

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

TOMMY'S SCHOOL.

Geography's a nuisance, and arithmetic's a bore... Said Tommy, with a frown upon his face...

Playing Browns.

It was a very dismal, rainy Saturday; and a very dismal little girl, with something that looked like a rain-drop running over each cheek...

"What a horrid, horrid day!" pouted Alice Kent. "What a little Miss Grumblekin!" exclaimed busy Aunt Julia...

"What is it?" asked Alice. "Play you are a good brownie," replied her aunt. "Your mother has a great deal to attend to this morning."

"Things to help people when nobody sees," was the reply. "Surprises, you know." Then she was gone.

"But it looks very nice to-night," continued Aunt Julia. "Shawls all folded on the shelves; hoods and gloves and hat and rubbers in their proper places...

Etiquette at the Table.

There are a few little questions about the etiquette of the table that some girls want to know, and these I am going to tell her. She must hold her knife by its handle, and never let her fingers reach up to its blade...

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The price of the book is only one dollar bound in paper, or two dollars bound in cloth and gold. It may be ordered through any music dealer or from the editor Mr. M. J. Murphy, Bay City, Michigan.

ST. LOUIS CADETS.

THEIR APPEARANCE A CREDIT TO THE CITY.

Major-General Herbert's Opinion as to their Ability—Wednesday's Review—A Luncheon at the Institute in the Evening.

On Wednesday afternoon the cadets of the Mount Saint Louis Institute were inspected by Major-General Herbert.

At ten minutes to three in the afternoon the cadets were to be seen turning from St. Denis street on to Craig, and shortly afterwards to lively strains of music they marched into the Drill Hall under the leadership of their drill instructor, Major Atkinson.

After the inspection the instructor put the battalion through the regular manual, firing exercises and battalion drill, which were executed in a manner deserving of the highest praise.

The next item was "physical drill to music" by the youngest scholars of the college. This drill was the feature of the day, inasmuch as the youngsters performed the several movements without a leader, but with the aid of the piano.

Major Atkinson, after forming the cadets in battalion order, again drew them up in front of the platform, on which were Major-General Herbert, Mrs. Herbert, Capt. Streetfield, A.D.C., Mayor McShane, M. P. Ryan, Esq., J. K. Moran, editor of the TRUE WITNESS, several members of the clergy and a number of ladies.

The Major-General congratulated the cadets on their soldierly bearing and on the excellent manner in which the various exercises had been gone through.

in a fit condition to protect the country in case of war. Particular stress was laid on the physical exercises, as whether regular soldiers or only cadets, these were the principal and most useful to them.

A word of praise needs to be given to the band under Mr. Leroux. It is composed of 34 pieces, and has only been organized about a year.

They were six companies of forty each, making 240 men, with the following officers: No. 1 company, Thomas Clapper, captain; H. Filion, 1st lieutenant; H. Valliere, 2nd lieutenant; No. 2 company, E. Debaras, captain; Mr. Mackay, 1st lieutenant; No. 3 company, R. Valade, captain; J. McCrory, 1st lieutenant; B. Fuller, 2nd lieutenant; No. 4 company, C. McGee, captain; P. Ryan, 1st lieutenant; H. Hudson, 2nd lieutenant; No. 5 company, F. Balton, captain; M. Jeffrey, 1st lieutenant; R. Murphy, 2nd lieutenant; No. 6 company, J. Lynch, captain; F. Vanasse, 1st lieutenant; A. Lionais, 2nd lieutenant.

Attached to this college are 40 Christian Brothers under the directorship of Brother Stephen; 25 of these brothers are teachers, the others being employed various ways.

There are at present about 500 students in the college; 250 boarders, the balance being day scholars. About 50 of these are Americans, 50 from the provinces and about 120 English speaking from the city, and the other 250 are French Canadians.

We have already had occasion several times to refer to the good work being done by the Christian Brothers in the Mount St. Louis Institute and no better test of the practical system of training youth adopted by that establishment could be had than in the grand display made by the cadets on Wednesday.

They were a credit to themselves, to the Brothers, to the Superior, to their Instructor and to Montreal.

BELLS AND THEIR HISTORY.

Some of the World's Largest Bells—One Heard Sixty Miles Away.

As in Old England, so in New England, is the curfew still heard. In Boston the 9 o'clock bell was rung from time immemorial up to within a very few years.

The Angelus is a prayer to the Virgin introduced by Pope Urban II. in 1095, as an intercession for the absent crusaders. It begins with the words, Angelus Domini, nuntiavit Mariæ—the angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

The prayer contains three verses, and each verse ends with the salutation, Ave Maria; and it is recited three times a day, at the ringing of the Angelus bell, so named from the first word in the prayer.

Most large bells are old bells. Although England has so many bells and chimes that it has been called "The Ringing Island," and Belgium's bells have caused her to be named "the classic land of bells," yet Russia, perhaps, exceeds all other nations in its fondness for bells, having an immense number of them, and many very large ones.

The "king of bells," the largest one in the world, is in Moscow. It was cast first in 1631 and recast in 1734. It remained in the pit where it was cast until 1836, when Nicholas I. caused it to be raised and placed upon a stone pedestal near the Tower of Ivan, in the Kremlin, where it now stands.

Moscow is said to have had at one time over 1,700 large bells and as many as 5,000 of all sizes. In the Ivan tower alone there are 31, one of which, in the first story above the chapel, weighs more than 60 tons; it swings freely, is easily rung, and if one smites it with the palm of the hand it responds in a wonderfully

clear and startling manner. Two others are of solid silver, with very soft, pure tones. It has been consecrated as a chapel, the door being an aperture six feet high by seven wide at the base, made by the piece weighing 11 tons which broke and fell out during the fire of 1737, when water came in contact with the heated metal.

A rich count of Toledo had a son, who, having killed a man in a duel, sought refuge in the cathedral while his father went to Madrid to petition the king for his pardon. "No," said the king, "he who has killed a man must die."

The largest bell in America is that of Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, which hangs in the south tower. It is 6 feet high, 8 feet 7 inches in diameter and weighs 24,780 pounds.

The largest bell in the United States is the alarm bell of City Hall, New York, which was cast by Blake of Boston. It is 6 feet high, six feet 8 inches in diameter, and weighs 22,000 pounds.

Your Blood. Undoubtedly needs a thorough cleansing this season to expel impurities, keep up the healthy tone and prevent disease.

Some of the actresses do not draw, but most of them paint.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A Good Suggestion. By constipation is meant irregular action of the bowels, often called costiveness, and commonly caused by dyspepsia, neglect, excess in eating or drinking, etc.

"Does Gillette move in the best society?" "Yes, he has to move. He never pays his rent."

SANDWICH.

Sirs.—For five years I have suffered from lumbago and could get no relief until I used Haygood's Yellow Oil, and must say I find no better remedy for it.

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SLAVE HUNTING.

EXPERIENCE OF CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA.

Startling Information Gathered from the Diaries of Resident Priests—How the Unfortunates Are Tortured.

We spoke last week of the heroic exertions in the cause of faith, that our Catholic Missionaries have exhibited in all ages and in every clime. In the subjoined extracts from the diaries of African Catholic Missionary Priests our readers will find some startling revelations and the details of terrible experiences.

Some startling statements have been made at a meeting of the African Society at Cologne, by Canon Kepes, who took his information from the diaries of several resident missionaries on the subject of slave hunting in the neighborhood of Lake Tanganyika.

A great number of their unfortunate companions have died of hunger at Kirando, and a great many more will probably soon follow them.

During the marauding expeditions in Maranj and Kizabi innumerable natives were killed. When Mankutubu set out on his march back he wished to get rid of all those who might have impeded the march; and at Lusoko, therefore, he had a great number of captives, old women and little children, drowned.

Massacres of which one can form no idea in Europe, followed. A Mgwana who belonged to the expedition assured us that daily ten, twenty, thirty and even fifty were killed. In spite of this about 2,000 captured slaves arrived at Kirando, 8th December. A barge has arrived from Kirando bringing forty children whom Father Dromaux ransomed. They are a medley of all sorts of human misery; even those who appear to be healthy have burns on their arms and thighs which they received as a punishment for some trivial offense.

The native chief who called him into his country became his first victim; and was taken prisoner. He succeeded in escaping, and took refuge with us, but his wives and children are in the hands of the Mestizo. The slave-hunter who is aided by brigands from the neighborhood of Kerema, has caught this year between 1,500 and 2,000 slaves.

As there was a great scarcity of food in Kirando, they were forced to dig up and eat wild roots which wild animals refused to touch. Wasted away by hunger, fever and dysentery, they were sheltered in huts which afforded no protection whatever against the weather.

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