

How priests are to be judged who have committed the prohibited act but once, twice or three times, or who commit the crime of bestiality. These offences, in all their conceivable and inconceivable forms and species, are illustrated with painstaking minutiae, under the plea that the priests must give directions in the secret confessionals to men and women, even to young boys and girls, on these Commandments. And as if this were not enough, they multiply instructions on viewing, touching, feeling, kissing, embracing, contemplating every part of the body. We cannot, at the same time, but remember how the Jesuits, while condemning lustful sins with indignation and simulated chaste horror, have found practical accommodations and excuses for the violation of these as of every other precept of Holy Writ.

Eighth Commandment "Thou shalt not steal." (Gury's 7th and 8th precepts of the Decalogue).

"When is there a grave matter in theft ?

Answer—"It cannot be determined;" the very terms of the question imply that there is theft which is not grave.

Answer 2.—"In order that theft should be looked upon as grave relatively, it must be of the value: 1st, of one franc for the poor, and a little less for the very poor; 2nd, about two or three francs for