

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CURIOUS! It is a good old fashion... water reacts on it and makes the...

2. The benefits of the holy sacrifice... of the Mass to the souls in Purgatory...

3. Taxes are direct when the payment is made by the person who is intended to bear the burden...

4. Probably you are leading too much of an indoor life, not taking sufficient exercise...

5. Nothing will reduce your weight quicker than a Turkish bath twice a week...

6. "Eighteen carats fine" means that out of twenty-four parts eight are pure gold...

7. The population of the British Islands is about forty millions; of the United States, about sixty millions.

8. The Sisters take the opportunity of thanking other kind patrons, who during the past year, have contributed to the institution...

9. A good supply of clean fresh water should be kept in the house for the house...

FARM AND GARDEN.

A well arranged cow stable should have some method of watering the cows in a dry and stormy weather...

There is present fashion to talk of early decay and loss of vitality...

All the horse breeder has to do is rear some good ones, as are desired for the saddle or for driving...

A good way to keep the hens warm is to build a nest from the woods or to cut some straw fine and spread either on the floor of the poultry house...

For ordinary drains to carry off water, the pipes may be made of three-inch strips of hemlock lumber...

The running at the nose and the hot ears indicate that the sheep are suffering from an inflammatory disease...

Soap should not be used in washing the churn. It is apt to be absorbed by the wood and, in time give it a disagreeable smell...

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DOMESTIC READING.

Affection is the broadest basis of a good life. There are glances of hatred that stab and raise no cry of murder...

Before long, alas! this body will lie on the earth, despoiled, without under standing, like a useless log...

God has special care of the aged. When the grasshopper is a burden, and the windows are darkened, He opens their way to other worlds...

Self-Respect. There are many men who are a law unto themselves, who follow right paths and forsake crooked ones...

Civility. Civility costs nothing so we have been duly instructed from an early age—but, civility that has cost us nothing is of very little worth...

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FIRESIDE FUN.

Miss Tabby gave a concert last night. "How was it?" "A howling success!"

Did the captain of the football team keep his head? "Yes, his head and the upper portion of his trunk."

His City Niece (visiting the farm): "Oh! Uncle! how come a lot of wheel men peddling down the road?"

Charles: "You say he fell in love with you at first sight?" Ethel: "Yes, but I don't know whether I would believe him or not."

"You profess to think a great deal of me," a romantically inclined damsel told her lover; "but I much doubt if you would make any great sacrifice if it were necessary to secure my well-being."

"Why do you smile?" asked Jonah of the whale, as the prophet was cast up on the beach. "I was thinking of the journalistic precedent we established."

"Why," shouted the impassioned British officer, "why is it that the wife of the farmer lacks the happy, contented look to be found upon the faces of the landed peasant women of the continent?"

Jenny was learning to read and spell, but it was very hard for her to remember what she had learned. The teacher was noticing a double letter when she came to it.

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THE CELTIC RACE.

LECTURE DELIVERED BY REV. M. J. WILSON IN ST. PAUL'S HALL, TORONTO.

In this great and young country where everything is new and recent we cannot well realize the feelings inspired by any of the picturesque ruins that stand the verdant bosom of Ireland...

We need not go back to the days of fabled antiquity when Erin first rose from the dark swathing flood. But starting from a noble and manly race of Irish history, let us transport ourselves in spirit to where the Hill of Tara looks out over the plains of royal Meath...

That we may see some of those traits that characterize them we need only take a rapid retrospective glance through the vistas of history, and glide in spirit down the stream of time to the era of the present generation. In so doing we might see some thousands of years back emerging from the dim mists of antiquity the Celtic tribes come surging across the barriers of Asia, foremost among the first great waves of humanity that swept westwards from the cradle of the human race.

Our ancient annals say the Celtic tribes occupied Ireland about two centuries after the deluge. Whatever may be thought of the exactness of this record, it is certain that the Celts, through the city, Greece, Galatia and England herself.

Passing on to the dawn of Ireland—Christianity we see everything noble in a chivalrous people but forth to full maturity in the light of the Gospel. Many other people they received their faith with, and one dynasty of their apostles. They saw the truth, embraced it without hesitation, and clung to it with unwavering fidelity.