

the latter in cooking and apportioning in the various districts the huge quantities of rice and herbs necessary to satisfy the urgent needs, and of their carrying out the whole arrangements with a discipline and order as perfect as if a highly trained European army were concerned. This was in the year 1704, more than a century before the first Protestant missionary set foot in China."

**DEATH IN THE COBWEB.**

Beware of the cobweb! It contains a deadly microbe. A woman in Washington, D. C., fell some time ago and cut her head. Neighbors rushed to pick her up and found the blood spurting from a deep gash. Instantly the time-honored remedy of cobwebs was suggested and a hasty search produced a handful, which was instantly applied to the wound. The bleeding stopped quickly, but some days later the woman went down with tetanus, the dreaded lockjaw. Fortunately her constitution was strong, and, barring the wound, she was in excellent health, so she is now recovering.

"There is no doubt the woman was given the lockjaw by the germs in the cobwebs," said an amateur scientist of skill and repute, who made the examination. "Cobwebs stop bleeding because they are soft and permit the blood to coagulate about them, but their use is dangerous as attested by this instance. Several days ago I had occasion to look into the matter of cobwebs, and went into my stable, where I procured a handful. It those cobwebs I found 61 different disease germs, among them being a large number of the germs of tetanus. Placing those cobwebs on a cut would be almost a guarantee that the patient would develop lockjaw. This is natural, for cobwebs usually form in cellars or stables, or dark and dirty places, where disease germs are plentiful. They are light and filmy and they catch the light spores of the disease germs while floating in the air and hold them. Then when the webs are placed on a wound the germs enter right into the blood."

**CONVERT MAKING.**

The following story bears out the truth of adage that good example, even shown by little ones, can sometimes effect wonders. Some months ago a little English girl of non-Catholic parentage was sent to a Preston Catholic girls' higher grade school, and among other subjects she learned the Catholic Catechism. Anxious to acquit herself with honor at the examination, she requested her father in the evenings to test her in religious knowledge by getting him (Catechism in hand) to put the stated questions to her. After a time the father (who had attended no place of worship for some years) began to be religiously impressed and at last informed his wife of his determination to attend some place of worship on Sundays. His wife, of course suggested a non-Catholic

church, but her husband said he would go to a neighboring Catholic church and hear Mass and a sermon. The Sunday following his wife accompanied him, and this went on for several weeks. Meanwhile the child (who was the cause of this change in her parents) became distressed because her classmates were going to make their First Communion and she could not. Both father and mother took their child to witness the First Communion function, with the result that the father promised his little one that she should be instructed and have the privilege of making her First Holy Communion along with her father and mother, while the younger children have also been received into the Catholic Church.—Catholic Register.

**LORD RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN.**

Lord Chief Justice Russell was the brightest ornament of the British bench as he had years before been of the British bar. Revolutions bring some men prominently to the front. The chance of war or politics sheds glory on the favorites of fortune. Merit seldom succeeds in attaining the highest place in the temple of fame. In other words: some men are born great; others have greatness thrust upon them; the very few achieve greatness. Of these last was Lord Russell of Killowen. He came upon the scene when routine ruled the hour and the mediocre was in its pride of places. He made every position he occupied illustrious, and by dint of brilliant and masterly strokes of native genius he not only showed he was worthy to occupy the highest place in his chosen profession, but he made its gift the willing and generous act of a nation's recognition. Lord Russell was of humble Irish parentage and began life under auspices that gave little ground for the highest anticipations. He was an Irishman of the best Irish stock; full of intellectuality, courage, quick wit and indomitable rectitude. Above all his gifts was the man; a true Irishman; an uncompromising Catholic and an humble Christian gentleman. He carried all these traits with him to the bar and to the bench. It was his fealty to his creed and country that finally won for him the proud position he occupied in death. It was during the defence of Parnell that his great qualities as jurist and debater shone forth and attracted the attention of the whole world. When he closed his famous six days' speech for the plaintiff and sank exhausted into his chair, the world pronounced its judgment: "behold a great man." That peroration will live as long as the Irish race endures. He said he was not pleading for the rights of an individual; he felt that he was speaking for his native land, he loved so much, and for its people of whom he was, to the last fibre of his being. And this loving son of Ireland; this patriotic champion of the Irish people, this fearless, outspoken Catholic, the English people took to their arms and made the highest judicial officer in the Empire.

Lord Russell was elected to Parliament in 1880. He was a devoted follower of Gladstone; and in 1886 the latter called him to his cabinet and gave him the office of attorney-general. When the Liberals were returned to power in 1892 he was again made attorney-general. In 1893 he was the attorney of Great Britain at the Paris commission of arbitration in the famous Behring Sea dispute between this country and England. From that time his fame became world-wide. The following year saw him Lord Chief Justice of England. During the six

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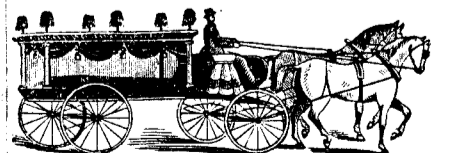
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