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When Tara's King Ruled.

There has been a revival of interest in ancient Irish Manuscripts. Many eminent scholars are devoting attention to those works. Among the latest who have given the public the benefit of their researches is Rev. H. J. Lawlor, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Trinity College, Dublin. Tracing the beginning of the Christian learning and art in Ireland he dealt in a public lecture with the version of the Sacred Scriptures made by St. Jerome, the greatest scholar in the West. It dated from the year 400. St. Jerome translated the Bible from the originals in Greek and Hebrew into Latin.

The work took about 400 years to spread all over Western Europe, as it had to be copied by hand. One such manuscript at least was in Ireland in the sixth century. St. Columba borrowed it from St. Finian of Dromin and copied it. St. Finian demanded back not only the book, but the copy St. Columba had made and the King of Tara decided the ownership with the sentence:

"To every cow belongs its calf, so to every book belongs its copy."

But St. Columba did not accept this decision and went to Scotland in 563. The Cathach was left in charge of the O'Donnells. Centuries later it was placed in a beautiful shrine, and in time it was forgotten what the shrine contained. In the last century it came into the hands of Sir William Betham, who opened it and found in the Royal Irish Academy. It was a pure Vulgate with not a bit of old Latin in it. St. Finian was probably the first person to bring it to Ireland and St. Finian the first to make a copy of it here. The Book of Durrow, containing the four gospels, was beautifully illuminated about the year 700 from an original.

The Gulf Stream.

DECREASES WHEN IT REACHES THE COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Weather experts are accounting for the recent frequent changes in temperature by ascribing them to the Gulf Stream.

For centuries the Gulf Stream has been blamed for every fresh development of climate when, as a matter of fact, the slight seasonal changes that take place in its position are not directly responsible for these vagaries. Its flow does not reach within two thousand miles of any part of Europe, so that we must search for another cause on whose broad back to lay the responsibilities of June snowstorms and February heat-waves.

The Equatorial current, coming in contact with South America, splits in two, one part turning along the Brazilian coast and the other turning north to form the Gulf Stream. Contrary to the stream making a complete circuit of the Gulf of Mexico as was formerly supposed, only a small amount of water is drawn from this Gulf, and the stream, beginning in the Strait of Florida, sweeps northward, gathering velocity until it reaches the coast of Newfoundland, where its speed decreases gradually until it becomes merely a wind drift.

Winds may disturb the surface of the Gulf Stream. Favourable winds may accelerate its flow and adverse ones retard it, while a strong southerly or southeasterly wind may blow surface water out of its course.

The prevailing winds of Western Europe are from the West and southwest. Coming from the ocean they contain a lot of moisture, which is chilled by their contact with northerly or southeasterly wind may blow of rain or snow even before reaching the land.

Floating Mountains of Ice

A Gruesome Story of 1941.

The Weather Bureau has issued a warning that during the coming summer icebergs are likely to be unusually plentiful, and that many detached bergs will probably find their way south.

No one who has seen an iceberg can ever forget the beauty of the slight, gleaming mountain of the sea with breakers roaring into its caves and streams of water pouring from its pinnacles in the warmer air.

But this sight is more appreciated by the passengers than by the crew of a passing ship. Luckily modern inventions have made icebergs much less dangerous than formerly, but woe to the ship that through some mishap comes into collision with one. Consider this remarkable fact alone. A berg is sometimes so delicately balanced that the touch of a man's hand would upset it. This delicate poise is caused by the constant rays of the sun on the exposed portion only one-eighth of the whole, and by the corrosive action of the salt water on the submerged portion.

Risks Run by Seamen.

Thus it has often happened that Newfoundland fishermen, while engaged in cutting fragments from bergs to pack round their fish, have been killed by the huge hummock upon which they were standing rolling right over.

When a ship comes into collision

with an iceberg she can be destroyed in two ways. Thousands of tons of ice can fall down on her from the exposed portion, or her keel can be shattered by the action of the submerged part.

Sometimes it happens that a vessel is scooped right out of the water by the sudden heaving of this submerged part. An almost incredible case was reported a few years ago of the *Portia*, which, when sailing for Newfoundland, struck a berg, with the result that she was lifted high and dry twelve feet above the surface of the sea.

There are people still living who can recall the gruesome story reported in 1941 of an especially large iceberg seen off the coast of St. John's Island, Newfoundland. In the centre of the berg, embedded between two hills of ice, were two ships, with no living being in them and their masts' tops.

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World's Laziest Man.

Who is the world's laziest man? Lord Dunraven claims the title for a man he met in New York.

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"Nothing," was the reply. "I've decided not to get up again. What's the use? I get up in the morning and have the trouble of dressing, loaf about until lunch-time, change my clothes, pay a call or two, get dressed again, and have dinner; afterwards I have to undress before going to bed. I'm sick of it all, so I'm going to stay in bed." And he did.

The Lighter Side.

She used to be sweetly appealing, but now, oh now, she is frankly revealing.

It has been suggested that New York no longer be called the Empire state, but the state of intoxication.

THE KID AND ME.

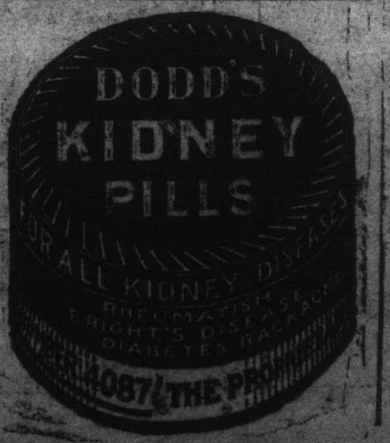
I had a silver rod and reel, A willow basket by my side; And fly, plus casts and silver spoons, The things that give an angler pride. The kid, a freckled little chap, Had none of these of which I sing. But just a little banded pin. That dangled from a cotton string. We fished, the little kid and me— The kid with just an adler pole And cork that sent the ripples cross The stream of his old fishing pole. We fished. I know what you opine. You think, my friend, that I was done? You're wrong! The comic papers lie. For I caught ten and he caught none!

Tales of returned soldiers of how their sweethearts' pictures sometimes stopped bullets are undoubtedly true. Some we have seen would stop a hall clock.

LUCKY CRITTER. Though you may row and rail. At your job we would yip; That when it comes to working The turtle has a snap.

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