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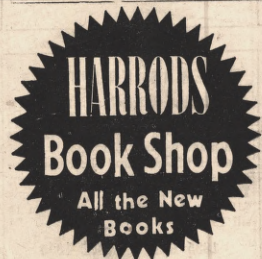
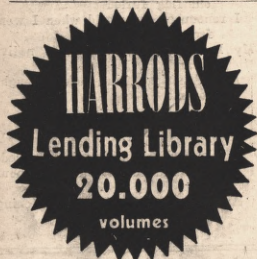
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• • • • MR. FRANCIS HENRY TAYLOR, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of New York, who is on a visit to Argentina, uttered a momentous warning the other day. "It is our duty to save Christian civilization", he told the Press. "Your duty as Latins; our duty as Anglo-saxons. Europe has entered into the dark night. When and how it will come out of it, we do not know. This war is essentially a war of destruction. Physical and moral destruction. Institutions are being destroyed, and human morality is being undermined, wiped out."

The task of saving Christian civilization must be undertaken by men. (It cannot be left to the angels). Mr. Taylor suggests felicitously that as this Continent is not of one type, there is an Anglo-saxon contribution, and a Latin contribution, both of which must be directed to the task of salvage.

There must be comprehension and respect between both types of Christian civilization. But he is doomed to failure who attempts to fuse them into one.

• • • • • WE cannot complain when imported goods become scarce; but there is every reason for protest when the prices of merchandize produced in the country are allowed to rise like a barometer in the sun. This is what is happening to charcoal, that humble fuel of the poor. Charcoal is a local product, and there are endless reserves of it in our forests; there are too, large stocks in existence at this very moment in Buenos Aires, as the figures of transportation show.

In spite of this, there is a charcoal crisis. The small dealers cannot satisfy their clients, except at exorbitant prices because the suppliers of stocks will not purvey them with reasonable quantities. These allege that transport difficulties have reduced the usual stocks.

It is not a real crisis, but a hard-hearted manœuvre to wring

money from the poor. The Government should deal promptly and severely with these speculators in human misery.

• • • • • THE world is full of gloom. War and the rumours thereof, the depreciation of money, the soaring cost of living, the cold, the fuel shortage—these and many other things combine to make us mournful and wretched. We have a sovereign remedy for these states of mind, which we will now recommend. Do a good deed, and trouble vanishes like snow before the fire!

There are of course many kinds of good deeds, some of them reasonable. Here is one which is just now in season: St. Patrick's Home Bazaar, taking place Saturday and Sunday. Make sure and be there!

• • • • • THE feminine Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul held on Sunday their annual General Meeting in this city. From the Report we learn that members of the Conferences throughout the country paid 364,146 visits to poor people; grants of money, food, clothing and goods were made to 169,476 persons. On these objects the sum of \$1,142,905 was expended. In its 216 establishments and workshops in Argentina 228,831 persons were attended, the sum of \$1,571,183 was spent.

These impressive figures are simple proof that Frederick Ozanam's great foundation is bearing rich fruit in Argentina. They prove too that Catholic charity, which was Ozanam's inspiration, is a real living thing amongst us. The enemies of Catholicism often ask what we have to show. These figures should be the answer.

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Death Lament of John O'Mahony

(By DOUGLAS HYDE.)

In a foreign land in a lonesome city, With few to pity, to know or care, I sleep each night while my heart is burning, And wake each morning to new despair.

Let no one venture to ask my story Who believes in glory or trusts to fame, Yes! I have within me such demons in keeping, As are better sleeping without a name.

I have rescued nought but my honour And night of terror, and work of dread, I have rescued nought but my honour only, And this aged, lonely, and whitening head.

Not a single hope have I seen fulfilled For the blood we spilled when we cast the die; And the future I painted in brightness and pride

Has the present belied, and shall still belie.

In this far-off country, this city dreary, I languished weary, and sad, and sore, Till the flower of youth in glooms over-erashed Grew scared, and faded for evermore

Oh my land! from thee driven—our old flag furled I renounced the world when I went from thee; My heart lingers still on its native strand, And American land holds nought for me.

Through a long life contriving, hoping, striving; Driven and driving, leading and led; I have rescued nought but my honour only And this aged, lonely and whitening head.

Irish News

RECENT IRISH WILLS—

F. J. Egan, 52 Northumberland Road, Dublin, company director, left £24,066.

W. J. Bond, Gordon Avenue, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, formerly of Farragh, Co. Longford—£15,679.

R. H. S. Truell, Clonmarron House, Rathnew—£9,922.

Francis Metcalfe, Enfield—£6,631. Dr. Randal Smyth, Ranelagh, Dublin—£6,149.

Mrs. Catherine King, Mountpelier Terrace, Galway—£4,299.

Patrick O'Neill, Danestown, Co. Meath—£4,460. Mrs. Monica McKenna, late of Carmody's Hotel, Ennis—£4,241.

Lieut.-Col. Francis S. Walker, Crosshaven—£3,954.

A. F. Sheehy, Mellifont Ave., Dun Laoghaire—£3,662.

Bernard Rogan, 65 Sandford Road, Dublin—£10,567.

R. C. Moran, 27 Cramorne Road, Dublin—£3,851. After family bequests, he leaves £200 for Masses, payable on the death of his wife.

SIX-COUNTY GIRLS' SCHOOL SUCCESS—

The Ashbourne Shield for the best Irish-speaking girls' secondary school in the Six-Counties, won by St. Louis High School, Ballymena, was presented in the presence of a distinguished audience.

Padraig MacCommidhe, President, G.A.A., said Lord Ashbourne came specially from France each year during his life-time to present the Shield personally.

Although he and Father Murray, to whose efforts for the language the speaker also paid tribute, were dead, their spirit lived on and they could best honor their memories by carrying on the work to which they devoted their lives.

Other speakers included: Rev. J. P.

Close, C.C., St. Paul's, Belfast, who paid tribute to the Sisters' work for Irish. Many of their pupils won Gael-tacht scholarship.

The pupils presented a play in Irish.

REV. T. C. FALLON, C.C.—

The death took place in Dublin of Rev. Thomas J. Fallon, C.C., who for the past ten years had been attached to St. Audoen's, High Street, Dublin. Son of J. Fallon and the late Mrs. Fallon, 71 Radcliffing Road, he was educated at Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. He was ordained in 1918, and ministered first at Finglas, before being appointed to St. Audoen's.

CARDINAL HAYES LIBRARY—

The Cardinal Hayes Library of Manhattan College, New York, was presented with a page from a rare Gutenberg Bible by Christian A. Zabriskie of New York, City, Brother A. Victor, president of the college, announced recently. Part of a defective copy sold in London in 1922 by a New York book dealer, the page is from the Second Book of Esdras, chapters six and seven. The complete book, it is believed, was printed over a five-year period, starting about 1450.

STAR WANTS TO MAKE FILM OF IRISH LIFE.—

Leslie Howard, the British film star, who left Dublin last month, wants to return and make a film of Irish life at Killarney.

Mr. Howard went to Dublin in June to perform at the Newspaper Press Fund concert at the Adelphi Cinema. In Killarney, he was the guest of Lord Kenmare.

Of his stay in Killarney, he said, "Never in my life have I had such a holiday." He took back many books by Irish authors.



**CISTERCIANS ORDAINED  
IN TIPPERARY.—**

Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, ordained the following Cistercians of Roscrea Community at Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Tipperary: Deaconship: Rev. Brendan O'Donoghue, Rev. Dermot O'Colmain, Sub-deaconship: Rev. Malachy Mara, Rev. Albert Shanahan, Rev. Felim Domellan, Rev. Basil Shannon, Rev. Thomas O'Leary Rev. Aidan Cusack, Rev. Dominic Moloney.

**BREAD RATION  
ENDS.—**

Eire's bread and flour rationing restrictions were lifted on June 16th because of an improved wheat situation. Supply Minister Sean Lemass said. Simultaneously, however, the Government will start rationing all clothing except hats and shoes. Each person will receive 52 coupons for a year. Forty will be required for a 3-piece suit, 30 for a woman's 2-piece costume, 13 for a skirt and 1½ for a pair of socks.

**'BLACK MARKETEERS'  
WARNED IN DAIL.—**

A warning to "black marketeers" was given in the Dail by the Minister for Supplies, Mr. Lemass.

He said the Government alone could not suppress illegal trading. The public would have to help, and they were not helping. If the ordinary processes of law did not suffice in this matter, the Government might have to make fundamental changes in the present system of enforcing the law.

Mr. Lemass dealt at length with control of prices, wages, profits. "Have you control of profits?" asked Labor Deputies, and the Minister replied, "Yes," and added: "For the first time, the excess corporation profits tax is going to bring in a new revenue of £2,500,000 from our industrialists."

**DUBLIN STREETS  
STRANGELY EMPTY.—**

Dublin streets looked strangely empty on the morning of May 1, says the "Irish Press," there being virtually no motors to be seen.

But if the private car has gone, its place has not yet been taken by the horse.

The few pony-traps that trotted through O'Connell Street or through College Green were startlingly conspicuous. Nor did the jaunting-car or horse-cab appear in greater demand. Perhaps more serious work is engaging the city's horse-drawn vehicles.

An Garda traffic experts said there were extraordinarily few breaches of the new regulations and these for the first day—but for the first only—may not be taken too seriously.

It was explained that a very few motorists had got their cars stranded away from home from one cause or another and had in fact no strictly legal way of getting them back.

**DR. A. MACBRIDE DIES  
IN DUBLIN.—**

Dr. Anthony MacBride, 27 Cranagh Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, who died, 26 years exactly after the execution of his brother, Major John MacBride, was one of the Old Guard of the Fenian movement.

Dr. MacBride was a native of Westport and was county surgeon for Mayo from 1907 to 1940. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter, Sean MacBride, B.L., is a nephew.

He was a member of the Irish Text Society.

The funeral took place from Westport Church to Aughavale.

**LIMERICK DOCTOR  
KILLED.—**

News reached Limerick recently that Dr. Thomas Sheahan, son of the late Mr. Martin Sheahan, Roxboro', Limerick, had been killed in an air raid on an English town. No confirmation for this report has come from any source.

**RECAPTURED.—**

Hans Marchner, the German parachutist, who escaped from Mountjoy Prison on 15th February was arrested in Dublin recently. Marchner landed by parachute in Wexford on March 19th, 1941. Marchner's original capture in Wexford followed the discovery of the parachute. Following his escape a reward of £500 was offered for information leading to his arrest.

**AWARDED  
£ 1,500.—**

Damages were assessed at £1,500 by a jury recently in Dublin, and the President of the High Court gave judgment accordingly, in favour of Fergus O'Rourke, aged 16½ years, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, who lost a foot in an accident at Ballinamore Railway Station through the shunting of a wagon on June 6th last and brought an action against the G.S.R. Company.

**WESTMEATH  
MAN DIES.—**

With sincere feelings of regret the death is announced of John Mann, Glasson, which occurred in St. Vincent's Hospital, Athlone. Deceased, who was middle-aged, was identified with the farming life of the district, and while engaged at his usual farming operations had a severe attack of paralysis. He was promptly removed to hospital, and under medical skill and careful nursing appeared to make slight recovery as time went by. However the illness assumed complications and he passed away in a brief space. The late Mr. Mann was a popular figure in the district, and his passing created profound sorrow. He was a member of Drumraney fife and drum band—a musical body that made history in the old campaigning days. Following Requiem Mass in Drumraney Church the funeral took place to the local cemetery.

**CURRAGH TROOPS  
AS TURF CUTTERS.—**

Curragh troops have started cutting turf on Lullymore Bog.

This, the "Curragh Bulletin" says, is "the first fruits of the hard work of the Construction Corps during the winter," when deep drains were dug, roadways cut through the bog, and the surface prepared for the cutting season.

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# General News From Home and Abroad.

## DEBATE IN CONGRESS.—

The secret debate held in the Chamber of Deputies last week-end aroused much interest, but what exactly happened has not transpired to the general public. It is rumored that the interpellating deputy, Dr. Enrique Ripetto, spoke for three hours with his

usual oratorical abilities, but time must elapse before the general public may peruse his speech. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Guizazu, in his press conference on Monday last stated that the debate was very satisfactory and had a salutary effect as it enabled the members of the Chamber of Deputies to obtain a clear idea of the policy of the Government in the question of Foreign Affairs.

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## ARGENTINE-CHILEAN FRIENDSHIP.—

Following a brief stay in this country the military mission from Chile left during the week on their return to the land across the Andes. During their stay in this country they have had many eloquent demonstrations of the bonds of friendship that are so close between the two nations. In gratitude for the many demonstrations, of which they had been the recipients, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean army, General Oscar Escudero Otarola gave a farewell dinner in the Jockey Club on Monday last. Amongst the guests were the Argentine Ministers of Foreign Affairs, War and the Navy. On the auspicious occasion, General Otarola delivered a very touching speech, to which the Inspector-General of the

Argentine Army, General Gras, replied.

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## ON THE MORAL FRONT.—

But as we are beginning to understand, there are not merely two fronts in this war: there are three. The third front you might call the moral front. It is the front on which the people themselves live and work—and fight. And on this front, as against its political gains, the Axis will lose out.

In France the people of Brest became so rebellious that the Germans declared "a state of siege" in that city. French saboteurs derailed a German troop train. German cyclists were shot, bombs were thrown at German headquarters in Paris and hand grenades in Arras, and everywhere he went M. Laval had to be protected by dozens of guards. In Yugoslavia, General Mihailovich, fighting a guerrilla war in the wild hills of his native land, defied the new Bulgarian troops that the Germans sent against him. In Norway a thousand Lutheran ministers, who rebelled a few weeks ago against the regime, continued to defy Vidkun Quisling.

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## THE VATICAN OBSERVATORY.—

A new tower for the Vatican Observatory is being built at Castelgandolfo, to where the observatory was transferred from the Vatican Gardens in 1938. It is to be fitted with the 50-years-old copper revolving roof which has surmounted the Leonine Tower in the Vatican City. The giant telescope will be transferred to the new tower. Thus a landmark which has probably often attracted the Holy Father's eye during his afternoon walks has disappeared. The apparatus and roof have now been transported to the new observatory at Castelgandolfo, close to the Pope's summer villa, and reerected in a new tower. It was from this sliding roof that Father Laius took photographs for his celebrated chart of the heavens.

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## A PRIEST-HERO.—

Dom Gregory Gervase Hobson-Matthews, O.S.B., Army Chaplain, who stayed behind on Dunkirk beach to attend British wounded, was killed, according to the British War Office casualty list published recently. He had previously been missing, presumed killed, and Requiem Masses were offered for the repose of his soul. Dom Gervase was ordained 14 years ago.

## INTERNAL PRODUCTION.—

From figures published by the Ministry of Finance this week it appears that the total production of the country in the year 1940 reached the important sum of five thousand three hundred million pesos. During the same year the sum paid in salaries amounted to over one thousand million pesos, of which seventy five per cent was spent on the workers. In comparison with the year 1939 the production increased almost two hundred million pesos. National industry is now well-established and is in a flourishing state.

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## AMERICANS QUIF FOOLING.—

Americans have quit fooling, writes a New York exchange, in Washington, Paul McNutt was named to take charge of manpower mobilization. In Kansas, farmers raised a bumper wheat crop short of hands to harvest it. In Omaha, at a meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce, 365 high-school boys signed up to work on the farms. In Brattleboro, Vt., the Victory Garden campaign got under way with a bang on a Statewide drive for home gardens. If you raise two-thirds of your own vegetables you get a certificate signed by the Governor.

It was here, on the third front, in the highly tasks and sacrifices, in the realization of what is at stake, that the light of victory could be seen last week far off on the horizon. Little by little, week by week that light must grow.

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## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?—

"Democracy can be precisely defined as constitutional government, in which legitimate power is exercised for the community's well-being, in which all men can actively participate as citizens, and any man is entitled to hold office, and in which the political activity of all (both officers and citizens) is directed to the ultimate political ideal and human happiness," the scholars say. The last clause of this definition goes beyond what is peculiar to the definition of democracy as a specific form of government, in that it mentions the generic criterion common to all good forms of government."

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## AN AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY.—

On May 10, 1942, the Catholics of Australia celebrated the centenary of the establishment of the Hierarchy in their country. What their thoughts and feelings were on that occasion we can well imagine, for our Australian brethren can look back with pride on a hundred years of magnificent achievement, and we recall our own sentiments when, in 1938, we kept with solemnity and enthusiasm, the centenary of the establishment of the Church in New Zealand by Bishop Pompallier and his little band of missionaries. Like the mustard seed of the parable, the Church in Australia has grown beyond all human imagining, and the Church in Australia today is what its bishops have made it.



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**PRESIDENT GENERAL URIBURU SCHOOL.—**

On Monday last in Calle Avenida Coronel Roca 2275 this school was officially inaugurated. The president of the Nation was in attendance, accompanied by the ministers of War and Public Instruction. The Lord Mayor was also in attendance, whilst others noticed on the occasion were General Agustin P. Justo, Sra. Aurelia Madeiro de Uruburu, widow of the deceased general. The edifice was blessed by Monsignor Calcagno and immediately the national flag was hoisted by the Minister of Public Instruction. A very eloquent address was then given by Dr. Pedro N. Ledesma, who paid tribute to the life and work of General Uruburu.

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**GREEK MEETS GREEK.—**

The two big D's, "Diggers" and "Doughboys," are both of a type which has every confidence in itself and is willing to put its invincibility to the test. So that a boxing tournament between Australian and United States servicemen was bound to be interesting. Such a tournament took place recently over in Australia. It was between teams from the American Army and the Royal Australian Air Force, and the boys from the U. S. A. came out winners. Naturally they were jubilant at gaining possession of the cup which had been presented for the occasion, the honour, as one of the victorious bunch put it, "made the black eyes and bashed beezers well worth while." One surmises, however, that one or other of the Australian units will be out after revenge.

**CABINET MEETING.—**

On last Monday afternoon there was a meeting of the cabinet under the presidency of Dr. Castillo. It is stated that a number of matters of national importance were treated and the fact that the assembly lasted for more than two hours has been interpreted as proof of the import of the questions that were studied. Unofficial circles affirm that the fuel question was one of the principal matters under consideration. With the German blockade of the North Atlantic the matter has become very serious and it seems dire problem to secure coal, so essential to the maintain utility services.

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**THE CONSTITUENTS OF PATRIOTISM.—**

"Obedience, respect, and loyalty are the main constituents of patriotism," declared Right Rev. Mgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in an address on "Catholic Teaching on Civic Loyalty." Monsignor Ryan said contrary to the assumption that very many persons seem to indulge, patriotism does not mean boasting jingoism or contempt of foreign peoples. "As a matter of fact," he added, "it should be practised in peace as well as in war, in domestic as well as in international relations. Patriotism is love of country, and this means, or should mean, love of the people who inhabit the country love of one's fellow citizens. Hence, the true patriot always strives to promote the common good; that is, the welfare of all the people including the members of every class."

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**THE RIO SEGUNDO.—**

The unfavourable weather off the Uruguayan coast has not permitted the salvage operators to get this vessel off the rocks. In the meantime her cargo is being withdrawn at the rate of 200 tons daily. In total she is carrying four thousand tons of general merchandise, which is very badly needed in this country. Hopes are high that no matter what may happen to the ship the cargo will be saved. In a way it is rather hard on the merchant marine to lose one of their boats at a time when it is so hard to secure replacement.

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**EXPORTATION OF SUGAR.—**

By a decree, emanating from the Ministry of Agriculture, the exportation of sugar has been prohibited from the present date till further notice. This is not to be taken that there is a shortage of sugar, but as reports are not of the most comforting regarding the coming harvest in Tucuman, the government have decided that it would be best to retain all supplies for internal consumption. That is a question of mere commonsense prevision and it is to be hoped that it will not give rise to a further scarcity with the consequent rationing, abominable queues, etc., as we have seen in the case of the kerosene scarcity.

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## Irish imagination as exhibited in Fairy and Folk Tales

DR. FRANCIS M. SCULLY'S LECTURE TO THE IRISH-ARGENTINE  
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In primitive times when man's energies were not wholly absorbed, as they now are, by practice, he seemed to find a natural outlet for such energies in the imagination. Now, of all the creations of man's restless imagination, he fancies the loveliest in literature—to my mind, at least.

My theme is, as you know, Irish imagination as exhibited in Fairy and Folk Tales but I do not claim for Irish imagination the glory, as I think, of having invented or created a pedigree, in ancestry of aerial insubstantial beings. But it is of interest to note that the word FAIRY or SHEEHOGUE as we call it in Gaelic is a purely Celtic word. There is the word ELF which similarly stands for the idea. It is Anglo-Saxon. There is the Danish ALF; the Icelandic ALFR and the German ALP; but ours is a more hoary ancestry and our glory cannot be limned by the sprites of less creative races.

Each race, of course, has its pantheon of topical divinities. The Greeks, the Romans (and others) had them and these divinities, having presumably fused with other traditional figures, helped to create a composite product forming the fairydom of folklore which has exercised an enormous influence upon Western Europe.

In the literature of Western Europe fairies have received varying treatment. Thus, Ariosto's and Edmund Spenser's fairies are the mere diminutive men choked by all the ordinary human emotions while in the Oberon and Titania of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream and in the fairies that illumined the imagination of: Ben Jonson, Herrick, Drayton and even the youthful Milton, we find that the aerial and supernatural quality is the predominant feature in the characterization.

Fairies, as you know, are fallen angels who were not good enough to be saved or bad enough to be lost—a difficult situation, I am sure, to be in as those of either sex ought to know who have been in it. That is the tradition in Ireland as in Bonnie Scotland and, I believe, in Wales. They (that is the Fairies) preside at the birth of man and influence his destiny. Nothing could be lovelier than that. In my part of Ireland we say that the first time a baby smiles it must have seen and, maybe, held converse with the fairies. They inhabit mountains, mists, perilous morasses, cataracts and stormy oceans and convulsions. There, their reign is supreme. They are delicate, unearthly and of ravishing beauty—like all Celtic beauty, be it Irish, Welsh or Scotch. They fly away with people into the infinite cloud land or lead them through endless caverns within the earth. Sometimes, they are supposed to be human beings metamorphosed or disembodied. When and if they are, then fairyland becomes a place of expiation or purification for those whose scarlet sins have condemned them to it. From that fairyland these metamorphosed beings are rescued by the dexterity and courage of the living after the wildest and most exciting of the elfin chase.

There are also fairies that dwell in the upper air and fairies that dwell

within the bowels of the earth and fairies that frequent waters. Those who inhabit the air are genial, light, playful and charming. Those on the other hand who dwell within the bowels of the earth are cruel and rapacious. They frequent mining districts and extricate ore.

You could see them—if you wish—in their underground retreat. How? It is very easy; by merely peeping through the aperture of a hill. But what hill? That is the secret. Roam about and find it for yourself. The search, I assure you, is worth it. Try it in your holidays, for example and you will be rewarded.

Now, supposing you are successful: you will see them in wondrously decorated chambers scintillating with ineffable beauty. These chambers are supported by jade or jasper columns. There, they harbour their ample stores of gold and silver of diamonds, sapphires and emeralds. I myself have never seen pearls there. Whether they are attracted by that luminous marvel—the darling of the oyster or no I cannot say. One reason, however, why I came to Argentina is that I might find these underground retreats with their jade or jasper columns, their diamonds and emeralds and the rest in the flat, even-tempered, modest pampas. I need, of course some guidance and I am sure that my good friend Patrick Gannon will afford it to me.

Some of the most exciting tales about our Irish leprechauns (another name for fairies—though of a different category) are founded on the efforts of adventurous mortals who, not content with their rich and fertile pampas cross the perilous seas and try to get possession of their riches.

There exists a legend, it occurs, indeed, in almost identical terms in several countries. It connects some piece of valuable plate belonging to a church with the underground fairies. It is that of a drinking vessel in the shape of a horn, exquisitely decorated with the most delicate fanciful silver-work.

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In Ireland, faith in fairies has been incorporated into innumerable poetic legends and mystic traditions. In my part of Ireland—that is Kerry, but also in Cork, Waterford and indeed in the whole of Munster, the fairies or elves are a few inches high, airy and almost transparent in body. They are delicate in their form that a dew-drop, when they chance to dance on it, as they do, trembles indeed but never breaks. Both sexes are of surpassing beauty and mere mortal beings cannot be compared with them. They do not live alone or in pairs but always in large societies and they are governed by a Queen. Yes, a Queen, not a King. There is something suggestive in that—I need hardly add.

They are invisible to man particularly in the day time and as they can be present and hear what is said, the peasantry never speak of them but with caution and respect terming them the good people or friends. They have their dwellings in clefts of rocks, caves and ancient tumuli. Every part within is decorated in the most splendid and magnificent manner and the enchanting music which sometimes issues from there in the night has delighted those who have been so fortunate as to hear it. There are, of course, other fairies. We call them the BANSHEE or female spirit who watches a particular family. Other fairies we also call: LEPRECHAUNS or CLURICHAUN (which I have already mentioned). This is an elf of evil disposition who usually appears as an old wrinkled man and possesses a knowledge of hidden treasure. We also have the *pooken*—a spirit of diabolical disposition who often appears in the guise of an eagle or a black horse and speeds the person he captures to irremediable destruction.

Of course fairies cannot be seen by mortal eyes with impunity.

They are not invariably tiny. Everything about them, however, is capricious—even the size. Their chief occupations are feasting, fighting and making love and playing the most exquisite melodies. Of all categories, the LEPRECHAUN is the most industrious. He is the shoemaker. Fairies, of course, are very fond of dancing and the tradition is that they wear out their

shoes with dancing.

They have three great festivals in the year: May Eve; Midsummer Eve; November Eve. On May Eve, they fight all round but mostly on the Plain-A-Bawn—that is a plain which every one must discover for himself. The harvest and the best ear of grain indeed belong to them.

On Midsummer Eve, when the bonfires are lighted on every hill in honour of St. John, the fairies are at their gayest and sometimes steal away lovely mortals to be their brides—a warning, by the way, to the ladies in this room tonight.

On November Eve, they are at their gloomiest for, according to the old Gaelic reckoning this is the first night of winter. On this night they dance with pallid ghosts and the POOKA I mentioned already is abroad and witches make their spells and girls set a table with food in the name of the devil that the wraith of their future lover may come through the window and eat of the food.

After November Eve, the blackberries are no longer wholesome for the POOKA has spoiled them. When they are angry, they paralyze men with fairy darts—exactly like beautiful women who, for all we know—although they have never let out the awful secret—may be fairies or rather angels temporarily fallen who, after a short period of purification on this earth—say a million or two million years on this earth will rejoin their luxurious abode in heaven, where, by the way, they don't play bridge.

Indeed, there is a legend or, to be more accurate, there used to be a legend in Gurteen, where I live in Ireland, according to which there is no one in heaven except lovely women. There, in a splendour which mortal man cannot conceive, they live in perfect harmony and divine concord. They live on honey thinned by rose and orchid water. They have two pairs of eyes; one pair in front and one in the back of the head. They are not shy, but the moment male-angels appear, they take to their heels. It often happens that some of the women are overpowered by the seductive charm of the male-angels and so, they stay behind instead of vanishing into the sapphire palaces where, in heaven, beauty is enshrined. Those who stay behind are, in consequence, tied with invisible silken ropes and, from the vault of heaven, are dropped, by no means gently, on the fair visage of the vestibule of paradise. There, their ration of honey thinned with rose and orchid water is reduced to vanishing point. At the end, they fall back on poteen—a kind of whisky which, as you know, is illicitly made by the peasants. It is, alas! the only liquid to sustain their ever-failing strength. Their tragedy is that their strength keeps failing steadily and, therefore, they keep drinking their poteen eternally. A melancholy sight, I agree. Well, that is their punishment.

Fairies are, of course, gay too. And when they are gay, they sing. Many a poor girl has heard them and pined away and died for love of that singing.

Indeed, many of the old haunting and soul stirring tunes of Ireland are only their music caught up by eavesdroppers. The *Pretty Girl Milking the Cows*, one of the loveliest melodies, is one of their songs and no wise peasant would hum it near a fairy rath, for the fairies are jealous and do not like to listen to their songs on clumsy mortal lips.

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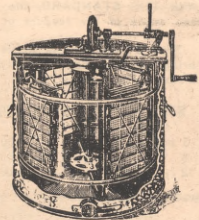
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Now: what of the strange doings of the fairies?

There was once a merry troop of fairies, dancing and playing all manner of wild pranks on a bright moonlight evening towards the end of September. The scene of their merriment was not far distant from Inchegeela, County Cork; a poor village, although it had a barrack for soldiers; but great mountains and barren rocks like those round about it, are enough to strike poverty into any place: however, as the fairies can have everything they want for wishing, poverty does not trouble them much, and all their care is to seek out unfrequented nooks and places where it is not likely any one will come to spoil their sport.

On a nice green sod by the river's side were the little fellows dancing in a ring as gaily as may be, with their red caps wagging about at every bound in the moonshine and so light were these bounds that the lobs of dew, although they trembled under their feet, were not disturbed by their capering. Thus they carried on their gambols, spinning round and round, and twirling and bobbing and diving and going through all manner of figures, until one of them chirped out:

Cease, cease, with your drumming,  
Here is an end to our mummaging;  
By my smell  
I can tell

A priest this way is coming.

And away ever one of the fairies scampered off as hard as they could, concealing themselves under the leaves of lushmore, where, if their little red caps should happen to peep out, they would only look like its crimson bells; and more hid themselves at the shady side of stones and brambles, and others under the bank of the river, and in holes and crannies of one kind or another.

The fairy speaker was not mistaken; for, along the road, which was within view of the river, came Father Horrigan on his pony, thinking to himself that as it was so late, he would make an end of his journey at the first cabin he came to. Accordingly, he stopped at the dwelling of Dermot Leary, lifted the latch and entered.

Father Horrigan was a welcome guest wherever he went. Now, it was a worry to poor Dermot that he had nothing to offer his reverence for supper as a relish to the potatoes which his wife had down boiling in a pot over the fire. He thought of the net which he had set in the river, but as it had been there only a short time, the chances were against his finding a fish in it. No matter, thought Dermot, there can be no harm in stepping down to try and, maybe, as I want the fish for the priest's supper, that one will be there before me.

Down to the river-side went Dermot and he found in the net as fine a salmon as ever jumped in the bright waters of the spreading Lee; but as he was going to take it out, the net was pulled from him, he could not tell how or by whom, and away got the salmon, and went swimming along with the current as gaily as if nothing had happened.

Dermot looked sorrowfully at the wake which the fish had left upon the water, shining like a line of silver in the moonlight, and then, with an angry motion of his right hand, and a stamp of his foot, gave vent to his feelings by muttering:

"May bitter bad luck attend you night and day for a blackguard schemer of a salmon, wherever you go! You ought to be ashamed of yourself, if there is any shame in you, to give me the slip after this fashion! And I'm clear in

my own mind you'll come to no good, for some kind of evil thing or other helped you—did I not feel it pull the net against me as strong as the devil himself?"

"That is not true for you", said one of the little fairies who had scampered off at the approach of the priest, coming up to Dermot Leary with a whole throng of companions at his heels; "there was only a dozen and a half of us pulling against you".

Dermot gazed at the tiny speaker with wonder. Then the fairy continued: "Make yourself noways uneasy about the priest's supper; for if you will go back and ask him one question from us, there will be as fine a supper as ever was put on a table spread out before him in less than no time."

"I'll have nothing to do with you at all", replied Dermot and, after a pause: he added: "I'm much obliged to you for your offer, but I know better than to sell myself to you, or the like of you, for a supper; and, more than that, I know Father Horrigan has more regard for my soul than to wish me to pledge it for ever, out of regard for anything you could put before him—so there is an end of the matter."

"Will you ask the priest one civil question for us"—enquired the fairy?

"I will", answered Dermot; "but I'll have nothing to do with your supper." "Then", said the fairy, "go and ask Father Horrigan to tell us whether our souls will be saved at the last day, like the souls of good Christians; and, if you wish us well, bring back word what he says without delay."

Away went Dermot to his cabin where he found the potatoes thrown out upon the table and his wife handling the biggest of them all over to Father Horrigan. "Please your reverence," said Dermot: "will the souls of good people be saved at the last day?" "Who bid you ask me that question, Dermot?" said the priest. "I'll tell no lies", rejoined Dermot: "it was the good people themselves who sent me to ask the question and there they are in thousands down on the bank of the river waiting for me to go back with the answer."

"Go back then", said Father Horrigan "and tell them, if they want to know, to come here to me themselves and I'll answer that or any other question they are pleased to ask." Dermot accordingly returned to the fairies, who

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**Thomas Carey, R.I.P.**

Tom, as he was more familiarly known, was one of the six children born to Rose Geraghty and John Carey. His native Salto, was at the time of his birth—sixty seven years ago—a strong Irish centre, where the best Irish race traditions found fertile soil. Into such an atmosphere was born the man whose loss, today, so many mourn, and in this atmosphere, he imbibed that Christian Irish spirit which more than anything else was to influence his life.

Those sixty seven years were distributed over the paridos of Sulpacha, Ghivileo, Moran, Hurlingham and Mercedes, thus forming so many pages, as it were, in the history of a life that was as dignified as it was uneventful. Of these pages, Mercedes was the golden one. To be generous and self possessed in life's calm periods, requires little effort, but, only the truly great and strong can suffer well in the teeth of trials and afflictions from which there is little or no respite. Tom Carey was one of those truly great men. The tortures of a bad rheumatism from which there was little or no relief, could not, except momentarily, deprive him of the calm and saintly resignation, which seemed to have taken possession of his soul. The great and constant kindness of good relatives will no doubt have been an immense source of joy and consolation for the poor sufferer, but his success in that most difficult of all arts—how to suffer well—must be traced to another power, that strong well informed Christian faith that was the guide of his life and the happiness of his holy death. As if in compensation for the pains of a prolonged illness, poor Tom's last moments were painless and peaceful. Fortified by the rites of the church on the night of the 4th of July, he closed his eyes to a world of pain and care to open them to glory and reward.

*A Friend.*

**John Keenehan, R. I. P.**

On the solemn festival of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th, in the dear old town of Carmen de Areco, F.C.C.B.A., at seven o'clock in the morning, John Keenehan, one of the most devoted sons of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, was called away by God to the reward of a long and sanctified life. At seven o'clock in the morning, as the parish church bells tolled the Angelus, Our Lady sent an angel for the soul of John, her fervent client, to bring him to the glorious celebration of her feast in heaven, at the very time it was being solemnly and grandly celebrated that day, in her own favoured town of Carmen de Areco. John Keenehan had been living in the town for a couple of months, and daily attended the Novena in preparation for the patronal feast, and was ready to take part in it this year, as he had done always for seventy years before, when behold! Our Lady declared her wish, that in his everlasting Home, and in her Queenly presence, his faithful soul was to enjoy that glorious festival! Thus Our Lady of Carmel rewarded his life-long devotion to her and to her divine Son Jesus! John's solid devotion to Jesus and Mary was demonstrated during all his long life of seventy four years, by his never-failing attendance at Mass every Sunday, and Holy Communion every first Friday of the month; driving five long leagues to the church. Born in Carmen de Areco, partido, in 1868, of the late John Keenehan and the late Mary Harrington, he never married, but led a quiet and peaceful existence at sheep-farming and chacra, beloved and appreciated by all that knew him. He

# Obituaries



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

was a true Christian gentleman, Irish and Catholic, a staunch friend and model member of St. Paul's Union since its foundation, and a link between the distant past of dear old Carmen when it was crowded with numerous Irish families and John rode to church on horseback, and today when our numerous families are diminishing and other faster means of locomotion are coming into vogue. On the day following the feast of Our Lady the body of the dead was borne to the local cemetery, where he was buried in the grave of his forefathers. He was waked in St. Paul's Union, where many relatives and friends attended and prayed for his gentle soul. On the way to the cemetery the coffin was taken into the parish church where V. Rev. Fr. Arufe read the prayers.

Rev. Fr. J. Buckley, of Mercedes, also attended and gave a Response and the last rites were given at the graveside by Rev. Fr. Victor O'Carolan, C. P., the acting Irish chaplain.

His nearest relations from Buenos Aires and Mercedes were present, others from La Plata being unable to get on time.

At present Masses are being celebrated for him at St. Paul's Monaste-

ry and the Month's Mind is to take place in Carmen de Areco.

He leaves many bereaved relations to mourn his loss.

Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul!

**Michael MacCormack, R. I. P.**

In a private Sanatorio in 9 de Julio and on the 9th of July, after piously receiving the last rites of the Church from the hands of the parish priest, Michael MacCormack of Quiroga F.C.O., calmly breathed his last. He had been in ailing health for some time; but in spite of the care lavished on him by all that love could inspire as well as medical assistance, having been submitted to a surgical operation a few days previously, all was in vain: God willed it otherwise.

Notwithstanding his intense sufferings he never complained: his death was an echo of a truly Christian life.

Brought up in an atmosphere of piety and the fear of God, he always showed forth in his character and life the noble traditions of the race he came from.

Michael MacCormack was born in the partido of Salto in 1885 his parents being the late Christopher MacCormack and the venerable Mrs. Kate

O'Loughlin de MacCormack. In 1913, in the parish church of his native town, he was united in holy wedlock, by the late Rev. Fr. Patrick Walsh, C.P., to Miss Bridgid Gaffney and went to live in Quiroga. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his aged mother and heart-broken wife, 5 sisters, 2 brothers, 2 sisters-in-law and several nephews and nieces.

May he rest in peace.

*A Friend.*

**Caroline Leonor Carmody de Benson, R. I. P.**

On July the 12th, the remains of Caroline Leonor Carmody de Benson, were laid to rest at the British Cemetery, after a short illness borne with Christian fortitude and having received all the rites of the Catholic Church and Papal Blessing.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Carmody, of this city, and relict of the late Dr. Charles Lee Benson, of Chicago, and this city. Of a sweet and gentle disposition and possessed of the rare gift of sympathy, which drew to herself many friends, who no doubt will miss her from their midst. She leaves one daughter, several sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews to mourn her loss.

God rest her soul.

**John Belton, R.I.P.**

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Station in Las Heras; named for Mr. Henry Fyn, owner of the "Granja Blanca" dairy; donor of the station land.

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Station in Salto; named for the donor of the station land, Mr. Patrick Gahan.

the rites of our holy Church, and with a true knowledge of Christian duty, he was prepared to meet his Creator by Fr. Joseph Campion, C.P., and Father Dunleavy, P.S.M.

Mr. Belton was born in Suipacha some fifty years ago, son of the late James Belton and Ann Kiernan. In April of 1918 he married a well-known member of the Irish-Argentine Community Nelly Delamer; they lived in Buenos Aires for many years but some twelve years ago they took up their residence in La Plata where he formed part of the Staff of the Tribunal de Cuentas, being much esteemed by his chiefs and companions.

His remains were laid to rest in the Western cemetery in the presence of a large gathering.

He leaves a wife, sister, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews and a large circle of cousins to mourn his sad loss.

Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul.  
A Friend.

### OTHER DEATHS.

Samuel Cole—July 17th, City.

Maria D. Orfila de Bradley—July 18th, City.

Thomas Victor Young—July 20th, Lomas de Zamora.

Maria Esther Rocca de Wheeler—July 17th, San Pedro.

### GAYNOR (DIEGO).

Station near Capilla del Señor; named after a former owner of the land thereabouts, Mr. James Gaynor, a native of Multyfarmham, Westmeath, Ireland, whose death occurred in 1892.

### GENERAL DONOVAN.

Station in the Chaco; named after General Antonio Donovan (1849-1897), who distinguished himself in the Paraguayan War and later became Governor of the Chaco.

### GENERAL FOTHERINGHAM.

Station in Córdoba; named after General Ignatius Fotheringham (1842-1925) an Englishman who fought in the Paraguayan War and became a general in the Argentine Army.

### GENERAL O'BRIEN.

Station in Bragado; named after General John Thomond O'Brien (1796-1861) native of Wicklow, Ireland. He was San Martin's *ar-de-de-champ* during the Chile and Perú campaigns. His death occurred in Lisbon.

### GLEW.

Station in Almirante Brown; named after Mr. John Glew, proprietor of the lands where the station is erected.

### GOLDNEY.

Station near Mercedes; named after Sir Gabriel Goldney, President of the Pacific Railway Board in 1882.

### GOUDGE.

Station near Mendoza; named for Mr. James A. Goudge, Manager of the Pacific Railway in 1913.

### GOULD (BENJAMIN).

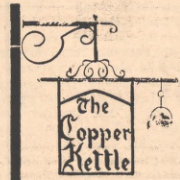
Station in Córdoba; named in honour of Mr. Benjamin A. Gould, U. S. astronomer who became Director of the Córdoba Observatory in 1868. He died in 1896.

### GOWLAND.

Station near Mercedes; named in honour of Mr. Daniel Gowland, member of the Railway Board of the old Provincial Railway in 1857.

### GUNTHER.

Station in General Pinto; named after Mr. C. E. Gunther, Director of the Pacific Railway in 1892.



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# About People

We regret to learn that Mgr. Ussher is unwell.

Rev. Fathers Idephonsus Lynch, C. P. and Ambrose Geoghegan C. P., will leave on Thursday, July 30th for Posadas, Territory of Misiones, in which city they will preach three missions during the month of August.

Dr. Erwin J. Wasserman and his wife, Mrs. Luisa MacLoughlin, entertained a large number of friends to dinner at their home in Belgrano in honour of the great pianist, Mr. Alejandro Brailowski, and his wife.

Mr. M. C. Hearne, following a brief visit to this city, returned to his home in Colon on Saturday last.

Captain Jack Kelly, the famous Australian stockman, who has recently been in poor health, has left for the country to recuperate.

Amongst recent arrivals at the Continental Hotel is Mr. Louis Harrington.

Coming in from his estancia in Cordoba, Mr. Alfred Miles is registered at the Continental Hotel.

The Mass celebrated at Holy Cross church yesterday for the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members and benefactors of St. Joseph's Society was largely attended.

Mr. James W. Platt, general manager of Shell-Mex Argentina, left early in the week for the United States on a brief business trip.

Mrs. Elisa C. de Kelly and her children Ana Maria, Gerty, Jackie and Clement and Miss Nelly Casey, motor to Monte last week.

Mrs. Teresa O'Reilly, Wilkamstown, Oldcastle, who died last month was mother of Matthew O'Reilly, T.D. The funeral took place after Requiem Mass in Ballinlough, and the attendance included P. J. Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to An Taoiseach; J. P. Kelly, T.D., and M. J. Kennedy, T.D. Rev. H. Conlon, C.C., officiated at the graveside. Mr. Matthew O'Reilly lived for some time in Argentina early in the present century.

Backward subscribers, please pay up! Once or twice during the last three years, THE SOUTHERN CROSS came out a few hours late: dozens of indignant subscribers phoned or wrote letters, complaining very bitterly because we were behind time. Some subscribers are months, even years, behind time. Besides making us indignant, they are doing us harm. If we had their subscriptions in our pockets, we could afford to smile benevolently at the paper shortage.

On the 5th inst., Claudio Remigio Cormick, son of Fina Rush and Claudio Cormick was baptised at his parents' home in Junin.

The Misses Mary Ellen and Lizzie Lynch, who were recent visitors in this City have returned to Junin.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Kathleen Kelly de Casey has been interned at the "Instituto Experimental del Doctor Roffo", Avda. San Martin 5041, Buenos Aires.

Mr. J. W. Diggs is a recent arrival at the City Hotel.

Edward, Patrick and Walter Lynch have returned to Sarmiento after spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch of Temperley.

Master José Maria Creevy who was a patient in the Maria Clara Morgan Hospital, San Antonio de Areco, has now quite recovered.

In St. Patrick's Church, San Antonio de Areco, on the feast of St. Peter and Paul, Margaret Fedelmia Creevy received her First Holy Communion from the hands of Fr. O'Reilly. She was carefully prepared by the good Sisters of Clonmacnoise College.

After a pleasant stay in Monte, Mr. Michael Kelly has returned to Suipacha.

Canon Duff, of San Martin, who is still in the Otamendi Sanatorium, is progressing very favourably after an operation.

St. Patrick's Home Bazaar will be formally declared open on Saturday at 4 p.m. by the Very Rev. Fr. Albert Deane, C.P., Provincial of the Passionist Fathers.

We reproduce on another page the lecture delivered by Dr. Francis Scully to the Irish-Argentine Cultural Circle. On Saturday Dr. Scully lectured at the Instituto de Cultura Religiosa Superior, to a large attendance. The subject was Cardinal Newman.

Mr. Cyrill Tyrrell was a recent visitor to this city and is registered at the City Hotel.

The death of Dr. Carlos Rodriguez Larreta, which occurred yesterday, is deeply regretted.

Mr. Jack D. Nelson is on a visit to his estancia at San Patricio.

Our Readers will help us if they will mention THE SOUTHERN CROSS when replying to advertisements appearing in this paper.

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## The Laical School will Vanish

THE controversy over godless education is never dead in this country. It is over fifty years since Law No 1420 was sanctioned in the teeth of such brilliant men as Estrada, Goyena, Achával by Wilde and his political benchmen. They and their successors have been trying ever since to place religious neutrality in the category of state fundamentals, a reason as it were for the existence of the republic, but they have not succeeded. The argument is as hotly contested today as it ever was. The defenders of religious education have led some notable triumphs within the past few years, for instance the Catechism clause in the School law of the Province of Buenos Aires; and their number and quality is increasing.

From the constitutional point of view, the advocates of religion in the schools have an unanswerable case. The religious provisions of the Argentine Constitution are four in number. The first is that which lays down that the State shall support the Catholic religion. The second provides that the President of the Nation shall be a member of the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Religion. The third requires that the President on taking office shall swear on the Holy Gospels to fulfill the Constitution. The fourth makes it binding on Congress to provide for the conversion of the Indian population to the Catholic Faith. In good logic, a state which takes up this position in its Charter, must provide for the teaching of the religion required by the position.

This case is strengthened by the fact that the population of Argentina is overwhelmingly Catholic, though it must be admitted that a

large proportion is scarcely more than nominal in its adherence to the Church. That the majority of families desire a Catholic education for their children is shown by the circumstance that the private Catholic schools are invariably preferred by those whose means enable them to send their children thither. A further confirmation is afforded by the census taken in the Province of Buenos Aires some years ago, where 95 per cent of the parents of children in the public schools opted for religious instruction.

Another argument for the Catechism in the schools of Argentina is that religious instruction is in accord with the genuine tradition of the country. The great generation of the Independence heroes was formed in the old religious schools of the Colony. All the schools founded by these men were religious schools. It is well known that Sarmiento himself published a Catechism for the use of the Government establishments.

The battle for laic education was not inspired by the Argentine tradition, but by ideas imported from France in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The champions of secularity had to fight long and lustily before they succeeded in imposing their theories on the Nation, and their conquest has never been secure. That is why commemorations, such as that of Estrada the other day, are viewed with apprehension and treated with coldness; the laicists are always in fear that their position may suddenly collapse.

As things now are, secular education is an official policy, backed

## Bazaar In Aid Of St Patrick's Home

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NEXT (July 25th and 26th)

### COLLEEN'S STALL

The Colleen's Stall at St. Patrick's Home bazaar will be attended by the following:

#### Misses:

Bella MacDermott  
Irene and Marcela Hussey  
Maria Luisa and Bella Garrahan  
Ana Luisa and Margarita Cleary  
Agatha Savage  
Mary Anne Tuite  
Luisa Maria Bardi  
Hilda and Lily Cummins  
Cota Flynn  
Maria Josefina Brown

Hilda Carey  
Mary Josephine McDonough  
Celina Norton  
Laura and Tessie Garrahan  
Kathleen and Buddy Fox  
Isabel Marotte  
Lucy and Lizzie Fox  
Margaret Heduan  
Lucy Carmody  
Ines and Lily Garrahan  
Veronica and Ana Maria Hussey  
Molly and Maguita Dolan  
Bella Murphy  
A Benson.

#### Mesdames

Elena G. Manny  
Alice L. Murphy.

### SAINT PAUL'S CLUB.

#### ANNUAL BALL:

We are delighted to be able to provide our numerous friends throughout city and camp with the pleasant news that final arrangements have been made in connection with the contracting of two popular and well known orchestras—Tipica *Edgardo Doato* and the excellent Jazz Band of Teobaldo De Lillo; these have both obtained fame broadcasting on the Radio and we feel sure that their musical skill and carefully selected programme will be enjoyed by all lovers of sweet music.

We feel confident, that the foregoing announcement will attract wide attention, since it is a well-known fact that St. Paul's Club have worthily earned a reputation on account of the great success of their dances on previous occasions and this one is sure to be better than ever.

Put Saturday September 12th on your calendar! We rely on you to make this function a huge success.

The Secretary.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### NAMES OF STATIONS IN ARGENTINA.

Buenos Aires, 12th July, 1942.

To the Editor of THE SOUTHERN CROSS.  
Dear Mr. Editor:

It was with deep interest I read in the last issue of "THE SOUTHERN CROSS" the excerpts from the book, published by Mr. Enrique Udoando, dealing with station nomenclature in

by the majority of the employees of the school administration. It has the vehement support of the doctrinal liberal school, which is still strong amongst us, though the march of time is against it. Many of the great newspapers, notably *La Prensa*, are in favour of it. But even in the circles of Education, the desire for Reform is growing. The consciences of the ruling classes of the future are set towards the restoration of religion to the schools of Argentina. There will be many sharp battles before fifty years of educational liberalism can be defeated, but the victory of the majority is certain.

this country. I feel quite sure that a man with such a well-justified reputation for accuracy, as Mr. Udoando, will have taken great pains to make sure of his statements when giving the origin of the various stations. However, I believe I am correct when I state that in the list of stations published in your esteemed review there is one mistake. I read:—

"CITY BELL. Named in honour of Sir Henry Bell, railway director. Situated near La Plata".

That station was so-named, in my humble opinion in honour of the Bell family, who had lived in that district for at least a quarter of a century before Sir Henry Bell ever had any connection with the Southern Railway. A distinguished member of the Bell family was Mr. Thomas Bell, for many years proprietor of your contemporary the "BUENOS AIRES HERALD." I know that it is perilous to venture such a statement as I have made, recognizing the authority that naturally appertains to any document of Enrique Udoando.

Yours, etc.,

Observer.

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

The new Committee of St. Joseph's Society has been formed as follows:

Honorary president, Mrs. L. Garrahan.  
Hon. vice-president, Mrs. A. Wilson.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

President, Mrs. E. Buchanan.  
1st. Vice-Pres. Mrs. B. Duggan.  
2nd. Vice-Pres. Mrs. L. P. O'Farrell.  
Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Manny.  
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Treas. Miss E. J. Hutchinson.  
Pro-Treas. Miss Eva Cavanagh.  
Vocales, Miss Agustina O'Farrell,  
Mrs. J. Cavanagh, Mrs. J. Nelson,  
Mrs. R. Halahan, Mrs. T. Gahan, Mrs. A. Harrington, Mrs. J. MacDonald, Mrs. J. Bowen,  
Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. W. Dillon.

## Bear in Mind...

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

SEPTEMBER 5. San Antonio de Areco Dance.

SEPTEMBER 12—St. Paul's Club Dance.



**Byrne—Kelly Gaynor.**

Father John Boyle P.S.M., Irish Chaplain of San Antonio de Areco officiated at the wedding of Miss Eileen Byrne, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byrne, to Dr. Luis Kelly Gaynor, son of the late Julian Kelly and Mrs. Mary Gaynor de Kelly, of estancia "La Rosada", San Antonio. The ceremony took place on Friday in the Las Victorias church, which was tastefully adorned for the event.

# Wedding Bells.

nes, with a V-shaped neckline to the bodice and the flaring skirt falling to form a brief, circular train. Her short, modern veil of tulle d'illusion was held by a cluster of white flowers at one side, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations.

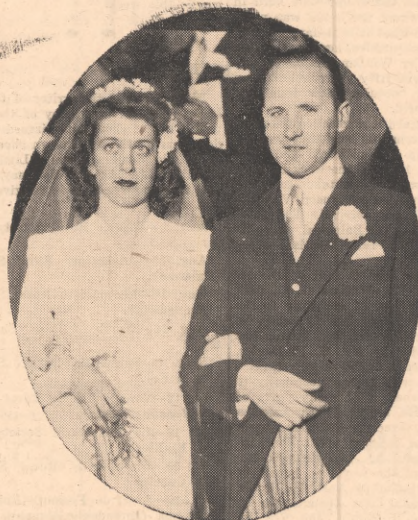
After the ceremony a reception was

Mrs. Alice Moore Rooney, of Monte Maiz, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. E. C. Robson, of this city, and the late Mr. Robson.

Sponsors of the ceremony were the bridegroom's father and the bride's mother, while the church had been decorated with white flowers.

A beautiful old-world gown of white brocade was worn by the bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Jack Scott Robson.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's family, where the newly-married couple received the good wishes of the gathering and the bride cut the three-tier cake made by her cousin, Mrs. Moore, before the bridal couple left for their honeymoon which will be spent in the Córdoba hills.



Sponsors of the marriage were Miss Elisa Fox, aunt of the bride, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Julian Kelly, while accompanying the bridal couple to the altar were also the bridegroom's mother and the bride's uncle, Mr. John Fox, who gave her away.

The bride wore a becoming gown of soft white Albene, cut on classical li-

held at the Aguila Hotel, which was very numerous attended by the relatives and friends of the young couple. A five-tier bridal cake, the gift of Mrs. Mary Anne Fox MacLoughlin, was cut by the bride.

The honeymoon is being spent at the Iguazú Falls. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

**Robson—Rooney.**

The marriage took place on Wednes-

Miss Hilda Renée Robson, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father Leo Harkins and followed by nup-



day of last week, at Holy Cross Church, tial Mass. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Dr. Thomas J. Rooney, and

# HURLING CLUB

**BAZAAR IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S HOME.**

The Directing Council of the Hurling Club invites members to attend the Bazaar to be held on Saturday and Sunday in aid of St. Patrick's Home and expect that a large percentage will attend, as besides enjoying themselves they will help a good cause. On account of this Bazaar all activities at the Club's premises in Villa Devoto were suspended for Sunday afternoon.

**DANCE:**

As already announced there will be a special evening dance on August 1st next. Professor De Lillo's orchestra (tipica and jazz) has been engaged for the occasion and the following prices (without tea) will be charged for this Dance: Members \$1.50 each and All non-members \$3.00 per person. The orchestra will be in attendance from 18.30 to 22.30 o'clock, no invitations have been issued for the occasion but a hearty welcome is extended to all the people of our community and their friends through the columns of THE SOUTHERN CROSS. Club members are also requested to invite their friends.

**TENNIS.**

The two American Tournaments played off during the last two weekends, came to a successful end on Sunday afternoon. In the Ladies' doubles where 14 couples participated the Misses M. Leaden and N. Ballestry ran out winners, while the runners-up were the Misses C. Noonan and H. Aleman Helien.

In the men's doubles 13 couples took part, the winners being Messrs. Tommy Quinn and Charlie Walsh the two youngest players participating, while the runners up were Messrs. W. Boggan and J. P. Molloy.

Prices were awarded to the winners and runners-up of both tournaments.

The Tennis sub-committee has already decided to hold a similar tournament for mixed doubles in the near future, the probable date being August 8th and 9th next, though nothing definite has been yet arranged.

**45 TOURNAMENT.**

The 45 Tournament to take place on the 1st and 2nd, of August next, will be reserved for Club members only, an inscription fee of \$2.00 per person being charged to participate. The elimination games will start on Saturday August 1st, at 14.30 o'clock and as there will be a Dance at the Club on the evening of the same day, all intending participants are requested to be punctual.

**LADIES' HOCKEY.**

The Club's second division ladies'

hockey team secured another very valuable victory on Saturday last, when they beat Spiffires by 5 goals to 1 on the latter's field in Quilmes. With this victory the winners got within two points of the League leaders, Central Argentine, who lost on Saturday against San Isidro Club; consequently the girls of the Hurling Club are now in a better position than ever and are sure to do their utmost in future matches in order to maintain their position, though they have some very tough propositions to deal with yet, they feel confident. In their last engagement they lined up their team with the following players:—L. Fox, B. Harte, M. Leaden, K. Fox, I. Lange, I. Jack, G. MacAllister, L. Fox, D. MacAllister, M. McC. de Suarez and M. Wade.

**TOMORROW'S MATCH.**

Tomorrow the Hurling Club's team will meet Municipalidad on the former's field in Villa Devoto. As Municipalidad is one of the two teams who inflicted defeat on the Hurling Club in this year's Championship, the home girls are sure to go all out for revenge of their defeat and for this reason, and considering that both teams are more or less evenly balanced (Municipalidad won the first game by 1 goal to 0), the match is sure to prove really interesting and worth while seeing; consequently it is expected that a big number of spectators will turn up for the occasion and that the home girls will have plenty of side-line support, always so valuable in these serious engagements.

**THIRD DIVISION.**

The Club's third division ladies' team played a friendly match on Saturday afternoon against a combined team from the Frigorifico Wilson and after an interesting match, in which the home team put up a very good defence, the game ended in a scoreless draw. Though the visitors held advantage in exchanges during most of the match, on account of more experience as several of their players have already played for different teams in championship matches, the Hurling Club's defence, (in which their goalkeeper Martha McDermott, Veronica Hussey and Lucy Carmody were prominent figures), managed to keep their citadel unbreaten. In the forward line the best player proved to be Eileen Farrell, who was always fast and dangerous when she got in possession of the ball. As only eight players turned up for the Wilson team, they completed their eleven with the Misses B. Fox, D. Jack and T. Noonan from the Hurling Club. The teams lined up with the following players:—

**HURLING CLUB:**—M. McDermott, Lily Fox, L. Carmody, C. Carmody, V. Hussey, E. Dillon, D. Fleming, C.



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IN AID OF

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## The Campman's Forum.

—By "CAMP-ROVER"

### TWO ITEMS FROM ABROAD.

During the past week two bits of news have come over the cables which are of more than passing interest to Argentine cattlemen. The first was that announcing the dispersal of the most famous Aberdeen-Angus herd in the world, where the breed was practically made what it is today. The Tillyfour, Aberdeenshire, herd was founded in 1830 by William McCombie and there he spent fifty years building up the type of "doodies" now found all over the world.

In this regard it is recalled that was an animal from this herd that won the championship at Smithfield and Birmingham in 1867. In the week between these two shows he was taken to Windsor for inspection by Queen Victoria. Later the Queen visited Tullyfour, driving over from Balmoral which is quite close to the farm that is now being sold up.

The second item is that of the resignation of Mr. William G. C. Britten from the post of secretary to the Hereford Herd Book Society, which he had held for 37 years. Mr. Britten has been succeeded by Mr. H. F. Davies, for many years assistant secretary.

Mr. Britten is known personally to the cattle breeders of many parts of the world. He toured South America in 1935 on a three months' tour of propaganda and judging visit. Three times previously he had visited different parts of the world on behalf of the Society, including Australia, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand the United States, Honolulu, the Fiji Islands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Mr. Britten was appointed Secretary to the Society on the death in 1905 of his father Mr. Edward William Britten who had held the position since 1898, when he succeeded the late Mr. Urwick.

Two of his great grandfathers, William Britten and Thomas Jeffries of Sheriffs Pembroke and other members of his family were founders of the Leen Herd, and were among the most noted early Hereford breeders. Jeffries bred the great bull Colmore, reputed to be the heaviest Hereford bull ever bred, and the winner of the championship at the first Royal Show in 1839.

### The Coming Show Season:—

Next week the Rosario Rural Society will start the new show season with its annual Livestock, Agricultural, and Industrial event, which is to be inaugurated on August 1. The judge in the Shorthorn section will be Mr. John Sinclair, the popular and capable manager of the "Mitikile" herd and the man who had the satisfaction of showing the Palermo Grand Champion last year. Entries have been excellent for this event this season, as a matter of fact the Committee was forced to prepare extra accommodation for the exhibitors, and keen competition for the championships is already assured. Judging starts on Thursday morning.

As far as Palermo is concerned, it is now announced that an American expert is to judge both the Shorthorn

and Aberdeen-Angus sections. This has not yet been confirmed by the Argentine Rural Society, but private information received from Chicago are to the effect that arrangements have been completed and that the name of the gentleman appointed will be made public this week.

### A Handy List:—

From a friend the writer of this column has received a copy of the very useful list of show dates issued in folder form by the well-known sheep and cattle dip dealers Fison, Little and Ratcliffe Ltd. As this list may be of use to some readers, it is given below.

Aug. 1—Rosario Rural Society (Rosario).

Aug. 15—Argentine Rural Society (Palermo).

Aug. 15—Reconquista Rural Society (Reconquista).

Aug. 24—Shorthorn Show (San Justo).

Sept. 5—Santa Fe Rural Society (Santa Fe).

Sept. 12—Venado Tuerto Rural Society (Venado Tuerto).

Sept. 13—La Paz Rural Society (La Paz, E. Rios).

Sept. 19—Rio Cuarto Rural Society (Rio Cuarto).

Sept. 19—Asoc. de Fomento Rural de la Pampa (Intendente Alvear).

Sept. 20—9 de Julio Rural Society (9 de Julio).

Sept. 20—Magdalena Rural Society (Magdalena).

Sept. 26—Gral. Villegas Rural Society (Gral. Villegas).

Sept. 26—Henderson Rural Association (Henderson).

Sept. 27—Concordia Rural Society (Concordia).

Sept. 27—Laboulaye Rural Society (Laboulaye).

Sept. 27—25 de Mayo Rural Society (25 de Mayo).

Sept. 27—Asoc. Ganadera Patagones (Patagones).

Sept. 27—San Cristobal Rural Society (San Cristobal).

Oct. 3—Azul Rural Society (Azul).

Oct. 4—Bahia Blanca Rural Society (Bahia Blanca).

Oct. 4—Bolívar Rural Society (Bolívar).

Oct. 4—Necochea Rural Society (Necochea).

Oct. 4—Chajari Rural Society (Chajari).

Oct. 10—Huinca Renancó Rural Society (Huinca Renancó).

Oct. 11—Olavarría Rural Society (Olavarría).

Oct. 11—Coronel Pringles Rural Society (Coronel Pringles).

Oct. 11—Chascomus Rural Society (Chascomus).

Oct. 12—Tandil Rural Society (Tandil).

Oct. 12—Goya Rural Society (Goya).

Oct. 17—Trenque Lauquen Rural Society (Trenque Lauquen).

Oct. 18—Coronel Suarez Rural Society (Coronel Suarez).

Oct. 18—Villaguay Rural Society (Villaguay).

Oct. 18—Loberia Rural Society (Loberia).

Norton, E. Farrell, M. Casey and S. Norton.

WILSON:—T. Noonan, C. M. Croucher, L. Jacobs, B. Fox, D. Jarvis, E. Horne, N. Fox, J. Campbell, E. Fuller, I. McDermott and D. Jack.





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- Oct. 25—Tres Arroyos Rural Society (Tres Arroyos).
- Nov. 7—Asoc. Agr. Ganadera de la Pampa (Santa Rosa).

**Practical Advice on Livestock Breeding:—**

Professor John Hammond, of the Cambridge University Agricultural College, is frequently giving sound and practical scientific advice to British farmers. The British Ministry of Agriculture recently asked cattle breeders to endeavour to increase the production of milk by bringing into their dairy herds the largest possible number of milking cows that they can dispose of. Many milk producers in England arrange for their cows to calve down at the beginning of winter so that they will have the maximum supply of milk when it is most in demand and, consequently, fetching a better price. Doctor Hammond says that for the past two years he has been experimenting for the earlier production of calves in the dairy herd of the University School, and succeeded in getting the cows to calve in

the autumn. He says that the mistake made by many cattle breeders is that they feed their cows too liberally after they have produced their calves instead of keeping them well fed during their pregnancy, and then they blame the weather or anything else but themselves for the weak condition of the cow and her calf when the latter is born. If cows are well fed before the time of calving, the calves will come into the world strong and vigorous and the mothers will be in good condition and with sufficient milk to feed them. Doctor Hammond adds that the early breeding of heifers helps to increase fertility and decrease sterility. When a heifer is allowed to go too long before being served, she generally becomes too fat and is consequently more difficult to get in calf. For this reason a large number of dairy cows that should have been serviceable for many more years have had to be sold to the butcher.

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**Cooking for Invalids**

INVALID diet can be divided into three classes:—

(1) LIQUID DIET. In this case all the food given is in liquid form, and is a diet which is only prescribed in severe cases and on doctor’s orders. Usually the doctor states the exact amounts and intervals at which food must be given, but the actual food drinks are left to the discretion of the nurse.

As it is well known that most illness is caused by impurities in the blood, through wrong food or sluggish kidneys, bowels, etc., we need to give the corrective food drinks, and not only make the body react, but the disease conquered. Therefore some good items for a liquid diet are milk in various

forms, eggs with milk, clear vegetable soups, not too highly flavoured, orange and lemon drinks, pure soft water, and other raw fruit juices, such as sweet grapes, etc.

Coffee should not be given in illness, and very sparingly even in good health, as it stimulates and excites the nerves and is inclined to cause retention of the waste matter in the blood. If tea is given it should be China tea, and is better without sugar.

(2) LIGHT DIET. This is given when the patient has so far recovered as to be able to take a little solid food. But, after the weakness caused by the illness and the period of semi-starvation, it should include all the foods mentioned in the liquid diet, together with a few easily digested additions such as:—

Lightly poached or boiled eggs, egg custard, toast (more digestible than bread), greens, potatoes and other vegetables cooked in the conservative method, and lightly steamed fish. If meat is given, it should be of the best quality and extremely well cooked.

(3) CONVALESCENT DIET. In this case the entire work of the nurse is concentrated on restoring the patient to health by building up the ravages caused by disease. Consequently most foods that are easily digested and full of nourishment can be served and more variety put into the meals.

Starch and sugar should be avoided in any kind of excess, as starch, in particular, is very indigestible, and a sick person’s stomach is incapable of fighting disease if it has to use too much energy in absorbing food. Both starch and sugar cause digestive troubles, and often constipation and rheumatism.

Honey is a better and purer form of sweetening than sugar when possible, though of course its price is often a setback. But where sugar is used it

should be the more natural variety, such as Barbadoes, Demerara, etc.

So for the convalescent diet, give conservatively cooked vegetables, lightly cooked white fish, eggs, plenty of butter and fresh cream, salads, fruit and fruit juices, honey, wholemeal bread and good vegetable soups.

FOODS TO AVOID: Sugar and starchy foods, tinned foods, owing to the preservative in them, rich pastries, meat (except perhaps in small quantities on doctor’s orders), shell-fish, pickles, wines and spirits, coffee, and any artificial foodstuffs. All food such as starch and much pulse food, which may tax the energy of a sick person, should be avoided.

FOOD IN THE NIGHT: To the sufferers tossing in pain and to those whom health-restoring sleep seems elusive, a warm drink and a biscuit will often be the means of inducing rest. As a general rule, soothing beverages should be given during the first part of the night, such as hot barley water flavoured with lemon, milk drinks, cocoa, malted milk, etc.

On the other hand, when the body is at low ebb, during the early hours of the morning, the best restorative to

induce sleep is a stimulant, which is mild and harmless, such as weak China tea, hot lemon or orange drinks, or a little vegetable or beef broth.

A herb pillow filled with hops and other sleep-inducing herbs is often a great comfort for promoting sleep.

APPETITE IS IMPORTANT: Stimulating the appetite is of primary importance, especially for a convalescent, and it requires constant attention. The doctor’s orders with regard to food must be strictly obeyed, although it is advisable to vary the diet as much as possible, in order to tempt the appetite and so strengthen the body to combat the disease. It is often a mistake to keep asking the patients what they would like to eat. Lying in bed grows so monotonous that the anticipation of something attractive for the next meal helps to keep the appetite from flagging. Other ways in which this can be accomplished are to keep the smell of cooking away from the sick-room, to serve food in small quantities and as daintily as possible.

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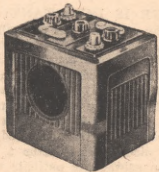
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**METHODS OF COOKING:** The best method of cooking for invalids is by steaming. Though it may be a fait that conservative cookery is the best from the point of retaining all the nourishment, perhaps a slightly more appetising appearance can be obtained from steaming as the colour is unimpaired. To healthy folk it is the nourishment that counts most, but to the invalid the usual fadness often rules the day, and they like food that is attractive in appearance. Besides, if small pieces of white fish, or a small delicate chop is steamed between two plates, over a saucepan of boiling water, the goodness is all there, and can be served on the plate, thus entailing no waste, and is of more food value to the patient than boiling or roasting.

Custard, fish, eggs, etc., can all be cooked in this method, but do remember to use the condiments sparingly, if you do not want digestive aggravation.

Never fry food for invalids, as it is inclined to harden the food and render it too rich with indigestible fat.

**SERVING THE MEALS:** Especially with the convalescent, even the smallest thing is apt to irritate, and consequently interfere with the appetite. Invalid trays should be set as daintily as possible.

Embroidered tray cloths, attractively coloured glass and china, a guest-size cruet, and other dainty appointments, all encourage that elusive desire for the food which is so necessary to ensure speedy recovery.

Put too little on the plate, when serving, rather than too much. The convalescent will always ask for more; whereas an overloaded plate will often have the opposite result.

**SILVER WEDDING BELLS.**

A charming party took place on the 9th inst at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Higgins of Belgrano when they celebrated their Silver Wedding amidst the good wishes of the host of friends and relatives present.

A real Irish tea started off the party, when Mrs. O'Higgins cut the lovely three-tiered cake—a present from her niece.

The guests then divided up into groups; while the younger fry danced others played a good old game of 45 and everybody present was treated to some delightful Irish singing by the Misses M. L. O'Higgins and Imelda MacDermott.

The party lasted until close on midnight when it broke up, much to the regret of many of the guests who would have liked to prolong the fun until later.

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**DEATHS**

**PATRICK MULLALLY, R.I.P.**—On June the 16th, after a long and painful illness borne with true patience Pat Mullally, well known in Sauto Argentino. Leaves three sisters and one brother, nephews, and nieces to mourn him. Jesus have mercy on his soul. 1583—J24

**JOSEPH CAHILL, R.I.P.**—On June 27th at the age of 75, in Alberti, fortified by the rights of the Holy Catholic Church. He leaves a sorrowful wife. 7 sons and 4 daughters and numerous grandchildren to mourn his loss. Sweet Jesus have mercy on him. 1584—J24

**MASSES**

† **MICHAEL P. KEEGAN, R. I. P.**—A Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 29th, inst. at 10 o'clock, at Santo Domingo Church, Belgrano and Defensa, for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Michael P. Keegan. All friends are invited. 1586—J24

† **JOSEPH CAHILL, R.I.P.**—Gregorian Masses are offered daily in the Parish Church of Alberti at 7.30 a.m. for the repose of his soul. On July 28th, the last Mass will be celebrated at 9.30. All relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1585—J24

† **REV. FATHER BERNARD GERAGHTY, C.P., R.I.P.**—A month's mind Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Fr. Bernard Geraghty, C.P., will be celebrated in the Parish Church of San Luis Gonzaga, Baigorria 4260, on the 30 inst., at 8 o'clock and in Holy Cross church on the 2nd. August, at 11 o'clock. All are kindly invited to attend. 1581—J24

† **JOHN KEENEHAN, R.I.P.**—Gregorian Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of the late John Keenehan, of Carmen de Arco, commenced at the Monastery Chapel on 18th July and will continue for thirty consecutive days. 1579—J24

† **PETER MURTAGH, R.I.P.**—An Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 28th, at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's, Mercedes, for the repose of the soul of the late Peter Murtagh. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1578—J24

† **MARGARITA SEERY DE MAGUIRE, R.I.P.**—Masses for the repose of the soul of the late Margarita Seery de Maguire will be celebrated at Santa Amelia Church, on July the 27th at 8.30, and in Holy Cross Church on July the 27th, 28th, and 29th at 7 o'clock. All are kindly invited to attend. 1377—J24

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**Irish Imagination as exhibited in Fairy and Folk Tales.**

(continued from page 8)

came swarming round about him to hear what the priest had said in reply. But when they heard that they must go to the priest, away they fled, whisking by poor Dermot so fast and in such numbers that he was quite bewildered. When he came to himself, back he went to his cabin and ate his dry potatoes along with Father Horri-gan; but he could not help thinking it a mighty hard case that his reverence, whose words had the power to banish the fairies at such a rate, should have no sort of relish to his supper and that the fine salmon he had in the net should have been got away from him in such a manner. Now, there is a moral to that story. I will leave it to you to think out what it is.

Fairies fancy mortals and carry them away into their own country leaving instead some sickly child or a log of wood so bewitched that it seems to be a mortal pining away and dying and being buried. Most commonly, they steal children. Those children which are carried away are happy. They have plenty of good living and music and mirth.

Now, once, Mrs. O'Brien fancied that her youngest child had been exchanged by "fairies" theft; for, one night, her healthy brown-eyed boy had become shrivelled up into almost nothing and never ceased crying. This made Mrs. O'Brien unhappy. And all the neighbours said that the child is surely with the fairies and that one of themselves (that is the fairies) was put in his place.

Mrs. O'Brien did not disbelieve what was said to her, but she did not wish to hurt the thing, for, although its face was withered and its body wasted away to a mere skeleton, it had still a strong resemblance to her own boy. She, therefore, could not prevail upon herself to roast it alive on the gridle or to burn its nose off with red-hot tongs or to throw it out in the snow on the road-side. One day, who should Mrs. O'Brien meet but a cunning woman—Betsy Foley. She had the gift of telling where the dead we-

re and what was good for the rest of their soul and could charm away warts and wens.

"You are in grief this morning, Mrs. O'Brien said Betsy to her. "That I am, Betsy," replied Mrs. O'Brien: "for there was my own child whipped off from me out of this cradle and an ugly bit of a shrivelled-up fairy put in his place."

"But are you sure it is a fairy" asked Betsy.

"Sure," answered Mrs. O'Brien "and can I doubt my two eyes? Every mother's soul must feel for me."

"Will you take an old woman's advice," said Betsy, fixing her wild and mysterious eyes upon the unhappy mother. "Put down," she added, "put down the big pot, full of water, on the fire and make it boil like mad; then get a dozen new-laid eggs, break them and keep the shells, but throw away the rest; when that is done, continued Betsy, put the shells in the pot of boiling water and you'll soon know whether it is your own boy or a fairy. If you find that it is a fairy in the cradle, take the red-hot poker and cram it down his ugly throat, and you'll not have much trouble with him after that.

"Mrs. O'Brien did as Betsy suggested. Now, the child was lying, for a wonder, easy and quiet in the cradle, every now and then cocking his eye that would twinkle as keen as a star in a frosty night over the great fire and he looked on with great attention at Mrs. O'Brien breaking the eggs and putting down the egg-shells to boil. At last, he asked in the voice of a very old man: "What are you doing mammy?"

Mrs. O'Brien's heart was up in her mouth ready to choke her at hearing the child speak. But she contrived to put the poker in the fire and to answer:

"I'm brewing, my son."  
"And what are you brewing mammy," said the little imp whose supernatural gift of speech now proved beyond question that he was a fairy substitute.

"I wish the poker were red," thought Mrs. O'Brien; but it was a large one and took a long time heating; so she determined to keep him talking until the poker was in a proper state to thrust down his throat.

"Is it what I'm brewing, you want to know," said she? "Yes, mammy: what are you brewing," returned the fairy?"

"Egg-shells, my son," said Mrs. O'Brien.

"Oh!" shrieked the imp, starting up in the cradle and clapping his hands together: "I'm fifteen hundred years in the world and I never saw a brewery of egg-shells before!" The poker was, by this time quite red and Mrs. O'Brien, seizing it, ran furiously towards the cradle; but somehow or other, her foot slipped and she fell flat on the floor, and the poker flew out of her hand to the other end of the house. But she got up without much loss of time and went to the cradle, intending to pitch the wicked thing that was in it into the pot of boiling water, when she saw her own child in a sweet sleep, one of his soft round arms resting upon the pillow; his features as placid as if their repose had never been disturbed, save the rosy mouth which moved with a gentle and regular breathing.

—Now, to that story too, there is a moral. But I won't tell you what it is.

The MERROW—a derivation from MUIR that is the sea and OIGH that is a maid—the merrow—is not unknown on the wilder coasts of Ireland. The fishermen—a superstitious folk—do not like to see them because they portend gales. It is a great pity for stor-

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my seas are one of the loveliest sights on earth. In fact, everything with fight in it is a heavenly sight. The male merrows have green teeth; green hair; pig's eyes and red noses; red noses, not as a result of drink for whisky and red noses go well together; well, they have red noses. God made them so and it cannot be helped. Their women are beautiful for all their fish tails and the little duck-like scale between their fingers. Sometimes, they show greater partiality for handsome fishermen than for their sea lovers. Near Bantry, in the last century, there is reputed to have lived a wo-

man covered all over with scales like a fish. She was descended from such a marriage—that is between a fisherman and a merrow. Nothing is impossible under the sun. Sometimes, merrows come out of the sea and wander about the shore in the shape of little hornless cows. When in their own shape, they have a red cap called.

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NOT many days ago my old friend from the tropics, J. P. Bridger, United States consul on the island of Ratona, was in the city. We had wassail and jubilee and saw the Flatiron building, and missed seeing the Bronxless menagerie by about a couple of nights. And then, at the ebb tide, we were walking up a street that parallels and parodies Broadway.

A woman with a comely and mundane countenance passed us, holding in leash a wheezing, vicious, waddling brute of a yellow pug. The dog entangled himself with Bridger's legs and mumbled his ankles in a snarling, peevish, sulky bite. Bridger, with a happy smile, kicked the breath out of the brute; the woman showered us with lives that left us in no doubt as to our place in her opinion, and we passed on. Ten yards farther an old woman with disordered white hair and her bankbook tucked well hidden beneath her tattered shawl begged. Bridger stopped and disinterred for her a quarter from his holiday waistcoat.

On the next corner a quarter of a ton of well-clothed man with a rice-powdered, fat, white jowl, stood hold-

## The Theory and the Hound

(By O. HENRY.)

ing the chain of a devil-born bulldog whose forelegs were strangers by the length of a dachshund. A little woman in a last-season's hat confronted him and wept, which was plainly all she could do, while he cursed her in low, sweet, practised tones.

Bridger smiled again—strictly to himself—and this time he took out a little memorandum book and made a note of it. This he had no right to do without due explanation, and I said so.

"It's a new theory," said Bridger, "that I picked up down in Ratona. I've been gathering support for it as I knock about. The world isn't ripe for it yet, but—well, I'll tell you; and then you run your mind back along the people you've known and see what you make of it."

And so I cornered Bridger in a place where they have artificial palms and wine; and he told me the story which is here in my words and on his responsibility.

One afternoon at three o'clock, on the island at Ratona, a boy raced along the beach screaming, "Pájaro, ahoy!"

Thus he made known the keenness of his hearing and the justice of his discrimination in pitch.

He who first heard and made oral proclamation concerning the toot of an approaching steamer's whistle, and correctly named the steamer, was a small hero in Ratona—until the next steamer came. Wherefore, there was rivalry among the barefoot youth of Ratona, and many fell victims to the softly blown conch shells of sloops which, as they enter harbor, sound surprisingly like a distant steamer's signal. And some could name you the vessel when its call, in your duller ears, sounded no louder than the sigh of the wind through the branches of the coconut palms.

But to-day he who proclaimed the Pájaro gained his honors. Ratona bent its ear to listen; and soon the deep-toned blast grew louder and nearer, and at length Ratona saw above the line of palms on the low "point" the two black funnels of the fruiter slowly creeping toward the mouth of the harbor.

You must know that Ratona is an island twenty miles off the south of a South American republic. It is a port of that republic; and it sleeps sweetly in a smiling sea, toiling not nor spinning; fed by the abundant tropics where all things "ripen, cease and fall toward the grave."

Eight hundred people dream life away in a green-embowered village that follows the horseshoe curve of its bijou harbor. They are mostly Spanish and Indian mestizos, with a shading of San Domingo Negroes, a lightening of pure-blood Spanish officials, and a slight leavening of the froth of three or four pioneering white races. No steamers touch at Ratona save the fruit steamers which take on their banana inspectors there on their way to the coast. They leave Sunday newspapers, ice, quinine, bacon, watermelons, and vaccine matter at the island and that is about all the touch Ratona gets with the world.

The Pájaro paused at the mouth of the harbor, rolling heavily in the swell that sent the whitecaps racing beyond the smooth water inside. Already two dories from the village—one conveying fruit inspectors, the other going for what it could get—were halfway out to the steamer.

The inspector's dory was taken on board with them, and the Pájaro steamed away for the mainland for its load of fruit.

The other boat returned to Ratona bearing a contribution from the Pájaro's store of ice, the usual roll of newspapers, and one passenger—Taylor Plunkett, sheriff of Chatham County, Kentucky.

Bridger, the United States consul at Ratona, was cleaning his rifle in the official shanty under a bread-fruit tree twenty yards from the water of the harbor. The consul occupied a place somewhat near the tail of his political party's procession. The music of the band wagon sounded very faintly to him in the distance. The plums of office went to others. Bridger's share of the spoils—the consulship at Ratona—was little more than a prune—a dried prune from the boarding-house department of the public crib. But \$900 yearly was opulence in Ratona. Besides, Bridger had contracted a passion for shooting alligators in the lagoons near his consulate, and he was not unhappy.

He looked up from a careful inspection of his rifle lock and saw a broad man filling his doorway. A broad, noiseless, slow-moving man unbent almost to the brow of Vandyke. A man of forty-five, neatly clothed in homespun, with scanty light hair, a close-clipped brown-and-gray beard and pale-blue eyes expressing mildness and simplicity.

"You are Mr. Bridger, the consul," said the broad man. "They directed me here. Can you tell me what those big bunches of things like gourds are in those trees that look like feather dusters along the edge of the water?"

"Take that one," said the consul, recoiling his cleaning rag. "No, the other one—that bamboo thing won't hold you. Why, they're cocoanuts—green cocoanuts. The shell of 'em is always a light green before they're ripe."

"Much obliged," said the other man, sitting down carefully. "I didn't quite like to tell the folks at home they were olives unless I was sure about it. My name is Plunkett. I'm sheriff of Chatham County, Kentucky. I've got extradition papers in my pocket authorizing the arrest of a man on this island. They've been signed by the President of this country, and they're in correct shape. The man's name is Wade Williams. He's in the coconut raising business. What he's wanted for is the murder of his wife two years ago. Where can I find him?"

The consul squinted an eye and looked through his rifle barrel.

"There's nobody on the island who calls himself 'Williams,'" he remarked.

"Didn't suppose there was," said Plunkett mildly. "He'll do by any other name."

"Besides myself," said Bridger, "there are only two Americans on Ratona—Bob Reeves and Henry Morgan."

"The man I want sells cocoanuts," suggested Plunkett.

"You see that coconut walk extending up to the point?" said the consul, waving his hand toward the open door.

"That belongs to Bob Reeves, Henry Morgan owns half the trees to lo'ard on the island."

"One month ago," said the sheriff, "Wade Williams wrote a confidential letter to a man in Chatham County, telling him where he was and how he was getting along. The letter was lost; and the person that found it gave it away. They sent me after him, and I've got the papers. I reckon he's one of your cocoanut men for certain."

"You've got his picture, of course," said Bridger. "It might be Reeves or Morgan, but I'd hate to think it. They're both as fine fellows as you'd meet in an all-day auto ride."

"No," doubtfully answered Plunkett; "there wasn't any picture of Williams to be had. And I never saw him my-



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self. I've been sheriff only a year. But I've got a pretty accurate description of him. About 5 feet 11; dark hair and eyes; nose inclined to be Roman; heavy about the shoulders; strong, white teeth, with none missing; laughs a good deal, talkative; drinks considerably but never to intoxication; looks you square in the eye when talking; age thirty-five. Which one of your men does that description fit?"

The consul grinned broadly. "I'll tell you what you do," he said, laying down his rifle and slipping on his dingy black alpaca coat. "You come along, Mr. Plunkett, and I'll take you up to see the boys. If you can tell which one of ten your description fits better than it does the other you have the advantage of me."

Bridger conducted the sheriff out and along the hard beach close to which the tiny houses of the village were distributed. Immediately back of the town rose sudden, small, thickly wooded hills. Up one of these, by means of steps cut in the hard clay, the consul led Plunkett. On the very verge of an eminence was perched a two-room wooden cottage with a thatched roof. A Carib woman was washing clothes, outside. The consul ushered the sheriff to the door of the room that overlooked the harbor.

Two men were in the room, about to sit down. In their shirt sleeves, to a table spread for dinner. They bore little resemblance one to the other in detail; but the general description given by Plunkett could have been justly applied to either. In height, color of hair, shape of nose, build, and manners each of them tallied with it. They were fair types of jovial, ready-witted, broad-gauged Americans who had gravitated together for companionship in an alien land.

"Hello, Bridger!" they called in unison at sight of the consul. "Come and have dinner with us!" And then they noticed Plunkett at his heels, and came forward with hospitable curiosity.

"Gentlemen," said the consul, his voice taking an unaccustomed formality, "this is Mr. Plunkett. Mr. Plunkett—Mr. Reeves and Mr. Morgan." The cocoanut barons greeted the newcomer joyously. Reeves seemed about an inch taller than Morgan, but his laugh was not quite as loud. Morgan's eyes were deep brown; Reeves's were black. Reeves was the host and busied himself with fetching other chairs and calling to the Carib woman for supplemental table ware. It was explained that Morgan lived in a bamboo shack to "lo'ard," but that every day the two friends dined together. Plunkett stood still during the preparations, looking about mildly with his pale-blue eyes. Bridger looked apologetic and uneasy.

At length two other covers were laid and the company was assigned to places. Reeves and Morgan stood side by side across the table from the visitors. Reeves nodded genially as a signal for all to seat themselves. And then suddenly Plunkett raised his hand with a gesture of authority. He was looking straight between Reeves and Morgan.

"Wade Williams," he said quietly, "you are under arrest for murder."

Reeves and Morgan instantly exchanged a quick, bright glance, the quality of which was interrogation, with a seasoning of surprise. Then, simultaneously they turned to the speaker with a puzzled and frank deprecation in their gaze.

"Can't say that we understand you, Mr. Plunkett," said Morgan, cheerfully. "Did you say 'Williams'?"

"What's the joke, Bridger?" asked

Reeves, turning to the consul with a smile. Before Bridger could answer, Plunkett spoke again.

"I'll explain," he said, quietly. "One of you don't need any explanation, but this is for the other one. One of you is Wade Williams of Chatham County, Kentucky. You murdered your wife on May 5, two years ago, after ill-treating and abusing her continually for five years. I have the proper papers in my pocket for taking you back with me, and you are going. We will return on the fruit steamer that comes back by this island tomorrow to leave its inspectors. I acknowledge, gentlemen, that I'm not quite sure which one of you is Williams. But Wade Williams goes back to Chattan County tomorrow. I want you to understand that."

A great sound of merry laughter from Morgan and Reeves went out over the still harbor. Two or three fishermen in the fleet of sloops anchored there looked up at the house of the diabolical Americans on the hill and wondered.

"My dear Mr. Plunkett," cried Morgan, conquering his mirth, "the dinner is getting cold. Let us sit down and eat. I am anxious to get my spoon into that shark-fin soup. Business afterward."

"Sit down, gentlemen, if you please, added Reeves, pleasantly. "I am sure Mr. Plunkett will not object. Perhaps a little time may be of advantage to him in identifying—the gentleman he wishes to arrest."

"No objections, I'm sure," said Plunkett, dropping into his chair heavily. "I'm hungry myself. I didn't want to accept the hospitality of your folks without giving you notice; that's all."

Reeves set bottles and glasses on the table.

"There's cognac," he said, "and anisada, and Scotch 'smoke,' and rye. Take your choice."

Bridger chose rye, Reeves poured three fingers of Scotch for himself, Morgan took the same. The sheriff, against much protestation, filled his glass from the water bottle.

"Here's to the appetite," said Reeves, raising his glass, "of Mr. Williams!" Morgan's laugh and his drink encountering sent him into a choking splutter. All began to pay attention to the diner, which was well cooked and palatable.

"Williams!" called Plunkett, suddenly and sharply.

All looked up wonderingly. Reeves found the sheriff's mild eye resting upon him. He flushed a little.

"See here," he said, with some asperity, "my name's Reeves, and I don't want you to—" But the comedy of the thing came to his rescue and he ended with a laugh.

"I suppose, Mr. Plunkett," said Morgan, carefully seasoning an alligator pear, "that you are aware of the fact that you will import a good deal of trouble for yourself into Kentucky if you take back the wrong man—that is, of course, if you take anybody back?"

"Thank you for the salt," said the sheriff. "Oh, I'll take somebody back. It'll be one of you two gentlemen. Yes, I know I'll get stuck for damages if I make a mistake. But I'm going to try to get the right man."

"I'll tell you what you do," said Morgan, leaning forward with a jolly twinkle in his eyes. "You take me. I'll go without any trouble. The cocoanut business hasn't panned out well this year, and I'd like to make some extra

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## AROUND THE HOME

### ABOUT LEFT-HANDEDNESS.

The majority of people are right-handed, that is, dexterous (dexter; on the right side). Its opposite word is sinister—left-handed. And it is because to do things with the left hand is considered unnatural that sinister has come to mean suspicious, underhand, or evil. Perhaps there is no real connection at all between left-handed persons and those who are unmanageable; but it is an interesting fact that of offenders against the law 13 per cent. among the men and 22 per cent. among the women are left-handed.

It is curious, too, that many children, naturally left-handed, begin to stammer when an attempt is made to convert them to right-handed writing. The endeavour to bring about a change appears to cause some confusion in the brain which results in an impediment in speech. A doctor who has studied this peculiarity is of the opinion that all children, up to about two years of age, seemingly use either hand indiscriminately, and he thinks it is a pity that this useful tendency is not developed with a view to ambidexterity. The advantage of being able to use both hands with equal facility is obvious.

### LARGE HANDS AND FEET.

It is surprising to notice how many women realise that they have over-large feet and hands, yet never make any definite effort to minimise these faults. They are conscious that sometimes the size is much less apparent than at other times, yet they do not investigate the cause of this variation. They still continue to buy things in a haphazard fashion, merely regretting that the new purchases do not have the pleasing effect which by mere chance was obtained from some earlier toilette.

The woman with large hands must not wear tight-fitting gloves, and should choose soft suede rather than glossy kid or nappa. The gloves should have large gauntlet tops to reduce the apparent width of the knuckles.

Dresses should have sleeves and wide cuffs whenever possible. The best sleeve of all has a soft drooping cuff falling over the fingers. For morning wear, wide double-shirt-cuffs with links are most suitable, for tight wrist-bands will make the smallest hand look clumsy. Evening dresses should have flowing draperies, or where this is impossible, a large bunch of ribbons on the shoulder can be brought down on the arm and gathered into a bracelet with dangling ends to obscure the outlines of the hand. No hand jewellery should be worn except a large signet or some other ring of the massive description.

Long, slender feet look best in court shoes with pointed toes, but large broad feet are improved by the oxford shape. The position of the strap is most important, as nothing less than a foot more than a strap placed far back against the ankle. Buckles and other ornaments are useful in distracting the eye from a large expanse of shoe-leather. Lace-up shoes should never be worn unless they are of the very short two-eyelet shape, which reaches less than half-way up the instep, and this shape is apt to be broadening. Many women wear black shoes, under the impression that they make the feet look smaller.

Actually, they must only be worn with

dark clothes, since nothing increases the apparent size of the feet so much as dark footwear beneath a light dress.

## Recipes

### ORANGE PUDDING A LA RUSSE.

Place a thin layer of Ratafia biscuits over the bottom of a glass dish, and cover them with a layer of marmalade. One by one, dip the cubes of 4 ozs. of loaf sugar into cold water, and put the sugar thus saturated into a saucepan, over a very low fire. Stir the contents faithfully until boiling, then add the rind and juice of two lemons and boil for ten minutes, without stirring. Take your saucepan from the heat, add 3 ozs. of chopped walnuts and the yolks of two eggs. Stir well together and pour the mixture over the biscuits. Whip the whites of the two eggs in a basin for ten minutes, adding thereto, by degrees, 1 small tablespoonful of marmalade. Pile your whip on the top of your sweet, in a pretty fashion, and keep in a cool place until required for table.

### LEMON SOUFFLE TARTS.

Four egg yolks, one cup sugar, one lemon (grated rind and juice), one tablespoon boiling water.

Mix ingredients and cook in double boiler, stirring constantly until smooth and thick. Beat egg whites stiff, and add to the other mixture. Fill tart shells and bake a few minutes in a hot oven, 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

### BANANA JELLY.

One ounce of gelatine, dissolved overnight in a pint and three-quarters of cold water; next day add the pulp of six mashed bananas, a quarter-pound of sugar and the juice of half a lemon. Well stir till it boils and place in a mould.



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# Health Talks.

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## Diphtheria.

Everybody knows that diphtheria is due to poisonous germs which somehow or other have been allowed to settle and develop in the throat. From this point the poison circulates in the body, and not infrequently affects the heart, muscles and the nerves. The records of medical officers of the health show that while thousands are victims to diphtheria, there are ten thousand more who are able to resist the attack. The obvious lesson regarding all these diseases is to keep our vitality at full strength, for we never know when we may be attacked, and we have no record of the human victories against disease. Those who have built up reserves of strength do not even know when they have been in danger. The body does its work like the Silent Service. When the germs start to secrete their poison, the bodily resistance provides the antidote. The feeble body makes a poor supply; the healthy body makes an abundant supply.

If, therefore, we are to keep free from infectious disease, we must keep our health up to a high standard.

In the daily struggle between life and death we must rely upon the inherent curative powers of the body itself. If this were more generally appreciated we should be less careless about our health. Nature is a constant watchdog, and we want her to bite as well as bark when poisonous germs apply for admission.

If you took a microscope and looked at the inside of the stomach you would find a mass of nerves which connect this important organ with the brain and prevent it being isolated from the nervous system. The truth is that we are so wonderfully and fearfully made that the whole body is linked up in an amazing manner. Thus it is that a tumour on the brain may cause vomiting, bad news may disturb the digestion, and worry take away the appetite. The business of the nerves is to assist us in cultivating a placid state of mind. When, therefore, we sit down to eat our food, let us remember the nerves of the stomach.

If you took another look through the microscope you would see those blood vessels which are bringing fresh blood to the organ every second. The blood in the vessels that leave the stomach is enriched by the products of the digestion, and if the stomach contains poison, this poison, alas, is also transported by the blood stream throughout the body. Here is the explanation why tainted fish may cause nettlesash, and septic teeth make you a victim of

rheumatism. The knee joint may appear to be a long way from the stomach, but it is only a matter of seconds for the blood to circulate to all the joints.

Take yet another look through the microscope and you will be able to see the delicate lining of the stomach and the enlargement of those marvellous cells which secrete the gastric juice. When you are in good health this gastric juice remains in an acid state. You read a lot about the excess of acid; but it is this acid gastric juice which transforms your food into flesh and blood. It is abuse of the stomach which creates too much or too little acid.

## Hints

Before using flour for pastry or puddings, put it in the oven for a few minutes. This makes it lighter and more digestible.

When a shirt is beyond repair, cut away the back, which is usually in good condition, out of the sleeves cut strips for strings and you have a very useful apron.

When natural soured milk is not available for a recipe, add two tablespoons of vinegar to each cup of milk and let stand for 10-15 minutes. Use just as any sour milk.

When table linen has become very worn, tack a piece of fine new muslin on the back of the part to be mended. Then darn the surface. The muslin will make the darn much stronger, and after laundering it should be quite invisible.

To clean white window shades rub with a rough flannel cloth dipped in French chalk.

Dried egg shells crushed up and put round the roots of roses make an excellent tonic and give a larger flower.

When knitting two colours of wool alternately, slip the two ends of the wool through a fairly large bead. This will keep them together, yet unangled.

No sauce containing flour is ready as soon as it comes to boil. At least five minutes' simmering is necessary to remove the raw taste of the flour.

For a corn, soak five or six young ivy leaves in a little vinegar for twenty-four hours, then place one of the soaked leaves on the corn, and secure with a small piece of plaster. Leave for another twenty-four hours, then substitute a fresh leaf. Continue this treatment until the corn has been removed; it will take several days, but even an obstinate corn usually yields to this treatment.

For better baking, don't mix old flour with new in the bin. When the receptacle is empty, thoroughly scald it, dry it and leave it to cool before refilling with new flour.

When frying fish, sprinkle the bottom of the pan with salt. This will prevent its sticking, and the fish can be turned easily without breaking.

Boil corks before bottling pickles. While hot they can be pressed into the bottles, and when they turn cold they seal themselves tightly.

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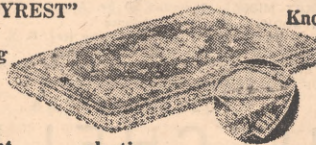
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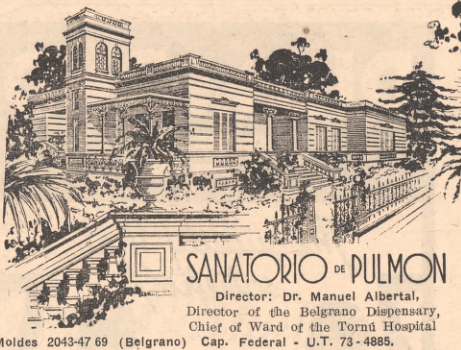


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# Catholic News

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The Director of the Academy, in the customary address at the funeral of Cardinal Baudrillart, spoke of the "lofty qualities of this great prelate who, on so many occasions, has represented France throughout Europe and all over the world."

than a million Catholics each—Chicago, 1,543,471; New York, 1,111,718; Boston, 1,065,969. Brooklyn is the largest diocese numerically; it has 984,905 Catholics.

There are now 20 archdioceses and 97 dioceses. There are two Cardinals, 22 Archbishops and 126 Bishops.

The directory shows an increase of 741 in the number of clergy; there are 23,818 diocesan priests and 12,762 priests in religious orders, a total of 36,580.

The 203 seminaries have 17,545 students.

## Horror Was Inevitable.—

A young American Priest, who had been doing pastoral work in France at the time of the German invasion, has written an interesting account of his experience and observation. His story has appeared serially in several newspapers.

We have suffered a plethora of stories about France. Scores and scores of analyses have appeared, some of them by international names. About twice a week since the fall of France, someone has attempted to answer the question—how could this thing happen? How was it possible for this nation, for so long forewarned and, as we had supposed, forearmed, to succumb so easily?

With all due respect to the many experts who have written about France, the account of the Catholic Priest best explains the enigma of France's singular collapse. It is a whole view. The background he paints enables one to understand why tragedy had to occur. If this catastrophe had not befallen, some other horror was inevitable.

The version which seems generally current is altogether too simple and forthright. It is absolutely untrue that the French yielded too easily. They fought their hearts out against an enormously superior foe. But why was France so shockingly weak? Secular commentators prefer to treat this question superficially. They evade the right answer. They fear the truth because the truth challenges our own self-esteem.

## Holy See and Hong Kong Prisoners.—

The Holy See is helping to feed British prisoners of war held by the Japanese in Hong Kong and Singapore, it was reported in the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, answering a question.

Anthony Eden said that as supplies by sea cannot arrive for some time, arrangements have been made through the good offices of the Vatican for the purchase by local missionary organizations of such supplies as can be obtained locally, and for their distribution to the camps.

## Priest in Bataan.—

Among the last army chaplains with the defenders of the Bataan Peninsula was a Filipino priest who escaped after being captured by the Japanese and put to forced labor.

Fr. Getulio Ingal was captured near a demolished bridge. In the guise of a civilian searching for his family, he had been trying to rejoin the company from which he had become separated during the withdrawal from Bataan.

The Japanese obliged him with other men to work from dawn to dusk reconstructing the bridge. Their daily food consisted of a handful of rice and their only water came from a muddy stream.

Eluding the guards in darkness, Fr. Ingal spent the middle of a night crouching in the middle of a stream. Often he thought he would be revealed by beams of light which Japanese on both banks switched methodically across the stream.

After making his way through thick brush he met another escaped prisoner, and together after several days they reached the American and Filipino defenders in a little boat.

## 82,087 Converts in U. S. in Year.—

Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands now number 22,556,242, states the Official Catholic Directory for 1942, just published. This is an increase of 263,141 over last year's total.

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money out of your bondsmen."  
 "That's not fair," chimed in Reeves. "I got only \$16 a thousand for my last shipment. Take me, Mr. Plunkett."  
 "I'll take Wade Williams," said the sheriff, patently, "or I'll come pretty close to it."  
 "It's like dining with a ghost," remarked Morgan, with a pretended shiver. "The ghost of a murderer, too! Will somebody pass the toothpicks to the shade of the naughty Mr. Williams?"  
 Plunkett seemed as unconcerned as if he were dining at his own table in Chatham County. He was a gallant trencherman, and the strange tropic viands tickled his palate. Heavy, commonplace, almost slothful in his movements, he appeared to be devoid of all the cunning and watchfulness of the sleuth. He even ceased to observe, with any sharpness or attempted discrimination, the two men, one of whom he had undertaken with surprising self-confidence to drag away upon the serious charge of wife-murder. Here, indeed, was a problem set before him that if wrongly solved would have amounted to his serious discomfiture, yet there he sat puzzling his soul (to all appearances) over the novel flavor of a broiled iguana cutlet.

The consul felt a decided discomfort. Reeves and Morgan were his friends and pals; yet the sheriff from Kentucky had a certain right to his official aid and moral support. So Bridger sat the silentest around the board and tried to estimate the peculiar situation. His conclusion was that both Reeves and Morgan, quickwitted, as he knew them to be, had conceived at the moment of Plunkett's disclosure of his mission—and in the brief space of a lightning flash—the idea that the other might be the guilty Williams; and that each of them had decided in that moment loyally to protect his comrade against the doom that threatened him. This was the consul's theory, and if he had been a bookmaker at a race of wits for life and liberty he would have offered heavy odds against the plodding sheriff from Chatham County, Kentucky.

When the meal was concluded the Carib woman came and removed the dishes and cloth. Reeves strewed the table with excellent cigars, and Plunkett, with the others, lighted one of these with evident gratification.

"I may be dull," said Morgan, with a grin and a wink at Bridger; "but I want to know if I am. Now, I say this is all a joke of Mr. Plunkett's concocted to frighten two babes-in-the-woods. Is this Williamson to be taken seriously or not?"

"Williams," corrected Plunkett, gravely. "I never got off any jokes in my life. I know I wouldn't travel 2,000 miles to get off a poor one as this would be if I didn't take Wade Williams back with me. Gentlemen!" continued the sheriff, now letting his mild eyes travel impartially from one of the company to another, "see if you can find any joke in this case. Wade Williams is listening to the words I utter now; but out of politeness I will speak of him as a third person. For

five years he made his wife lead the life of a dog—No; I'll take that back. No dog in Kentucky was ever treated as she was. He spent the money that she brought him—spent it at races, at the card table, and on horses and hunting. He was a good fellow to his friends, but a cold sullen demon at home. He wound up the five years of neglect by striking her with his closed hand—a hand as hard as a stone—when she was ill and weak from suffering. She died the next day; and he skipped. That's all there is to it. It's enough. I never saw Williams; but I knew his wife, I'm not a man to tell half. She and I were keeping company when she met him. She went to Louisville on a visit and saw him there. I'll admit that he spoils my chances in no time. I lived then on the edge of the Cumberland Mountains. I was elected sheriff of Chatham County a year after Wade Williams killed his wife. My official duty sends me out here after him; but I'll admit that there's personal feeling, too. And he's going back with me. Mr.—er—Reeves, will you pass me a match?"

"Awfully imprudent of Williams," said Morgan, putting his feet up against the wall, "to strike a Kentucky lady. Seems to me I've heard they were scrappers."  
 "Bad, bad Williams," said Reeves, pouring out more "Scotch."

The two men spoke lightly, but the consul saw and felt the tension and the carefulness in their actions and words. "Good old fellows," he said to himself; "they're both all right. Each of 'em is standing by the other like a little brick church."  
 And then a dog walked into the room where they sat—a black-and-tan hound, long-eared, lazy, confident of welcome.

Plunkett turned his head and looked at the animal, which halted, confidently, within a few feet of his chair.

Suddenly the sheriff, with a deep-mouthed oath, left his seat and bestowed upon the dog a vicious and heavy kick, with his ponderous shoe.

The hound, heart-broken, astonished, with flapping ears and incurved tail, uttered a piercing yelp of pain and surprise.

Reeves and the consul remained in their chairs, saying nothing, but astonished at the unexpected show of intolerance from the easy-going man from Chatham County.

But Morgan, with a suddenly purpling face, leaped to his feet and raised a threatening arm above the guest.

"You—brute!" he shouted, passionately; "why did you do that?"

Quickly the amenities returned, Plunkett muttered some indistinct apology and regained his seat. Morgan with a decided effort controlled his indignation and also returned to his chair.

And then Plunkett, with the spring of a tiger, leaped around the corner of the table and snapped handcuffs on the paralyzed Morgan's wrists.

"Hound-lover and woman-killer!" he cried; "get ready to meet your God."  
 When Bridger had finished I asked him:

"Did he get the right man?"

"He did," said the consul.

"And how did he know?" I inquired, being in a kind of bewilderment.

"When he put Morgan in the dory," answered Bridger, "the next day to take him aboard the *Pájaros*, this man Plunkett stopped to shake hands with me and I asked him the same question.

"Mr. Bridger," said he. "I'm a Kentuckian, and I've seen a great deal of both men and animals. And I never yet saw a man that was overfond of horses and dogs but what was cruel to women."

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Two women happened to meet in the street. One was carrying a parcel and was asked by the other what it was.

"Oh, it's some ham," was the reply. "I always buy ham at Sandy's store. My husband is very particular, and likes Sandy's ham best."

The other thought she would try the ham, and off she went to Sandy's store.

"I want some ham," she said.

"What kind?" asked the shop-keeper. "Oh, the same as Mrs. McDonald gets."

The shopkeeper smiled, and leaning confidentially over the counter, asked: "Whaur's yer bottle?"

"The sun never sets on the British Empire," said the Englishman quite proudly.

"What a pity," remarked the American girls. "At home we have such lovely sunsets."

Brown had been invited to dine at a big hotel, and as his financial position was not very strong he looked glum when, at his departure, a string of servants waylaid him.

"Well," he thought, "I suppose I must submit to the inevitable—and pay."

"Sir," said one, "your overcoat." Brown put on his overcoat and gave the man a shilling.

"Your umbrella and hat, sir," said another, and he surrendered another shilling.

"Sir, your gloves."

But this was too much for Brown. Exasperated, he exclaimed: "You may keep the gloves; they're not worth it!"

The vicar was giving out the usual Sunday morning notices. When he arrived at the publishing of the marriage banns he found the book was missing.

Groping about, he began: "I publish the banns of marriage between—between—"

"Between the cushion and the seat," whispered the sidesman.

Hiker (looking for a lift): "Hey, mister, I'm going your way."

Motorist: "So I notice; but I'll bet I get there first."

It was the country girl's first job in London. A bell had been installed in her bedroom, and the morning after her arrival the mistress of the house rang it to waken her.

The mistress waited. The maid, however, did not appear. Twice more she rang, but nothing happened.

Fuming inwardly, the woman rose herself and, slipping on a dressing-gown, hastened to the girl's room. There, wide awake, lay the maid, shak-ink with laughter.

"What on earth are you laughing at, Jane?" she asked, frigidly.

Jane pointed to the bell.

"I'm laughing at that," she replied. "As sure as I live I haven't touched it—but, just look, it's wagging still!"

The golf novice had driven his ball along the fairway, but, unfortunately, it had disappeared down a rabbit-hole. "Which club will you take now?" asked the caddie with a grin.

The novice looked puzzled. "Have you got one shaped like a ferret?" he asked.

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 8.

(314) A rough grouping arranges coal under the heads anthracite, bituminous, lignite, or brown coal. This was judged too general by scientists and attempts have been made to arrive at a more accurate classification. The International Geological Congress at Toronto, in 1913, arranged coal in four main classes—A, B, C and D—with three sub-classes, basing the classification on fuel ratio. Class A comprises anthracite and semi-anthracite, class B bituminous and semi-bituminous coal; class C is canal coal (a dull black variety, much used for gas manufacture), class D lignite or brown coal.

(315) In an ordinary gasworks coal is carbonized at temperatures of between 1,000 degrees centigrade and

1,400 degrees centigrade. This results in a large amount of coal gas and clean coke. When coal is carbonized at temperatures of between 450 degrees centigrade and 700 degrees centigrade a change occurs in the products. Much less gas is given off, a residue fuel which is solid and smokeless is left, and quite a large proportion of light oils and motor spirit and other by-products are formed.

(316) Decayed vegetable matter, mainly of aquatic origin, found in marshy and boggy districts. It is literally coal in the making, though millions of years would be required to transform it, and is mainly prevalent in the northern parts of the world. It is estimated that in the United Kingdom and Ireland there are over 9,000 acres of peat of an average depth of twelve to fourteen feet. It burns slowly and leaves a clean ash.

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