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CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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tie are disregarded then the found- prefer to have them adjudicated by ations of society are being tampered authorities who are responsible to the with, and the whole structure must country as a whole rather than by inevitably collapse in irrecoverable the authorities of any church." and hopeless ruin. There is a danger of looking at marriage as a mere civil. To combat such statements it would contract, or a physical and material first be necessary to commence a comconnection, which practically reduces plete course of instruction for the benit to the basis of partnership, which efit of the "Presbyterian Review." may be dissolved at any time by the The writer of the foregoing looks mutual consent of both parties concerned. When a man and maiden on- standpoint; he does not grasp and be ite in marriage, having no end in apparently is unable, or unwilling, to view other than to gratify some pas- comprehend the significance of a sucsion or some fancy, then I say it is rament in matrimony. Were marriage nothing better than sacrilegious profanity.'

Christian, much less a Catholic, will some reason in the contention that deny the exactness of the statement, certain marriages, which are null yet Rev. Dr. Welch does not regard the sacrament of matrimony in the church authorities. When he speaks same light as it is understood by the of the "virtual divorce court that es-Catholic Church. As far as his protest ists in every Episcopal palace," ne against "tampering with marriage" does well to use the qualifying term, goes, and his considering the reduc- "virtual"; and even that does not tion of it to "a mere civil contract" as "nothing better than sacrilegious misrepresentation. profanity," is concerned, we are in the Divorce means the breaking of the perfect harmony with him. But, even marriage tie, otherwise than by the this sincere advocate of a worthy cause, finds himself in a peculiar dil emma. He cannot, according to his there can be no divorce. The acratenets, accept the sacramental idea ment of matrimony is one of the sevof matrimony, and in rejecting it, he en sacraments of the Church of cannot avoid reducing avoid reducing Christ. Being an institution from drain of worry. cannot avoid reducing marriage to a Christ's hands, as is the Church. mere human or civil contract.

To illustrate how ignorant is the "Marriage Limitations in Quebec," this publication says:--

marriage are more extensive in the and of the Church. Persons so united Roman Catholic Church than any live in sin. The Church in separating other church in Quebec, and much them does not dissolve the marriage time of the day to exercise, to a stormore extensive than are demanded by bond, -- since no such bond ever ex- ing of vitality, is wise. But he need the civil law. In addition to blood | isted- but merely causes them to not be an athlete,-preferably not. relationship they include such eccles- withdraw from a life that is sinful. A brisk walk, a short wheel ride, a iastical relationships as god-fathers If the "Presbyterian Review" wishes few games of tennis or polo,- these and god-mothers with their kin. So to know anything about the attitude give the mind a holiday and are the much so that in some communities it of the Catholic in matters relating to richest kind of tonic for the body.

It is remarkable that the moment. It is impossible to say in how many the sacramental nature of marriage is cases marriages have been contracted denied or disregarded the question in ignorance of the bar, or in how becomes one of almost absurd com- many cases the fact has been concealmentary. The Catholic Church alone ed to save the expense of purchasing adheres to the sacrament of Matri- a dispensation. Thus far, happily, the mony; all others, on this subject, cases are not numerous in which advary, hesitate, waver, and blunder. vantage has been taken of the exist-Not long since the Rev. Dr. Welch, ence of such impediments to seek the provost of Trinity College, preached a dissolution of the tie, but the possibsermon on marriage, in St. James ('a- ilities are appalling, and it will be as thedral, Toronto. In the course of well for the country to keep its eye his remarks, the preacher made use of on the virtual divorce court that exists in every Episcopal palace. If "If the sacredness of the marriage there are divorces to be granted we

What do our readers think of that? upon marriage from the civil law a human invention, a state institution, or anything but a divinely os-Now this is very true, and use tablished sacrament, there might be "ab initio," should be so declared by save him from error and the sin of

death of one of the consorts; but when no marriage tie ever existed. which represents Him, it is for Him, through the medium of that Church prejudice of some anti-Catholic reas- to regulate it in all its bearings. Ceroners, we will reproduce some char- thin degrees of consanguinity are acteristic expressions of the "Presby- impediments to the reception of that those degrees, is not a sacrament, "The prohibited degrees of relation- but a violation of one, and is null ship which form a canonical bar to and of no effect in the eyes of God

of fashion which no man of good taste could be induced to wear. The highest possible compliment that can be paid to any man, so far as his apparel is concerned, is the inability of those who meet him casually to describe his dress. The most charming attribute in man or woman is modesty, and the modest person never affects a "flashy" costume.

Clothing may be likened to a frame for the human picture, and therefore should be selected with the purpose of bringing out to advantage the subject it encases. So slight is the cost of good clothes in these days that the humblest clerk on a meagre salary cannot truthfully say he is unable to dress well.

After all, it is not so much a question of the cost of coat and trousers as it is a question of their best adjustment to the person. Money spent for a costly garment that hangs unbecoming upon the wearer is money thrown away. There is a happy medium in the set of one's coat, as in all other things.

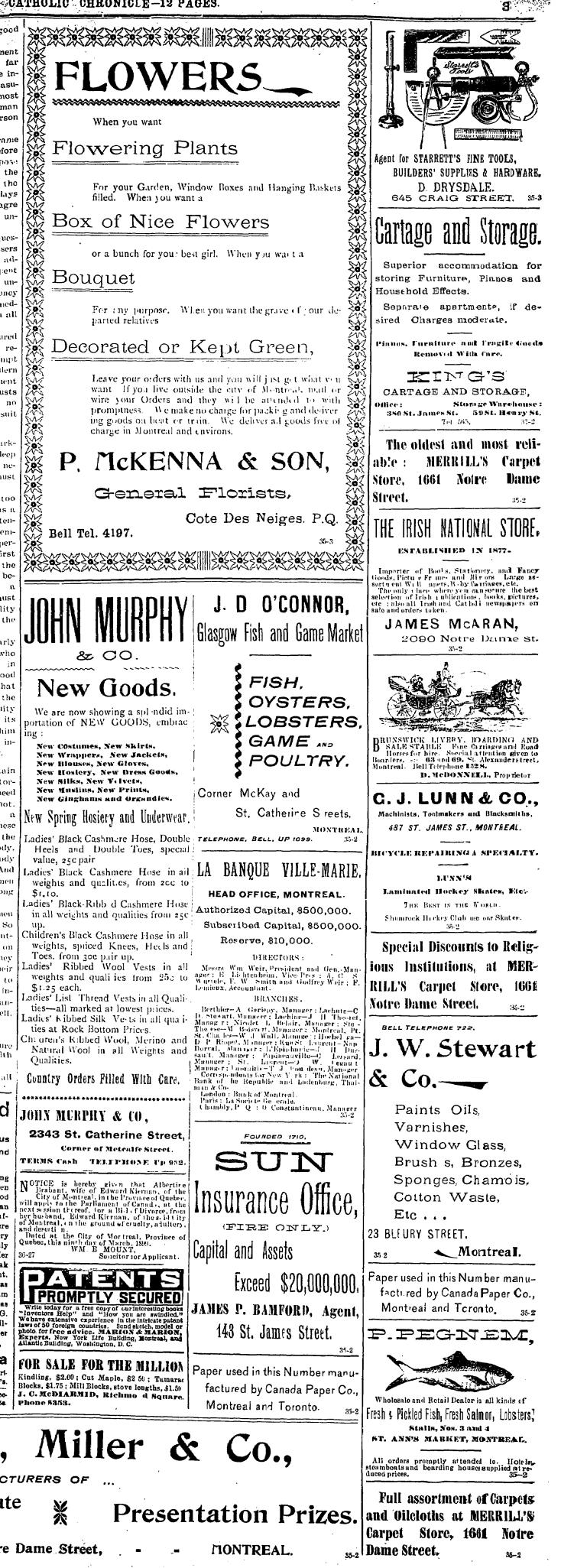
To be well dressed is to be insured igainst any possible chance to rebuff from the prosperous or contempt from the ill-to-do. The modern Knight, fighting in the tournament of commerce or entered in the jousts of professionalism, can wear no more impregnable armor than a suit of good clothes.

An eminent scientist once remarked: — Give a man a good deep chest and a stomach of which he nener knew the existence, and he must succeed in any practical career."

This is perhaps, going a little too far, for many a worthless man has a splendid physique, but it calls attention to the fact that too much emphasis has been placed on thrift, perseverance and industry as the first essentials of success. Behind the thrift behind the perseverance, behind the industry there must be a firm physical foundation. There must be a substantial fund of vitality stored up which will withstand the

The young man who takes an early morning walk in the bracing air, who inflates the lungs, who comes in with the body tingling, the blood pumping through every artery,---that young man is bound to make the terian Review." Under the heading sacrament. Consequently the mar- day's work tell. The very superfluity riage of two people, being within of health, of vitality, will find its way into his business, will keep him working till the last moment, and infuse a healthy glow in all he does.

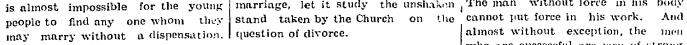
> The man who devotes a certain marriage, let it study the unshaken The man without force in his body



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CHATS TO YOUNG MEN. of our day are strong and hearty. So

clad man and one whose garb is neat brush. and in the mode, which would receive

your attention first?

Good clothes are the very best introduction. No man, young or old, can be at his best in ragged or even instant that the badge and sign of the real gentleman is his style of dressing. The boor, in business and out of it, the natural vulgarian, can

"Show me your clothes and I will read your character," says the philosopher of the commonplace. He knew how fully mental and moral values were revealed in the quality and adjustment of a coat. The testimony of every successful professional and busiten if he appears on the scene of his intended demonstration badly clad.

Good clothes does not mean necessarily expensive clothes-bespeak for the wearer a well-balanced mind, a sense of order and the fitness of things, and according to the manner in which they are worn show to the fullest extent the calibre of the man within them. Dress constitutes a kind of weather-vane, showing the direction of a man's ideas and ambitions. It is the barometer of his tastes, indicating the rise and fall of his self-esteem and the attention he bestows upon his person. One cannot have fixed habits of cleanliness

The young business or professional and be content with a buttonless man who thinks he can afford to coat and trousers that bag at the scoff at the ancient saw, "Clothes knees. Ambition cannot be very keen makes the man," is not on the main [under a headgear grownrusty through road to success. This may appear like neglect, norcan personal energy make an exaggeration, but let us consider 'great progress in shoes that seldom the facts. As between a shabby, ill- feel the friction of the shoeblack's

A man who has given a great deal of time to the compilation of social statistics declares very earnestly that one-half the failures in life are traceable to careless habits in living shabby attire. Do not doubt for an land dress. The common tramp ceases to deserve that opprobrious title the moment he dons a neat suit of clothes, and acquaints himself with the soothing touch of soap and water never dress the part of a gentleman. We who would spurn him in his rags and dirt, would give ear readily enough to his appeal if his personal appearance was attractive.

What are the most helpful specific statements touching the value of ness man in America will bear up the clothes in this busy world to-day? assertion that "clothes count." A The first consideration seems to be shabby coat is really the harbinger that a young man's clothing shall of misfortune; it will prove more dis- have the charm of neatness and moconcerting than a boil on the neck, desty. Harmony is quite as desirable and dim the lustre of genius itself. To and pleasing in clothes as in music. prove his right to advancement a Loud patterns in any part of one's young man must have the chance to apparel denotes a vulgar strain in the exhibit his talents. This privilege character. Unless it is the desire of will be denied him nine times out of the wearer to be classed with the "sporty" element of the community in which he lives, let him flee from wide-checked suitings, neckwear of

almost without exception, the men who are successful are men of strong body and sound mind.

But the majority of the young men much the better! With a fundamentally strong constitution they are on the high road to success; all they need is to learn to take care of their bodies, to husband their strength, to increase their vitality, and thus increase the joy of living and the chances of ultimate fame .--- P. Maxwell, in the Philadelphia Saturday Post.

Knowledge from clear and pure wells is a richer treasure of wealth than mines of gold and silver.

Worry is a blunder that blackens all around and makes life a regret.



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