effect a cure. Thyroid gland can be administered in tablet form, and after a short time a wonderful change is noted. The patient begins to grow, speech comes, the mind is stimulated and normality is attained. This marvelous discovery has lifted a load from many homes.

On the other hand, some people have too much thyroid. They grow tall, thin and weedy, and are inclined to have prominent eyes. They are extremely intelligent, but also extremely emotional and apt to be unbalanced. It is possible to remove part of the gland, but the operation is a dangerous one, and attempts are still being made to find a

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#### The Adrenal Glands.

These are two tiny glands, situated one on the top of each kidney, whose internal secretions are absolutely essential to life. They contain two substances—adrenalin and euortone. The first is what gives us courage in emergencies. It is manufactured by the gland and passed into the blood stream. What we should call a coward is simply a person whose adrenal glands are deficient, and due allowances should, therefore, be made for what is possibly a physical and not a mental state.

Euortone is the gland concerned with maintaining virility and stamina. After years of experiment doctors have just discovered a way of extracting this, but much more work will have to be done before it can be used in the same manner as the thyroid extract.

#### The Pituitary Gland.

An even more important gland is the pituitary, which might be called the master gland of the human body. It actually controls all the other glands, balances deficiencies, stimulates activities and regulates their workings. The extraordinary thing is that it is only the size of a pea!

This wonderful gland is situated at the base of the brain, and, small though it is, is divided into two parts. The one in front controls bodily growth, and irregular development of this accounts for the phenomena of giants and dwarfs.

As people get older the pituitary gland sometimes degenerates, and this affects the other glands in their turn. We see, therefore, how much our lives and characters are influenced by these important, yet minute, parts of the body, and the more we study the subject, the more interesting we find it.

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### Conditions in Alsace.—

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# Catholic News

### Mexico Archbishop Dead.—

One of the greatest heroes of the Mexican persecution, Archbishop Leopold Ruiz y Flores has died in Mexico City.

Archbishop Ruiz was 76. Recently he had become blind. By his bedside as he lay dying stood Archbishop Martínez, of Mexico, colleague of the old days of terror.

His death sent a wave of sorrow across Mexico, whose Catholic people had always looked upon him as their chief champion. Churches were crowded with praying people during the last hours. Hundreds of messages of sympathy poured into the Archbishop's Palace.

Archbishop Ruiz was exiled three times, across the border into the United States, as a result of his staunch defence of Catholic rights under various anti-clerical governments from 1913 to 1937.

Government agents were always on his track watching his movements, scrutinising his sermons. He wore lay dress to escape notice as he travelled about the country, fortifying the people's resistance to the ever more oppressive state laws.

He was given a great welcome on his

final return in 1937 as Archbishop of Morelia, to which post he was first appointed 25 years before. In between, from 1929-1932, he acted as Apostolic Delegate in Mexico.

Archbishop Ruiz was the tenth son of a family of 15 in Queretaro State. He completed his studies in Rome, being ordained there 53 years ago. For some time he had charge of Mexico's National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe before his consecration as Bishop of Leon in 1900.—R.I.P.

### Remarkable Reunion Movement.—

Celebrations lasting more than two weeks marked the eleventh anniversary of the Malabar Catholic Reunion Movement. The observance here centered in the Cathedral of St. John.

At a meeting following Solemn Mass and Te Deum in the Cathedral, the movement, which has brought four prelates and some 60,000 followers of the Jacobite schism back to the Catholic Church, was referred to as a "world phenomenon."

The meeting was directed by the Rev. Thomas Vadachery Secretary to the Administrator Apostolic of Tiruvalla, with Father Pius, C.D., of Holy Redeemer Monastery, and K. E. Job, Headmaster of the Training School in Changanacherry as speakers.

On the closing day a solemn procession started from the Cathedral and passed through the heart of the town, where eleven years ago there was not a single Catholic.

A pledge taken by all Catholic Action groups of the Cathedral Parish was presented on the closing day to the Most Rev. Severius J. Valakuzhyll, Administrator Apostolic of Tiruvalla. In it the parishioners promised to redouble their activities for the extension of the Kingdom of God through the reunion movement, so that when the nineteenth century of the Advent of St. Thomas in India is marked ten years from now the reunion may be complete.

### The Catholic Filipinos.—

Among a population of about 12½ millions in the Philippines, about 70 per cent profess the Catholic Faith, while the rest are mostly Mohammedan and heathen, comprising what is known generally as the tribes people of the Islands. The Church is organized in two Provinces under the Archdiocese of Manila and the Archdiocese of Cebu, including twelve Dioceses and three Prefectures Apostolic. There is an Apostolic Delegate at Manila and the See of Manila is the only one having a chapter of canons.

The Filipinos were evangelized from 1564, principally by Augustinian, Franciscan and Dominican friars, who civilized the natives, many of whom were savage headhunters, and established towns with schools, churches and various charitable institutions. When the Spanish clergy were driven from the Islands in the revolt of 1898 there were so few native clergy that the Church was in imminent danger of complete ruin.

Seven of the Bishops and well over half the lower clergy are now native Filipinos, but there is still a shortage of priests. The present civil constitution of the Islands maintains a "neutral" attitude toward religion and secularist influence has been strong in

the government.

The Archdiocese of Manila comprises the city of Manila, the provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, Cavite, Pampanga, Rizal and parts of the Provinces of Nueva Ecija, Tarlac and Zambales. The Apostolic Delegate, with residence in Manila, is His Excellency the Most Rev. William Piano, Titular Archbishop of Nicosa. The Most Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty is Archbishop of Manila, and the Most Rev. Cesar M. Guerrero is Auxiliary Bishop.

Working in the Archdiocese are 180 diocesan priests and 132 priests of religious Orders. There are 146 parishes with resident priests and 38 parishes without a resident priest. There are 98 Brothers. Religious institutions include 65 colleges, academies and schools, with a total enrollment of 20,500 students, and 21 hospitals and charitable institutions. The total Catholic population of the Archdiocese is 1,480,000.

### A Great Missionary Society.—

The Congregation of the Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Heart of Mary has the largest area of missions not only in the British colonies but also in the whole of Africa.

From the three members of the original community of 1841 their number has grown to more than 3,900 professed members, recruited from eight countries in Europe, from Canada and the United States.

More than 2,500 members have died in Africa.

The founder was a converted Jew, Fr. Francis Libermann. His project of forming a society for the conversion of Africa was refused by Rome in 1839 until such time as he was ordained. This event was apparently never to take place, because for 14 years he was suffering from epilepsy.

Two years later, however, in September, 1841, he was ordained, and in the same month the first community was established, dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

September, 1843, saw the first group of 10 missionaries—seven priests and three brothers—set sail for Africa.

Eight months later, the deadly climate of Africa had taken its toll, only one priest and one brother being left alive.

This initial sacrifice in no wise hampered the spreading growth of the new society, until 1848, when on advice from Rome it was merged with the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. This congregation, after being in existence for 145 years, was, owing to the adversities suffered during the French political upheavals of the 18th and early 19th centuries, threatened with extinction.

The wisdom of Rome was seen in the enormous expansion of the missionary activities of the reconstituted society.

### A Record.—

Mrs. Arthur Roy, a widow of Montreal, has given seven sons to the priesthood and has three daughters nuns. Her seventh son to become a priest Fr. Lucien Roy, S.J., was ordained last August.

Most noted of the sons is Very Rev. Egidio M. Roy, former Prefect Apostolic of Kagoshima, in Japan, who later became secretary of the Papal Delegation in Tokio and is now in Canada. Another is a university professor in Quebec. One of the sons, Abbe Pamphile Roy, is dead.

One of the daughters is serving as a missionary nun in Japan.

**THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT.**

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tice my hopping around. Of course I'd like to do something in a professional line. Of course I can sing a little and do card tricks and Irish and German comedy stuff, and of course I'm not so bad on the trapeze and comic bicycle and Hebrew monologues and—"

"One moment," interrupted Del Delano, "before we begin, I said you couldn't dance. Well, that wasn't quite right. You've only got two or three bad tricks in your method. You're handy with your feet, and you belong at the top, where I am. I'll put you there. I've got six weeks continuous in New York; and in four I can shape up your style till the booking agents will fight one another to get you. And I'll do it, too. I'm of, from and for the West Side. 'Del Delano' looks good on bill-boards, but the family name's Crowley. Now, Mackintosh—McGowan, I mean—you've got your chance—fifty times a better one than I had."

"I'd be a shine to turn it down," said Mac. "And I hope you understand I appreciate it. Me and my cousin Cliff McGowan was thinking of getting a try-out at Creary's on amateur night a month from to-morrow."

"Good stuff!" said Delano. "I got mine there. Junius T. Rollins, the booker for Kuhn and Dooley, jumped on the stage and engaged me after my dance. And the boards were an inch deep in nickels and dimes and quarters. There wasn't not nine penny pieces found in the lot. 'I ought to tell you,' said Mac, after two minutes of pensiveness, "that my cousin Cliff can beat me dancing. We've always been what you might call pals. If you'd take him up instead of me, now, it might be better. He's invented a lot of steps that I can't cut."

"Forget it," said Delano. "Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of every week from now till amateur night, a month off, I'll coach you. I'll make you as good as I am; and nobody could do more for you. My act's over every night at 10:15. Half an hour later I'll take you up and drill you till twelve. I'll put you at the top of the bunch, right where I am. You've got talent. Your style's bum; but you've got the genius. You let me manage it. I'm from the West Side myself, and I'd rather see one of the same gang win out before I would an East-Sider, or any of the Flatbush or Hackensack Meadow kind of butt-inners. I'll see that Junius Rollins is present on your Friday night; and if he don't climb over the footlights and offer you fifty a week as a starter, I'll let you draw it down from my own salary every Monday night. Now, am I talking on the level or am I not?"

Amateur night at Creary's Eighth Avenue Theatre is cut by the same pattern as amateur nights elsewhere. After the regular performance the humblest talent may, by previous arrangement with the management, make its debut upon the public stage. Ambitious non-professionals, mostly self-instructed, display their skill and powers of entertainment along the broadest lines. They may sing, dance, mimic, juggle, contort, recite, or disport themselves along any of the ragged boundary lines of Art. From the ranks of these anxious tyros are chosen the professionals that adorn or otherwise make conspicuous the full-blown stage. Press-agents delight in recounting to open-mouthed and close-eared reporters stories of the humble beginnings of the brilliant stars whose

orbits they control.

Such and such a prima donna (they will tell you) made her initial bow to the public while turning handspins on an amateur night. One great matinee favorite made his debut on a generous Friday evening singing comic songs of his own composition. A tragedian famous on two continents and an island first attracted attention by an amateur impersonation of a newly landed Scandinavian peasant girl. One Broadway comedian that turns on away got a booking on a Friday night by reciting (seriously) the graveyard scene in "Hamlet."

Thus they get their chance. Amateur night is a kindly boon. It is charity divested of alms-giving. It is a brotherly hand reached down by members of the best united band of co-workers in the world to raise up less fortunate ones without labelling them beggars. It gives you the chance, if you can grasp it, to step for a few minutes before some badly painted scenery and during the playing by the orchestra of some ten or twelve bars of music, and while the soles of your shoes may be clearly holding to the uppers, to secure a salary equal to a Congressman's or any orthodox ministers. Could an ambitious student of literature or financial methods get a chance like that by spending twenty minutes in a Carnegie library? I do not know so.

But shall we look in at Creary's? Let us say that the specific Friday night had arrived on which the fortunate Mac McGowan was to justify the flattering predictions of his distinguished patron and, incidentally, drop his silver talent into the slit of the slot-machine of time and fortune that gives up reputation and dough. I offer, sure of your acquiescence, that we now forswear hypocritical philosophy and bigoted comment, permitting the story to finish itself in the dress of material allegations—a medium more worthy, when held to the line, than the most laborious creations of the word-milliners. . . .

Page of manuscript missing here.) easily among the wings with his patron, the great Del Delano. For, whatever footlights shone in the City-That-Would-Be-Amused, the freedom of their unshaded side was Del's. And if he should take up an amateur—see? and bring him around—see? and, winning one of his cold blue eyes, say to the manager: "Take it from me—he's got the goods—see?" you wouldn't expect that amateur to sit a man unpainted bench sordidly awaiting his turn, would you? So Mac stroled around largely with the nonpareil; and the seven waited, clammy, on the bench.

A giant in shirt-sleeves with a grim, kind face in which many stitches had been taken by surgeons from time to time, i. e., with a long stick, looped at the end. He was the man with the Hook. The manager, with his close-smoothed blond hair, his one-sided smile, and his abnormally easy manner, pored with patient condensation over the difficult program of the amateurs. The last of the professional turns—the Grand March of the Happy Tuzard—had been completed; the last wrinkle and darn of their blue silk-olene cotton tights had vanished from the stage. The man in the orchestra who played the kettle-drum, cymbals, triangle, sandpaper, whangdoodle, hoof-beats, and catcalls, and fired the pistol shots, had wiped his brow. The illegal holiday of the Romans had arrived.

While the orchestra plays the famous waltz from "The Dismal Wife," let us bestow two hundred words upon the psychology of the audience.

The orchestra floor was filled by

People. The boxes contained Persons. In the galleries was the Foreordained Verdict. The claque was there as it had originated in the Stone Age and was afterward adopted by the French. Every Micky and Maggie who sat upon Creary's amateur bench, wise beyond their talents, knew that their success or doom lay already meted out to them by that crowded, whistling, roaring mass of Romans in the three galleries. They knew that the winning or the losing of the game for each one lay in the strength of the "gang" aloft that could turn the applause to its favorite. On a Broadway first night a wooer of fame may win it from the ticket buyers over the heads of the cognoscenti. But not so at Creary's. The amateur's fate is arithmetical. The number of his supporting admirers present at his try-out decides it in advance. But how these deciding Friday

nights put to a certain shame the Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and matinees of the Broadway stage you should know. . . . (Here the manuscript ends.)



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"There isn't a day that she doesn't break," he replied.

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Mistress—What a cheek! Tell him I don't sing.

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Wife—"Dear me! What a queer pet!"

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"Shall we turn on the hose?" asked his second in command.

"Not just yet," the superintendent replied. "Better let the barn burn up a little, then we can see what we're doing."

When the train stopped at a station, the guard came round the carriages calling in at the window. "Is there any one here with a box in the guard's van?"

"A man answered that he had. "And in it," he said, "are some valuable books containing very useful information."

"Well," said the guard, "you had better come along; your information is leaking."

"I get three pounds a week and my wife gets three pounds a week, too."

"Gee, doesn't that make six pounds?"

"No, I get it first and she gets it afterwards."

Mrs. MacTavish: "My little boy has just swallowed a ten-dollar gold piece. Neighbour: "Gracious, is the child in danger?"

Mrs. MacTavish: "No, thank goodness, his father's out of town."

Ephraim: "What yo'all done wit dat papah, Mose?"

Mose: "Ise writin' mah gal a lettah."

Ephraim: "Go 'way, niggah, you kain't write!"

Mose: "At's all right, Smoke; mah gal kain't read."

Park Keeper (to sleeping tramp)—"Hi! Wake up! I'm just going to shut the gates!"

Tramp—"Awright, old chap—don't slam 'em."

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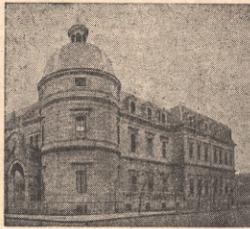
(256) The diamond, which in addition to being the hardest mineral is also the least perishable. A diamond is a crystal of carbon, and represents the least perishable. A diamond is a crystal of carbon, and represents the purest form found of that element. Diamonds are used, other than as jewelry, for cutting and engraving other precious stones, glass and porcelain; for fine engraving, and as turning tools. Dentists use them on drills, miners for boring into very hard rock, masons on saws for stone-cutting. Their use in watches as bearings is well known, and for wire drawing no tool excels a diamond with a hole bored through the centre. Diamonds of little value, called bort, are crushed into powder for polishing precious stones.

(257) The Grand Canyon, on the Colorado River in Arizona, U.S.A. It is 280 miles long, with sides that rise

sheer from the river to heights of 4,000 and even 7,000 feet. Part of the canyon is now a National Park, the property of the United States Government. The park containing 105 miles of the canyon, is noted for its "temples," huge blocks of rock that resemble Oriental pagodas. Erosion has also carved giant platforms, towers, amphitheatres and other distinctive features in the walls of the canyon.

(258) The largest refracting telescope in use has a 40-inch objective and is in the Yerkes Observatory in the University of Chicago. The Mount Wilson Observatory, California, U.S.A., possesses the biggest reflecting telescope, with a mirror 100 inches in diameter. A companion instrument with a diameter of 200 inches is in course of construction. It will cost about £1,200,000. If a telescope has a convex lens telescope; if it has a speculum or mirror objective it is known as reflecting telescope.

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