RANDOM NOTES For Busy Households.

oughfares will impress the observer withe fact that nowhere within the boundary of fashion is the luxurious tendency of the season more apparent than in furs, which fluctuate in modes quite as rapidly as in prices. To be sure, the fashionable furs of to-day are those which were worn fifty years ago, with the addition of sealskin and chinchilia, of course; but the styles in making them up change with the gowns every year, quite regardless of the expense involved.

Russian sable stands at the head of the list of fashionable furs, but Hudson Bay sable is a close second, and the cost of a must of this fur now is three times what it was five years ago. A sable cape is a desirable possession for the fashionable woman, but sealskin and persian lamb are the popular furs for coats. The prettiest and most stylish combination is seal and chinchilla. The cutaway shape is very popular and chinchilla collar and cuffs are the finishing stroke for novelty in style. Another mode in three-quarter length is made of persian lamb, with a circular ruffle on the bottom. Sable is sometimes used with lamb, but the chinchilla is much more effective as a contrast.

Short capes of fur with long stole ends are especially smart and there is usually a generous decoration of tails down the front.

mestic affairs may be traced to the sensuality and sloth. lack of politeness on the part of the members of the household in their responsible in no small measure for the evil is beyond doubt, because they are indifferent to the responsibilities devolving upon them of training their children to appreciate the in it. importance of courteous behaviour at all times.

ors of the young in our day bears strength of character and I say to this testimony: 'People complain of myself: 'On an occasion that person the way children behave and lay the could develop extraordinary energies. blame of their behaviour on the day school, but if they would only make through a struggle with his pillow; the children do at home as they are required to do in school matters tinuance, is often more difficult to would be different. They laugh at triumph in than of the soldier on the the child when he lifts his hat or field of battle." says 'Please' or "Thank you,' forgetting that others are trying to make up for their neglect of duty.

The following touching incident is related of a woman who has devoted

A walk along our psincipal thor. | much time amongst the poor in large

The generosity of the poor and their helpfulness to each other is a thing which cannot be understood until one lives in close contact with these people, with whom existence is for a family of five being a young boy farer. who earned about three dollars a

week. I found that she had taken into her four small rooms a woman who was just about to be confined, and who had also two small child-This woman's husband had deserted her a month before; the landlord had driven her out, and our neighbor had taken her in. I said to her. "This is a heautiful thing for privilege of having such exercises. you to do, but I almost wonder you felt you could." She looked at me in surprise, and said, "Why, she had to go somewhere.

With a power stronger than the force of gravitation, the hed holds on to its occupants in the morning, remarks a writer, "How cosy you are," it says: "how cold it is in the room." "Don't get up yet." And most of those whom it attempts to delay, close their eyes luxuriously, promising themselves to arise in five minutes more. But the five minutes stretch out to half an hour, an hour, an hour and a quarter- and the lazy One of the causes of friction in do- bed has scored another victory for

Biessed is the body that has the spunk to jump out of bed with alacridaily intercourse. That parents are ty, at the proper instant, on a frosty morning! It shall speak of many victories over selfishness during the course of the day. It is a servant, not a master, to the spirit that lives

"When I see a person who has the courage to rise promptly in the morning," says Bishop Landriot, "I at One of the most successful instruct- once form a high opinion of his Every morning his nature goes and this combat, because of its con-

> When the first act in the morning is an act of self-denial, done from a pious motive, the Recording Angel is apt to have little to enter on the wrong side of the ledger for the rest of that day.

surpliced choir was a surprise to me. I was fortunate enough to be here during the time of the mission and had the opportunity of hearing one of the grand missionaries. For this I am very grateful. I took the liberty of telling you this not as a flattery, but as an expression of my gratitude, being privileged to habe been here for the services.

I assure you that some of my Eastern friends will be astonished at what I will tell them when I return. If I am ever within one hundred miles of Kalamazoo over Sunday I will endeavor to be ipresent at the services always precarious, and who thus in your church. It was a revelation have a fellow feeling for one anoth- to me how you people out west' can er's needs. I remember calling a year ido such wonderful things. I am or two ago upon one of our neighprouder than ever of being a Catholic work for months, their only support inct forget to say a prayer for a wayand trust you Reverend Father will

Respectfully yours,

J. N., Brooklyn, N. V. Rev. Dear Father:--We were delighted with the mission and do not regret our trip to attend it. The services at St. Augustine's are perfect. How we wish we had something similar at home. I congratulate the Catholics of Kalamazoo, and their Sincerely yours,

DUTY OF CATHOLICS

Frequent complaints are made that Catholics are yearly becoming less generous in their offerings to the hurch. One of the reasons of this falling off is, perhaps, the wonderful growth of the church in this country and the consequent idea that the individual burden has been thereby lessened. This is extremely valid to a limited extent. Catholics have become so numerous in some localities that the support of Church and few is not ?asliy borne by the many. It is a comparatively light tax that is levied, but so inclined are people to run to extremes that even this light tax is often shirked.

A few years ago Catholics considered it a duty to make a liberal donation on the occasion of a baptism or marriage. Not only was it a season of joy for themselves, but they strove to make it a little more pleasant for their pastorf So, also, whatever spiritual service was required the priest was made the recipient of some donation, small or great, as a token of appreciation. This was always the custom of the Catholic people. They considered it an honor to themselves to help the priest and to enable him to live comfortably, and to realize his zealous aspirations for the advancement of religion.

This generosity of late has been somewhat warped, Catholics call upon their priests to baptize, marry administer to the sick, and perform the many functions of the ministry for their spiritual benefit with never a thought of a donation; or, if they give, their offering is frequently next to nothing. We do not speak of those who cannot afford to give; for them, as for others, the priest stead of receiving from them often helps them from his own delicate purse. There are others, however, who can very well afford and who, through thoughtlessness or worse. neglect to show any appreciation of the favors received. They will ask the priest to tend their sick, oftentimes at considerable distance, to get over which he is obliged to hire a horse or pay railroad fare, and their only return for this expense and time is a cold "thank you." Instead of giving candles to be used on the altar, the custom of borrowing blessed candles from the Church for special occasions is creeping in.

This want of liberality is not generally spoken of by the priests to the people, for they know that the verdict "mercenary," would be registered against them in the initids of their congregation. But the people should not take advantage of the silence of their pastors. Let them be as generous towards the Church and their priests as their means will allow, and they may be certain that instead of being a loss it will be returned to them a hundred fold. They spend a plenty on the luxuries of the world; letthem spend a little in the cause of religion and do their duty towards the pastors who have sacrificed everything to be of benefit to them, and they may be sure that God will not be outdone in generosity. They will at least manifest gratitude for and appreciation of favors beyond price.-Colorado Catholic.

What is a "parishioner?" The answer to this question is not so simple as many may imagine, and an answer that would be full and correct in Philadelphia would not meet the requirements in New York. Until a few days ago even the priests of the the point, but at the diocesan synod Archbishop Corrigan gave an official definition of the word as far as New York is concerned. According to the new order a parishioner in a Catholic Church is one who lives within the limits of a given parish, or if living outside the limits, rents a pew in a given church. In either event the parishianer can commend the services Your Friend, Pew Holders, Practical of the priest of the church for the ad-Catholic. One Who Contributes, Yours ministration of the sacraments in work at other times.

old regulation was that a person was considered to be a parishioner of a church if he attended the services regularly, even if he lived outside the parish limits without renting a pew. Now as to Philadelphia. A "parishioner" in this diocese is one who lives within the parish limits. must support it, be attended in sick' ness by one of the priests and be buried from his church. Renting a, pew in another a parish or attending service there does not give a man any right in it or exempt him from any

cases of sickness and so forth. The

BUSINESS AND ITS MINOR NOTES.

obligation in his own parish .- Provi-

dence Visitor.

Men are so anxious to get rich that they often fail because they do not perform the work of one day well, but try to anticipate the future and by violating well-known laws of business endeavor to succeed without attending to minor duties, and with total disregard for the present.

We sometimes hear of a man making millions by a single speculation, or 'plunge," as it is called in business parlance; but if we knew the man personally we would very probably discover that he had been at work for years preparing for the time when he could boldly enter the stock exchange and battle with the bulls and bears" there to be found.

A great artist may achieve immortality by a single painting, but he only reaps the reward of long preparation. The same is erue of every man who wins renown. The attorney the military leader, the naval commander, and the author do not suddealy become famous, but by a long apprenticeship prepare the way for

The young man who enters upon his business life with the determination to attend to minor details and to acquire the knowledge necessary to control a great business will be likely to succeed. The majority of young priest which formerly devolved upon a | men are dissatisfied with the humble positions they are compelled to accept at the beginning of their business career. Ambition is not to be despised, but there are worthy and unworthy ambitions. The one is stimulated; the other crushed.

It is not only the battlefield that makes heroes, but they are to be found in every department of life. The young man who faithfully performs his daily task while he realizes that he has talents suited to a higher position is a hero. And he may be paying the way for a grand career in the business world by his inventions without a long training and laborious work in an humble position. His fame was the result of preparation, und his experience furnishes a valuable lesson to every young man, esrecially to those who imagine that hey are disgraced by performing the duties of a humble position.-Church

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The most wonderful story of a

nan's unlucky day that has ever been told appears in the Lancet, which introduces it as a curious instance of coincidence. A patient at the age of ten years fractured his right index finger. It happened on August 26. When thirteen years old he fractured his right leg below the knee through falling from horseback, also on August 26. When fourteen years of age he fractured both bones of the left forearm by stumbling, his arm striking the edge of a brick, (August 26). In another year, on August 26, when fifteen years of age, he had compound fracture af the left leg above the ankle by his foot being caught under a iron rod, and his body falling forward. Next year again, on the same date, August 26, he had compound fracture of both legs, the right being so severely crushed that it had to be amputated at the lower third of the thigh. This was caused by a horse latter city were not entirely clear on hitched to a tram of coal, which, running wild underground, caught him in a narrow passage, crushing both legs severely. After this he did not work on August 26 for twentyeight years, and little wonder; but in the year 1810 he forgot his fateful day and went to work, with ?he result that he obtained a compound fracture of the left leg. After this he has studiously avoided working on August 26, though never missing

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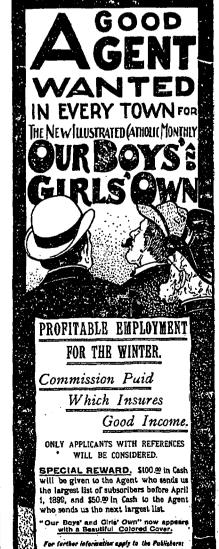
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THE KICKERS OF KALAMAZOO.

week, says the Augustinian, of Kalamazoo, Mich., there are more own handwriting: or less anonymous communications ally they are thrown in the waste disposed during the week, and the mission a very busy time a large amount of mail accumulated, and the unusual number of missives had on must they go to the basement? see what could be done with them.

not be a bad idea, to submit the and let them see one phase of a recnever thought of. However, it may goods where they could be bought be said as a sort of an excuse for the conveniently." persons who are guilty of such dirty work, that they imagine we believe, that they are the only ones who are weeks twenty or thirty get the same and revival, keep them out of the notion. The result is that the Rector | Church." becomes blunt of the whims, and gall, of christians not unlike their quadruped Similars.

Here are samples of Postal Cards and anonymous letters, received during the past few weeks:

"Rev. Dear Father"-"Would you whisper in the ear of Father not to be so long in his talk." Yours for the truth, etc. "This mission is not a success. Fa-

long. It does not pay to come for one-half an hour." "The church is positively an oven." "Why cannot you make the Church comfortable?" The heat of the Chur.h

encourages sleep." "We expect a fuel collection after such a heat as we have experienced." "Will you kindly tell the sexton that farmers have to come a long way. He is paid to fire up. Make him have the Church comfortable." "If you expect us to come in the morning have the Church warm." "It is as much as a man's life is worth if you don't." to have to attend Church when the

draft is so great." "Keepthe ice and snow off the steps. Get some one that can.' "There is a general complaint

about not being able to understand Father ———. Will you kindly attend to it?" "Your hymn singing reminds me of

a Methodist meeting: let there be catholic. One Who Contr more praying, and less singing I am eired of it."

Catholic. One Who Contr for the Truth, etc., etc.

"There is a great deal of noise in The ushers are making fools of a number of this congregation, who the back pews, please put them out." people, they are only good to show off. Attend to them.' "How is it that some public school

people were allowed to go to the sacraments and I was not?" "A lot of girls are making noise as follows: each evening, in the vestibule. Why cannot the Sisters stop it?"

don't they all ring?"

What have we got bells for, why your church last Sunday merning and "Permit me to suggest that you re- you on the excellent services: the arquest ladies to leave their high rangements were perfect. The ushers hats at home." "Would you make the ushers more stand their business thoroughly. The

mannerly; they placed in my pew last evening a man evidently from a stable My clothes won't get rid of the smell for a week." The following was in the person's

"Have the Missionary Fathers call received at the Deanery, regarding on _____ for he won't go to the mission unless they do,"

"You think you are smart in havpaper basket. The rector being in- ing missionaries here who do just what you tell them. I'm on to it.

"Did not the Germans pay their money to build this Church? Why their war paint. The receipts of the would be better if you would send past two weeks were laid aside to the trish to the basement, and let the what could be done with them.

The thought occurred that it would of the time."

batch to the attention of the garish, bells fixed I have been trying to get in for half an hour.' "I wish you would get mission

"Have some one explain more about

the White Scapular.'' "This mission was no good. don't believe in showing attention to else is neglecting the parish. Some Protestants. This is not a Protest-

> "It seeins to me that some arrangement could be made where the church could be emptied quicker; the delay in getting out is distressing."

'Hot pipes and some feet don't work well. Please arrange parishioners of such leet whese they will not inconvenience."

"It seems ridicultus to have flowers for the ushers every night. Please stop it. 'Can't you keep people from snoring in church? Call at pew No .-- "

ther Robert's sermons were twice as "Get a policeman to have people move on after the services in in the Keep your mission notices at home. Yau can't scare me with your

texts of the Bible. No such superstition here. You can't turn me into a goat in this country.' "The lights should be tunred on in

the church earlier.' "Go after old-" "Please keep the altar boys quiet in the basement. It is annoying."

"Tell Father —— not to speak to

loud in the confessional." I won't go

"I want to inform you that Father - should not hear confessions; he is too cross. Please stop him with-

out delay.' These postal cards and notes were signed by almost all sorts of people as follows: Well Wisher. One Who Knows,

The above are fair samples of the interest manifested in the parish, by

as a rule pay little, and make up for

the defect in faultfinding. In opposition to the above may be placed a couple of note: which came to hand properly signed, which read

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