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• • • • • THE National Constitution provides that when a Territory has more than fifty thousand inhabitants, it may be erected into a Province. Several Territories are in this situation, and have long been so; and periodically agitations arise for the purpose of moving Parliament to take the necessary steps to make new Provinces.

Several existing Provinces are bankrupt concerns because great part of their revenues are swallowed up in the salaries and expenses of the judicial, legislative and executive powers. The regions which it is desired to erect into Provinces are financially better placed than those we have alluded to, but what useful purpose will be served by that expenditure? We can think of none. The Territories are administered under the national law; the administration, though it leaves something to be desired, is at least as good as what the Territories could provide; and the absence of a local legislative body may be a positive advantage.

• • • • • THIS year the financial deficit of the current Budget is estimated in round figures as six hundred million pesos. That is, the Government will spend that much more than it will receive. Some of this debt is carried forward; the greater part is money which is being spent now.

The reasons for the deficit are two: the necessity in which the Government finds itself of purchasing surplus crops; and the constantly growing cost of administration, salaries, etc.

Very rarely does any government succeed in spending less than its predecessor. The curve always ascends. Wiser heads than ours have been trying, for thousands of years, to make civilized government a cheap task, but no one has hit on the secret.

The issue has always been inflation. A government which contracts debts in currency is tempted to devalue that cur-

rency and pay up in nominal values. A paper peso is owed; the value of the peso is reduced to ten cents (real money); and the debt is paid. That is why inflation is resorted to. There will be inflation in Argentina; in fact, it is already here.

• • • • • IT is a historical blunder to claim that the Catholicism of Argentina is exclusively due to Spain. The present population of this country comes from many lands. The Italians brought their Catholicism with them; the South Germans and Slavs, theirs; our Irish ancestors brought theirs. The churches of this country have been built, many of them, by Irish, Italian, German and other priests. Our Catholicism is cosmopolite.

We do not deny, of course, that Spanish missionaries planted the Catholic Church in this land when it was under the domination of the Spanish Kings. All honour to those missionaries! But we must not be unjust to the other missionaries of the races which flocked into Argentina during the spacious days of the nineteenth century.

• • • • • THE war has compelled the nations of the world to realize what the farming community really means. In the good old days when the ships of every nation could sail the seven seas with no peril beyond that of an occasional storm, food-stuffs were readily secured, so farm lands went under grass or were devoted to the pleasure haunts of the idle rich with dog and gun. War has changed all that and eyes are now turned to the land.

The forces of death can only be overcome by the forces of life, among which are neither mechanical energy nor money. Small, self-contained farms, relatively independent of outside purchases, seem to be very contrary to modern tendencies. But those modern tendencies, as they effect farming, are diametrically opposed to the essential biological needs of mankind.

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The Gobban Saor

(By THOMAS D'ARCY McGEE.)

(The Gobban Saor—the builder—is supposed to have lived in the first Christian age of Ireland, the 6th century; but his birth, life and death are involved in great obscurity and many legends. He is, perhaps, after St. Patrick and Finn, the most popular personage in the ancient period of Irish history.)

He stepped a man out on the ways of men,
And no one knew his sept, or rank, or name;
Like a strong stream far issuing from a glen,
From some source unexplored the Master came;
Gossips there were who, wondrous keen of ken,
Surmised that he must be a child of shame;
Others declared him of the Druids, then—
Thro' Patrick's labors—fallen from power and fame.

He lived apart wrapped up in many plans;
He woo'd not women tasted not of wine;
He shunn'd the sports and councils of the clans;
Nor ever knelt at a frequented shrine.
His orisons were old poetic ranns
Which the new Ollamhs deem'd an evil sign;
Tho' most he seem'd one of those Pagan Khans
Whose mystic vigor knows no cold decline.

He was the builder of the wondrous Towers
Which tall and straight and exquisitely round,
Rise monumental round this isle of ours
Index-like, marking spots of holy ground.
In glooming, silent glens, in lowland bowers,
On river banks, these Cloi techs old abound,
Where Art, enraptured, meditates long hours
And Science ponders, wondering and spell-bound.

Lo, wheresoe'er these pillar-towers aspire
Heroes and holy men repose below
The bones of some, gleaned from a Pagan pyre
Others in armor lie, as for a foe,
It was the mighty Master's life-desire
To chronicle his great ancestors so;
What holier duty, what achievement higher
Remains to us, than this he thus doth show?

Yet he, the builder, died an unknown death;
His labours done, no man beheld him more;
'Twas thought his body faded like a breath—
Or like a sea-mist, floated off life's shore.
Doubt overhangs his fate— and faith—and birth:
His works alone attest his faith and love,
They are the only witnesses he hath,
All else Egyptian darkness covers o'er,

Men called him Gobban Saor, and many a tale
Yet lingers in the byways of the land,
Of how he cleft the rock, and down the vale
Led the bright river, child-like, in his hand;
Of how on giant ships he spread great sail
And many marvels were, by him first planned,
And tho' these legends fail, in Innisfail
His name and Towers for centuries still shall stand.

Irish News

CORK-DUBLIN MAIL
TAKES 19 HOURS—

The mail train which left Cork at 11 a.m., arrived in Dublin at 6.5 the following day having taken 19 hours on the journey.

It was a long, crowded train, in which many went without seats, and though several engines assisted the "Queen Maeve," the train's speed hardly exceeded cycling pace.

Lighting failed in some of the coaches and the crowding made sleeping difficult.

Wood fuel was used for some of the journey and the engines stopped frequently in an effort to increase steam pressure.

The few taxis and cabs at Kingsbridge station were quickly filled and Fate light-heartedly scattered straws

on overloaded backs when she left hundreds of sleepless, hungry travellers to trek down the quays into the chill emptiness of early morning Dublin.

**MINISTER ORDERS
RESIGNATIONS.—**

At the call of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, following on a five-day sworn inquiry, Offaly Board of Health decided to request Dr. Timothy Meagher, surgeon and medical officer of the Offaly County Hospital and Nurse McMorrough to resign their posts.

The inquiry was held at Tullamore, last December, into complaints by the doctor against the nurse and counter complaints.
"After careful consideration of the

evidence," the Department stated in a letter to the Board, "the Minister has reached the decision that both Dr. Meagher and Nurse McMorrough should be required to resign their positions, particularly at this juncture, when the occupation of the new hospital must be characterised from the start by properly co-ordinated and harmonious administration."

ARCHDEACON CAWLEY.—

Ven. Archdeacon P. J. Cawley, P.P., Collooney, whose death is announced, was born in Ballymote, Co. Sligo, and received his early education in Ballaghaderreen, going later to Maynooth College. He ministered in Tobercurry, Co. Sligo; in Swinford, Co. Mayo, and in Bunninadden and Collooney.

He travelled extensively in the United States collecting funds for the Cathedral at Ballaghaderreen.

Mrs. A. J. O'Rourke, Collooney, and Mrs. A. Heeney, Templemore Avenue, Rathgar, are sisters of the Archdeacon, and Mr. M. J. MacKeown, B.A., Revenue Department, Dublin, is a nephew.

MAYNOOTH CEREMONY.—

In honour of the Golden Jubilee of Mother Margaret Mary Fitzgerald, native of Ballymacelligott, Tralee, Solenn High Mass was celebrated on April 21st, 1942, at the Presentation Convent, Maynooth. Monsignor J. F. D'Alton, Bishop-Elect of Meath, presided. Celebrant, Very Rev. Dr. Kisanne, Vice-President, Maynooth College; deacon, Very Rev. Dr. Coffey, do.; sub-deacon, Very Rev. Dr. Browne, do. In the choir were members of the Maynooth College Staff and the Jubiliarian's friends present included the following: Mr. Thomas McEllistrim, T. D., and Mrs. McEllistrim and family, Ballymacelligott; Mrs. Aherne and Nora Reidy, do.; Nuala and Maura O'Sullivan, Drumcondra; Mrs. Lynch and Rita Lynch, Macroom.

MILK AND BUTTER PRICES.—

The Minister for Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. D. Twomey, Secretary, and other officers of the Department of Agriculture, received a deputation representing all sections of the dairying industry, and heard their views in regard to the price fixed for butter sold by creameries and for milk supplied to creameries this year.

Dr. Ryan had a full discussion with the members of the deputation on the present position of the dairying industry in this country. He stated that he could not promise that a further increase in price could be arranged. He would, however, examine the representations put forward, and have a reply sent to the Secretary of the deputation as soon as possible.

The deputation comprised the following: Messrs. T. O'Shivan, President, and P. J. Hallden, Hon. Secretary, Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society; Fr. Coyno, S.J., Vice-President, and Dr. H. Kennedy, Secretary, Irish Agricultural Organisation Socie-

ty; C. Ryan, Chairman, and J. Lee, Secretary, Irish Federated Creameries' Union; H. Nash, member, and E. C. Semple, Secretary, Irish Creamery Managers' Association; J. J. O'Kennedy and J. Murphy, Farmers' Federation; E. Horan, County Kerry Farmers' Association; P. O'Mahony, Kilkenny Farmers' Association; D. Cronin, Cork Farmers' Association; J. E. Byrne, Leinster Milk Producers' Association; R. Curran, T.D., and R. McCormack, representing suppliers to co-operative creameries.

OLD COACHING DAYS COME BACK.—

The absence of the motor, falling in with the other retrograde systems of modern restrictions, is gradually reproducing the still, but peaceful, and less hectic times of sixty odd years ago.

Even the intended resort to the four-in-hand coach recalls to some ancient citizens of West Limerick towns the dwindled form of Bianco's Coaching. Then the single horse mail car reached Abbeyfeale Post Office in the morning, and departed in the early afternoon, with an outgoing mail.

It was about the early eighties of the last century that, one of Bianco's drivers, who had retired from the ribbons more than thirty years previously, returned, as if from the dead, to visit Abbeyfeale where he often sent his four-in-hand rolling to the music of the horn to the door of the Inn for the exchange, to complete his spin to Killarney. He was warmly received by his friends, whose few remaining years then treasured memories of the Liberator's visits.

"Dan" often had half a dozen between the traces clip, clapping through the hills and vales of Limerick and Kerry, to and from Limerick and Tralee, when calls for him at Derrynane were matters of life or death to many an unfortunate.

Until recent years some disused coach wheels of the old days found a repository in one of the store rooms attached to the local Inn, where horses were interchanged for the exacting routes of the rough highways then between Limerick and Kerry.

THE BEAUTY THAT IS KILLARNEY.—

After enjoying a holiday at Killarney recently, three famous international figures took the trouble to cable their feelings to Mr. P. J. O'Shea, Town Clerk of Tralee.

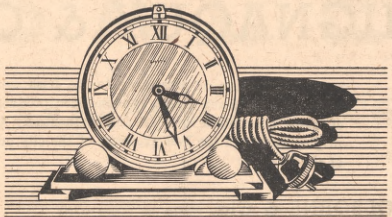
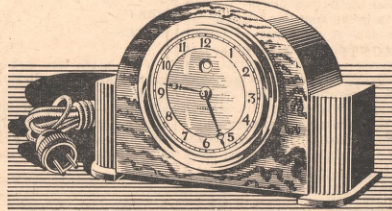
Mr. Alexander Korda, the Austrian born Hollywood film executive, cabled: "No cable is sufficient to describe the lasting and wonderful impression I have after seeing Killarney in the company of Lord Kenmare. It is one of the loveliest spots in the world, and I am sure that in the future it will be one of the greatest and most popular resorts in Europe."

Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, M.P., former British Secretary for War, telegraphed: "Killarney is for me a most happy memory. When I need repose of spirit, I still conjure up its beauty before my mind's eye. The people are as warm-hearted as the scenery is beautiful."

Mr. Leslie Howard, the famous film star, wired enthusiastically: "Thank goodness, the beauties of Killarney have not been exaggerated. The mountains, the skies, the foliage, the waters, the ever-changing light, more than live up to expectation. What we don't hear so much about, and what a warring visitor is so struck by, is the invigorating peace and relaxation. This is what the post war world will be seeking, and here is where it can be found in abundance."

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General News From Home and Abroad.

HOMAGE TO MITRE.—

Genius knows no race, creed or boundary line. No nation has the monopoly of the best and for Argentines it is certainly complimentary when a people like the Greeks honour the memory of a great man like General Mitre. The ancient splendour of Greece has never totally disappeared and in their heroic struggle against the Axis powers the Greeks gave a magnificent demonstration of their martial valour and proved themselves worthy sons of the heroes of Thermopylae.

On Monday last the Hellenic homage to Mitre took place at the social head-

quarters of the Grecian colony in this city. The event was attended by a distinguished audience and eloquent testimony was paid to the moral greatness of the Argentine patrician.

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MEAT PRICES.—

Very often one hears the following remark: "We live in the land of meat and wheat and therefore there should be no lack of either at moderate prices." How can it be helped if the exporters of meat are paying round about \$200.— m.n. per steer. Surely it

cannot be expected that the butchers are going to work from a philanthropic point of view and sell meat at a price below cost. The only solution would be government prohibition of all meat being exported and how would that hit the country? After all, the chief interests of the country are represented by our agricultural and pastoral interests and they must be defended at any price.

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AUSTRALIA'S TOUGH ARMY.—

The Commander-in-Chief of the Allied land forces in the Southwest Pacific, General Sir Thomas Blamey, recently described the army being built up in Australia as a "tough proposition" for the enemy.

"The men are extraordinarily fit, doing well in training" said General Blamey, who was talking with the war correspondents.

The equipment position is improving week by week and the troops will form a really well-equipped force when going into action."

The extent of the war preparedness in Australia has greatly improved in the last six months and the Allies could look forward with greater confidence to whatever emergency might arise.

Referring to the land fighting in Papua General Blamey said that the force landed by the Japanese at Gona comprised picked Commando troops.

They were the same type of men as those used by the Japanese in Malaya and the Philippines. Lightly clad, they carried light automatic weapons with good firepower.

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DESPOTIC DOMINATION.—

In the first place, then, it is patent that in our days not alone is wealth accumulated, but immense power and despotic economic domination is concentrated in the hands of a few, and that those few are frequently not the owners, but only the trustees and directors of invested funds, who administer them at their good pleasure.

This power becomes particularly irresistible when exercised by those who, because they hold and control money, are able also to govern credit and determine its allotment, for that reason supplying, so to speak, the lifeblood to the entire economic body, and grasping, as it were, in their hands the very soul of production, so that no one dare breathe against their will.

This accumulation of power, the characteristic note of the modern economic order, is a natural result of limitless free competition, which permits the survival of those only who are the strongest, which often means those

who fight most relentlessly, who pay least heed to the dictates of conscience.— Pope Pius XI.

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WAR IS HELL.—

Those were the words of General Sherman during the Civil War in North America. If anybody has the slightest doubt regarding their veracity, he can readily have the doubt eradicated by reading the story that figures in a recent issue of the "Saturday Evening Post", under the caption "I escaped from Hong Kong". The Japanese are very fond of boasting of their "Bushido" (code of honour). Certainly it was not in evidence when they invaded Hong Kong. It would be difficult to imagine a more gruesome revolting picture of savagery in all its nakedness.

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PROFITEERING.—

Evidently Argentina is not the only country where profiteers are busy. We take following from a New Zealand exchange:

After due consideration of the facts of the "potato shortage" a maximum price of twenty pounds (£20) a ton (to the growers), was fixed by competent authority. Three-pence-halfpenny (3½d) per pound was fixed as the maximum retail price to the consumers. Then was disclosed—the lawlessness that is characteristic of those who manipulate market prices. The public markets were (and still are, at time of writing), almost completely boycotted by the suppliers. Whatever potatoes were left available to the public have been offered for sale openly in the capital city's retail shops at much

higher figures than the officially fixed three-pence-halfpenny (3½d) per pound. Correspondents in the press openly sneer at the authority that fixed these prices and boast that the regulation can be circumvented with ease! Yet, people who calmly condone such lawlessness are loud in their condemnation of workers who dare to ask for human working conditions. It will be interesting to note how this challenge to government will develop. Unlike the harmless dispute of the meat workers, this is a matter with evil consequences for potato consumers.

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BRANCH BANK IN LUJAN.—

On Sunday last in Lujan the new edifice erected for the branch of the Bank of the Nation in said town was duly inaugurated. The new building is at the corners of San Martin and Rivadavia. Beyond a doubt this building was rendered necessary by the progress of Lujan. In 1905 the bank commenced to operate there and it has grown so steadily that the directors were compelled to erect this edifice to meet the requirements of the progressive institution.

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GENERAL McARTHUR.—

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sions of soldiers. When one recalls that in time of war a division may run up to 25,000 men, it becomes evident that the hero of Corregidor is reputed worth a million men. When the heroic general fell out of the skies one day in Australia, there had been a drought in New South Wales for seven years. Water was rationed for drinking purposes and baths in private houses prohibited. The very day MacArthur arrived it commenced to rain and for seven days and seven nights it never ceased and though the Jap menace was very serious, there was general rejoicing in the land.

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DOUBLEDECKER TRAMS.—

The National Transport Company has apparently decided to place on the streets of Buenos Aires a number of doubledecker trams. Oldtimers will remember that some thirty-five years ago we had double-deckers on certain lines. Five hundred trams are now in the process of construction and it is said that by spring they will be in operation. These trams will carry 28 passengers downstairs and 32 on the roof. This should help considerably to solve the traffic problem. Moreover the smoking fraternity should feel elated as they will be enabled to enjoy their nicotine on the roof of these cars.

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A NEW WORLD?—

There is hardly any field so wide for speculation as that concerning the state of the world after the present war and if one could allow one's imagination to run freely on the subject some amazing visions of the aftermath could be presented. Astonishing as these imaginary forecasts might seem they could indeed fall far short of the mark and prove no more than a modest estimate of this possible new world which is expected to emerge from the terrible ordeal at present being suffered by the human race or a large part of it. Occasional references to the post-war world by prominent statesmen in various lands have aroused a public interest in this intriguing subject which is second only to the general curiosity displayed in regard to the development of the war itself. This keen interest extends not only to the political aspect of the question, depending so acutely upon the outcome of the awful struggle between the

Earth's greatest powers, but also to the economic, social and religious features of the promised new world with particular emphasis upon the moral standards likely to be observed and the fate of that much cherished institution, family life, which has tended to disappear in many lands.

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STRANGE WEATHER.—

There has been very strange weather over the country during the past ten days. On Saturday last the heat was molesting and in Catamarca the thermometer reached 39 degrees, which would be considered high even in summer. Meantime in Mendoza there was a terrific snowstorm with the consequent bitter coldness. On Sunday last we had a damp, dull day, with a drizzle, that threatened all day long to degenerate into rain, but it kept off. Monday dawned sunny and cold with a strong South wind. Many people, who were deceived by Saturday's warmth and discarded their warm clothes have paid the penalty, being now confined to their rooms with illnesses of varying degrees. Let it be borne in mind that August is the most treacherous month in the year.

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FIRST TRAITOR IN 150 YEARS.—

Max Stephan the first person in 150 years to be convicted of treason in the United States was sentenced on Thursday last to be hanged.

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TRIBUTE SUPREME.—

Surely one of the finest tributes ever paid by a man to his wife is that recorded in Eric Gill's Autobiography. "I cannot forget the dream," he wrote, "in which I was walking in heaven (you can't help your dreams) with Mary (his wife) and the children. We came upon Our Lord. And I said to Him: 'This is Betty...' and this is Petra... and this is Joanna... and this is Gordan'... and He shook hands with them all. And then I said: 'And this is Mary.' And He said: 'Oh, Mary and I are old friends.' It was a green open hill-side with paths and bushes and a blowy sort of sky with Downland clouds."

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SECULAR SYSTEM OF EDUCATION CONDEMNED.—

Commenting on a speech by Dr. Hanan, the Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, a Wellington exchange says: "The juvenile lawlessness to which Dr. Hanan has referred, undoubtedly derives from inadequate moral training, and for this the secular system of education in this country, a system which denies that human nature has spiritual as well as material attributes must be held at least partly responsible." As the Duke of Wellington once said: "Remove religion from education and you will produce educated devils." It is excellent to see one of our leading secular newspapers courageously condemning our much-lauded secular system of education. It is more than excellent—it is highly significant—that the condemnation first came from the Chancellor of our University. We recommend this leading article in the "Dominion" of January 17 ult. to Mr. Scrimgeour—himself a former clergyman—who so recently lauded the supposed virtues of secularised systems of education.

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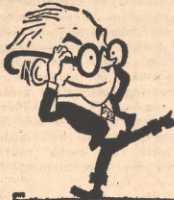
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LETTER TO A YOUTH.

(continued)

I remember, and well I may! that upon one occasion I, after all absolutely necessary expenses, had on a Friday made shift to have a halfpenny in reserve, which I had destined for the purchase of a *red herring* in the morning; but, when I pulled off my clothes at night, so hungry then as to be hardly able to endure life, I found that I had *lost my halfpenny!* I buried my head under the miserable sheet and rug, and cried like a child! And again I say, if I, under circumstances like these, could encounter and overcome this task, is there, can there be, in the whole world, a youth to find an excuse for the non performance? What youth, who shall read this, will not be ashamed to say that he is not able to find time and opportunity for this most essential of all the branches of book learning.

I press this matter with such earnestness because a knowledge of grammar is the foundation of all literature, and because without this knowledge opportunities for writing and speaking are only occasions for men to display their unfitness to write and speak. How many false pretenders to erudition have I exposed to shame merely by my knowledge of grammar! How many of the insolent and ignorant great and powerful have I pulled down and made little and despicable! And with what ease have I conveyed, upon numerous important subjects, information and instruction to millions now alive, and provided a store of both for millions yet unborn! As to the course to be pursued in this great undertaking, it is, first, to read the grammar from the first word to the last very attentively, several times over; then to copy the whole of it very correctly and neatly; and then to study the chapters one by one. And what does this reading and writing require as to time? Both together not more than the tea slops and their gossips for three months! There are about three hundred pages in my English Grammar. Four of those little pages in a day, which is a mere trifle of work, do the thing in three months. Two hours a day are quite sufficient for the purpose; and these may, in any town that I have ever known, or in any village, be taken from that part of the morning during which the main part of the people are in bed. I do not like the evening candlelight work: it wears the eyes much more than the same sort of light in the morning, because then the faculties are in vigour and wholly unexhausted. But for this purpose there is sufficient of that daylight which is usually wasted, usually gossiped or lounged away, or spent in some other manner productive of no pleasure, and generally producing pain in the end. It is very becoming in all persons, and particularly in the young, to be civil and even polite; but it becomes neither young nor old to have an everlasting simper on their faces, and their bodies saving in an everlasting bow; and how many youths have I seen who, if they had spent in the learning of grammar a tenth part of the time that they had consumed in earning merited contempt for their affected gentility, would have laid the foundation of sincere respect towards them for the whole of their lives!

Perseverance is a prime quality in every pursuit, and particularly in

this. Yours is too the time of life to acquire this inestimable habit. Men fail much oftener from want of perseverance than from want of talent and of good disposition: as the race was not to the hare but to the tortoise, so the meed of success in study is to him who is not in haste, but to him who proceeds with a steady and even step. It is not to a want of taste or of desire or of disposition to learn that we have to ascribe the rareness of good scholars, so much as to the want of patient perseverance. Grammar is a branch of knowledge, like all other things of high value, which is of difficult acquirement: the study is dry; the subject is intricate; it engages not the passions; and, if the great end be not kept constantly in view, if you lose for a moment sight of the ample reward, indifference begins, that is followed by weariness and disgust and despair close the book. To guard against this result, be not in haste; keep steadily on; and when you find weariness approaching, rouse yourself, and remember that if you give up all that you have done has been done in vain. This is a matter of great moment; for out of every ten who undertake this task there are perhaps nine who abandon it in despair, and this too merely for the want of resolution to overcome the first approaches of weariness. The most effectual means of security against this mortifying result is to lay down a rule to write or to read a certain fixed quantity every day. Sunday excepted. Our minds are not always in the same state; they have not, at all times, the same elasticity; to-day we are full of hope on the very same grounds which, to-morrow, afford us no hope at all; every human being is liable to those flows and ebbs of the mind; but if reason interfere and bid you overcome the fits of lassitude, and almost mechanically to go on without the stimulus of hope, the buoyant fit speedily returns; you congratulate yourself that you did not yield to the temptation to abandon your pursuit, and you proceed with more vigour than ever.

(To be continued.)

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BEFORE PLUS-FOURS CAME.

IN that rare book, *Glig-Gamena* (Glee Games) or *Storks and Pastimes of the English People*, by Joseph Strutt (London, 1801), golf is described as the most ancient club and ball game.

It goes on to say—"It answers to a rustic game of the Romans which they played with a ball of leather stuffed with feathers, called Paganica (i.e., 'of the Pagans or country people'). In the reign of Edward the Third (1327-1377) the Latin name Cambuca was applied to this pastime from the crooked club with which it was played. It was frequently called 'Bandy Ball.'"

Strutt, writing in 1800, says:—"Golf, according to the present modification of the game, is performed with a bat, not much unlike the bandy; the handle of this instrument is straight and usually made of ash, about 4½ feet in length; the curvature is affixed to the bottom, faced with horn and backed with lead; the ball is a little one, but exceedingly hard. There are generally two players who have each of them his bat and ball. The game consists in driving the ball into certain holes made in the ground.

"The golf-lengths or spaces between the first and last holes are sometimes extended to the distance of two or three miles. The number of intervening holes appears to be optional, but the balls must be struck into the holes and not beyond them; when four persons play, two of them are sometimes partners and have but one ball, which they strike alternately, but every man has his own bat."

It would seem that golf was a fashionable game among the nobility at the commencement of the 17th century, and it was one of the exercises with which Prince Henry, eldest son to James the First, occasionally amused himself, as we learn from the following anecdote recorded by a person who was present:—

"At another time, playing at golf, a play not unlike to pale-maille, whilst his schoolmaster stood talking with another and marked not his highness warning him to stand further off, the Prince thinking he had gone aside, lifted up his golf-club to strike the ball; meantime one standing by said to him, 'Beware that you hit not Master Newton'; wherewith he drawing back his hand said, 'Had I done so, I had but paid my debts.'"

As Drake was interrupted in a game of bowls by the arrival of the Spanish Armada, so King Charles the First was playing golf on Leith Links when he was informed of the outbreak

of the Irish Rebellion of 1641.

In 1457 a proclamation was issued against golf on the ground that it interfered with the practice of archery.

The English claim that it was first played on Blackheath Common. In Scotland the first recorded club was the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society (1735), and it was followed in 1761 by the Burnsfields Links Golf Club. King Charles the First and King James the Second were very fond of the game.

When King James was Duke of York he had only one equal—John Paterson, a shoemaker, descendant of nine golf champions, which, at 30 years to the generation, would show the game was played in Scotland in the 14th century. The Patersons became rich through the game, and had a fine residence in Edinburgh. The family motto was the golfer's "Sure and Farre."

A very remarkable proof of the antiquity of the Royal and Ancient Game of Golf is to be seen in Cloncha old churchyard near Culdaff, in Inishowen. Here in the chancel of the ruined church is a recumbent tombstone on which is the design of a sword and a golf club and ball.

One would naturally infer that the game portrayed is caman or shinty because the tomb is in Ireland, but the crude inscription in an old form of Irish dispels the doubt. It reads—"Magnus MacOrriston of the Isles under this mound, Fergus MacAlian made this stone." Comparison of the inflated design on the stone with similar stones in Scotland shows the date as 12th or 13th century.

The tradition in Inishowen is that a Culdaff boat, driven out of its course, was stormstayed in Iona, and brought back this stone as ballast. To preserve the stone it was reverently used to cover the grave of an ancestor of the family of Young of Culdaff.

From these simple beginnings began a game that is now worldwide in its popularity. St. Andrew's Club was founded in 1754; Westward Ho in 1864, Calcutta in 1829, and the game spread to the United States and Canada about 1890.

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Mr. Gladstone on the Priests of Ireland.—

"In a speech at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, Mr. Gladstone said: 'I have differed from them, and may often differ again, but this I know, that there never was a clergy which entered more profoundly into the deepest wrongs that ever were inflicted by one nation upon another. There never was a clergy which secured for itself a more intimate and more truly consecrated place in the hearts of the people'."

English newspapers in Buenos Aires.—

"The first English newspaper in Argentina was the *Cosmopolite*, founded by Mr. Hallett, an American, in 1826. It was succeeded by the *British Packet*, founded by Mr. Love, an Englishman (who had not a particle of hair, not even eyebrows) which lasted until 1858. There were several papers in the interval and the ages which they had at their demise were:

American	1827. Four months.
Anglo-Argentine	1828. Four months
Cosmopolitan	1831. Two years.
Price-Current	1832. Fifteen months.
North Star	1833. Ten months.
Herald	1853. Six months.
Observer	1856. Four months.
Weekly Times	1858. Nine months.

The *British Packet* was succeeded by the *Commercial Times*, and since then we have had:

Commercial Times	1858.
Argentine Citizen	1864
South American	1868
Telegraph	1870
Square	1871
Times	1872
Daily News	1874
Messenger	1885
Observer	1889

The four existing papers date as follows: *Standard*, May 1861; *Southern Cross*, 1874; *Herald*, 1876; *Argentine News*, 1890".

Scandalous Administration.—

"It has come to light that for the last twelve months or so the Oficina de Tierras y Colonias, one of the most important departments of the public administration, has been occupying itself in a series of the most culpable and scandalous transactions".

At the Literary Society.—

"Mr. J. Montieth Drysdale read a paper before the English Literary Society in their rooms on Wednesday evening, on the *Biglow Papers*, perhaps the best of the excellent poems of James Russell Lowell, poet, statesman and orator."

A Boxing Match.—

"A pugilistic encounter took place at the Doria Theatre on Monday evening. We do not approve of such exhibitions, but as they are very rare in the Argentine Republic, and as many of our readers are curious to know the particulars we give a report of the proceedings."

Weddings.—

On August 6th, at San Miguel Church, Stephen Higgins and Kate Donnelly.

On August 10th, in Holy Cross, Edward Culligan to Ellie Clinton.

Deaths.—

John Ryle, in Carmen de Areco, August 9th.
Honora McCarthy de Harrington, in Carmen, on July 18th.
John Thomas Geoghegan, in Pergamino, on July 29th.
Thomas Kenny, in Carmen de Areco, on August 1st.

Editorial.—

"It would seem as if there was a conspiracy to make 'Hireland' responsible for all the journalistic folly of the past weeks. The lion roars and the ass kicks at the old country. The difficulty is to discern which is the ass and which is the noble beast."



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See Answers on page 24.

Obituaries



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

William J. Grant, R.I.P.

On Saturday last the death took place in this city at the age of 72 of the above-named gentleman, who was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the country. William Grant came to Argentina in his youth and by dint of hard and constant work he won through to prosperity and his estancia near Laboulaye F.C.P., was regarded as a model of its kind. The "cabaña" on said estancia produced some of the best Aberdeen-Angus that graced the show grounds and the awards they secured are legion.

William Grant married Ellen G. Maguire a member of one of our best known Irish-Argentine families and of their union four children were born, two boys and two girls. There was a very happy home and proverbially hospitable. For some time past Mr. Grant had been in failing health and when the end came he was well prepared for the long journey and before his death he received with devotion the last rites of the Catholic Church.

On Monday morning his mortal remains were laid to rest in the British cemetery in Chacarita. May he rest in peace.

Richard Sinnot, R.I.P.

On Wednesday, July 29th., Richard Sinnot, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Mercedes, passed away to his eternal reward, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, of which he was a devoted member.

Born in Ireland in the County Wexford some 80 years ago he came to this country in his early twenties. He spent the many long days of his life in Rivus until about twelve years ago, when he retired to live quietly in Mercedes.

During the past two years he had been in failing health and was assisted in every way by Mr. and Mrs. Paddy McDonald, to whom much credit is due for their kind attention to him in his hour of need.

He was a man of courageous and cheerful disposition which endeared him to all who knew him. As his life had passed tranquilly so death came gently and bore him to the reward awaiting a life of renunciation and devotion to all pertaining to God's honour and greater glory.

On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.
A Friend.

Mary Rourke, R.I.P.

The death of Mary Rourke, which occurred on the 1st. inst., in her home at Santos Lugares, affects a wide circle of relatives and friends. Though residing in this suburb for many years, she was better known perhaps around Venado Tuerto, where her family first settled when that flourishing Irish colony was founded by the lamented Edward Casey.

She was born seventy nine years ago in Lujan of good Irish stock, her parents being the late Patrick Rourke and Julia Kenny, and thus inherited directly the ways and ideals that were imported from the Old Land. Indeed, all who met her might have thought that she hailed straight from the Emerald Isle, so staunch an upholder was she of the good Old School. Open-minded and simple, without ma-

lice or guile, her goodness and virtue were transparent to everyone. She had no earthly ambitions or aspirations and, in her latter days especially, led an austere and secluded life, detached from the world and its vanities. For her, the only things that mattered were those bearing on Eternity and the great Beyond. To assist at daily Mass had been her principal solace, and it was only when she became absolutely crippled by Rheumatism that she failed to do so. There was little exaggeration in the remark passed by a friend that the path between her home and the local church was furrowed by her foot-steps. She had selected the place to live in, that she might be near God's house, the great new Basilica which is being built and to which she contributed very liberally.

Full of religious faith and piety, she was kindhearted and generous towards her less fortunate neighbours, many being the poor and distressed whom she aided privately and without ostentation.

Her health, which had been declining of late years grew rapidly worse within the last few weeks and, despite medical care and the kindly nursing of her attendants, she passed peacefully away in the early morning of

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Saturday, August 1st., surrounded by her sister, nieces and other dear ones. She had duly received all the Last Rites and Blessings of Holy Church from the Rev. Parish Priests of Santos Lugares, as well as from the Passionist Fathers who were in constant attendance.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Chacarita Cemetery, the Liturgical Prayers being recited by Father Dominic, C. P.

The deceased leaves three sisters, a number of nephews and nieces, besides many other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

May she enjoy the rewards of the Blessed!

D. M.

James M. Delaney, R.I.P.

It is my painful duty to have to announce the death of the above-mentioned gentleman, who was called away to a better life at his residence in Santos Lugares after a painful illness, which lasted only for five days. Death is at all times sad and irrep-



parable, but more so, when it swoops down without previous warning and snatches away with its cold and dismal hand a young and loving soul as in the case of deceased, who had just reached his 34th. year. Having always possessed privileged health, sturdy and strong, it is hard for his family and friends to realize that our dear Santy, as he was familiarly called, has gone, never to return. My eyes are dimmed with tears as I pen these lines.

Up to a week previous to his death, Mr. Delaney enjoyed excellent health, worked hard for the upkeep of his home as he had done for the past seventeen years with the well-known firm of Louis Dreyfus and Co. The day he fell ill he had just returned from his daily toil, complaining of a slight headache, he retired to rest. Some time after, his loving wife called him and there was no reply. Santy had fallen unconscious and never recovered his speech. Meningitis had set in and the best medical skill proved unavailing. God wanted him in that land beyond the grave to accompany his youngest brother, Joe, who predeceased him by exactly ten months. His death is a terrible blow to his young wife and his single sisters. He was the mainstay of the home, the breadwinner, ever generous and true.

Though death came upon him, practically without warning, he was not unprepared. True to the noble traditions of his race, he was a loyal and faithful Catholic, never failing to comply with his religion and always willing to tend a hand to those in need. He was a devoted husband, a sincere bro-

ther and a noble friend. His two little God-children, Michael and Lizzie, loved him as a father.

Mr. Delaney was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delaney and was born in Capitan Sarmiento in the year 1908. For the past twenty years he has been living in Santos Lugares and a little over three years ago he married Miss Gabina Murna, daughter of a highly esteemed neighbour of said locality, and they formed a very happy home, which is now destroyed and cannot be reconstructed for the foundation is gone. His sudden death will teach us to be on the alert for we know not the moment that God may call us to render a strict account of our actions.

The funeral to the cemetery of San Martin, after a solemn Mass "cuero presente" in the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes was largely attended. Prayers at the house were recited by the Rev. Father Joseph Campion, C.P., and at the graveside by Padre Jorge, of Lourdes. In addition to a large circle of relatives and friends, he leaves a heartbroken wife, four brothers, four sisters, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, uncle and aunts, nephews and nieces, to all of whom I express my heartfelt condolence in this sad hour of trial. A Mourner.

Josephine Emily Simpson, R.I.P.

It is with sincere regret we have to announce the death of Mrs. Josephine Emily Simpson (née Carmody) which sad event took place on July the 30th, at her home in Adrogué after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude and comforted by the rites of Holy Catholic Church and Papal blessing. The deceased was the wife of Mr. George A. Blythe-Simpson of "Santa Martha", Adrogué, where they had formed their home many years ago. Mother of a large family, she taught her children by her example, a true Christian home, where charity was preached and practised as the poor and needy of the locality only too well knew; she had been President of the ladies Commission of the "Lucio Melendez Hospital" and President of "Las Damas Vicentinas" of Adrogué for a number of years, positions she filled with kindness and capacity as many of the reforms and betterments she caused to be brought about by her untiring zeal can testify.

Well known in social circles, she made many friends owing to her charm

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About People

Canon Duff, of San Martin, is convalescing slowly.

Mgr. Ussher has now quite recovered and is going about his usual avocations.

Following a visit to his estancia in Llaol-Llao, Doctor Federico Pinedo returned to town on Monday last.

On July 25th in London the marriage took place of Flying Officer Denis Mervyn Ryan and Miss Frances Kirkaldy. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. Mervyn Ryan, General Manager of the Pacific Railway, Congratulatory.

Mr. Arthur Campell, who is judging the Hereford cattle at Palermo, is registered at the City Hotel.

Mr. John Mullen is a recent arrival in town from the camp and is staying at the City Hotel.

The series of lectures being given in this city by the distinguished Jesuit Father, Pierre Charles, are attracting wide attention. On Saturday he spoke in the Jockey Club and there was scarcely standing room in the salon, which is big.

Mr. Geoffrey Plant left early in the week by Panagra Diagonal plane for Cordoba.

Mr. Bernard Farrell is a recent arrival in town and is registered at the City Hotel.

On last Sunday morning in the Western cemetery homage was paid to the memory of Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene Cormack Lynch, the well-known aviator, who met his death in the tragic aviation accident of Chajan. A bronze plaque was placed on the tomb of the ill-fated aviator.

The 25th of this month Mr. and Mrs. James Calder Angel and daughter will leave to spend a holiday in Rosario de la Frontera.

Mrs. Annie Feeney de Macleod, who was seriously ill at the British Hospital, is now much improved and on the high road to complete recovery.

Miss Sophy Hogan Furlong of Coronel Bogado arrived after visiting friends in this city has returned to her home.

On the third Sunday of the month, August 16, there will be the usual monthly Service in the Parish Church of Hurlingham, with a Mass at 8.30 o'clock, followed by a sermon in English.

Frequenter of the Merced Church, corner of Reconquista and Cangallo, are advised that owing to the feast of the Assumption of the B. Virgin, which occurs this week, the Passionist Father will not hear Confessions there on Saturday afternoon, but on Friday from 5 to 6 p.m.

Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Coadjutor Archbishop of Cashel, ordained to the priesthood the following students of St. Patrick's College at the Cathedral, Thurles:—

Rev. B. Brennan (Perth); Rev. T. Scott (Sandhurst); Rev. M. Donovan (Maitland); Rev. J. Noonan (Goulburn); Rev. W. Kelly (Adelaide); Rev. T. Donovan (St. Augustine's, Florida); Rev. Michael Quane (Nottingham); Rev. Harold Scannell (Liverpool); Rev. J. Laharte (Leeds); Rev. T. Rohan (Birmingham); Rev. P. Cleary (do); Rev. P. Meagher (do).

From Pallottine College, Thurles:— Rev. J. Costigan, Rev. J. Maher, and Rev. D. Hayes.

His Grace was assisted by Very Rev. R. Devane, President, St. Patrick's College; Rev. P. Horan, Rev. M. Hol-loway, and Rev. C. Ryan, D.D., do.

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Dr. Alfredo Ham left last week-end to spend a holiday in Rosario de la Frontera.

Mr. Gabriel O'Connor gave a cocktail party on last Saturday at his residence in this city, which was largely attended.

A committee, presided over by the Intendente, has been formed in Realicó for the purpose of arranging for the removal of the remains of the late Mr. Thomas L. Mullally to the British cemetery in Chacarita to the town he founded. The name of Realicó is to be changed to Mullally.

Mr. Jose Maria Cullen left early in the week for Rosario de la Frontera.

The organizers of the Irish-Argentine Dance in San Antonio de Arco have had a spot of trouble. A date in September was first selected, but the owners of the Hall then advised that it was not practicable. The Committee then picked on another date, in October, which had to be changed subsequently. Now the Dance is definitely fixed for September 5th, the Committee informs us. We pass on the notice, warning them that if they attempt to change it again, we will impose a penalty: viz. that they must hold dances on all the dates they have announced. So readers are advised: the San Antonio Irish Dance is on September 5th.

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We Have Fuel

ARGENTINA cannot escape all the economic consequences of the war, it is evident. But there is no reason in the world why we should have to submit to privations in goods which can be produced easily and cheaply in this country. A shortage in meat, or wheat, would be inexplicable here.

There is plenty of liquid fuel in the country, in the form of petroleum, and if it is not being supplied in quantities sufficient to meet the demand, the reason lies in the inadequacy of the means of production. Petroleum is here a government monopoly, and private borings may not be exploited for commercial purposes without special license. Had this policy been relaxed on the outbreak of war, the country would have plenty of gasoline today.

But petroleum is not the only liquid fuel suitable for internal explosion engines. Alcohol may be substituted for it. In fact, it appears that in Occupied Europe all the available alcohol is being turned into engine fuel. The other day it was reported that the entire champagne reserve of France was being shipped to Germany in order to be industrialized for fuel.

Maize is particularly rich in alcohol. Now, every year millions of tons of maize literally rot away in the trojas of Argentina because no use has been found for them. We have often made the suggestion that the maize surplus should be turned into alcohol, which can be easily preserved for years and would find a ready market after the conclusion of the war. If our advice had been followed, maize alcohol would be available today

in such quantities that the fuel crisis would never have eventuated.

We have not been alone in suggesting the industrialization of surplus maize. But no notice was taken, for the reason that the distillation of maize requires a large outlay in machinery and the Government was unwilling to make this outlay on its own account, and was not prepared to permit private distillers to undertake the task, except under the usual fiscal tariffs, which ruled out the operation. It has been a short-sighted policy.

The trouble with us, as a people, is that we hate having to look ahead and make new plans. We were comfortable as we were and if the war should end soon, our lives would go on as they were going. But the signs are that the war will last several years more—how many, no man knows. Hence we must plan our future, even if it involves active discomfort.

Perhaps the best solution under the circumstances would be the relaxation of the tariff imposts on alcohol production. There is plenty of money in the country—the new Loan was over-subscribed a couple of hours after it was put on the market—and an industrial enterprise of this nature would readily attract capital.

BAZAAR FOR ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

On the 7th and 8th of November a Bazaar will be held in this city to raise funds for St. Patrick's Hall, Buenos Aires. Details will be published later.

HURLING CLUB

SOCIALS:

Comradeship Supper.

The 5th of September next is the date fixed for the Comradeship Supper which the Committee is organizing for Club members. Further details will be announced in due course but meanwhile members are requested to bear the date in mind and avoid other engagements for this date, as the Committee is anxious to have as many members as possible present at this gathering.

CONCERT.

The Club's Committee is organizing the annual concert for Saturday September 26th, and is already making arrangements in order to make this concert as big a success as the one held last year, which congregated an extraordinary gathering. Full details regarding this Concert will be given later.

DANCE.

The Committee also wishes to announce that it has arranged an all-night dance for the night of Saturday October 3rd, and members and friends of the Club are asked to keep the date open.

BAZAAR.

The Club's Annual Bazaar will take place this year on the 5th and 6th of December next, and the Committee has decided to start making arrangements with sufficient anticipation to make this Bazaar as great a success, both socially and financially, as those held in previous years.

TENNIS.

The Tennis Sub-Committee is organizing a Mixed Doubles Tournament, open to all members, for the 29th and 30th inst. Members interested in participating in this tournament can apply for inscription to any member of the Sub-Committee.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

The Club's hockey team achieved another very valuable victory on Saturday last at the expense of C. A. San Isidro and are still seriously threatening the League leaders, with whom they must play on Saturday next, in what will be probably the match of the year at the Hurling Club. Notwithstanding the power of their last opponent they managed to beat them by the ample margin of 4 goals to 1 in a match in which they held advantage in exchanges during most of the game, though it must be admitted that on the run of the play the score was probably a little unjust to San Isidro, for though the home team was undoubtedly the best and thoroughly deserved its victory, a difference of a couple of goals would be a fairer reflection of the match, though the final result proves once more the effectiveness of the Hurling Club's forward line and the solidity of defence, as in all their matches they have won by ample margins, even in games in which exchanges were more or less even during most of the match. Their defence is very well balanced and well able to deal with the most dangerous forwards lines, while their forwards are all fast and opportune, with an excellent centre in the person of Dora MacAllister who is a terror for the opposing cus-

todians with her terrific shots, which always have great force behind them and are practically unstoppable at times.

Such a brilliant victory over a team of the value of C.A.S.I., is undoubtedly a good tonic for their next match when they will have to meet the League leaders, and will allow them to await such a serious engagement with justified confidence. The first goal on Saturday was scored by Lucy Fox and the other three by D. MacAllister, the team lining up with the following players for this game: Lizzie Fox, Lily Fox, Baby Harte (Capt.), Kathleen Fox, Maggie Leaden, Ina Jack, Gilrie MacAllister, Lucy Fox, Dora MacAllister, Margaret McC. de Suarez and Maggie Wade.

TOMORROW'S MATCH.

Tomorrow the home team will play on their own field against the leaders of the 1942 Championship, Central Argentine A.C., and as the Hurling Club's team is placed second, only two points behind the leaders, this match is of extraordinary importance for their final position in the Championship; as by winning they would manage to draw level in points with their opponents and consequently remain in a position to aim for full honours, while on the contrary if they lose this game, Central Argentine would be almost assured of Championship honours, as though there are several matches to be played yet, it is obvious that these two teams have showed a certain superiority over the rest of the participants in the Second Division Championship. For these reasons the Hurling Club Girls will go all out to try and continue their serie of victories and are sure to play the game of their lives tomorrow to try to beat the only team they have not defeated so far in this year's championship. Their last performances have aroused great enthusiasm amongst their fellow members, and if they had a large crowd cheering them from the side-line on last Saturday, their followers are sure to turn up in full strength for tomorrow's game and a record gathering of spectators can be expected for this great match. Notwithstanding the power of the Central Argentine team, both the home players and their followers feel quite optimistic for the occasion. What is certain is that the Hurling Club Girls will have the whole-hearted support of all their fellow members in such a serious engagement, as their triumphs are the Club's triumphs, whose colours they are defending so gallantly.

Bear in Mind...

SEPTEMBER 5.—San Antonio de Areco Dance.

SEPTEMBER 12.—St. Paul's Club Dance.

OCTOBER 11.—Open-air Feast at St. Ethnea's College, Bella Vista.

NOVEMBER 7 and 8.—Bazaar for St. Patrick's Hall.

Hughes—Cayol.

The wedding of Miss Nora Hughes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hughes, to Mr. Rafael Cayol, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Cayol took place on Monday at the Basilica del Socorro.

The bride was given away by her

Wedding Bells.

and the page boys, Thomas P. Moore and Edward Macadam.

After the ceremony a reception was

Dowling—Norris.

Holy Cross Church had been very

of this city, and the bride is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Kiernan Dowling and the late Mr. Patrick Dowling.

The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. Father Peter Richards, C. P. and sponsors were Mrs. Lillian Dowling de Novelli and Mr. Osgar Hynes,



brother, Mr. Cyril Hughes and Misses Shiela Newland and Mary Munro were bridesmaids. In the retinue were Misses Patricia and Charlotte Moore,

held in the home of the bride's mother, which was numerous attended. The honeymoon is being spent in Peru.

Nicoll—Giuliani.

On Saturday the wedding of Miss Beatrice Margaret Nicoll, daughter

held at the home of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent in Tucuman.

beautifully decorated with white Chrysanthemums, on Saturday evening last, for the marriage of Mr. James P. Norris and Miss Lucy Dowling, which took place before a large gathering of relatives and friends filling the Church to capacity. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. M. A. G. Norris and the late Mr. Gerald Norris

and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Halahan. The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Osgar Hynes. During the ceremony, as well as Mendelssohn's Wedding March heralding the arrival of the bride, and the march from Tannhauser on the departure of the bridal cortege, Schubert's Ave Maria, Schumann's Reverie and Handel's Largo



of the late John Nicoll and Mrs. Elisa Regan de Nicoll, to Mr. Francisco Giuliani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Giuliani, took place in Holy Cross Church. The sponsors were the bride's mother and brother (Mr. John Nicoll), while Mr. John Galli gave the bride away.

The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Perez Chapman.

After the ceremony a reception was

Bride and bridegroom exchanged gifts of a diamond-studded bracelet and gold cuff-links, the bridesmaid receiving a souvenir vanity-case.

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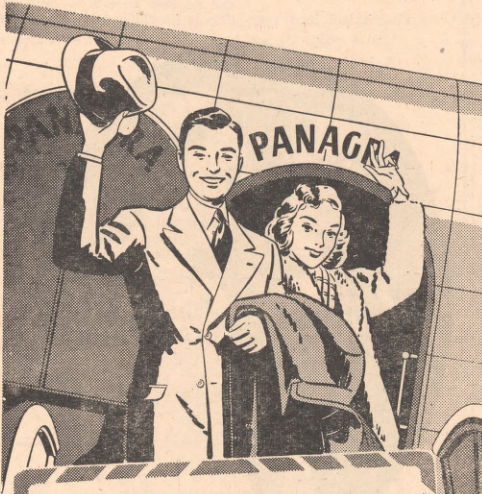
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were played.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white chiffon and lace, whose brief, modern veil was held with orange-blossom, and carried a bouquet of white cyclamen. She was attended by a flower girl and page, Sheila and Donald Sym Smith, the former daintily attractive in a white net dress over taffeta and the latter in black velvet trousers and satin blouse.

At the reception held afterwards at the Confiteria Ideal, the bride cut the four-tier wedding cake, supplied by Mrs. J. Lennard of Mercedes, the newly married couple receiving the good wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. Lillian D. de Novelli was stylish in black albene embroidered with jet and Mrs. Robert Halahan was a very distinguished figure in black velvet.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris are spending their honeymoon in Cordoba. For travelling, the bride changed into a beige ensemble worn with brown accessories. Her gift from the bridegroom was a cheque, while she gave him a wrist-watch in exchange.

Murphy—Cullen.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place in the Parish Church of Arrecifes, on Saturday the 18th of July, when Miss Honoria Maria Murphy eldest daughter of Mr. John W. Murphy and the late Bridget Kiernan, and Mr. James Stephen Cullen, eldest son of the late Mr. Patrick Cullen and the late Margaret Bannon were united in wedlock by the Rev. Father Fernandez.

The bride looked charming decked out in magnificent bridal robes, she entered the Church on the arm of her eldest brother, Mr. John Joseph Murphy, who gave her away and also acted as best man she was attended by her aunt, Mrs. Ana M. de O'Connor, as bridesmaid, little Nilda Teresa Murphy, niece to the bride, was train bearer. Owing to mourning in the bride's family, only a few intimate friends were present. The writer unites with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them, health and happiness in their new walk of life.

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X.

MEETING OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY.

Owing to the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Passionists' Preparatory College on the feast of the Assumption, the meeting of the Children of Mary, which should have been held on that day at Calle Salguero 550, has been postponed until Sunday, August 23rd.

Central Argentine Employees Festival in Aid of the British Red Cross.

Organized by "Comisión Honoraria del Personal no Británico del F.C.C.A. Pro Cruz Roja Británica", an interesting festival, followed by a dance, will take place at Prince George's Hall on Friday the 14th instant at 21 o'clock. Numerous well-known theatre and radio artists will take part, and Dr. Nicolás Repetto, who will be introduced by the poet Carlos Arturo Orfeo, will deliver a speech.

H. E. the British Ambassador, Sir David Victor Kelly, K.C.M.G., M.C., and other diplomatic representatives, the General Manager of the Railway, Mr. D. M. MacRae, O.B.E., as well as the principal officers of the Company have promised to attend with their families, it being anticipated that the festival will be a great success.

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of manner, and broad minded views; of singular intelligence she grasped and followed with keen interest the current topics of the day, and her home was often the centre of pleasant and interesting gatherings where hospitality was dispensed in the truest sense of the word. To her sorrowing husband who loses a veritable companion, to her loving children, and numerous relations, we extend in this their hour of grief, our sincere condolence.
God rest her soul.

Sr. M. Alphonsa Eivers, R. I. P.

With deepest sorrow we announce the death of the esteemed Sister of Mercy, Sr. M. Alphonsa Eivers which took place on the 24th. July, fortified by the rites of the Church and Papal Benediction. It came as a shock to all whose privilege it was to know her. She was the only daughter of the late Joseph Eivers and Kathleen Grennan Co. Westmeath, Ireland. From the maternal grandfather's quarry the stones that built the present beautiful Chapel in Tang were carried in the dead of night as Catholic worship was proscribed in Ireland at that period. As an infant she was brought to this Country by her parents who took up residence in the partido of Salta Argentino. She was educated by the Sisters of Mercy Rio Bamba and when only 18 years of age she entered the Novitiate there. After her Profession which was made in due time, the rest of her life was directly devoted to the Glory of God and the salvation of souls. She spent many many years in St. Brigid's

School where she endeared herself to the pupils in a remarkable degree. She had a bright lovable character and the genuine Irish wit well developed.

Her health had been failing for some time and when her illness became serious she was removed to the Sanatorium of the Little Company of Mary where she was lovingly cared to the end. She was frequently visited by the Very Rev. Fr. Dunleavy, Rev. Fr. Ignatius and Monsignor Usher.

When the news of her departure became known crowds of friends, pupils and ex-pupils kept coming to the Chapel, Mater Misericordia where the remains of the beloved sister lay, all wishing to look for the last time on the calm gentle face and to ask a speedy entrance for her to her Heavenly Home.

After the Requiem Mass on the morning of the 25th the funeral took place to the Sisters' vault in the Recoleta. Many Priests, friends and ex-pupils accompanied the remains to the burial ground a proof of the esteem in which the dear deceased was held. R. I. P.

Joseph Michael Scott, R.I.P.

I regret to have to announce the death of Joseph M. Scott, son of the late Patrick Scott and Mary Carthy, who have long since gone to their reward. For some months past, Joe as he was familiarly called, had been in delicate health. The ailment being serious, he was removed to the Dubarry Hospital, Mercedes, where everything was done to get Joe well again. But in spite of the best medical attendance, on Saturday August 1st, he peacefully breathed forth his soul into the hands of his God. During his illness

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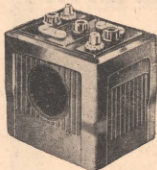
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Since a boy he was a faithful friend of the Keating family of Rawson, there he spent all his life in positions of trust and there he won the respect and confidence of all. Estancia "Las Toscas", where he was a general favourite, will long mourn poor Joe. On the 2nd of August, his remains were laid to rest in the Mercedes cemetery. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy and grant him the reward of a just soul in the kingdom of Heaven.

A friend.

Edward Culligan, R.I.P.

On the second of August 1942, Edward Culligan at the age of 74, after a relatively short sickness, fortified by all the Rites of the Church and the Apostolic Blessing, quietly passed away to a better world at his Estancia in Chenaut, F.C.C.C. He was the son of the late James Culligan and Bridget Healy and born on the 23rd. of July 1868.

Born in the Partido de Capilla, where his whole life was spent. He never left Capilla for any length of time, except for a few trips to Chile, where he went to pay a visit to his Sister, Mother Culligan, in the Convent of the Sacred Heart on several occasions. He was well known not only in Capilla but also in all the surrounding Partidos. He possessed a charming character, kind and generous. No poor person, no matter who he was, applied to him in vain. For that reason wherever he went he was received with great welcome.

To the Irish-Argentine Community his death is certainly, to say the least, a great loss. Whenever there was a feast or social gathering of the Clan, Ned was always there and gave willingly and generously should there be any call. In the opinion of the writer there has not been, perhaps with the exception of the late James Connaughton, R.I.P., another, who knew the history of the Irish-Argentine Community better than he did. Often in discussions of historical interest appeal was made to him and never in vain. What a pity that someone has not taken notes of the many interesting accounts of these two gentlemen!

As was to be expected, both wake and funeral gave an eloquent testimonial of the high esteem and appreciation in which he was held both by his own clansmen and by the public in general. In spite of the bad weather a very large crowd, from far and near, had come to assist both at the *Responso Centado* in the Parish Church and at the burial service in the local cemetery.

That our dear Lord may grant his noble soul eternal rest is the sincere and cordial wish of

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BIRTHS

LAMBERT.—On July 7th, in Saladillo, to Mr. and Mrs. Santiago F. Lambert, a son, Patricio Luis.

1800—4.14

MARRIAGES

The wedding of Miss Stasia Delia Hogan Furlong and Dr. Arnaldo Baade will take place on the 15th of August in Saint Patrick's Church at 20 o'clock in Rosario de Santa Fe.

1607—4.14

DEATHS

SCOTT, R. I. P.—On July 31st. 1942, at Mercedes Hospital after a short illness and fortified by all the Rites of the Catholic Church, Joseph Scott, second son of the late Patrick Scott and Mary Carney de Scott. He leaves to mourn his irreparable loss three brothers, one niece and many cousins.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. 1608—4.14

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Brigid G. McCormack, widow of the late Michael McCormack, of El Triunfo, F. C. O., returns, hereby, grateful thanks to all the kind friends who assisted at wake, funeral and month's mind Mass; also to those who sent messages of sympathy.

1609—4.14

MASSES

PATRICIO ALLEN, R.I.P.—A Solemn Mass will be offered in the Parish Church of Navarro, on August the 18th, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Patricio Allen. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1601—4.14

PATRICK REYNOLDS, R. I. P.—Mass will be offered up for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick Reynolds, of Lincoln F.C.O., in Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, August 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1602—4.14

RICHARD AND JOHN NALLY, R. I.P.—Mass for the repose of the souls of the late Richard and John Nally, of General Pinto F.C.O., will be offered up in Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, August 23rd., at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1603—4.14

MARY SCALLAN DE WALSH AND ISABEL V. WALSH, R.I.P.—Mass for the eternal repose of the souls of the late Mary S. de Walsh and Isabel V. Walsh will be offered up in Holy Cross Church, on Saturday, August 15th, at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1604—4.14

REV. FR. BERNARD GERAGHTY, C.F., R.I.P.—A Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Fr. Bernard Geraghty will be celebrated in the Parish Church of Arrecifes on August the 23rd, at 8.30 o'clock. All are kindly invited to attend. 1606—4.14

MARY O'LOUGHLIN DE DILLON, R.I.P.—Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on August 17th, at 9 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Mary O'Loughlin de Dillon, in the Crypt of San Carlos Church (Quintino Bocayuva and Victoria). Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1605—4.14

EDWARD WARD, R.I.P.—On Sunday the 16th inst. there will be an Anniversary Mass for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Edward Ward, at "Cristo Rey" Church, calle Zamudio esq. Cochrane, at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1590—4.14

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Better Lighting, Better Health

(By J. H. MITCHELL, B.Sc.)

At the age of twenty 23 per cent. of the people have eye defects; at fifty 71 per cent. are in this category; and 95 per cent. of those over sixty have defective vision. Office workers suffer more frequently from ocular diseases or eyestrain than manual workers.

It is in the insidious cumulative losses of efficiency and the at-first un-noticed drain on human energy, producing nervous strain, headaches, and impairment of general health, that lies the chief danger of inadequate or unsuitable lighting.

The usual faults of domestic lighting are glare and insufficient intensity. Let us consider intensity first of all. If you are reading these words by artificial lighting the chances are 10 to 1 that the illumination of the paper is inadequate, and that your eyes are being subjected to a greater or less degree of strain.

It is in the insidious cumulative the amount of light in any part of your rooms. The delicate instrument used is called a light-meter, and it records the amount of light at any given point in foot candles (a foot candle is the amount of light thrown by a standard candle on an object 1 foot away). The instrument tells the important thing—the amount of light falling on the working surface (e.g., the desk, or book, or dining-table).

Many people confuse the light emitted by the lamp with the illumination which is obtained at the working point. The former may be called "raw light," but we are more concerned with the latter, namely, the resultant effective illumination at the point where we wish to see.

It is impossible to tell without the aid of a light-meter whether the amount of light at any point is adequate, because the human eye possesses wonderful powers of adaptation, and it is only after a long period that strain becomes apparent.

People depending on the unaided eye to tell them whether a room is adequately lighted are likely to be far out in their estimate, because they will be influenced greatly by what they have been used to. Those who have lived in badly-lit surroundings have developed low standards, and though they may increase the light in their rooms to what they judge, by eye, to be ample, they may still be living in illumination

insufficient in intensity to provide clear vision without strain.

The chief defect in the quality of domestic lighting is glare. It often arises from attempts to increase the quantity of light, e.g., through putting bulbs of high wattage in shades intended for low power bulbs. Everyone is familiar with the paralyzing effect upon vision of car headlights at night-time. This is an extreme case of glare.

In the home glare results from the presence of unshaded or improperly shaded light sources. The effect of looking directly at such a source is to produce discomfort and temporary impairment extends over a longer period than is generally realised, as the reader can demonstrate for himself by the following simple tests.

He should look at the bulb of an ordinary flash-lamp for, say, half a minute, and then direct his attention to a small dot on a piece of paper. The dot will be found to disappear completely for a time, even though the awareness of the blindness due to exposure to the light has passed off, and the field of vision is apparently perfectly normal.

The harmful effects of glare—impairment of vision, fatigue, eye-strain, headaches and allied nervous ailments—may be experienced by persons in the room, even though they avoid looking directly at the offending light source. The bright light seen from the corner of the eye forms a natural attraction, and those present must keep on inhibiting a tendency to look at it.

The only remedy for this form of glare is the correct shading and diffusion of lights.

Glare may arise also from bright light sources being reflected from polished surfaces. As a student I used to work in a university library with glass-topped reading tables. I suffered from acute headaches till I discovered that the cause of the trouble was indirect glare from the glass table tops.

When, preliminary to a reading session, I covered the table with a sheet of green paper, chosen for its restful effect on the eyes, eye-strain was reduced to a minimum and headaches avoided. Indirect glare is particularly irritating and harmful, because the eye is almost unprotected from light coming in an upward direction, whereas the eyebrows help to protect the eyes from strong downward light.

Another defect one frequently notices in domestic lighting is excessive contrast between, say, the book which is being read and the surroundings. Sharp contrasts within the visual field call for continual adjustment of the pupillary aperture of the eye, and cause the sense of strain and irritation associated with glare.

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WHEN I used to sell hardware in the West, I often "made" a little town called Saltillo, in Colorado. I was always certain of securing a small or a larger order from Simon Bell, who kept a general store there. Bell was one of those six-foot, low-voiced products, formed from a

The Friendly Call

(By O. HENRY.)

union of the West and the South. I liked him. To look at him you would think he should be robbing stage

coaches or juggling gold mines with both hands; but he would sell you a paper of tacks or a spool of thread, with ten times more patience and courtesy than any sales-lady in a city department store.

I had a twofold object in my last visit to Saltillo. One was to sell a bill of goods; the other to advise Bell of a chance that I knew of by which I was certain he could make a small fortune.

In Mountain City, a town on the Union Pacific, five times larger than Saltillo, a mercantile firm was about to go to the wall. It had a lively and growing custom, but was on the edge of dissolution and ruin. Mismanagement and the gambling habits of one of the partners explained it. The condition of the firm was not yet public property. I had my knowledge of it from a private source. I knew that, if the ready cash were offered, the stock and good will could be bought for about one fourth their value.

On arriving in Saltillo I went to Bell's store. He nodded to me, smiled his broad, lingering smile, went on leisurely selling some candy to a little girl, then came around the counter and shook hands.

"Well," he said (his invariably preliminary jocosity at every call I made) "I suppose you are out here making kodak pictures of the mountains. It's the wrong time of the year to buy any hardware, of course."

I told Bell about the bargain in Mountain City. If he wanted to take advantage of it, I would rather have missed a sale than have him overstocked in Saltillo.

"It sounds good," he said, with enthusiasm. "I'd like to branch out and do a bigger business, and I'm obliged to you for mentioning it. But—well, you come and stay at my house to-night and I'll think about it."

It was then after sundown and time for the larger stores in Saltillo to close. The clerks in Bell's put away their books, whirled the combination of the safe, put on their coats and hats and left for their homes: Bell padlocked the big, double wooden front doors, and we stood, for a moment, breathing the keen fresh mountain air coming across the foothills.

A big man walked down the street and stopped in front of the high porch of the store. His long, black moustache, black eyebrows, and curly black hair contrasted queerly with his light, pink complexion, which belonged, by rights, to a blonde. He was about forty, and wore a white vest, a white hat, a watch chain made of

five-dollar gold pieces linked together, and a rather well-fitting two-piece gray suit of the cut that college boys of eighteen are wont to affect. He glanced at me distrustfully, and then at Bell with coldness and, I thought, something of enmity in his expression.

"Well," asked Bell, as if he were addressing a stranger, "did you fix up that matter?"

"Did I!" the man answered, in a resentful tone. "What do you suppose I've been here two weeks for? The business is to be settled to-night. Does that suit you, or have you got something to kick about?"

"It's all right," said Bell. "I knew you'd do it."

"Of course you did," said the magnificent stranger. "Haven't I done it before?"

"You have," admitted Bell. "And so have I. How do you find it at the hotel?"

"Rocky grub. But I ain't kicking. Say—can you give me any pointers about managing that—affair? It's my first deal in that line of business, you know."

"No, I can't," answered Bell, after some thought. "I've tried all kinds of ways. You'll have to try some of your own."

"Tried soft soap?"

"Barrels of it."

"Tried a saddle girth with a buckle on the end of it?"

"Never none. Started to once; and here's what I got."

Bell held out his right hand. Even in the glooping twilight I could see on the back of it a long, white scar, that might have been made by a claw or a knife or some sharp-edged tool.

"Oh, well," said the florid man, carelessly, "I'll know what to do later on."

He walked away without another word. When he had gone ten steps he turned and called to Bell:

"You keep well out of the way when the goods are delivered, so there won't be any hitch in the business."

"All right," answered Bell. "I'll attend to my end of the line."

This talk was scarcely clear in its meaning to me; but as it did not concern me, I did not let it weigh upon my mind. But the singularity of the other man's appearance lingered with me for a while; and as we walked toward Bell's house I remarked to him:

"Your customer seems to be a surly kind of fellow—not one that you'd like to be snowed in with in a camp on a hunting trip."

"He is that," assented Bell, heartily. "He reminds me of a rattle-snake that's been poisoned by the bite of a tarantula."

"He doesn't look like a citizen of Saltillo," I went on.

"No," said Bell, "he lives in Sacramento. He's down here on a little business trip. His name is George Ringo, and he's been my best friend—in fact, the only friend I ever had—for twenty years."

I was too surprised to make any further comment.

Bell lived in a comfortable, plain, square, two-story white house on the edge of the little town. I waited in the parlor—a room depressingly genteel—furnished with red plush, straw matting, looped-up lace curtains, and a glass case large enough to contain a mummy, full of mineral specimens.

While I waited I heard, upstairs, that unmistakable sound instantly recognized the world over—a bickering woman's voice, rising as her anger and fury grew. I could hear, between the gusts, the temperate rumble of Bell's tones, striving to oil the troubled waters.

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before I had heard the woman say, in a lower, concentrated tone, rather more carrying than her high-pitched railings: "This is the last time. I tell you—the last time. Oh, you will understand."

The household seemed to consist of only Bell and his wife and a servant or two. I was introduced to Mrs. Bell at supper.

At first sight she seemed to be a handsome woman, but I soon perceived that her charm had been spoiled. An uncontrolled petulance, I thought, and emotional egotism, an absence of poise and a habitual dissatisfaction had marred her womanhood. During the meal, she showed that false gaiety, spurious kindness and reactionary softness that mark the woman addicted to tantrums. Withal, she was a woman who might be attractive to many men.

After supper, Bell and I took our chairs outside, set them on the grass in the moonlight and smoked. The full moon is a witch. In her light, truthful men dig up for you nuggets of purer gold; while liars squeeze out brighter colors from the tubes of their invention. I saw Bell's broad, slow smile come out upon his face and linger there.

"I reckon you think George and me are a funny kind of friends," he said. "The fact is we never did take much interest in each other's company. But his idea and mine, of what a friend should be, was always synonymous and we lived up to it, strict, all these years. Now, I'll give you an idea of what our idea is.

"A man don't need but one friend. The fellow who drinks your liquor and hangs around you, slapping you on the back and taking up your time, telling you how much he likes you, ain't a friend, even if you did play marbles at school and fish in the same creek with him. As long as you don't need a friend one of that kind may answer. But a friend, to my mind, is one you can deal with on a strict reciprocity basis like me and George have always done.

"A good many years ago, him and me was connected in a number of ways. We put our capital together and run a line of freight wagons in New Mexico, and we mined some and gambled a few. And then, we got into trouble of one or two kinds; and I reckon that got us on a better understandable basis than anything else did, unless it was the fact that we never had much personal use for each other's ways. George is the vainest man I ever see, and the biggest brag. He could blow the biggest geyser in the Yosemite valley back into its hole with one whisper. I am a quiet man, and fond of studiousness and thought. The more we used to see each other, personally, the less we seemed to like to be together. If he ever had slapped me on the back and snivelled over me like I've seen men do to what they called their friends, I know I'd have had a rough-and-tumble with him on the spot. Same way with George. He hated my ways as bad as I did his. When we were mining, we lived in separate tents, so as not to introduce our obnoxiousness on each other.

"But after a long time, we begun to know each of us could depend on, the other when we were in a pinch, up to his last dollar, word of honor or perjury, bullet, or drop of blood we had in the world. We never even spoke of it to each other, because that would have spoiled it. But we tried it out, time after time, until we came to know. I've grabbed my hat and jumped a freight and rode 200 miles to identify him when he was about to be hung by mistake, in Idaho, for a train robber. Once, I laid sick of ty-

phoid in a tent in Texas, without a dollar or a change of clothes, and sent for George in Boise City. He came on the next train. The first thing he did before speaking to me, was to hang up a little looking glass on the side of the tent and curl his moustache and rub some hair dye on his head. His hair is naturally a light reddish. Then he gave me the most scientific cussing I ever had, and took off his coat.

"If you wasn't a Moses-meek little Mary's lamb, you wouldn't have been taken down this way," says he. "Havent you got gumption enough not to drink swamp water or fall down and scream whenever you have a little colic or feel a mosquito bite you? He made me a little mad.

"You've got the bedside manners of a Piute medicine man," says I. "And I wish you'd go away and let me die a natural death. I'm sorry I sent for you."

"I've a mind to," says George, "for nobody cares whether you live or die. But now I've been tricked into coming, I might as well stay until this little attack of indigestion or nettle rash or whatever it is, passes away."

"Two weeks afterward, when I was beginning to get around again, the doctor laughed and said he was sure that my friend's keeping me mad all the time did more than his drugs to cure me.

"So that's the way George and me was friends. There wasn't any sentiment about it—it was just give and take, and each of us knew that the other was ready for the call at any time.

"I remember, once, I played a sort of joke on George, just to try him. I felt a little mean about it afterward, because I never ought to have doubted he'd do it."

"We was both living in a little town in the San Luis valley, running some flocks of sheep and a few cattle. We were partners, but, as usual, we didn't live together. I had an old aunt, out from the East, visiting for the summer, so I rented a little cottage. She soon had a couple of cows and some pigs and chickens to make the place look like home. George lived alone in a little cabin half a mile out of town.

"One day a calf that we had, died. That night I broke its bones, dumped it into a coarse sack and tied it up with wire. I put on an old shirt, tore a sleeve 'most out of it, and the collar half off, tangled up my hair, put some red ink on my hands and splashed some of it over my shirt and face. I must have looked like I'd been having the fight of my life. I put the sack in a wagon and drove out to George's cabin. When I halloed, he come out in a yellow dressing gown, a Turkish cap, and patent leather shoes. George always was a great dresser.

"I dumped the bundle to the ground.

"Sh-sh!" says I, kind of wild in my way. "Take that and bury it, is. And don—"

"Don't get excited," says George. "And for the Lord's sake go and wash your hands and face and put on a clean shirt."

"And he lights his pipe, while I drove away at a gallop. The next morning he drops around to our cottage, where my aunt was fiddling with her flowers and truck in the front yard. He bends himself and bows and makes compliments as he could do, when so disposed, and begs a rose bush from her, saying he had turned up a little land back of his cabin, and wanted to plant something on it by way of usefulness and ornament. So my aunt, flattered, pulls up



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Causes of Eye-Strain.

Endeavours of the medical profession are to-day concentrated upon the prevention of disease, and it is a happy fact that many calamities may be averted if timely aid is obtained. This applies particularly to affections of the eye, and it is no exaggeration to state that 50 per cent. of the blind in this country might have been in possession of useful vision if early treatment had been sought.

The anatomy of the visual apparatus is extremely delicate, and the damage may be irreparable if trouble is allowed to go on for some time without intervention.

Routine Examination.

The care of the eyes should begin at birth and continue uninterruptedly throughout life. The attainment of education, livelihood, the appreciation and enjoyment of all the beautiful things of creation, depend upon the preservation of good eye sight.

A child should not be allowed to begin school until an eye examination has been carried out, and any defects so discovered corrected. This is undoubtedly of first importance for many children have been judged stupid and backward by reason of undiscovered defective vision, which, of course, prevented them seeing and appreciating things going on around.

A routine examination of children's eyes is a project to be encouraged, and thus much discomfort and distress may be averted early in life.

There are many causes of eye-strain. First, it may result from neglected defective vision in childhood. Then, too, eyestrain is produced by excessive eye work. The eyes need rest just as other organs of the body do.

Artificial Lighting.

Artificial lighting is often another potent source of production of eye-strain. Artificial lighting should be adequate in its illuminating powers, steady and unfllickering, but with absence of glare, and the disposition must be such that the source of light does not shine in the eyes of the observer.

When the focussing mechanism of the eye becomes deranged objects appear blurred and ill-defined. This may affect both distant and near vision and results in the eyes feeling tired and heavy, with aching around the eyes and headache.

The time of the occurrence of the head pain often establishes a connection between it and ocular exhaustion. Thus, a morning headache may be induced by the prolonged use of the eyes the previous evening, or headache can occur in the late afternoon or evening after some hours at the desk.

Mirror of Fitness.

A further symptom is dizziness. This is due to a variety of causes, such as digestive or nervous derangement, but eye trouble is a well recognised cause. General constitutional disturbances can have an adverse effect upon vision, for the eye is a mirror of our fitness and will reflect our state in health and disease. The eye is not in the body, but is of the body, and to see well we must be well.

The eye participates with many of the various disorders which may attack the human frame and the inter-pretations of the ophthalmic surgeon

are therefore wide.

The eye may be the first structure to show signs of general disease. If your eyes are causing you discomfort your medical attendant is the best person to advise you of the steps to be taken to produce relief.

BEST BOOKS.

Some distinguished men once amused themselves with the insoluble problem: "Which are the best hundred books?" I say insoluble, because to my mind the best book for any man is that in which he takes most interest; and as men's poweds and tastes vary indefinitely, and there is no power and no taste which may not be stimulated by reading, so the suitability of books depends upon the idiosyncrasy of the reader.

Whichever rouses his mind most, and commands his sympathies most powerfully, is in all probability the best for him. Literature represents all the reasonings and feelings and passions of civilised men in all ages.

As Coleridge says:
All thoughts, all passions, all desires,
Whatever stirs this mortal frame,
All are but ministers of Love,
And feed his sacred flame.

We may apply the words to genius. To select any particular variety as best for all is as absurd as to say that every man ought to be a priest, or that every man ought to be a soldier. But this I may say: Take hold anywhere, read what you really like, and not what someone tells you that you ought to like, let your reading be part of your lives.—Leslie Stephen.

Recipes

APPLE TARTLET.

Filling.—Two or three apples; two tablespoonsfuls sugar, grated lemon rind, a small piece of butter.

Peel and slice the apples thinly, remove all the core and pips. Stev in a lined saucepan with a small piece of butter and a little grated lemon rind and sugar till reduced to pulp. Then turn the mixture, which should be quite thick, on to a plate to cool.

Pastry.—One-fourth pound of flour, one-fourth pound butter, squeeze of lemon juice.

Sieve the flour into a bowl, rub one ounce of the butter into it; then mix to a paste with water or yolk of egg and water and a few drops of lemon juice. Turn this on to a lightly-flour-

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ed board. The paste should be of the same consistency as the butter to be used. Knead lightly up till it forms a smooth paste; then roll out into an even oblong three-eighths to one-half an inch thick, making the corners quite square.

Sift a little flour on a clean cloth, lay the butter on it and knead it into a flat cake half the size of the pastry. Lay the cake of butter on one half of the pastry; fold the other half over, and press the edges together. Place the folded edges of the paste to one side, press it with the rolling pin two or three times, then roll it into a long even oblong strip.

Fold the paste into three, keeping the edges and corners square; press the roll out as before; continue until it has been rolled and folded five or six times, when the flour, paste and shortening should no longer be distinguished on separate layers. Then fold the paste in three again for the last time and roll out rather thinly. Leave for some time, then cut in rounds four or five inches in diameter, spread the centre with apple filling, wet the edges, glaze and bake in a quick oven for fifteen minutes.

Health Talks.

(By A Physician.)

A Common Injury.

A sprained ankle is a very common injury—it happens so easily and in all sorts of unexpected places—even a little stumble or a slight fall can result in this minor, but inconvenient, injury. Sometimes it is so slight as to incapacitate us only for a few days; sometimes it is more serious and puts us out of action for several weeks. In either case the treatment should be the same—first, rest; then exercise.

What Has Happened?

It is just as well for you to know why a period of rest is so necessary, so will you please try to imagine what has happened? The bones of the skeleton are held together by tough fibrous bands. When a sprain occurs, a fibrous band has been wrenched beyond its strength; it has been torn across. Blood vessels permeate every part of the body, including these bands; tearing the bands causes tearing of the small blood vessels, and out pours the blood. The blood soaks in to the surrounding tissues and the colouring matter undergoes changes which make the black and blue hues of the ordinary bruise. As a rule, a patient pays a great deal of attention to the bruise marks; he thinks that if there is a good splash of colour on

the skin he is doing well; he likes to think that the bruising is coming out, and there is no harm in letting him go on thinking so. In truth, it does not matter how much blood escapes or what sunset colours adorn his white skin.

What really matters is that the torn band should heal. If when the fibres are still torn the patient walks about he tears them still more, and by stretching them prevents the healing. Some men have sprained a joint more than once, and every time they have walked too soon. The poor little band has never had a chance; it remains permanently stretched and it does not hold the bones together firmly as it did before it was injured. Now the harm is done and the weakened ligament cannot do its job well; a slight injury, which it would have laughed at before, is now enough to sprain the joint again. It follows from all this that a few days' rest must be given after a sprain.

Exercise is Necessary.

The stage of rest having gone by the patient is now faced with another danger. He may refrain from gentle exercises and keep the joint fixed, with the result that permanent stiffness results. Instead of carrying out the exercises that were ordered with the object of restoring a full range of movement to the joint, he begins to cry. He does not like the pain.

There are two sides to the body, and you should exercise the sound joint with the injured one. When commencing to exercise the ankle, make both feet bare and work both ankles; the sound one is then constantly before your eyes as a pattern for a stiff one. Your constant endeavour is to bring the damaged joint up to the standard of the normal joint.

Hints

If the person who has tender feet is going on a long hike, and will grease the hose with vaseline or candle grease before starting, it will prove a great relief.

If new shoes pinch, soak pieces of rag in boiling water and, with the shoes on the feet, place the wet pieces of rag over where the pinch is. In a few minutes the leather will give to the shape of the feet, and the result will be a comfortable shoe.

Candles—Dip a candle in hot water when you want to make it fit a candlestick. This is more effective than scraping it.

Knitting Needles—If your knitting needles are bent just dip them in boiling water, straighten them while they are still very hot, then plunge them in cold water. This will make them as good as new.

Brown paper which has been soaked in vinegar is excellent for polishing tins.

To skin finnan haddock cut the fish into halves and hold it in front of a brisk fire until it begins to curl up. Then start at the tail end of the fish and pull the skin off gently.

For polishing floors, it is better to use just a little wax and let the polishing machine or the vacuum cleaner attachment do a lot of buffing, instead of using quantities of wax and little polish. The floors are smoother and clearer looking.

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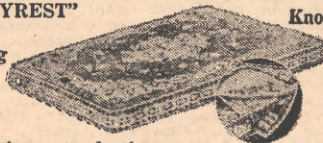
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Thai Gospel.—

For the first time a portion of the Gospel has been printed in Thai (Siamese) characters.

Copies of the Gospel of St. Luke in Thai characters for the Feast of Christ the King (the last Sunday in October) have been printed in the little Salesian printing office "Udom Phan" (precious seed) of the Apostolic Prefecture of Rajaburi.

The translation is the work of the Rev. Ludovico Marie and his collaborator, F. M. Plang.

On the cover of the little volume the word "Gospel" appears like a sun, while below an angel, plainly in Thai style, is prostrated in adoration.

The translators, with the help of competent Buddhists, were obliged to find a Thai word for "Gospel," which more clearly expressed the meaning than the word "Phraevangelo," which had hitherto been used. They chose the word "Phraverasat," which means "precious doctrinal message."

Catholic News

Canadian Judge's Address.—

Justice E. R. E. Chevrier, of the Ontario Supreme Court and a former member of Parliament for Ottawa, has again assailed the prevalence of divorce in Canada.

Handing down a recent judgment here, he declared:

"What a scourge this increasing avalanche of divorces!

"What sapping at the vitals of society by this ruthless attack on the sacredness of family life and the holy bonds of matrimony!

"What mounting tide of scandalous examples to the younger element of this suffering generation!

"All this at a time when all energies, all the forces of good should be strained in one effort and in one direction only, the strengthening of fa-

mily life, of society in a fruitful effort to come to the rescue of democracy engaged in a mortal combat for its own survival and the survival of whatever good may still be left in this tortured world."

Justice Chevrier is a French-Canadian and a Catholic.

Religious Character of Marriage.—

(The enemies of Christian marriage)

"put forward in the first place that matrimony belongs entirely to the profane and purely civil sphere; that it is not to be committed to the religious society, the Church of Christ, but to civil society alone Even by the light of reason alone, and particularly if the ancient records of history are investigated, and if the unwavering popular conscience is interrogated, and the manners and institutions of all races examined, it is sufficiently obvious that there is a certain sacredness and religious character attaching even to the purely natural union of man and woman, 'not something added by chance but innate, not imposed by men but involved in the nature of things,' since it has 'God for its Author, and has been even from the beginning a foreshadowing of the Incarnation of the Word of God"

(Encyclical on "Christian Marriage" by Pope Pius XI.)

Pope Pius X and the Catholic Press.—

Eminently sensible words uttered by Pius X twenty-five years ago are worth re-reading:

"Ah, the Press! Its importance is not yet understood. Neither the faithful nor the clergy give it the attention that they should. The old sometimes say it is a new work, and that in the past souls were saved without troubling oneself about newspapers. In the past! In the past! But those shortsighted people do not consider that in the past the poison of the bad Press was not spread everywhere, and that in consequence the antidote of good newspapers was not equally necessary. The question is not about the past. We are not living in the past; we are living to-day. Very well then. It is a fact to-day that Christian people are deceived, poisoned, and corrupted by impious newspapers. In vain will you build churches, preach-missions, found schools. All your good works, all your efforts will be destroyed, if you cannot at the same time wield the defensive and offensive weapons of a Press that is Catholic, loyal and sincere."

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Religious Orders.—

For the first time the Sacred Congregation of Religious has published statistics of the Religious Orders and Congregations of Pontifical Rite.

These religious groups are those which do not depend on the local diocesan authority, but directly on the Holy Father through the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

There is a total of 874 institutions with 789,338 members.

The survey shows that there are 61 religious orders of monks, that is, those who take solemn vows, with a total of 108,347 members—priests, lay

Brothers and novices. This category includes some of the most illustrious religious institutes of the Church. Chronologically they range from the Augustinian Hermits, founded in the year 390, to the Cistercians of Casamari, established in 1929.

In this classification is the Society of Jesus with 26,303 religious, divided into 50 provinces with 1,531 houses and 66 novitiates. The three Franciscan families include the Friars Minor with 24,148 religious, the Capuchins with 13,510 and the Conventuals with 2,757.

Among the 14 Congregations of the Benedictines is the Cassinese American Benedictine Congregation, founded in 1855, which now has 1,280 religious in 17 monasteries and the Swiss American Benedictine Congregation, founded in 1881, with a present membership of 545 religious in five monasteries.

The reports show 97 religious congregations of monks, those who take simple vows, with a total membership of 106,067. This classification includes such well-known institutions as the Lazarists, the Redemptorists, the Passionists, the Salesians, the Pallottines, and the Carissimi.

Papal Peace Points.—

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- 5.—Recognition of the moral binding force of international agreements.
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- 7.—Triumph over mistrust by constancy and truthfulness.
- 8.—Triumph over the theory that might is right, by justice.
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THE FRIENDLY CALL—

(continued from page 18)

one of her biggest by the roots and gives it to him. Afterward I see it growing where he planted it, in a place where the grass had been cleared off and the dirt levelled. But neither George nor me ever spoke of it to each other again."

The moon rose higher, possibly drawing water from the sea, pixies from their dells, and certainly more confidences from Simms Bell, the friend of a friend.

"There came a time, not long afterward," he went on, "when I was able to do a good turn for George Ringo. George had made a little pile of money in heaves and he was up in Denver, and he showed up when I saw him, wearing deer-skin vests, yellow shoes, clothes like the awnings in front of drug stores, and his hair dyed so blue that it looked black in the dark. He wrote me to come up there, quick—that he needed me, and to bring the best outfit of clothes I had. I had 'em on when I got the letter, so I left on the next train. George was—"

Bell stopped for half a minute, listening intently.

"I thought I heard a team coming down the road," he explained. "George was at a summer resort on a lake near Denver and was putting on as many airs as he knew how. He had rented a little two-room cottage, and had a Chihuahua dog and a hammock and eight different kinds of walking sticks.

"Simms," he says to me, "there's a widow woman here that's pestering the soul out of me with her intentions. I can't get out of her way. It ain't that she ain't handsome and agreeable, in a sort of style, but her attentions is serious, and I ain't ready for to marry nobody and settle down. I can't go to no festivity nor sit on the hotel piazza or mix in any of the society round-ups, but what she cuts me out of the herd and puts her daily brand on me. I like this here place, goes on George, and I'm making a hit here in the most censorious circles, so I don't want to have to run away from it. So I sent for you."

"What do you want me to do?" I asks George.

"Why," says he, "I want you to head her off. I want you to cut me out. I want you to come to the rescue. Suppose you seen a wildcat about for to eat me, what would you do?"

"Go for it," says I.

"Correct," says George. "Then go for this Mrs. De Clinton and the same."

"How am I to do it?" I asks. "By force and awfulness or in some gentler and less lurid manner?"

"Court her," George says, "get her off my trail. Feed her. Take her out in boats. Hang around her and stick to her. Get her mashed on you if you can. Some women are pretty big fools. Who knows but what she might take a fancy to you."

"Had you ever thought," I asks, "of repressing your fatal fascinations in her presence; of squeezing a harsh note in the melody of your siren voice, of veiling your beauty—in other words, of giving her the bounce yourself?"

"George sees no essence of sarcasm in my remark. He twists his moustache and looks at the points of his shoes.

"Well, Simms," he said, "you know how I am about the ladies. I can't hurt none of their feelings. I'm by nature polite and esteemful of their intents and purposes. This Mrs. De Clinton don't appear to be the suitable sort for me. Besides, I ain't a marrying man by all means."

"All right," said I, "I'll do the best I can in the case."

"So I bought a new outfit of clothes and a book on etiquette and made a dead set for Mrs. De Clinton. She was a fine-looking woman, cheerful and gay. At first, I almost had to hobble her to keep her from loping around at George's heels; but finally I got her so she seemed glad to go riding with me and sailing on the lake, and she seemed real hurt on the morning when I forgot to send her a bunch of flowers. Still, I didn't like the way she looked at George, sometimes, out of the corner of her eye. George was having a fine time now, going with the whole bunch just as he pleased. Yes'm," continued Bell, "she certainly was a fine-looking woman at that time. She's changed some since, as you might have noticed at the supper table."

"What!" I exclaimed. "I married Mrs. De Clinton," went on Bell. "One evening while we were up at the lake. When I told George about it, he opened his mouth and I thought he was going to break our traditions and say something grateful, but he swallowed it back.

"All right," says he, playing with his dog. "I hope you won't have too much trouble. Myself, I'm not never going to marry."

"That was three years ago," said Bell. "We came here to live. For a year we got along medium fine. And then everything changed. For two years I've been having something that rhymes first-class with my name. You heard the row upstairs this evening? That was a merry welcome compared to the usual average. She's tired of me and of this little town life and she rages all day, like a panther in a cage. I stood it until two weeks ago and then I had to send out The Call. I located George in Sacramento. He started the day he got my wire."

Mrs. Bell came out of the house swiftly toward us. Some strong excitement or anxiety seemed to possess her, but she smiled a faint hostess smile, and tried to keep her voice calm.

"The dew is falling," she said, "and it's growing rather late. Wouldn't you gentlemen rather come into the house?"

Bell took some cigars from his pocket and answered: "It's most too fine a night to turn in yet. I think Mr. Ames and I will walk out along the road a mile or so and have another smoke. I want to talk with him about some goods that I want to buy."

"Up the road or down the road?" asked Mrs. Bell.

"Down," said Bell.

I thought she breathed a sigh of relief.

When we had gone a hundred yards and the house became concealed by trees, Bell guided me into the thick grove that lined the road and back through them toward the house again. We stopped within twenty yards of the house, concealed by the dark shadows. I wondered at this maneuver. And then I heard in the distance coming down the road beyond the house, the regular hoofbeats of a team of horses. Bell held his watch in a ray of moonlight.

"On time, within a minute," he said. "That's George's way."

The team slowed up as it drew near the house and stopped in a patch of black shadows. We saw the figure of a woman carrying a heavy valise move swiftly from the other side of the house, and hurry to the waiting vehicle. Then it rolled away briskly in the direction from which it had come.

I looked at Bell inquiringly, I suppose. I certainly asked him no ques-

tion. "She's running away with George," said Bell, simply. "He's kept me posted about the progress of the scheme all along. She'll get a divorce in six months and then George will marry her. He never helps anybody halfway. It's all arranged between them."

I began to wonder what friendship was, after all.

When we went into the house, Bell began to talk easily on other subjects; and I took his cue. By and by the big chance to buy out the business in Mountain City came back to my mind and I began to urge it upon him. Now that he was free, it would be easier for him to make the move; and he was sdrre of a splendid bargain.

Bell was silent for some minutes, but when I looked at him I fancied that he was thinking of something else—that he was not considering the project.

"Why, no, Mr. Ames," he said, after a while, "I can't make that deal. I'm awful thankful to you, though, for telling me about it. But I've got to stay here. I can't go to Mountain City."

"Why" I asked. "Missis Bell," he replied, "won't live in Mountain City. She hates the place and wouldn't go there. I've got to keep right on here in Saittillo."

"Mrs. Bell!" I exclaimed, too puzzled to conjecture what he meant.

"I ought to explain," said Bell. "I know George and I know Mrs. Bell. He's impatient in his ways. He can't stand things that fret him, long, like I can. Six months, I give them—six months of married life, and there'll be another disunion. Mrs. Bell will come back to me. There's no other place for her to go. I've got to stay here and wait. At the end of six months, I'll have to grab a satchel and catch the first train. For George will be sending out The Call."

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"And did you call him a liar and a cad?"

"No, your worship, I didn't; a man can't remember everything."

"Do you believe that people follow the same occupation in the next world that they do on earth?"

"My mother-in-law won't. She makes ice cream."

Teacher: "James, have you whispered while I was out of the room?"

James: "Only wunst, ma'am."

Teacher: "Helen, should James say wunst?"

Helen: "No, ma'am, he should say 'twit."

Sally—"Wouldn't yer like to be a lark, Tommy?"

Tommy—"No. Think of the time they has to get up in the morning!"

An enthusiastic supporter of the local football team arrived at the ground one day and saw a load of bricks there.

He approached the club secretary and asked: "Wouldn't half-bricks have been better?"

"Half-bricks," replied the secretary. "We wouldn't build a pavilion with half-bricks!"

"Oh! Are they for a pavilion?" said the supporter. "My mistake, I thought they were for the referee."

"With all your travelling about the world I expect you're a bit of a linguist?"

"I should just think I am. Why, I can say 'I don't mind I if do, (sir,' in fifteen different languages."

"You don't mean to tell me, Sam, that you can't do any more work than that in an hour!"

"I could do lots moh, boss, but I neh was much fo' showin' off."

"Are you the plumber?"

"Yes, mum."

"Well, see that you exercise care when doing your work. All my floors are highly polished and in excellent condition."

"Oh, don't worry about me slippin', mum. I've got nails in me boots."

An unfortunate man, who bore the name of a proud family, and who had fallen into low waters through no fault of his own, managed to obtain access to a certain millionaire.

He commenced to tell his sorry tale

—in fact, so graphically did he depict his wretched poverty and weary woes that the millionaire found himself affected as he had never been before. He was by birth a near relation of the unfortunate's, and it was only natural he should feel for the poor man.

With tears in his eyes, he rang for the butler and, in a quivering voice, remarked:

"John, be good enough to put this man out. He's breaking my heart!"

Mrs. Smyth hearing a man ascending the public staircase late at night and supposing it to be her husband, opened the door suddenly and administered a severe thrashing.

"Good heavens!" she exclaimed at last discovering her mistake, "you're not my husband! You're the tenant on the next floor, I'm awfully sorry."

"Yes, and you ought to be," replied the victim ruefully. "Now I have got to go through all that again."

primary colours of the spectrum—that is, of the colours of light separated by a prism—are red, green and violet-blue.

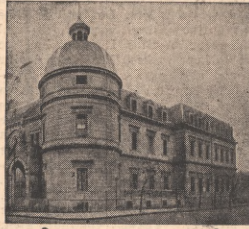
(325) A rainbow, which is always seen in that part of the sky away from the sun, is caused by the rays of light shining through the raindrops, each of which acts as a prism. This separates the white light into the various colours of which it is composed, in such a way that they are formed into a complete circle. Part only of the circle is visible to us from the ground; much more would be visible if we were flying high in an aeroplane. The colours of the rainbow are the same as those of the spectrum—red, through orange, yellow, green, blue and indigo to violet.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 8.

(323) There are several compounds known to science as alcohol; of these ethyl alcohol is the most common. Pure alcohol is a liquid compound of hydrogen, oxygen and carbon, quite colourless, mixing easily with water, and burning strongly in air.

(324) Red, blue and yellow are the primary colours of pigments, and by a combination of these colours in correct proportions all other hues can be obtained. Purple, for example, is obtained by mixing the proper proportions of blue and red; and green with a mixture of yellow and blue. A combination of blue-green, yellow and purple will provide black. The three

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