

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ADVERTER. St. John of Beverley is the patron saint of the deaf and dumb. ... The above are the correct times. They are taken from the Dream of Geraint by Cardinal Newman.

HOPEFUL. For a good floor stain take half a gallon of turpentine, the bulk of half a gallon of kerosene, add burnt stenna and a little brown paint until the desired shade is attained. If walnut stain is desired use more of the vanilla brown and less stenna, if cherry stain use more of stenna. The floor must be dry and dry before applying stain, and each coat of stain must dry before another is laid on. Two coats will answer. Three or four will give a richer effect.

PHILANTHROPE. The alumnae society composed of women graduates of McGill University, Montreal, has a very good second girls' club and luncheon room. Established in May, 1891. Headquarters now at 84 Blouery St. Their methods might assist you. Address Miss Reid, 57 Union Ave., Montreal.

SIXTEEN. For blackheads bath the face with water as hot as is borne, then press them down on the nose, the skin there is too tight to be squeezed with impunity; if done it leaves the pores enlarged and open, use a little cloudy ammonia in the water, and borax instead of soap to wash your face. If the pores enlarge and open, the following lotion will be found astringent: Hazelwood, 2 drachms; simple tincture of benzoin, 2 drachms; orange flower water, 1 oz. This should be applied several times a day.

CATHARIS. Mr. Wilkinson's latest story is "The Way of a Maid."

MONKS. Sunday Schools were instituted by St. Charles Borromeo.

WHILE. A saddle high enough to permit a straightening-out of the limb is more graceful than one that is too low. Very high leaved boots of leather or canvas are used instead of gaiters.

CALENDAR.—Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 14, so called from the miraculous apparition of a luminous cross in the night, with the inscription "Conquer by this," to Constantine in the year 317 as he was preparing to fight against Maxentius. In 627 Heraclius recovered the true cross which Charoos the Persian Emperor had carried away from Jerusalem three years before, and from that time the feast was celebrated with greater solemnity. Heraclius first of all replaced the cross in Jerusalem, and then for the sake of Sophie he put it in the church of St. Sophie at Constantinople. Clement VIII. made the Feast of the Exaltation a greater double.

NON-CATHOLIC.—Encyclical is a letter addressed by the Pope to all the bishops in communion with him—a circular letter. Papal Bulls are letters issued from the Court of Rome, written in the parchment in modern characters, subscribed by the Pope's Secretary of Briefs, dated "a die Nativitatis," and sealed with the Pope's signet-ring, the seal of the Fisherman's Chapel. Bull is so named from the bulls or seals used to seal, having on one side a representation of St. Peter and Paul, and on the other the name of the reigning Pope, which is attached to the document by a silken cord if it be a "Bull of Grace," and by a cord of hemp if it be a "Bull of Excommunication." Bulls are engraved on strong, rough parchment in Gothic characters, are dated "a die Nativitatis," and signed by the functionaries of the Papal Chancery. A Bull is a document of great legal and weighty character than a Brief.

TINTING.—Nothing definite is known regarding their first introduction. Were used in the seventh century in France. Bulls were given names in the tenth century. The Church blessed bells with solemn ceremonies. The bishop washes the bell with blessed water, signs it with the oil of the sick outside, and with chrism inside, and seals it with wax under it the thrubill with burning incense. He prays repeatedly that the sound of the bell may avail to summon the faithful, to excite their devotion, to drive away demons, and to terrify evil spirits. Thus consecrated bells become spiritual things, and cannot be rung without the consent of the ecclesiastical authorities.

WESTMINSTER.—There is a house of the Benedictines in England at Downside, near Bath, whither the Benedictines came when the French Revolution obliged them to leave France. They were of the same English order that had been suppressed in England.

KING ARTHUR.—The San Grail or Holy Cup, from which Our Blessed Lord drank at His Last Supper, had disappeared from the world. It was had mysteriously vanished, and none knew where. Many a knight searched for the San Grail, seeking by prayer and God's grace to keep heart and conscience free from stain of sin, for well it is known that none might find it who was not in the kinship and favor of the Almighty. Some passed it by unknowingly, but one, Sir Galahad, was permitted to discover and recover the precious treasure he had prayed to behold. One day every morning he visited this Holy Cup vowing it in remembrance of his Lord, and one day he found another; but it was not our earthly visitor, for a company of angels surrounded him. Sir Galahad trembled and would have drawn back, but the stranger said: "Come, thou servant of the Lord, and thou shalt see what thou hast so long desired to see. Knowest thou who I am?" The knight answered, "No, my Lord." "I am Joseph of Arimathea, and the Lord hath sent me here to bear thee company." Then Sir Galahad lifted his clasped hands to heaven, saying: "Blessed Lord, I thank Thee that Thou hast granted me to see the proof of Thy favor. I thank Thee that I may take my leave of this world, I pray Thee release me, for heavenly joys alone will suffice me now." As he said these words he knelt down before the Holy Grail, praying fervently to God, and suddenly his soul was carried to heaven by rays of glory.

YOUNG.—This is a head from heaven look the sacred vessel and bore it away from earth, and since then human eye hath not looked upon it.—(Legend of the San Grail.)

FARM AND GARDEN.

As this is the molting time for the fowls, their need for feather-making material should be thought of. Feathers consist of much the same materials as wool, that is, they have a considerable quantity of sulphur in them. This should be supplied in a suitable manner. If it is not supplied the fowls will get their feathers pulling them from themselves or their companions. Green cutwallow has some sulphur in its cabbage, has also more, repeated still more yet, and it is a good idea to feed the fowls with sulphur at this season of their necessities.

In fact, poultry needs sulphur all the time. The yolk of the egg has a large proportion of sulphur in it, as may be perceived by the blackening of a soft egg upon after use. This blackening being due to the formation of sulphide of silver on the surface of the spoon by the egg. That the regular fowls have sufficient sulphur in them is a constant fact, as attested by the fact that no previous provision of material for any sudden demand for any kind of nutriment, and this should be already stored in the system in advance of the necessity for it. This is applicable to all the farm animals, and to the needs of the fowls, or to sheep which are shorn of their wool.

An excellent pasture may be very cheaply provided for sheep by sowing a field or part of one with a bushel of rye to the acre. The needs of the flock are asserted by those who say they have tried it that rye becomes perennial if prevented from seeding. It is by no means unlikely to be so, for it is the habit of many plants to continue growing as long as they have not fulfilled their purpose in nature, that is, to produce seed. When they seed, they die. The owner of flock may very easily test this question, and if it is successful he will have a very good and cheap feeding for his sheep, and a supply of excellent milk-making fodder for the cows nursing lambs in the Spring.

It has been a detriment to the flocks that that ill-timed notion that weeds are good enough for sheep, and no other pasture than those which are held used be provided for them, should have prevailed. No really sensible man will have been misled by this, but some persons have been, and the great mistake should be corrected. It will be the result of this, that the weeds should be deeply enough to bury the trash and weeds, and sown with rye, and some mixed grass seeds, especially for the sheep. As soon as the rye is well started the flock may be turned on to it, until the weeds are feeding begins, and again as soon as a good bit may be had in the Spring.

The long-time objection against the merino is that it is not so effective in forming this, excellent standard variety of sheep. As fashions change we change with them, that is, we, in our products, conform to the needs and even tastes of the market. Some years ago we had our own products, and so the very fine short wool of the small wrinkled merino is being displaced, and as its carcass is not of much account for mutton, another demand of changed fashion, the time of the merino is being passed.

Fortunately its great natural stamina will serve a useful purpose in changing it into a large, longer-wooled sheep, having a suitable carcass for the profitable use of the butcher. Its half-brother, the Lincoln, is being raised in some parts without doubt, for it is an excellent mutton sheep, has twice or three times as long a wool, and thus meets the necessities of the present case. But the merino cannot well be spared for it is a most desirable variety of sheep of several cross-bred sheep for mutton and varieties of wool that are needed for the use of the manufacturer, and if we do not supply them, foreign shepherds will, and we shall lose so much business. Shepherds who wish to study this present outlook of their industry.

Bloody milk is due either to derangement of the action of the liver, or in some cases to the abnormal action of the milk glands, which may be the result of overfeeding, by which an inflammatory condition of the udder is produced, thus exciting the action of the milk glands, on account of the udder being overcharged with blood, and the milk glands which are connected with the milk. This blood would otherwise be milk, for milk is a direct product of the blood, and if the udder were in a normal condition the blood would be changed into milk by the healthful action of the milk glands. If the liver is so disordered by overfeeding of rich food that the blood is not sufficiently purified, and in this case the impurity of the blood escapes through the milk, instead of, as at other times, through the kidneys, when the disease would appear as red water. At times this fault in the secretory function is constitutional, and a helper may always give bloody milk, and may continue to do so, thus being useless in the dairy. That this kind of milk is wholly abnormal is shown by the fact that calves will not drink it. The treatment should be by laxative and cooling medicine, such as epsom salts, given in half-poulted doses daily for a few days, after which the system may be treated by the use of a strong strain on the secretory organs, and the milk will be all right.

ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM. E. S. Mills, Montreal, Aug. 21st, 1895. Secy. The P. P. I. St. Thomas, Ont. Dear Sir:—I have to acknowledge receipt of \$2,000. I have to thank the life of the company for having taken the Company in its promise to forward this money before due. Although entitled to 90 days after completion of the contract, the company has done all they reasonably could to get the profits completed so that the claim might be paid as early as possible. I thank you for not having insisted on the full amount for payment, and assure you of my best wishes for the further success of your Company. Its low rates bring insurance within the reach of the most modest self-interest, and by reason of your ready compliance of claimants, the Institution deserves all the success it now has.

YOUNG.—(William Durant Beneficiary. Agents wanted.—Head office St. Thomas Ont. Toronto office 92, Cor. Church and Adelaide.

FIRE-SIDE FUN.

A country cemetery has the following notice over the gate: "Only the dead who live in the parish are buried here." A drunken lawyer was pleading, but the judge stopped him, saying: "No man can serve two lords at the same time." Grandmother: "Bobby, what are you doing in the pantry?" Bobby: "Oh, I'm just putting a few things away, grand mother."

Teacher: "Which letter is next to the letter 'H'?" "Henry." "Henry?" "Teacher: 'What have I on both sides of nose?' 'Boy: 'Freelance.' Teacher: "I am very much afraid that Snodgrass will go blind; he's such an egotist." "Cunio: 'How can egotism produce blindness?' 'Cawker: 'He overworks his eyes.'"

"I'll never forget my mother's plea," he said with fond regret. "And haven't you got it yet?" "Night-Walking. Walk-o'-Nights: "Doctor, what is a simple remedy for sleeplessness?" "Let the person continue to walk until he is tired." "Nights: 'He can't rest; it's the baby.' 'Baby Progressing. Popper: 'Is the baby getting old enough to entertain itself?' Popper: 'No; but he rolled out of bed, broke a window, and fell down to the day, and we are feeling much encouraged.'"

To Be a Man.—David was only about five years old, but he was very anxious to be a man. One day when he had been thinking about the matter he said: "I do wish I had a vest and a bald head." An apprentice to a butcher: "Master wants three pennyworth of ham sliced and would you please wrap it in the continuation of the story as you sent him the first chapter of with the sausage yesterday?"

"Whore," said the land-agent, addressing an audience of possible purchasers, "here are the faces of the globe which you find in one place copper, tin, iron, cotton, hemp, grain, etc." And a voice from the crowd replied: "In the pocket of my youngest son."

A candidate in the Eastern counties of very diminutive size was boasting to an audience of his height, that "he was he had made himself." Theropon a deep voice came: "Don't back of the meeting-room: 'Won't you rather short of material, governor?'"

Aithmetic. Teacher: "So you can't do a simple sum in arithmetic?" Now, let me explain it to you. Suppose eight men were to buy forty sheep at forty thirty-two pence, and sixteen melons, what would each one of you get?" "Cholera morbus," replied Johnny.

"I have come to ask you for your daughter's hand Mr. Horrick," said young Walker nervously. "Oh—well, you may have her," said Mr. Horrick, "but I'm not doing out my daughter on the installment plan. When you feel that you can support the whole girl may call again."

Squid: "Did the bride's father do the correct thing when young Spudkins married her?" "No," replied McSwiggan. "Well, he gave the bride." "What?" (interjecting.) "I know he would something handsome." McSwiggan (resembling): "He gave the bride away."

Little Girl: "Did the newspaper reporters notice your papa?" "The great question just now is whether papa is still in the world." "Mamma said she couldn't find your papa's name in the list." Little Boy: "No, but the list ends up with 'and others,' that means papa. They always mention him that way." The caught his eyes in passing, that woman sweet.

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The famous but worthy American debater, Mr. Conkling, when President of the United States Senate, had a warm passage of arms with Senator Edmunds, and the latter, during which he told the Senator that he was fighting a windmill. Senator Edmunds folded his arms, stared hard at his antagonist, and said: "I willingly accept the classification."

Mr. T. M. Healy designated an Irish Conservative member as the gallant and very useful member, and made an emphasis on the "very truthful." Being called to order he instantly leaped up and said: "I withdraw the words 'very truthful';" and it dawned on the smiling House that the Speaker's intervention was a very useful member, and made an emphasis on the "very truthful."

A wag went to one of the railway stations one evening last week, and finding the best seats all taken, opened the door of a carriage and said: "Why, the train isn't going." A general stampede ensued, and the wag took the coveted seat in the first-class carriage. In the midst of the general indignation he was asked: "Why did you say the train wasn't going?" "Well, it wasn't there," replied the wag, "but it is now."

THE BORDEN-CRENSHAW COMPANY established at Montreal in view of the French Treaty are now offering the Canadian consular beautiful watches at \$3 and \$4 per one of 18 carat gold, and \$2.50 and \$3.00 per one of 14 carat gold. Every well kept and also in new handling they are also recommended by the best jewelers and are perfectly pure and highly adapted for ladies' use. Address: The Borden-Crenshaw Company, 39 Hospital Street, Montreal.

DOMESTIC READING.

Hope is the last thing that dies in a man. Things learned on earth shall be practised in heaven. Robert Browning. He who would write a heroic poem must make his whole life a heroic poem.—Milton. How pure and stainless should be the heart on which is written the Holy Name of Jesus! Advice should be like a gentle fall of snow on the leafy activity of the heart. It should descend softly, and not be uttered hastily. A good thought suffices some times to elevate the heart and to implant in it the germs of a good action and a generous resolution.—Golden Sands. Those who quit their proper character to assume that of a hero, do not do so for the greater profit of either the character they have and the character they assume. Beyond that heaven line not stray. Beyond the clouds and stars above, and in the heart of the world, and in the deeds of every day. After knowing the will of God in regard to a work which we undertake, we should continue courageously, however difficult it may be. We should follow it to the end, and with consistency, as the obstacles we encounter are great.—St. Vincent de Paul. We are often tempted to believe, in the great influx of small talents which now deluges us, that if half the books written and pictures painted were made into one great bonfire, it would be their shortest, easiest, and most certain way of illuminating the world. Affective love of our dear Lord leads us to pour out our whole souls in confidence before Him, to complain of our coldness and imperfections, to put before Him our pains, wearinesses, sins, and trials, and to commend all to Him with a quiet and childlike indifference.—Father Faber. Dr. Johnson complained of the disappointment which an intimate acquaintance with eminent men often occasioned. "At a distance," he said, "we see nothing but their great merits, or, at least, what we see; but upon close and familiar approach, we discover narrowness, meanness, and insignificance." Every one should make it a point to say daily the Pater, Ave, Credo and Confiteor; also the Rosary, Act of Faith, Hope and Charity, and some short prayers for the Holy Mother, or three Aves, in honor of the Mother of God, to obtain the grace of a happy death.—Pore Haynouve, S.J. I have always envied the Catholics their faith in the sweet sacred Virgin Mary, who stands between them and the Devil, in their moments of weakness, and splendour, yet permitting His love to stream down upon the worshipper more intelligently to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness.—Nathaniel Hawthorne. It is not within the domestic circle only that love tempers anger, or closes grief. It is a passport with all into their esteem and affection. It gives a grace to the plainest countenance, and to the fairest is an ornament which neither time nor disease will destroy. Every day of our lives we are surrounded by circumstances by which it may be exercised and improved. He who brings flowers to the sick chambers brings a ray of God's glorious sunshine. He brings the spirit of beauty which the fairies of heaven and earth, with which the All-wise has made the world a fairer and more beautiful place. He brings the holiest and the most unselfish nature; above all he brings that loving and unselfish spirit which is the highest attribute of mankind, the heritage of our Christian faith.

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