

Imaginary Thoughts.

"My children," said an old man, as he lay on his deathbed, "I have lived long, toiled hard and worried much. But as I look back upon my life I find that my greatest troubles have been those that never happened."

How many men and women would have to make the same confession! Life, as a rule, is made twice as miserable as it need be simply by imaginary troubles. The disposition to worry is one of the most unfortunate mental traits or habits with which a young woman can start in life. It is generally such a needless burden—as needless as the sack of meal which the Irish farmer carried on his back, as he rode home in his cart, to lighten the labor of his horse. Imaginary troubles seldom come to pass—in a form, at any rate, as bad as we have imagined, and yet they are the most depressing and wearing mental ills with which many people have to contend. It is the bridges we never cross that give us our worst troubles into rushing torrents and frightful chasms.

One of the happiest purposes that a young woman can form, on entering upon the serious business of life, is the resolution not to worry—no, to hatch as few imaginary troubles as possible. Make the rule never to be distressed about anything that such a calamity is going to happen. This would not, of course, exclude preparation for any possible trouble, but it would prevent that premature and generally unnecessary suffering which helps to make so many heads gray before their time.

FATHER LEPORE'S AIRSHIP.

Father Felix M. Lepore, pastor of the Mount Carmel Italian Catholic Church, Denver, Col., has been notified by the committee in charge of the \$250,000 prize for airship competition by Metz of London that his machine is one of the three so

far accepted for the race out of hundreds of applicants. The inventor will not describe the details of his ship. There is no doubt of its success," said Father Lepore enthusiastically. "I never before studied so long on an invention, and as soon as the vessel is completed it will be as easy for me to fly from here to New York as to walk five miles."

JEW BECOMES A CATHOLIC.

M. Pollonais, editor of "Gaulois," solemnly adjured the Jewish faith and declared his conversion to Catholicism at the Church of St. Thomas Daquin, Paris, on last Wednesday. General Recamier and Duchess Bern were his sponsors.

MR. REDMOND RETURNS TO IRELAND.

Mr. John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who came over to attend the United Irish League Convention in Boston, sailed on Friday of last week on the Celtic for home. He was accompanied by his wife and son.

John Dillon, M.P., and Michael Davitt, who accompanied him to this country, will remain here until Christmas working in the interests of the Irish cause.

Whoever considers distinctly what the delight of knowledge is, will see good reason to be satisfied that it cannot be the chief good of man; all this, as it is applicable, so it was mentioned with regard to the attribute of goodness. I say, goodness. Our being and all our enjoyments are the effects of it; just is itself absolutely due to God, so also it is necessary in order to a further end, to keep alive upon our minds a sense of His authority, a sense that in our ordinary behaviour amongst men we act under Him as our governor and judge.—Bishop Butler.

THE POOR SOULS.

Hearst thou a sad voice pleading,
Calling on thy name with grief?
"Why dost thou forget my need?
Why refuse to me relief?
Did I not, through years unbroken,
Spend my heart's best love on thee?
Now do thou, in grateful token,
Pray for me, O, pray for me!"

Father, mother, may be calling;
Wilt thou list to them in vain?
Couldst thou know their woe appalling,
Couldst thou judge their bitter pain;
Then wouldst thou, with glad acclaiming,
For their freedom constant pray,
Mindful that thou, too, in pleading,
Wilt upraise thy hands one day!

—Amadeus, O.S.F., in St. Anthony's Messenger.

No experience will ever reveal to us what changes are yet to come to us, or what now growth or pruning we shall have. We know not what a day will bring forth. We can become familiar with a landscape; we know where to find the waterfall and the shady ledge, where the violets grow—in spring and the saxifrage gives forth its odor; but we never can become familiar with our life-landscape; we can never tell where we shall come upon the shady dell, or where the fountains will gush and the birds sing. That is with God.

Happiness is cumulative as misery is. Happiness has no limits, as Heaven has neither bottom nor bounds—and because happiness is nothing but the conquest of God through love. Seek to mingle gentleness in all your rebukes; bear with the infirmities of others; make allowances for constitutional frailties; never say harsh things if kind things will do as well.

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