#### JANUARY 27, 1900.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

## Ave Maria. What the Mule Faid.

Our young folk know that a ventriloquist is a person who can manage his voice so well as to make people think the sound comes from the cellar or the housetop, or any other place he may choose. Some very good stories may choose. are told of these gentlemen, but probably none more amusing than this

It seems that a large negro was driving a mule, when the animal became tired and refused to go farther. The driver coaxed, but the mule would The driver coakes, but the indie would not budge. At length Sambo lost his temper and used his whip unmerci-fully; but the poor mule only turned his head and looked reproachfully at his tormentor.

In the meantime a ventrilequist had approached, unperceived by the negro. Just as the animal turned his head in response to a vigorous blow, "Don't you do that again!" came as plainly as possible from the mule's mouth. The effect was magical. Sambo rolled his eyes in terror, grew deathly pale, and dropping whip and hat fled in mortal terror. Then the ventriloquist, who had enjoyed the scene immensely, called the frightened negro back, ap proached the mule, and after a few kind words induced him to follow his master.

#### The Legend of the Judas-Tree. I.

False disciple, treacherous friend, cunning serpent filled with the venom of cupidity, hard hearted as the rock, utterly unmindful of the kindness of his Master, Judas determined to commit against Him the blackest of treasons, delivering Him for a paltry sum into the hands of those who had de-creed His death. Later, devoured by remorse, the kiss with which he had betrayed Jesus lingering like fire upon his lips ; he wandered through the streets of Jerusalem, feeling to the depth of his soul all the blows and insults which had been heaped upon his betraved Lord. Finally, the chiefs of the Synag gue, the Scribes and Pharisees, assembled in judgment against the Son of God, had Him conducted like a vile malefactor before the Roman Governor to receive sentence of death.

Moved by the accusing voice of conscience, Judas hastened to the Sanheand offering to the high priests drim, and offering to the the price of the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the thirty pieces of silver, the price of his treason, he exclaimed : the price of innocent blood ! Take your money, and deliver to me my Master !" His words were received with scorn and derision. "What does

it matter to us?" they replied. "The bargain is made. Thou shoulds have considered this before. Keep thy money. Away with thee !" Transported with blind fury, the un-

fortunate Judas flung the money at their feet ; and, replying to the testations of the members of the Sanhearim with a shower of maledictions, he receded from the hateful spot. The faithless Apostle, who had seen so many sinners received by Jesus Christ-Mag dalen, pardoned in an Instant for her manifold offences; the Samaritan woman, at Jacob's well, converted in a single moment ; the adulterous woman forgiven at a glance-still feared to throw himself upon the mercy of Christ, who was about to die for all mankind. Instead of imitating the repentance of Peter, in the despair of his soul he found life an unsupportable burthen, and hurried to destruction through the gateway of an ignominious death.

II. Not far from Jerusalem, close to the Garden of Gethsemane, there grew upon a sloping bank of verdure a tree covered with luxuriant dark green fol-iage. The wind agitating its branches

inside the door. Far away in the distance we saw the altar lights and the moving forms of the officiating priests. The tones of the organ came to us melspirit, and this is the greatest gain. lowed by distance, when suddenly, in the midst of the crowd which he us about, arose the clear accents of a child's voice. It might have been an aged man of an applicant for work. angel's, so sweet it seemed, and so im-The sermon finished, the pressive. a situation. child was caught rapturously in its mother's arms and its place filled by fied by the readiness with which it is dropped when some other habit forces another.

it aside. CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. seded that of swearing ; man being a talking animal uses a superfluity words, and he likes those which are in the nature of epithets and carry con-

Keep At It. " Keeping everlastingly at it brings is a saying that has been viction with them. There are degrees of profanity, and he suits his arrows to SUCCEES made famous by a certain newspaper advertising firm. The phrase may be applied to any line of effort. Keep his outrageous fortune. The careful observer must have noticed the absence everlastingly at it !

#### Faithful in Little Things.

A man was once asked why he took much pains to oblige others in trifles. His answer was in substance : I have neither the wealth nor the in tellect, nor the learning, nor the posi-tion to do big things for God or man, and so I take delight in doing any little thing to promote another's inter-est or enjoyment. In this way I may add to the sum of human happiness.

#### Push or Being Pushed.

It is the persistent efforts to advance which we commonly designate by the term push. A business man without push might as well shut up shop and ave his money, for sooner or later he will be swamped by the irresistible on

ward rush of progress. Quite different, however, from this faculty of push, exerted in a particular chief in this little story. A man who had a temperance wife kept a little direction for individual advancement is the being pushed by others. He who is awake to his own interests, who s possessed of push, needs no pushing from others, and, on the other hand, no amount of pushing will benefit the weak and the laggard. Constant spurring will only induce stubborn-ness and sulkiness, and we all know how the mule will act if urged against his will.

We have no patience with men who work solely because they must have their earning in order to fill the stomach, whose chief prayer is

#### "Come day, go day, God send pay day,"

There are not men, but machines, and in the case of machines we expect a certain amount of work from the expenditure of a certain amount of fael, and we take steps to get it. But a man, be he employer or employee, will do his best ; what he may lack to day, he will make up to-morrow. He will have push but will object to being pushed.

Push is absolutely a requisite in this world ; pushing is unnecessary, and may result in the very opposite of that which it was intended to accomplish.

#### What Constitutes a Fortune?

" My fortune is made !" exclaimed George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive, when, at the age of thirty he was appointed enginewright at the Killing worth colliery at a salary of \$500 per year.

This seems a paltry notion of a for-tune at this end of the century, when hardly a week goes by but some news-paper chronicles the expenditure of thousands of dollars by some of our men of wealth upon a dinner, a ball, a racehorse, or a famous painting but to that struggling mechanic it seemed that Fortune had indeed

cipline. It was the exception of Washsmiled upon him. Stephenson had been born in cirington's conduct, and not the rule, and cumsiances of great poverty : his first employment had been herding cows at for that reason carried, with it greater twopence per day, from which he was promoted to digging turnips at double that pay; subsequently he became an engine boy in the colliery, and at fifteen rejoiced in a weekly salary of twelve shillings. Thus it was but natural that fifteen years hearkening with strained attention to the melancholy sound of the wind as it swept through the leaves, seeming to swept through the leaves, seeming to paying almost \$10 per week the year tround, he should exult and feel that his future was safe. Five hundred dollars a year was his idea of a fortune at thirty ; was it so thirty years later? It is safe to say it was not. Circumstances had changed in that time, and his ideas of wealth must have expanded with the enlarged sphere of his ambitions and desires. He had slowly and steadily risen in grade as a workman, until his latent genius flashed out in those splendid achievements that gained for him the title of "the father of railways." He was eagerly sought after by men of rank and wealth, and for the services rank and weath, and for the services of his later years he received munifi-cent remuneration. If he gave the subject any thought in his declining years, he must have multiplied a hundred-fold his former estimate of what constituted a fortune. If, therefore, an individual's conception of a fortune suffers such a radical change by the passing of time, how shall we frame a definition of which will reconcile the conflicting views of many minds? many minds? Perhaps it cannot be done. The lexicographers help us but little. With them a fortune is "riches" or "great wealth "--elastic terms that may include much or relatively little, depending mon the mod or noint of depending upon the mood or point of view of the individual.

One need but " measure his desires his head, was dismissed from the service and had his tongue branded with a by his fortune, and not his fortune by his desires " to secure contentment of hot iron for using profane language. If such rules existed to day in the British army Kipling's "Soldiers Three would not be taken as fair samples of the rank and file, and some critic would

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Decadence of Swearing.

of severe profanity from our street and travel circles, very much less of that offensive use of sacred names, an in-

clination on the part of men and boythe loafer element to avoid loud scan

dalous phrases and profane retorts, and

brought about so desirable a reform. No companion tablet to the street car

command, "Do not expectorate," has suggested, "Do not blaspheme !" But

the fact remains to gladen the sensit

ive soul, swearing as a habit is sensib-

blanks on a conscientious editor in

brown jug under the side entrance to

his house, which was screened from observation, and all went well until one day a visiting delegate called and

scenery and have a nip from the jug.

But the jug was gone. The host got down on his knees and crawled far

under, and came back empty-handed.

poking ruefully at the man he in-

tended to honor, he said : "It's d-d seldom where that jug is !" When the

story came out in print it read : "It's

seldom where that jug is," and when

Mr. Humorist ventured to remonstrate

with the editor he was told to be thank-

ful that the "seldom " was left in, as

a story of current date by a well-

tuated sentence occurs. "I shouldn't be surprised," said Canker, decisively,

' to find a whisky still in full blast or

a complete gambling outfit - dash, dashem to dash and dashnation."

When Mark Twain sent out his new patented self mucilsged scrapbook,

some years ago, he published a series

of testimonials from parties who were

supposed to have tried the scrapbook.

One purported to be from a 'minister's daughter," who wrote: "Since own-

a single oath." Mark can swear solid-

ly himself, but he does it without ma-

lice, and with the most ladylike form

of expletives. Army rules are very strict concern-

ing swearing, or would be if they were enforced, which they seldom are. How

could they be when the generals of the

army are, almost without exception,

men who accentuate their commands

with great oaths? Even General Washington swore with such vehem-

subordinate officers into immediate dis-

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there had been doubts about that.

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"Do you swear ?" asked a long-visbe apt to write : "No, by---- I don't," was the unex-I don't know, It may be so, But it sounds to me Like a blink blanked lie. pected answer, which lost the applicant Marjorie Fleming, that precoclous hild friend of Sir Walter Scott, wrote That swearing is a habit is exempli

poem on a bereaved turkey which be taken as a specimen of early The habit of slang has superprofanity in poetical garb : But she was more than usual calm She did not give a single dam.

Favorite authors of past decades have

rarnished their conversations freely with oaths, and in their own correspondence have not hesitated to use the emphatic language of profanity. Charles Lamb in writing to Wordsworth used a familiar prefix, which is iliustrated with two ds and a connecting dash, but he explained that he only meant "deuced " and soothed his friend's feelings. Dickens had one of his characters employ the remarkable oath, "I'll be Gormed." Pope and oath, "I'll be Gormed." Pope and Byron swore possically, in rhyme, with out reason, and used the oaths of pirates. A peculiarity of those who accustom themselves to profane language is that the smaller the provocation the bigger the oaths, making of the language of invective a gatling gun to blow up a hen coop. - M. L. Rayne in

our literature the dash, dash, takes the place of literal swearing, and some very funny stories are told of the effect on authors, who feel themselves aggrieved when their double faced ad-Catholic Columbian.

In

### FOR THE NEW CENTURY TO jectives are softened down to meaning-less hyphens and blanks. The humor-ist of a paper once tried to slip in the FACE.

In the New Year's number of the New York World Cardinal Gibbons thus points out the dangers that threaten our civilization :

If our government and legislation are permeated and fortified by Divine revelation and Christian traditions, we cannot ignore the fact that they are assailed by unbelief, implety and socialism.

We have our moral Hell Gate, which threatens our ship of State, and which it requires more than the genius of a ewton to remove. If we have strong hopes for the future of our country, we are also not without fears. The dangers that threaten our civil-

ization may be traced to the family. The root of the Commonwealth is in the homes of the people.

The social and civil life springs from the domestic life of mankind. The official life of a nation is ordinarily the reflex of the moral sense of known army colonel this peppery puncthe people. The morality of public administration is to be gauged by the moral standard of the family. The river does not rise above its source.

We are confronted by five great evils-Divorce, which strikes at the root of the family and society ; an imperfect and vicious system of education, which undermines the religion of our youth ; the desecration of the Christian Sabbath, which tends to obliterate in our adult population the salutary fear of God and the homage which we owe Him; the gross and systematic elec-tion frauds, and lastly the unreasonable delay in carrying into effect the sentences of our criminal courts, and the numerous subterfuges by which criminals evade the execution of the How

law. Our insatiable greed for gain, the co existence of colossal wealth with ab ject poverty, the extravagance of the rich, the discontent of the poor, our eager and impetuous rushing through ence on occasions as to frighten his life, and every other moral and social delinquency, may be traced to one of the five radical vices enumerated above.

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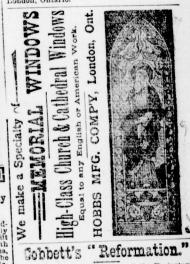
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emed to echo the jeers of the multitude, the echoes of the trumpet which proclaimed that Jesus had been sentenced to death. A distracted man, with bristling hair, ran hither and thither, as though afraid of his shadow; his ears like the clink of falling silver.

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This man, raging like a wild beast, suddenly loosened the girdle which confined his tunic, ran toward the troe, fastened one end of the cord to a branch, and making a lasso of the other, he passed his neck through it, and the next moment swung high in air. The branches of the tree were loath to sustain the weight of the un-fortunate Judas. Rocking to and fro, they endeavored to dislodge that treacherous disciple, till, swollen and distorted, his body burst open and the entrails gushed to the ground.

When springtime came again, and the tree whereon Judas had hung himself was in blossom, the flowers, instead of being white as heretofore, were of a purplish red, diffusing a disagreeable odor. The blood of the delcide had stained the tree, which blushed to have supported such a monster ; and ever since that time the flowers have blossomed red. It may sometimes still be seen in gardens, but its odor is disgustseen in gardens, but its odor is disgust-ing, and all instinctively avoid its deadly shadow. No one was ever found to admire it; all avoid it. It is called the Judas - Tree.—From the Spanish.

When a Child Preaches at Rome. In Rome, at the Church of Ara Coeli, there is a very beautiful and unique ceremony on the feast of the Epiphany. A rostrum is erected near the entrance, in front of the chapel which holds the presepio (crib) with the Santo Bambino. From this rostrum, during the time of Vespers, little children preach. Says one who witnessed the unique ceremony :

The church is very large, and on entering we found ourselves in a dense crowd. Seats were out of the ques-tion. We were thankful to have got

To decide, then, what concrete sum o nstitutes a fortune is impossible withconstitutes a fortune is impossible with out taking into consideration the many factors that enter into the prob-lem. It is, after all, not how much we have but how little our neighbors possess, that determines our financial supremacy; not the bulk of our riches so much as the sum of our wants and whims that decides when

sion. General goes on record as a non-swearer. Sheridan swore fluently in the service power of persua and in social life, greeting his friends with a red hot oath of welcome that was to him the very flower of speech. The army oath is fearfully and wonderfully made with a dash of mule-talk, jingling spurs and a peculiar diablerie of its own that belongs exclusively to

army circles. In 1679 a quartermaster in the Eng-lish army had his sword broken over

above.
A PAPAL PREDICTION THAT HAS BEEN FULFILLED. — Turning the other day to his chaplain, Mgr. Angell, who was as-sisting His Hollness in removing the sacred vestments after Mass, Leo XIII. remarked with a smile : "You see, Monsignor, that in epite of all these on-dits about our failing health, wo are not yet so weak as not to be able to take on a active part in sacred functions. And heaven will give us strength to preside over the opening ceremonies of the Holy Year."
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