

World of Missions.

A Queer Way of Feeding Fish.

(By a missionary from India.)

I will tell you a story I have heard. To-day one of my companions was visiting a house, when she saw a girl rolling up little bits of paper and dough together into pills.

She said, "What are you doing?" The girl showed her that a large piece of paper which she had was covered with the word "Allah," or "God." Each piece on which "Allah" was written was separately cut out and put into a dough-pill, until three hundred pills were made, and then the fishes in the Ganges were fed with them. This process was repeated daily for a certain time in fulfilment of some vow made by the master of the house.

"You see," said the girl, "when the pill goes into the fish's stomach it has the name of God in its stomach, and then the fish will pray for us, and that will bring us a blessing. We consider that feeding the fishes is doing a good work which will make God pleased with us. In like manner we feed the ants with sugar."

From such superstition as this the Christian missionary would deliver the people.

"Away From Rome" Statistics.

The Protestant *Oberkirchenrath*, of Vienna, has published the statistics of changes from the Catholic to the Protestant Church as a result of the "Away from Rome" movement in Austria during 1900. The figures are practically official, and are as follows:

1. The Lutheran Church has gained from the Catholic 1,922 men, 1,585 women, and 740 children, or a total of 4,274; and from other sources 272 additions, making the total accessories 4,549.

2. The Reformed Church has gained from the Catholic Church 181 men, 208 women, and 63 children, or a total of 452 persons, to which are added 87 from other sources, making a total of 539.

This makes 5058 accessories to Protestantism in a twelve-month, and of those 4,699 came from the Catholic Church.

On the other hand, the Lutheran Church lost to the Catholic 433, and to other churches 36, or a total of 469; while the Reformed Church lost to the Catholic 272, and to other churches 344, or a total for both churches of 815, of whom 705 became Catholic.

This makes a total net gain for the two Protestant churches of 4,245, against the Roman Catholics' gain of 3,994.

A year ago a similar official report was published for 1899, from which it appeared that the total gains for the Protestant Church for that year had been 5,620, against the Roman Catholic of 5,272. This makes a total for the past two years of 11,443, of whom 10,746 were formerly Catholics. In commenting on these figures the *Evangelical Kirchenzeitung*, of Austria, the leading Protestant periodical of the country, states that the actual total of the conversions has really been higher, as many changed their church relations before 1899, and many who have done so in the last year have not yet officially announced this step. If to these are added those who have joined the Old Catholics instead of the Protestants, or who have broken with their Church, but not yet formerly connected themselves with any other, then it is no exaggeration to say that the Catholic Church in Austria has lost 20,000 members as the result of this movement.

Health and Home Hints.

The best way to keep lemons fresh is to pack them in moist sand.

To remove blood stains, use cold water first, then soap and water.

Lampwicks should be pinched and then rubbed smooth, not cut.

Orange Fritters.—Peel and quarter the oranges, remove the seeds and all the extra outside skin: make a batter of two eggs, one tablespoonful of olive oil or melted butter, one teaspoonful of sugar, one cupful of flour, half a cupful of cold water. Roll the oranges in sugar, dip them immediately into the batter and fry in hot fat.

Mock Terrapin.—Take half a calf's liver, two tablespoonfuls butter, half a pint of water, a tablespoonful mustard, a dash of cayenne pepper and two hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine; boil the liver, cut in small dice; put butter in chafing dish, which must be hot; stir in a teaspoonful flour; when it thickens, add a little hot water, then the lemon, to which the dry seasoning has first been added; when the mixture boils, add the minced eggs. Serve at once.

The New York Mail says that grape juice can be kept for a year by bottling it and pouring a little olive oil in at the top of each bottle. The oil excludes the air, and it is claimed that the air in the juice works its way up through the oil. Thus the juice can be bottled without heating. When used, the oil must be sopped up with a piece of cotton after the bottle is uncorked, which requires a little patience. We have no means of knowing whether the plan will work, and give it only on the authority above. It would be better to try the plan on a small scale the first year.

Cherry Bavarian Cream.—This is a simply made dessert and a good one. Soak one-quarter of a box of gelatine in one-third of a cupful of cold water, placing it over the fire until melted. Whip one pint of heavy cream to a solid froth, keeping it very cold. Gradually and lightly stir it into one-third of a cupful of powdered sugar and the melted gelatine. As the mixture thickens add gradually a teaspoonful of vanilla, two and two-thirds of a cupful of candied cherries, which have been cut fine and soaked in two tablespoonfuls of orange juice. Set aside to stiffen in individual molds or one large one, according to taste.

Peach Cups.—Beat two eggs without separating until light; add them to a pint of milk. Measure 2½ cups of sifted flour; add half a teaspoonful of salt and two tablespoonfuls of baking powder and sift twice again. Make a well in center of the flour, pour the liquid in gradually, stirring it into the flour until you have a thick batter; add two level tablespoonfuls of melted butter and mix well. Grease small custard cups or muffin tins; drop in a spoonful of the batter, then half a ripe, yellow peach pared and stone removed, placing the hollow side of the peach up. Cover with another spoonful of the batter and dust with powdered sugar. These can be either steamed half an hour or baked in the oven for twenty minutes. Serve with orange sauce.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address

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BENUMBED LIMBS.

A TROUBLE RESEMBLING PARALYSIS IN ITS EFFECTS.

THE VICTIM LOSES STRENGTH IN HIS LIMBS AND IS USUALLY UNABLE TO DO ANY WORK—THE STORY OF A FORMER SUFFERER, SHOWING HOW THIS NUMBNESS CAN BE OVERCOME.

From "The Whig," Kingston, Ont.

There are few men in the city of Kingston better known than Mr. H. S. Johnson, the genial proprietor of the "Bon Ton" barber parlor, on Brock street. For several years he had been in failing health, being obliged to give over the entire work of his busy shop to his assistants. But this spring his health is so wonderfully improved that his many friends have been congratulating him on his restoration. In conversing with a reporter of the Whig recently, Mr. Johnson had the following to say concerning his illness and cure:—"For many months I was practically paralyzed. Numbness took possession of my limbs, especially of my hands. From my hips down my body was without strength, and despite all that I could do, I was unable to keep my hands and feet from becoming icy cold. My appetite left me, and soon I had to give up work. My general health was of course failing, and I lost flesh. As you know, I am sixty-five years of age, and when a man loses strength at that age, it is a hard thing to build him up again. I tried several kinds of medicines, but they all failed to benefit me. The doctors whom I consulted were also unable to help me. I was growing discouraged when some of my old customers advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. At first I refused for I did not believe any medicine on earth could help me, but at last friendly persuasion had its effect, and I bought a supply of the pills and began taking them. I soon found that they were benefitting me, and so continued their use until Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have made me a new man. I feel stronger and better day by day; I am gaining in weight, and once again I am able to attend to my old customers without the least trouble. I consider the pills my best friend, and would not be without them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the friend of the weak and ailing. They surpass all other medicines in their tonic, strengthening qualities, and make weak and despondent people bright, active and healthy. These pills are sold by all dealers in medicine, or can be had by mail, postpaid, at 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville Ont.

The Bishop of Bombay says: "The days are long past when the people of India regarded the preaching of a foreign faith as a grievance. Whether by virtue or necessity they have acquiesced in the policy of a fair field for all faiths, and in the case of Christian missions they have learned to value them for the wholesome moral influences which they diffuse all around, and we absolutely subscribe to Lord Lawrence's opinion that the missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined to benefit India."

With a nice, clear fire, five minutes is sufficient for broiling a beefsteak one inch thick. It should be turned several times during the process.