

is fortified to resist those temptations which, especially in the period of adolescence, threaten the gravest danger to the moral life.

This intimate connection of religion with morality is no new idea for the Christian; nor should it be new for any American citizen who has really understood the original spirit and interest of our institutions as these were conceived by the founders of the republic.

GOD SHOULD HAVE A PLACE IN THE SCHOOL.

But if God is thus the source and safeguard of our liberties and of all the other blessings which we as a free people enjoy, should He not have a place in the school which undertakes to train the child in the duties and rights of American citizenship?

HE KNEW HOW TO DIE

We believe it was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said something to the effect that other people may know how to live, but Catholics certainly know how to die.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

The priests stood waiting in the holy place, Impatient of delay (Isaiah had been read), When sudden up the aisle there came a face

A silence for a moment fell on all; They gazed in mute surprise, Not knowing what to say,

"Yes, heaven sent me here. Priests, let me in!" (And the voice was sweet and low.) "Was it a dream by night?"

"Yes, holy priests, our father's God is great, And all His mercies sweet! His angel bade me come— Come thro' the temple's beautiful gate;

"We teach the latter years The night is passing 'fore the coming day (Isaiah had been read) Of our redemption"—and some way the child

And twelve years after, up the very aisle Where Simeon had smiled Upon her fair, pure face, She came again, with a mother's smile,

After all the most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth. For all beauty is truth. True features make the beauty of a face, and true proportions the beauty of architecture as true measures that of harmony and music.

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.—Emerson.

THE WEIGHT OF THE SOUL

It is not so very long ago since the intellectual aristocracy of Europe was startled and not a little disturbed by the discovery that the human soul existed.

However, science has now dared a step further in her relentless march towards her unknown goal. Another Continental man of science has apparently had time amid the distractions of the war to discover that not only does the soul exist, but that it is possessed of a perceptible weight.

Then the student of nature's secrets tried the same experiment on a dying cat. But herein was made manifest the fundamental difference between man and those lower animals whom science has taught us to regard as his ancestors.

It is also reasonable to presume that we shall be able to calculate with equal exactitude the difference between human beings. For though the speculation of the past may have spoken of all souls as being of an equal value, we can hardly in the light of modern research presume them to be of equal weight.

If, however, any one wishes to ascertain the weight of his own soul, his course is clear. He should make a journey to the laboratory of the scientist to whom we owe this epoch-making discovery, and request the eminent man to allow him to be placed upon the weighing machine.

He will presumably also know whether it is damned. But this information he will probably not be in a position to impart.

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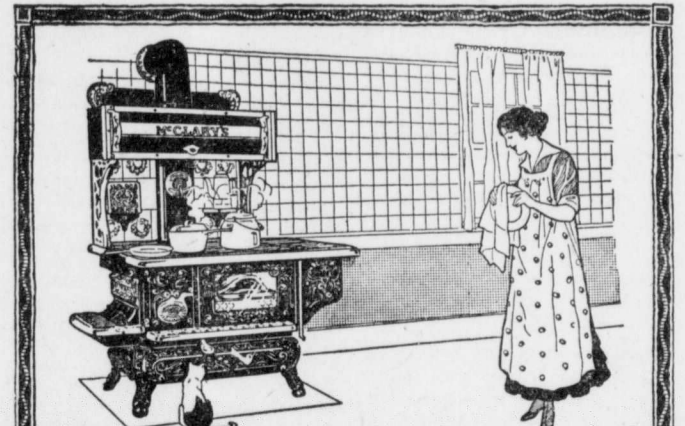
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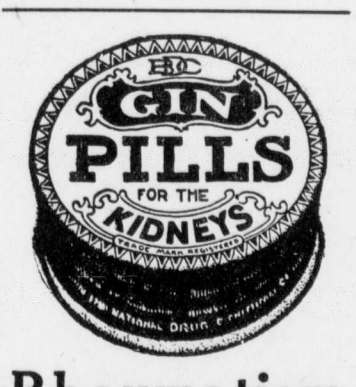
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