THE GREAT FAST.

HOW TO KEEP LENT WELL.

A Puro Conscience a Prerequisite to Reap Its Graces-How Observed in Past Ages.

The Christians of all ages began the fast of Lent by first going to confession, as shown by the Fathers and Councils of tho Church. In ancient times, St. Chrysostom says, "the Fathers being aware of the dangers and of the mischief of rashly approaching the holy table, appointed these forty days of Lent to be spent in fasting, prayer, hearing the word of God, and meeting together in public prayers, that in these holy days, by devotion, alms-deeds, fasting, watching, tears, confession, and other means, every constitute deepen his would in one may carefully cleanse his soul in order to partake of it with a pure con-

Alcuinus tells all Chrisitians to confess their sins on the "Head of the Fast," that is, on these days before

Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, requests the people, as a preparation for Lent, to make their confessions and reconcile their differences.

From these Fathers and Councils it will appear how clear is the spirit of the Church in exhorting the people to prepare for the Lenten season by going to confession and receiving the grace of God, and to be in the state of grace in order that their fasting may have merit before God, for penance and fasting in the state of sin has no reward before God. "If I have not charity, I am nothing." On the care with which we make this confession depends the fruit of our penance and fast during Lent. If any one has the misfortune to be in a state of mortal sin, their works are only a means of obtaining a perfect conversion; but when they are not in

A STATE OF GRACE,

or of charity, as the Apostle says, their memory of the most precious Blood shed fosting and their works of penance are neither satisfactory nor merit everlasting life. Confession also prepares the penitent to spend Lent in a Christian manner, to apply the right remedies to the wounds made in his soul

Another part of this preparation for Lent consists in increasing our self de-nial making frequent acts of sorrow for sin, doing good to others, overlooking the faults of our neighbors, and mortify-ing ourselves. When in this time of penance the Church clothes her altars and elergy in mourning, and sings no more her joyful songs of praises to the Lord-when she sits aimid the signs of penance and sorrow, if we enter not in her spirit of penance, the prayers of her services are but mockery and hypocrisy in our mouths. By her sermons and her grandLiturgy she now invites us with her to sanctify our fastings and to prepare for Lent. "As wrestlers exercise themselves before the combat, so must Christians practice self denial, so as to prepare them-selves for fasting."

From the custom of past ages we see that all people prepared for Lent by going to confession. From the spirit of the Church in keeping the time of Septuagesima as a season of fasting and as a preparation for Lent, we see that the propagation for Lent in the propagation for Lent by the propagation of good legal ability and well thought of good legal ability and good legal ability people should not spend the time in mouther, or a poser, but a quiet well-bred man. For years he was chosen on many they are accustomed to do in other days, but in a spirit of the catholic body occasions to represent the Catholic body

was born on Sunday, he was baptized on Tuesday, and began His fast in the desert on Wednesday. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the ceremony of multing across on the beads of the appears only as a Wednesday on the beads of the appears only as a Wednesday on the beads of the appears only as a Wednesday on the beads of the appears only as a Wednesday on the beads of the appears only as a Wednesday on the beads of the appears only as a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a human hyena, the was been found in the paper our labors, our cares, our disappoints. In three mouths we had driven him into ments, a free and open mind, by holding a hole, and in six he was the sickest man us in communion with the highest and in all Arizona. He wouldn't be human the fairest, will fill the soul with strength and io. —Rt. Rev. John Laurender Smalls twind a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a wretched apology for a wretched apology for a human hyena. putting ashes on the heads of the clergy and the people on this day,

LET US UNDERSTAND

the meaning of this rite. When man sinned by eating in the garden the for-bidden fruit, God drove him from Para-dise with the words: "For dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Be-fore this sin Adam was not to die, but to be carried into Heaven after a certain time of trial here upon this earth. But he sinned, and by that sin he brought Adam. What wisdom the Church shows us when she invites us by these ceremonies to bring before our minds the dust and the corruption of the grave by putting ashes on our heads.

The word Lent, in the ancient language of northern Europe, means the Spring fast, to distinguish it from Advent,

the Fall or Winter fast.
Three things were forbidden to the Christians in the different ages of the Church during Lent: wine, ment and food. In the first ages, wine was not allowed. Abstinence from meat in Lent is not different from the abstinence commanded on other days of the year like Friday, the eves of the great feasts, and the Quater Tenses. Ment is forbidden because it is the food nearest like our flesh, and we can easier do without it. Fasting from food means that we are to practice self-denial by mortifying our-seles. To the Church our Lord left the feasts each year. For that reason as the peoples, customs and ways of the world change, to them the Church accommodates the law of fasting. For if the Lord had made it a strict law, when he was on earth, as no power can change the law of God, it might have become a great burden on mankind to keep a rigorous fast. For these reasons the bishops of the different dioceses into which the world is divided send forth their instructions to be read in the churches before Lent, and the way of keeping Lent may change from year to year and from century

In the early ages, the Christians used to fast till the evening, and that contin-ued to be the way of keeping Lent till the ninth century. Then they began to break their fast at the hour of noon, He uses his high position on an immoral corresponding to our three in the after-

taken on fast days, only fish was allowed on account of its cold nature, and because of many deep and mysterious reasonable mysterious reasonable mysterious reasonable many deep and mysterious reasonable mysterious rea

not used in Rome during Lent on the days when

MEAT IS NOT EATEN.

The permission to use "white meats" does not allow the eating of eggs, according to the old discipline of the Church, and in Rome they are not eaten when meat is allowed, but a dispensation to eat ments. He is more easily recognized them on certain days is granted. All this is for the spiritual good of the members of the Church, and when Pope Benedict XIV, saw the case with which the people excused themselves from fasting in every part of the world, he renewed the ancient customs of the of them into a dust heap. A Protestant, Church by forbidding meat and fish at the same meal when meat was allowed in

Lent.
This life is a continual battle against temptation, and the Church made up of the elergy and of the people, is like a great and powerful army in ceaseless battle array against our enemics. For that reason Lent is called the fighting time of the Church. For that reason, in the offices of the breviary we say the psalms, wherein is recalled that battle of the Christian against his old enemies, the powers of hell.

We are coming near to the sad sight of the death of our Lord. We are to see that rage of the Jews against Him which ended by His death on the cross. The Church prepares us beforehand, by celebrating certain feasts on each of the Fridays of Lent, which are like so many preparations for the tragedy of Good Frilay. The Friday following the first Sunday of Lent we celebrate the memory of the holy Lance and Nails which pierced his sacred flesh; or, in some cases, the feast of the Crown of Thoras He wore upon His head. The Friday of the second week we say the office of the Linens, which Joseph and Nicodemus wrapped around his body when dead and laid in the tomb. On the third we commemorate the memory of the five Wounds of Our Lord; while the office of the fourth Friday are devoted to the

HUMBUG CATHOLICS.

There are so many of them parading in the high places of this country, that an occasional description of them may do good. Whose fault it is that their faith is a principle of evil to them and their neighbors rather than good, we need not attempt to name. The air is so thick with anti-Catholic microbes that even the saints are less strong and heroic here than they might be in a purer evitable, and was not caused by our own here than they might be in a purer atmosphere. We find men giving thou-sands to charities, whose money was made in injustice, and who seem to be ignorant of dishonesty; others devoted in a formal way to their religion, whose week-day indifference and lack of Christian virtue would shame the modern Protestant; others still, whose business methods are so utterly unjust that one wonders what their faith has come to, or who have a voice in high councils and use it to the dishonor of the faith, or who have opportunities for good and cooly destroy them. They are Catholics,

occasions to represent the Catholic body in civic committees. He never denied but in a spirit of penance and fasting as a preparation for Lent.

We begin the fast of Lent on Wednesday, for the most ancient traditions of day, for the most ancient traditions of the called the just demands of his Catholic brethren impertinent and unlawful, and bug Catholic.

Here is a Catholic business-man with a million perhaps, and the head of a great concern. He has really built it up by his energy and invention. He is an ordinary Catholic, respectable and charitable. How was his business made a success, and kept a success? In this way: He was a wholesale dealer in certain articles, and supplied the retailers. When a new thing in his line appeared in the market he went to the producer upon himself and us, his children, death. and demanded it for his trade. If re-Our bodies, then, are to return to the fused he set out to prevent the sale of dust from which God made them, to that article in the market. He threadust from which God made them, to that article in the market. He threa-which they are condemned by the sin of tened the retailers that if they dealt with the producer for the article he would cut off their trade with him, and give it to a rival. In order to carry out his policy it was necessary for him to ruin the business of certain people yearly. He did it cheerfully. He was a monopolist. It is said he feels like an honest man, and loves to do an act of charity. He will be a surprised man when he reaches the judgment seat. He is a humbug Catho-

Here is a Catholic society man. He is a good father, wealthy, charitable, and refined. He loves good society for his own sake. His children associate only with the "best" people. So careful is he that only the best people shall be their companians, that he overlooks the morals of the best people frequently. His children grow up refined and courteous with all the polish of their circle and all the vices. The boys are sinners in the conseles. To the Church our Lord left the ventional respectably dirty way, and the power of imposing and of arranging the girls are as much troubled about religion as about fine weather. This good and polished father is a humbug Catholic.

Here is a Catholic journalist on a daily journal. He knows he is a Catholic from the fact that he made his First formunion and goes to Mass on Sunday. With any other reason for his faith he is unacquainted, although he can discuss intelligently any current question. He is no repugnance for anything in journal ism, except the plainest obscenity. He will write up an elopement, a rape, a seduction, an adultery, with the hearty Intention of easing the lowest tastes. The very seences which weep over wrong done are the most indecent of all orresponding to our three in the after-oon,
During all these ages meat was not
Catholic. He is not asnamed of it. He

sons founded on the Holy Bible. Milk, eggs, cheese and all such food called "white meats," were not allowed, and even in our days butter and cheese are not used in Rome during Lent on the contributes a cent to the church or

> are too thick for comfort. They are a bad lot, and it would be well to sift all a nothingarian, an atheist, are present persons to deal with, for they are passive or active enemies, and a code regulates intercourse with them. But the humbugs, judges, business men, society men, and journalists, or whatever occupation they follow, are the warts of Catholic society, and must be got rid of by eaustic. It would be pleasure to see them squirming under it with all their pompous respectability withering.—Catholic Review.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

A Christian ought in a manner to have three hearts in one: one for God another for his neighbor, and the third for himself .- St. Benedlet Joseph Lulier.

Every day is a little life, and our whole ife is but a day repeated. Those, thereore, that lose a day are dangerously prodigal; those that mispend it, desperate.

I have read in Plato and Cicero ings that are very wise and beautiful: but I never read in either of then." Come into me, aliye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."-St.

We ought to measure our actual lot und to fulfil it; to be with all our strength that which our lot requires and allows. What is beyond it, is no calling of ours. How much peace, quiet, confidence, and strength would people attain, if they would go by this plain rule.—Cardinal Manniny.

We cannot always be doing a great work, but we can always be doing some-thing that belongs to our condition. To be silent, to suffer, to pray when we cannot act is acceptable to God. A disappointment, a contradiction, a harsh word. an annovance, a wrong received and endured as in His presence, is worth more than a long prayer; and we do not lose

Two painters each painted a picture to first chose for his scene a still, lone lake among the far off mountains. The second threw on his canvas a thundering water have ours, and the tenderfoot who comes fall, with a fragile birch-tree bending over the foam; at the fork of a branch, stances. almost wet with the cataract's spray, a! bulence; oreation and destruction; fearlessness and fearfulness. This it was in Christ.

pleasant friend who comes to cheer us in ing, D. D.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

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Some Curlous Words.

Some Curious Words.

"Variet" is the same word as "ralet," and each is an offshoot of the feadal "vassal,"
"Rotten Row," the famous London street, recalls "ta route du roi" (the King's passageway). "Dandelion" is "dent de hion" (the hion" stooth), and "vinegar" was once "rinalgre" (sour wine). "Madame" is "my lady, and "sir" has been extracted from the latin "senior," through the French. "Biscutt" keeps alive the Latin "bis coctas" (twice cooked), and a verdiet is simply a "erran diethm" true saying). An "earl" was an "eleter" in the primitive ociety, while "pope" in the same as "papa," and "Katser" is a "Casar." "Huzzy was once a respectable "housewife;" a "kinive" was simply a "boy"—the Germun "knabe" of to-day; and a "cuitiff" was in the first place merely a "captive," "Huminy" is a reniniscence of the classical adjuration, "O Gemini," used by the Romans when they called upon the twins, Castor and Pollux, to help them. A "hincompoop" was originally a person not of sound mind (non compos mentis), and an "assassin" a member of the sect of "Assassins" (tounded by Hassau ben Sahab in 1000). This order derived its name either from that of its founder or from that of the inoxicating draw (has beesly) usually taken by those selected to carry out his commands in the way of "removing" any person or persons obnoxious to him."

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> We don't want to appear vain or boastful, but we feel that we may be excused for observing that every step we have thus for taken has exhibited a spirit of enterprise totally unknown in this region before our advent. We have several more in view, and hope to continue to merit the praise so liberally lavished upon our efforts.

They Skip.-Three months ago, Col. A.

B. Davidson and wife arrived in town and

it around was awful to see. In order to to injure any one, and we have never we must bow before him, we picked up his record. Saturday evening the couple skipped out. Had they not done so they would have been arrested on Monday, as he is an escaped jail-bird and she a swindler. We don't want to give the impression that if we are not invited to all high harmony of any occasion.

Jim's Way-The verdict of the jury in Jim Stevens' case was, as might be expected, in favor of the defendant. Mr. Kelso, the Ohio man, who was plaintiff in the case, has made no friends here by his hasty and inconsiderate actions, and in time will regret it. He appeared on the street wearing a plug hat, although he must have known what the result would be. This defiance on his part shows him to be a person of poor judg-ment. Several shots were fired at the hat, but it was a bullet from Jim Way's revolver which knocked it into the

The Kicker does not approve of rowdytwo painters each painter a picture of illustrate his conception of rest. The ism on the street, and is the champion of first close for his scene a still form lake courtesy towards strangers, but each have ours, and the tenderfoot who comes

robin sat on its nest. The first was only the Elbow the other day, and our esteem-Stagnation; the last was rest. For in ed contemporary saw in the fact a longed contemporary saw in the fact a long-Rest there are always two elements sought opportunity. He sent a messenger tranquility and energy; silence and tur around by the road to get there ahead of us and offer the boys \$50 to draw our body up to a limb. The boys were An enlightened mind is like a fair and look for the body it wasn't there. We suspected what was brewing and lit out. every hour of loneliness and gloom; it is Do we blame our esteemed contempor-like noble birth which admits to all best ary? Not a bit. Every man out this like noble birth which admits to all lest ary? Not a bit. Every man one this company; it is like wealth which surrounds us with whatever is rarest and most precious; it is like virtue which most precious; it is like virtue which found the field occupied by a wretched most precious; it is like virtue which most precious; it is like wealth which surround the most precious; it is like wealth which surrounds us with whatever is rarest and found the field occupied by a wretched news. It was exactly eleven minutes premost precious; it is been virtue which it is a man atmosphere of light and so- apology for a weekly paper, conducted by renity, and is enough for itself. What a wretched apology for a human hyenatever our labors, our cares, our disappoint. In three months we had driven him into asked him for the loan of fifty cents; ments, a free and open mind, by holding a hole, and in six he was the sickest man asked him for the loan of fifty cents; also, if the knew the exact number of vestages in all Arizona. He wouldn't be human representative of himself. He is a hum- and joy .- Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spatis mind as he has. He has shot at us, tried to poison us, set our office on fire, brucea our employees, hired assassins to slay us, and the plot the other day was his latest move. Go in, old boy! Hang an under dog who won't bite, even when he knows that licked!—Detroit Free Press.

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Science, and he proposed to offer the widow a dollar to get even. A good man had passed away. Could he have saved him by having his own nose broken, he would have done so.

Club called on Saturday evening, the been appointed to draft resolutions suit-sad announcement was made that Bro. able to the occasion the meeting ad-Whalebone Howker had passed from journed.—Deteoit Free Press. earth away. It seems that he stopped an ce wagon in the middle of the street to ask the driver in what particular year Columbus discovered America and while the driver was consulting his memorandum book a grocer's wagon came along, and collided with Brother Howker. The shock of that alone might not have killed him, but he had had consumption, enlargement of the liver, and the weakness

of the heart for many years; and within The following items are extracted from two hours of being carried, home he breathed his last.

Remarks of Brother Gardner: The bed confession and poorly received sacra- crowded with interested sight-seers, each not quite satisfied as to the date. It was one of whom had a word in praise of our in seeking to fix this that he nobly perished. He did not die leading a brigade of cheering men against a battery of belching cannon, but history would till remember him and record his name on it- pages. Brother Howker borrowed considerable money and forgot to return it, and now and then he didn't seem to care whether he told the truth or some-thing more solid, but he averaged up with other men, and only his virtues should be remembered.

Remarks of Sir Isaac Walpole: Sir Isaac Walpole said that death loved a rented the yaller-faced odobe on Plute shining mark, and Brother Howker was Place as a residence. The colonel gave a good deal of a shiner. He was a out that he was here as the agent of an patient, even-tempered, and good-natured English syndicate, and the way he did lord man. It made not the least difference to him whether he was bitten by a fifteen- of the Catholic schools of the Dominion show his dislike for us, because we refused to puff him, except at advertising rates, he gave a "low coffee," and invited everybody else in town who could be cabbages. If it was dry, he knew that vited everybody else in town who could thousands of wash-women would rejoice. raise a pair of boots to stug his pants in-to. We were dead cut-left out in the cold-knocked out. We have no desire puller. No doubt he meant to repay all borrowed money, but absence of mind been charged with meaness. The colonel stood in his way. Brother Howker was took this way to lay us out, and so, simp- | generally behind on his rent, but he had ly to discover how great he was, and how digured out the weight of the Pyramids to a pound. He was in debt to the butcher and grocer, but he could tell all about Demosthenes and Cicero. While all flesh must die, there was a good deal of flesh walking around which could have been spared.

Remarks of Samuel Shin: Samuel Shin tens low coffees, rum punches, etc., given said that the said news was broken to in town, that we will communicate with him while carrying home a can of oys-Pinkerton at once, but still it is just as fees which he had purchased at a dissaid that the sad news was broken to well not surb us too sharply. We own a count on account of the thaw. He was white shirt and have learned to eat with stunned. He felt like one who had rea fork, and our presence won't mar the ceived a crushing blow on the end of the nose. It was only the day before that he had met Brother Howker pricing turnips at a grocery, and his remarks that the turnips of to-day were not the turnits of forty years ago still sounded in his ears. He had already called on the bereaved widow and assured her that Brother Howker owed him \$4 borrowed money, but that he would not press the

matter for a month or so.

Remarks of Waydown Bebee: Brother Bebee said he could scarcely realize the sad news. Just one brief hour before the word came to him, Brother Howker had called at his house to ask him what year William the Conqueror died in, and to borrow half a cake of bar soap. That soap was found in his coat-tail pocket as h ism on the street, and is the champion of was taken home, and that fact would courtesy towards strangers, but each always be a consolation. He had known Western town has its custom, and we the deceased for twenty-two long years, and he had never heard him express dissatisfaction with his lot but once. That was when he was laid up in bed with the rheumatism, and afternoon paper stated Sold Again-We had business over at that 2,000 chickens had got out of a barn and were scattered all over the northern suburbs. Brother Howker was diffident -too much so.

He wanted to go to the Legislature but he communicated the fact only to ready enough, but when they came to had been eighteen years gathering the material for a colored man sency clopedia out death had overtaken him, and his

labors would come to naught.

Remarks of Col. Cahoots: Col. Cahoots had tears in his eyes as he arose. He. sels in the Spanish Armada. He had hed to him about being hard up and hav ing no money, and had never heard of an Armada, Spanish or otherwise.

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