

Irish Love Song.

Oh! I was of slenderness, dove of tenderness: Jewel of joy, arise, The little red lark like a rosy spark...

—Alfred Percival Graves.

HALF HOURS WITH THE SAINTS.

Horror of Dissimulation.—Sabas was of the nation of the Goths, but a Christian withal, though the greater part of his fellow-countrymen were still pagans...

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HOW A GREAT CARDINAL LIVES.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, last Monday, had an interview with Cardinal Manning. He thus describes his home and manner.

The vanities of this world, have long ceased to have any value in his eyes, and though he is credited with being keenly alive to the fascination of power, he cares nothing for the external evidences of power...

"His Eminence is far less severe to these around him than he is to himself. Yet the subordinate priests who sit down to table with him daily at the Archbishop's House sometimes murmur in their hearts at the ultra-placeness of the fare set before them...

From the windows of the sad archiepiscopal abode you look down upon a lonely and neglected yard bordered by a fence. Beyond this lies a large enclosed stretch of ground, extending almost to the towers of the old Abbey...

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GIRLS SHOULD LEARN TO KEEP HOUSE.

No young lady can be too well instructed in anything that affects the comfort of a family. Whatever position in society she may occupy, she needs a practical knowledge of the duties of the housekeeper.

Mothers are frequently so nice and considerate in their domestic arrangements, that they do not like to give up any part to their children. This is a great mistake, for they are often burdened with labor, and need relief. Children should be early taught to make themselves useful...

Domestic labor is by no means incompatible with the highest degree of refinement and mental culture. Many of the most elegant and accomplished women in the world have been successful in their household duties, and have honored themselves and husband by so doing.

A Mother's Part.

For various reasons, mothers should be the first instructors of their children. 1st.—As nature ordains that mothers should be the first to feed their offspring with their own substance, so God ordains that mothers should be the first to impart to their little ones, the "rational milk."

2d.—These children are generally more healthy and robust who are nurtured by their own mothers, than those that are handed over to be nursed by strangers. In like manner, they who are instructed by their own mothers in the principles of Christian piety, are usually more in faith than those who are first guided by other teachers.

3d.—The more confidence a child has in his preceptor, the more he will advance in learning. Now, in whom does a child confide more implicitly than in his mother? In all dangers he will fly to her, as to an ark of safety, and will place the utmost reliance in what she says. Mothers, do not lose the golden opportunity of instructing your children in faith and morals, while their hearts are open to receive your every word.

4th.—Mothers, in fine, share the same home with their children, they generally occupy the same rooms, and eat at the same table with them. The mother is the visible guardian angel of her child, and seldom loses sight of him. She is, therefore, the best calculated to instruct her child, as she can avail herself of every little circumstance that presents itself as a draw from it a moral lesson.—Archbishop Gibbons.

A Sensible Move.

The antiquated custom of gentlemen getting out of their seat to let ladies pass to the ladies' lavatory, is about to be abolished in at least one Catholic Church in this city. The rules are: Having entered a pew, move along. Do not block up the end of the pew, as if you did not intend to have any one else enter, or as if you were holding it for special friends.

Marwood's Quip Mosaic. It is stated on good authority that, on the occasion of one of Marwood's recent visits to Ireland, and when travelling protected by some constabulary, one of the latter tried his hand at "chalking" Marwood. He bore it quite unperturbably, and, when asked whether he had a son, replied in the affirmative. "And," continued his questioner, "will you put him in your own line of business?" "Well," said Marwood, with a keen look and a sly twinkle in his eyes, "if he's a good boy I will; but if he turns out a blackguard I'll make an Irish policeman of him."

By taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla many a poor sufferer who submits to the surgeon's knife because of malignant sores and scrofulous swellings, might be saved sound and whole. This will purgative out the corrupt ions which pollute the blood, and by which such complaints are originated and fed.

Cultivate a Good Reading Habit.

Catch the boy reading a dime novel and condemn the book and thunder nonsense upon it. Such a sudden upbraid on the girl as she seeks to hide the flamboyant story paper and make it irksome for her ever to repeat the offence.

The father who guides is better than the father who simply corrects. The one shows his boy the right road; points out to him the legitimate pleasures of a healthy boyhood, and causes him, of his own bent, to seek what is good. The other lets his boy grow up wild and eases his conscience occasionally by boxing his young hopeful into the right path when he happens to be flagrantly wrong.

In the matter of reading for young people there are good books and newspapers. The first is a pleasure and a profit. The second is a mere waste of time. The father who guides is better than the father who simply corrects. The one shows his boy the right road; points out to him the legitimate pleasures of a healthy boyhood, and causes him, of his own bent, to seek what is good.

One is prompted to ask with reference to some of the rising generation of Catholics: Do they read anything? We fear that there is a class of young hoodlums of whom the reply must be in the negative.

A Bankrupt Town.

The most hopelessly bankrupt city in the world is the town of Elizabeth, N. J. The city tax rate for this year, and probably for some years to come, will be 15 per cent., and as the population of the city is decreasing, its business falling off, its property depreciating in value, it cannot long endure such a burden, but must soon surrender its municipal ghost.

"If I were a Girl"

"If I were a girl," said a well known New England clergyman recently, "I wouldn't parade too much in public places. He mentioned a number of things that he thought women would not think too much about dress, or about the appearance of their faces, or about the appearance of their hair, or about the appearance of their hands, or about the appearance of their feet."

Coming Leap-Year.

A correspondent writes to enquire if 1900 is a leap-year. In Catholic and Protestant countries the year 1900 will not be a leap-year, they all having adopted the Gregorian calendar. In countries where the Greek Church is established (Russia and Greece), the old Julian calendar still holds, and those countries will count it a leap-year. After February, 1900, therefore, the difference between the two calendars, which is now twelve days, will become thirteen days, and will remain so until 2100, the year 2000 being a leap-year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Perfection is attained by slow degrees she requires the hand of time. Man is so constituted that even a smile or a word of friendly recognition enables him to bear up under the most grievous burdens.

Ladies Land League.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Land League, Providence, R. I., Tuesday evening, the treasurer read the following report, showing that the receipts of the League since its organization have been \$26,859.65, of which sum \$2,440.65 has been sent to Ireland to aid the good cause and to relieve the poor. This week Miss Tally received two letters, one from Father Logue, County Donegal, and one from Father Stephens, County Galway, acknowledging the receipt of \$26.00 each, with sincere thanks and blessings of the poor of Ireland for the Ladies' League of Providence, R. I.

Several hours later the Colonel resumed his work. His eyesight was indistinct, and it was some time before he could find the place where he left off. Finally he began: "We regret very much to hear the report of General Grant's demise is not true. We had hoped to outlive this chief of political corruption, and to know that the sneer still has chances of holding his own with us, causes sadness an inch thick to settle upon our garments. What has this man done to command the attention of the world? Was it his blind luck as a general, his disgrace to the White House or his agility displayed in riding an elephant in India? Now anybody can ride an elephant if a fellow walks alone and leads him. We know ourselves. What's riding an elephant? Riding a mule's the thing. So this great sneerer is not dead. Still alive and able to burn twenty-five cent cigars. It is a travesty upon our American institutions."—Ark. Traveller.

"General Grant Dropped Dead."

General Grant is one of the few great men who have lived to read his own obituary. The signal for the telegraph operators strike was "General Grant dropped dead on the street to-day." The news was soon rapidly spread, and as the operators were on a strike, rendering it difficult to get telegraphic information, newspaper men hunted out the facts in the life of the great soldier, and wrote elaborate notices. A well known Southern editor said: "The news of the death of General Grant casts a gloom over the entire country, for the nation loses its greatest soldier. Many and many a time have we criticised this great man, yes, almost abused him; but now as we sit here thinking only of his greatness and bravery, his kindness of heart, and his staunch friendship, we feel a deep regret having said anything against him. Alas, he belonged to the Republican party, but dead, he belongs to the world, to the cherished history of the great nation."

"Colonel," exclaimed one of the reporters, rushing into one of the rooms, "General Grant is not dead. The announcer was only a signal for the telegraph operators to strike."

"Let's go down and have something to drink." Several hours later the Colonel resumed his work. His eyesight was indistinct, and it was some time before he could find the place where he left off. Finally he began: "We regret very much to hear the report of General Grant's demise is not true. We had hoped to outlive this chief of political corruption, and to know that the sneer still has chances of holding his own with us, causes sadness an inch thick to settle upon our garments. What has this man done to command the attention of the world? Was it his blind luck as a general, his disgrace to the White House or his agility displayed in riding an elephant in India? Now anybody can ride an elephant if a fellow walks alone and leads him. We know ourselves. What's riding an elephant? Riding a mule's the thing. So this great sneerer is not dead. Still alive and able to burn twenty-five cent cigars. It is a travesty upon our American institutions."—Ark. Traveller.

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