

AMERICAN NOTES.

New York, Sept. 16.—Mr. James Jeffrey Roche, editor of the Boston Pilot, publishes in the current Century a poem in honor of the "Constitution's Last Fight," which he announces has given offence to some Catholics in the Maritime Provinces.

The Catholic University of Washington, hitherto devoted solely to the education of priests, has says the New York World, thrown open its doors to women. This radical departure is announced as calmly as if a new study had been added to the curriculum.

The trustees, who are the highest Catholic dignitaries in the United States, have reached this decision only after mature deliberation. They will not talk about it even now, but it is stated that after Oct. 1, when the new college year begins, women who apply for admission to the classes of the university "will not be turned away."

It is expected that the first woman who will apply for admission to the college courses in the higher studies—those of science, philosophy and the arts—will come from the religious orders. This is because it is thought advisable to have the teachers in the convents of the United States take a university course, so that the convent schools may be kept abreast of the modern movement in education.

A woman's department will be founded, and the standard of excellence will be the highest obtainable for the instruction of women of superior intellect who have devoted their lives to study.

Among the religious organizations that will avail themselves of this department are the Sisters of the Holy Cross, founded in India, of which Mother Orzella Gillespie, the cousin of the late James G. Blaine, was one of the founders in the United States.

It is expected also that some of the scholarly women of the Sisters of Notre Dame may earn honors at the university.

Not only will nuns be welcomed, but the university will throw its doors wide open to all seekers of instruction and woman students from every part of the globe will be admitted to all the lectures and studies of the university in the regular and special courses.

The death of the Rev. Robert Fulton, S. J., at Santa Clara College, San Jose, Cal., on Sept. 4th, removes one of the great men of the Jesuit Order. He was born in Alexandria, Va., on June 28th, 1826. His father was a Presbyterian and his mother a devout Catholic. He was related by blood to ex-President Benjamin Harrison and the late ex-Governor of Virginia, Henry A. Wise.

After his mother became a widow she entered the Order of the Sisters of the Visitation at the convent in Georgetown, D. C., rose to the Motherhood, and, after a long life of sanctity, died there at the age of 90, only a few years ago. Young Robert Fulton was a page in the United States Senate when Webster, Clay and Calhoun were members of that body, and only about a year ago he delivered a charming lecture to the students of St. John's College, Fordham, on the great man he had met and known at Washington during his boyhood. His mother placed him as a student at the University of Georgetown, where his desire for a military course at West Point was replaced by a preference for the priesthood, and in his seventeenth year he applied for admission and was received into the Society of Jesus. After his course as a novice at Frederick, Md., he was a teacher at Georgetown, where he was ordained in 1852, together with his fellow-Jesuits, Fathers Joseph O'Callaghan, Robert Young and Galtie.

Nearly two-thirds of Father Fulton's priestly life were spent in Boston. He was a notable influence in its religious and educational progress. He loved it, and it loved him; and it must have been one of the greatest sacrifices in a life which of necessity abounded in self-sacrifice, to spend his last days far from his tenderest friends and the most cherished scenes of his labors.

In a pastoral letter Bishop Waterson of Columbus, O., has dealt at length with the school question. He says:

Why is it that infidelity, materialism, indifference, irreligion and immorality are on the increase? Because, as a rule, education and religion do not go hand in hand. If even gross, exterior crimes are not diminishing with the spread of mere secular culture, what shall we say of hidden and more dangerous immorality? And if even with all the checks of religion we are sometimes led astray by the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, what would become of us without their restraints? If such things are done in the green wood, what shall we say of the dry? Let us heed these warning examples. Even though it be with additional expense, let us as Catholics preserve in ourselves and in those under our charge the priceless heritage of our faith and manifest its effects in our daily lives. In the work of education our duty is both positive

and negative. Something is commanded and something is forbidden. We are bound on the one hand to keep the children under good, moral and religious influence, and on the other we are forbidden to willfully subject them to anything that is irreligious or immoral. Besides drawing out and strengthening the powers of their minds and furnishing them with a stock of useful knowledge as a means of success in this life, we must also give them the positive instruction in the doctrines of our holy Church, and positive training in Christian piety and virtue, as a means of attaining the eternal life to come, and we are forbidden to expose them to at least proximate danger to their faith and morals. Without the cultivation of their moral nature by religious teaching and religious training, our duty will not be done, no matter what amount of other schooling we may give them. Without religious principles and practice all is but a matter without form, mere nature without grace.

The magnificent new seminary at St. Paul, Minn., which Archbishop Ireland owes to the generosity of Mr. James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railroad, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies on the morning of Wednesday Sept. 4. The Hill Seminary is at Merrimack Park, 13,000 were present at the dedication. As this immense attendance had been foreseen, and as the seminary chapel, large as it is, could not contain more than a small portion of the visitors, Mass was celebrated in the open air. The platform on which the altar was erected was tented over with white canvas, festooned with the national colors. Archbishop Ireland paid the following tribute to the munificence of Mr. Hill: I pronounce the name of the founder, the father of St. Paul's Seminary, that you may praise and bless him—James J. Hill. Before a word had passed between him and me, James J. Hill had meditated in his own mind upon the singular advantages to come from well-educated clergy, and had formed the resolution of which this day witnesses the glorious consummation. The merit of the whole project, from the first to the present moment, is all his own. The fruits which are to come from it will be the fruits of his thoughts and his munificence.

To the carrying out of his project he has donated the princely sum of \$500,000. The highest use of wealth is in the service of humanity, and the owner is never so worthy of his possession as when by dedicating it to a noble cause he proves himself superior to all his fascinations save that of divesting himself of it for the sake of a high purpose. Wealth, under the control of a noble soul, is a great social blessing. Mr. James J. Hill, I shall not speak words of gratitude as from myself. Such words from me were superfluous. You know how grateful I am. In the name of the hundreds of thousands, whose spokesman I cannot refuse to be, I thank thee with all the warmth of which hearts are capable. They thank thee; their children and their children's children will thank thee. Above all, the seminary itself by its works enduring during long cycles of years will thank thee.

I must be permitted, though I may offend thereby her high-born soul, so timid of the public eye, to name one whose heart so oft rejoiced in the work of St. Paul's Seminary, Mrs. Mary J. Hill. May God bless and reward, as He in His liberal justice alone may do, the founders and benefactors of St. Paul's Seminary. Delegates from the various councils of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in this country and Canada met in convention Wednesday in the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, No. 2 Lafayette place. Mass was celebrated at 9 A. M., and after a short business session a visit was paid to the Catholic Protectors. On Thursday a session of the programme which set forth that no objectionable means of collecting funds should be resorted to, "was among the things discussed."

"What is meant by objectionable means?" asked Delegate Daniel A. Boore, of Baltimore.

"Oh, balls, pincies and the like," replied President Fitzpatrick.

Delegate Hugh Gayton said he wanted to find out from the President as to whether or not the pincies were forbidden by the Society.

"Pincies," said President Fitzpatrick, "are forbidden to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. More sorrow and trouble and tribulations have arisen from pincies, some of them conducted under the auspices of the Church, than can be imagined." In the afternoon the delegates proceeded to Mount Loretto Mission, Staten Island, where they were entertained by Father Doherty.

We extract hereby by the qualities we display; we retain them by the qualities we possess.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

The health of any animal is dependent on the feeding of it. Much is said and written of the necessity of properly fattening swine for country markets, but this is generally confined to the feeding of swine. There is no doubt that the most successful method of feeding corn to swine is the case of the frequent unhealthful losses of the immature and their proclivity to the maintenance of the most common and the most destructive. The feeding of corn is far too wide for a healthy condition. This is of protein to 85 of carbohydrate. The proper ratio has been made by several of the most prominent experts. The result of the narrow ratio is not only conducive to health, but also to the best quality of the meat. The vital organs are injured by the size and in their action for the maintenance of heat and quantity of live weight. The dressed weight may be somewhat less in proportion to the live weight, but this is wholly a secondary matter, for the healthful condition of the meat is the prime necessity to the feeder for the profit of the feeding. Our foreign trade in meats is now hampered by the suspicion, if not the actual existence, of disease in the animals. And the market for the valuable products is decreased, and has been in some instances almost entirely closed. The experience of late years is now being repeated by the suspicion, if not the actual existence, of disease in the animals. And the market for the valuable products is decreased, and has been in some instances almost entirely closed. The experience of late years is now being repeated by the suspicion, if not the actual existence, of disease in the animals. And the market for the valuable products is decreased, and has been in some instances almost entirely closed.

A basement wall for a stable should not be less than 18 inches thick if it is built of concrete with a rough surface. The way to build it is to make a frame of plank the width of the wall, and build the wall in it, raising the frame as the work rises. The cement sets quickly, and by the time the wall is up to the beginning will be solid and strong. It is to build another round on it. The wall may narrow towards the top 10 inches but it should not be less than that. If the thickness of the wall is 18 inches, all the stone were cobbles. The cement is made of one part water lime and three parts sharp sand. The two are mixed dry first, then wetted and mixed in small quantities. The cement needs to be mixed somewhat thin, as a large quantity of water is absorbed by it. The stones should be wet, and a quantity of small stones is mixed with the mortar before it is laid in the frame. If the wall is held together by cleats made with notches to hold the planks as they are placed across.

In choosing food there are several qualities to be considered. The first is the digestibility of each kind, and the next is the quality of one as compared with another and the last is the price, for the best is always the cheapest, unless the price of it is excessive. For making milk the most nutritious foods are the best; for fattening, those having the most fat of a good quality are best. Those that have the protein, or nitrogenous, matters in the right proportion. Wheat is the typical food for all animals, as it contains all the elements of nutrition in the right proportions; but, unfortunately, it is not so easily digestible when masticated as to be rather indigestible, so that it is necessary to mix it with other food having more roughness in it, such as oats, or to have it ground coarsely and fed with oat hay. The best for pigs the wheat is best boiled and then fed; it is then most digestible and makes the most weight in proportion.

The giant knot grass plant is a member of the polygonum family, so called from the thickened joints on the stem, as soon in buckwheat, which is one of the family. The name of it is derived from the Greek words poly (many) and goni (a knee). It also goes by the common name of knot grass. There are a large number of species, and it is not safe to take the descriptions of new plants given in the catalogues of the seedmen as wholly trustworthy for practice. The whole tribe of the knot grass are useless weeds, and never touched by animals as food, except sometimes the related plant commonly known as pepper grass or smartweed; this is at times eaten by cows, but possibly more for its sharp taste than for any good it is as food. The glowing description given of it is to be taken with a large quantity of salt, as the saying goes.

It is not necessary to give water to cows more than once a day in the winter, and if the food is given out and wetted, the afternoon is the best time for the watering. The water is pumped from a well or a deep cistern, it will be far better than from any other source exposed to the weather. The water troughs should not be filled until just before the cows are let out. And some persons should be wary and see that the water troughs are not put in the water troughs from drinking. A good plan for the troughs is to have them in a circle so that the approach is easy from any direction.

If the Baby is Crying Too. Be sure and see that old, well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winsor's Soothing Syrup for Children's Cough, Croup, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, and all the ailments of infancy. It is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle. It is the best of all.

FISHERY FUN.

Our engagement is quite a secret, you know. "So everybody tells me." When he comes to harping on a horse there is usually a hitch in the proceedings.

A Frankfurt man has written a faro comedy called "Vincenzo." It ought to take.

A wife should I die, most likely tender and nicely dressed. No stars required.

McSwatters: "When was your wife's last birthday?" McSwatters: "A good many years ago."

McSwatters: "Talk is cheap." McSwatters: "Not when you talk back to a judge in court."

Dr. White is a specialist, is he not? "What is his speciality?" "He has two—consultation and fees."

"Young man, don't you know you ought to lay something by for a rainy day?" "I do, my rubbers."

He: "How well Miss Eldredberry carries her age." She: "But then she has become so accustomed to it, you know."

"Thank the Lord," said the farmer, "cotton's gone up at last." "You don't say?" "Yes; you'd go to tin babies in a cyclone."

Hackett indignantly: "I tell you, Charlie, this is a hard, hard world." Sackett interceded: "So, you have bought a bicycle, have you?"

On the Alps—She: "This road is very steep. Can't I get a donkey to take me up?" He: "Lean on me, my darling."

An enterprising hotel-keeper in a west country watering place said generously of a neighbouring hostelry that it stood without a rival.

"Doctor," said a friend, stepping him in the street, "what do you think of a heavy cold?" "A fee," replied the doctor softly, and went on his way.

Chinese Emperor (nervously): "What news?" Official: "Japan is now anxious for peace." Emperor gloomily: "Yes, but how big a piece?"

Jack (instructively): "How would you like to make a fortune?" "Yes," said the other, "I'd be only too glad, but I haven't a friend in the world."

A friend:—"If you love her, old fellow, why don't you marry her?" Bachelor Doctor: "Marry her? Why she is one of my best patients."

An old lady, on hearing somebody say that the nails were irregular, said, "It was so in my young days—no trusting any of 'em."

Blunkington: "Sharp lawyer you are, Bloomfield?" Bloomfield: "Rather. He owns the property now."

A customer at a boot shop was asked what number he wore, and replied, as soon as he could recover from his astonishment: "Why, I don't know."

An Unkind Reflection.—Millionsiro: "Honestly, my son, is always the best policy." His Son: "Well, maybe it is, father, but still you've done pretty well."

At a recent fire some one sent a telegram to the owner, saying: "Promises on fire; what shall we do?" The answer came promptly, "Put it out."

Room for another Slander.—Parker: "I would join the church if it wasn't so full of hypocrites." Tucker: "Oh, you are mistaken about that. There's always room for one more."

"My task in life," said the pastor complacently, "consists in saving young men." "Ah," replied the maiden with a soulful longing, "save a good one for me."

Judged By His Experience.—"Do you think a girl ought to learn to cook before she gets married?" asked the practical man. "Yes," replied the dyspeptic friend, "either that, or else she ought to be willing not to try."

Life with him was real and earnest. The united efforts of six doctors were called in to put him in the notes.

One Conspicuous Exception.—Teacher (of class in physics): "Remember that the whole is always greater than any of its parts." Juvenile Pupil: "Not always. Where my paw's hair parts, ma'am, is greater'n all his hair."

A Bid for Paradise.

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CHATS WITH THE CHILDREN.

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