

THE MONEY KINGS OF ANCIENT ROME

That the accumulations of vast fortunes was as possible in ancient Rome, which knew neither the railroad nor Standard Oil, as it is in the United States to-day, is shown by the following table that has been compiled from authoritative historical records.

While it may be true that the wealth of the Czar of Russia and John D. Rockefeller may exceed nearly all of these old-time hoards there can be no question of the fact that as spenders Antony and Caligula have never been surpassed.

Crassus's landed estate was valued at	\$ 8,333,330
His house was valued at ..	400,000
Caecilius Isidorus, after having lost much, left Demetrius, a freedman of Pompey, was worth ..	5,235,800
Lentulus, the augur, no less than ..	3,875,000
Clodius, who was slain by Milo, paid for his house ..	16,666,066
He once swallowed a pearl worth ..	700,000
Apicius was worth more than ..	40,000
He poisoned himself after he had spent in his kitchen and other wise quarters and immense sums to the amount of ..	5,000,000
The establishment belonging to M. Scarus, and burned at Tusculum, was valued at ..	4,160,000
Gifts and bribes may be considered signs of great riches.	
Caesar presented Servilia, the mother of Brutus, with a pearl worth ..	4,150,000
Paulus, the consul, was bribed by Caesar with the sum of ..	200,000
Curio contracted debts to the amount of ..	292,000
Milo contracted one debt of Antony owed at the Ides of March, which he paid before the Kalends of April ..	2,500,000
Seneca had a fortune of ..	2,915,000
Tiberius left at his death and Caligula spent in less than 12 months ..	1,666,666
	17,500,000
	118,120,000

—The Scrapbook.

A SAINT AT HOME

This brief sketch of a Catholic saint is penned by Dr. Earrar, late Protestant Dean of Canterbury.

St. Frances of Rome was a Roman lady of noble birth. She was married in 1396 to a Roman nobleman, Laurence Ponzani. "Her obedience and condescension to her husband was inimitable," says Alban Butler, "which engaged such a return of affection, that for the forty years which they lived together, there never happened the least disagreement; and their whole life was a constant strife and emulation to anticipate each other in mutual complaisance and respect." "A married woman," she used to say, "must, when called upon, quit her devotions at the altar to find them in her household affairs."

One beautiful story which is told of her is meant to illustrate the fact that a woman's religious pursuits must never be suffered to interfere with her obligations to provide for the welfare and comfort of her husband and children. It was the daily custom of this lady to spend one of the early hours of the morning in prayer and the study of the Holy Scripture. On one occasion she had sat down at her desk for this purpose, when some domestic trifle—the requirements of one of her servants or one of her children—demanded her attention. Mindful of the true rule, "Do the next thing," and ready to sacrifice at once her personal desires to the claim of duty, she arose, did what was necessary and returned to her reading. But no sooner had she sat down than a second interruption occurred. Again she rose with quiet dignity, attended to the needs of her household, and went back to her Bible. But before she had begun to read she was again called and again did her task. This happened seven times in succession yet she never delayed, nor uttered one murmur, nor showed the smallest fretfulness. When for the seventh time she came back to the Psalm which lay open before her, she found that angel hands, high in approval of her cheerful faithfulness had inscribed the verse for her in letters of shining gold. Pittsburgh Catholic.

"It's too bad about those crullers you made," said the new husband, sadly. "Why?" asked his wife, quickly. "Well," replied her husband, "they're too rich to eat, too heavy for life preservers and too small for quills."



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