

Women Discuss Domestic Service.

The Domestic Service problem is one of the most pressing for solution and occupies the minds of our matrons in every city of importance on this continent. Effort after effort has been made to enlist the sympathies of all classes of householders. The most recent move in the endeavor to find a solution of the difficulty has been the organization of an association known as the Woman's Domestic Guild of America, which opened its doors in New York City recently.

So far the most interesting bit of literature issued by the Guild is a prospectus which gives with some detail both its business and ethical aims.

That the corporation is intended from the start to be a paying proposition, as well as a philanthropic scheme, is proved by the announcement that women joining the Guild are charged \$2, and an additional \$1 every time they obtain a servant through its agency, and that servants must each pay \$1. All this is commonplace enough. The prospectus though, offers other announcements less so. Here are some of them:

"The Guild aims to raise the standard of domestic service; to encourage servants to remain in their places by means of a system of prizes and an honor roll; to regulate relations between servants and employers.

The Guild will investigate the character of every servant it sends out. There will be no tolerance of intemperance or dishonesty.

The Guild will establish schools for the training of servants in cooking, waiting, chamberwork, etc., and those whose duties bring them in frequent contact with the family will be taught correct carriage, deportment and respectful address.

Although the prospectus is silent as to servants' possible grievances, says the New York Sun, Mrs. Healey confided that when it was known that an employer was consistently unreasonable with her servant or servants, she would be debarred from the privileges of the guild.

The system of prizes, it was learned, will begin with refunding to a servant the \$1 fee at the end of one year, provided she is then with the same employer, at the end of two years a \$2 prize and so on. The honor roll is a list of names published from time to time in a newspaper.

Unquestionably, however, it is the proposed training of servants and the delightful perspective it opens up of "help" sufficient to meet the demand, which is the most interesting feature of the scheme, and that which has aroused the most intense interest among householders everywhere.

"Can it be done?" they ask, from?"

"Is it not well established that the American girl will have none of living out?"

Said a worker in a charitable organization with a sceptical smile: "Now, if Mrs. Irvin or Mrs. Abbe or Mrs. Healy had something original to propose in the arrangement of household labor, the apportioning of hours, I would really take an interest in the guild; but as far as I can make out their aim is to coax girls to try service by means of free cooking and laundry classes and other training. Well, those ladies may have some plan up their sleeves that has not yet been tried and which may bring success to their undertaking, but I doubt it."

"Have there been many candidates so far?"

When this question was put to Mrs. Healey she answered with unabated enthusiasm:

"Why, yes; a number of girls who are now in places have asked permission to attend the cooking classes, and several ladies have expressed a willingness to join the cooking class which is to be held of an afternoon once or twice a week. A small charge will be made."

"But how about young girls who have never lived out?"

"Well," with some reluctance, "I have had one applicant."

"You see," she went on, "we are only just started. Give us time. I have not the least doubt that before long we will have girls from the stores, the factories, the public schools, all eager to learn."

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

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Yet who better holds the real purpose of life than they? Who better than they understands the theme? Where are we to find nobler and loftier impulses than those they possess? Among them we find the highest, purest types of womanhood and intellectual attainments that are unsurpassed in women of the world. Each is an adept in the work of her doing, many are remarkable in their excellent qualities. But they neither seek, receive nor wish the plaudits of the world, because the world has no rewards for them to win. They left the world to be beyond it and they live far above it, save as it needs their care. Hence the world hears little of these heroines and knows less of their superior qualities.

Death, however, sometimes opens the truth to the world. Such was the case with Rev. Mother Agatha, Superior-General of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who has just been laid to rest. A most extraordinary woman, indeed. To our mind the greatest woman whom the Church in this country has yet produced. Her works and her attainments bear testimony to the truth of the assertion.

Born on Aug. 31, 1829, she was reared a Protestant until her 18th year, when she was baptized into the Catholic Church. Three years later, or in 1850, she was received as a novice in the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and two years later she made her profession. In the year 1871 she was elected Mother-General and continued in that office until her death. Though she did not witness the mustard seed planted, she did watch its growth, and to much of her own tender care is due the spread from Carondelet over the entire country.

To-day the community numbers two thousand noble souls. Not only was each of these known to Rev. Mother Agatha by name, but also many incidents of their family history. She never faltered in calling the name of each. But most cogent proof of her qualities of character is the fact that she possessed the confidence and affection of each.

Her guiding star was God's holy Will. Her sole and supreme ambition the cause of religion and the spread of the Church. Her zeal for both was not the secret she fancied it. She always sought to hide it and always were the results of her labors betraying her. Her interest in the Indian could not be better known if it had been cried out on the public highway. Neither did she conceal her zeal on behalf of the negro, for it was by her direction that a sister was sent some years ago to St. Genevieve to teach them. In all these eventful years not a ripple marred her reign. Great in life, she was even greater in death, the patience and suffering of its preceding days bearing a close similarity to those of St. Theresa. Well deserving, therefore, is she to be called a most extraordinary woman. God grant eternal peace to her soul.—St. Louis Church Progress.

SWINDLERS.

The Bishop of Lourdes is making an effort to prevent impious swindlers from deceiving people. Some

time ago the Bishop warned his flock, and through them the faithful generally, against certain people who are selling "pain azymes," prepared with miraculous water from the grotto of Lourdes! Now he warns them against quite a batch of impudent impostors, to wit: The Syrup of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Miraculous Lotion of our Lady of Lourdes; the Miraculous Elixir of Our Lady of Lourdes, etc. These quackeries are sold in various places as having some connection with the devotion to Our Blessed Lady, and sometimes are accompanied with a guarantee that they will effect a cure. Catholics everywhere, says the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, should be delighted that Mgr. Schoepfer has attacked this practice of trading on the religious sentiments of the simple-minded faithful. Such traffic is disgraceful and should be reprobated everywhere.

A FAMOUS LIBRARY BURNED

The University Library of Turin, the most famous in Italy, has been partially destroyed by fire. An estimate is that over 100,000 volumes were burned, as well as many rare manuscripts.

The University Library numbered over 250,000 printed volumes and over 4000 manuscripts. It contained the former library and the manuscripts of the House of Savoy, a large number of very rare incunabula Greek and Latin codices, two Irish manuscripts, of the seventeenth century, Egyptian and Assyrian papyrus maps, and valuable illuminated works.

There were numerous Italian, Oriental, Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, Coptic and Turkish manuscripts, some of which were written on palm leaves and other very precious manuscripts from Sumatra. Then 1200 Latin manuscripts included palimpsests of Cicero and Cassiodorus, and there were also precious globes of steel, outlined in gold, dating from 1500.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by the fusing of electric wires, and the loss will amount to several million lire.

Patent Report.

The following list of Canadian patents recently obtained through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D.C., shows that foreign investors understand the advisability of protecting their inventions in our country.

- Nos.
- 84,832—Fredrik Ljungstrom, Stockholm, Sweden, milking machine.
- 84,827—Arthur H. Borgstrom, Hangö, Finland, process of manufacturing faultless butter from hard frozen cream.
- 85,000—Richard E. Pennington, Carlton, Australia, nut-locking spring washers adapted for securing nuts in fish bolts.
- 85,012—Kaspar Kottmann, Zurich, Switzerland, electrically driven mechanism for sawing logs.
- 85,167—Gustaf O. Peterson, Dalsbruk, Finland, furnace or kiln for roasting finely crushed ore, etc.
- 85,174—Robert Emonds, Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany, arc lamps with oxygen pump.
- 85,178—Louis Rouy, Paris, France, Zither.
- 85,132—C. C. Van der Valk, Voorburg, Holland, safety device for strong current overhead conductors.
- 85,233—Messrs. Carmichael, Paris, France, process for oiling and finishing textile material.
- 85,426—Paul de Hemptinne, Ghent, Belgium, apparatus or appliances for use in casting hollow ingots by the aid of centrifugal force.
- 85,449—Julio Guimaraes, Hamburg, Germany, photographic apparatus.
- 85,476—Leon Lemaire, Puteaux, France, Gas generator for gas engines.

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