

amidst the merry sounds of the guitar, the shrill notes of the "gaita" (the Asturian bagpipe), the click of the "castinellos," the jingle of the "panderita," and the accompanying dancing of the national dancers in their varied colored costumes, that oft and oft you will see the sculptor searching for suitable subjects for his chisel, and the artist seeking for topic for his pencil and brush. Here the genius of a Goya, a Millais, a Millet, ora Teniers, could revel in the originality, the freshness and abundance of the picturesque subjects, which this Spanish "romeria" on Our Lady's Day would furnish.

Thus amidst laughter, music and merriment, Our Lady of Carmel's festive "day of harvest," that beautiful feast of "faith" and of the "home" draws to its close. It is a glad some day, when the bounding pulse of youth and the slow throbbings of old age, of the "sere and yellow leaf," with equal enthusiasm join in the religious solemnities of the morning, which brought gladness to their souls and fresh rapture to their hearts, and in the innocently boisterous mirth and blithesome diversions of the afternoon. Order, harmony and holy joy rule over them, the golden fruits of virtue. Worldliness, scoffing, unbelief, and vice are absent from these diversions. One can say, with truth, that Jesus is the director of these Carmelite feasts, since His Love reigns in the hearts of the Christian revellers, amidst the gaiety of the "Romeria" as well as at the domestic hearth, where each family gathers at each recurring eve at the sound of the village Angelus, and joins in the same devotion of the Holy Rosary, which was their source of joy on Our Lady's Day.

GRATEFUL content sauce is the best sauce that was ever served with any dinner.

OFFER to the world a large generous, true sympathetic nature, and, rich or poor, you will have friends and never be friendless, no matter what catastrophes may befall you.

MANY a delicious speech has lost its savor and been turned into gall because a few drops of vituperation had been injected into it. The edifices of moral and social improvement which you aim to build can never be erected on the ruins of charity.—
CARDINAL GIBBONS.

HEAVEN ON EARTH.

A WELL-KNOWN priest had preached a sermon on the joys of heaven. A wealthy member of his church met him the next day, and said, "Doctor, you told us a great many grand and beautiful things about heaven yesterday, but you didn't tell us where it is."

"Ah," said the father, "I am glad of the opportunity of doing so this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a poor member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal or a stick of wood, or flour or sugar, or any bread. Now, if you will go down town and buy fifty dollars' worth of things nice provisions, fuel, etc., and send them to her, and then go and say, 'My friend, I have brought you these provisions in the name of God,' you will see a glimpse of heaven before you leave that little dwelling."

CATHOLIC SOCIABILITY.

SOCIAL progress among Catholics in the large centers of population until now has been much impeded. The *Catholic Universe* ascribes this to the almost absolute lack of that spirit of fraternity which welds together all the elements that constitute their non-Catholic social environment. Spiritually, of course, the Catholics are a unit, but at the dispersal of their meetings for formal worship before the altar, they become as scattered and disconnected social fragments without any common bond of fellowship beyond the mystic brotherhood in faith. This condition has operated against the material and worldly welfare of the children of the church in a variety of ways. Social union is obviously a powerful force for the promotion of all those common interests which appertain to intellectual and religious activities. If the Catholics in every community were united by the ties of social fellowship as are our separated brethren, their position would be far different from that which they hold to-day. They would have long since commanded the consideration to which their numbers and excellence entitle them, and which only now they are beginning to receive.