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HOME CIRCLE **********

"A MOTHER'S LOGIC." The Living Church, leading organ of the Protestant Episcopal body, blishes the following poetical base of the Catholic practice of praying for the dead:

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You are shocked at my strange conlession Of an error, you say, that you dread.

That I for my boy should be pray-

I confess I'm not skilled to answer In the old controversial art,

The only defense I can offer Is the logic that springs from my Surely, then, you would pray for

Suppose you had loved, with a pas-That absorbed all your thought and your cares. A boy that God placed in your keep-

ing, To be blessed by your love and your prayers;

And then when he grew into manhood Felt the touch of a sordid world's life.

And you knew the perils before him. That threatened his soul in the

You prayed all the more in his dan-That his heart might be kept pure and fair, Till it seemed that each waking moment In its love was the breathing of prayer.

Suppose that the shadow of suffering Deepened suddenly over the day, And your heart stood still in its anguish And you could do nothing but pray

As you watched and felt all too surely,

As the darkness grew deep in night, That everything dearest and truest Was departing far out of your

sight.

And after it all was quite over, And they'd taken his body away, Then what would do in your anguish That first night when you kneeled down to pray?

When you came to the place in your Where for years you had spoken his name. Would you choke down the words in

your sobbing,

Is the God that you love so cruel If you yield to your heart's deepest sing the same. Each time I try to into their eyes, and we can do be and in the saloons rather than prompting de better than before, and in this cause they believe we can do. Since study and self-improvement.

Must you do it with doubting and of the "high" or "ritualistic" wing Has his soul ceased to need God's protection-

> care. That there's nothing that God cannot give him In response to your heart-broken prayer?

He still waits with you his Lord's coming. Not vet is he perfectly blessed:

Even now, when I know he is dead? His soul must grow purer and strong-God can give him refreshment and

these blessings-Your heart could not help it, I'm And in sight of the God that made

All your prayers would be blameless and pure.

And each earnest prayer that you uttered Would bring you more peace, if not

And keep you in close communion With your sweet-hearted, angel-faced boy.

And so had you loved him and lost You never could question your right: You would kneel and ask God to bless

him, As of old when you kissed him good-night. Frank N. Westcott.

THE TENDENCY TO SING. to meet with encouragement. The study of voice culture has so many advantages - physically, mentally, foolish. He seemed to have no depth, rapidly may be lost:

one may well ask why more young gust. women do not embody in their education a thorough vocal training.

ocrity." Yet the influences that sadness, he sat, without moving even bly help. militate against music are only those to ease his position, through three Do not take any interest in your it that for?" "Because it keeps him which work against perfection in any long sermons and the solemn silence work, and never try to do anything awake at night." art. The glare of the footlights of a Friend's funeral. blinds us all, and only with the dawn | What held him so motionless-him

even singers are not born. great women. They have spared nei-called him shallow; what was his work, that you may be ready to quit ther money, strength, brains nor in- measure of himself? What is my meas- on the first stroke of the bell. domitable courage to attain the per- ure for my character? What is your | When serving a customer, let him tions of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil fection of their art. Even the girl measure for yours? Each of us knows see by your inattention and careless which may have been injurious to its As if for the thought there was with an exceptional voice can hope something of his own possibilities, manner that you do not care wheth good name, but if so the injury has for no degree of success without work and measures himself by his deepest unstinted, interminable work. "I depth. Our truest friends, those who watch your employer; and when always come to the front and throw think I would rather not sing at influence us the most, are those who his back is turned, waste your time. To forbid you this comfort so dear? all," writes Melba, "than always believe in our possibilities. We look | Spend your evenings on the streets less. So it has been with Eclectric

way, is like taking the heart out of a School Times. robin to watch its pulsations, we may consistently divide our subjects into two classes according to the amount of capital (and by capital we mean voice, time and money) they

intertwined, that it is difficult to find even their beginning. Regarding the first requisite, the amount of voice of the finest singers have had voices which at first gave little promise. A dozen lessons under a competent teacher, however, still determine two there is bit one determining factor,

If after these trial lessons the girl finds herself in possession of a good of competent instructors, she may feel free to adopt that branch of the hour. art for which she shall be qualified, teaching of vocal music.-Lillian K. Sabine, in The Pilgrim.

BOOKS.

A good book is a lasting companion. Truths which have taken years to glean, are therein at once freely, carefully communicated. We reniov communion with the mind, though not with the person of the writer. hus the humblest man may surround himself by the wisest and best spir- more a person eats the healthier and its of past and present ages. No one can be solitary who possesses a book; he owns a friend, that will instruct midnight and rise at daybreak, and him in moments of leisure, or of ne- imagine that every hour taken from cessity. It is only necessary to turn sleep is an hour gained. open the leaves, and the fountain at once gives forth its streams. You may seek most costly furniture for your homes, fanciful ornaments for rour mantel-pieces, and rich carpets for your floors; but, after the absolute necessaries for a home, give me books as at once the cheapest, and

THE AFTER-LIFE

The king was dead. He lay in state n his castle hall. Above him drooped the banners of conquered peoples.

Upon the walls in letters of gold gained, of nations subdued, of liber-

brand clasped in his lifeless hands. The room was filled with successes, eloquent of achievement, redolent of empire.

In that same hour a small, perverted, misshapen, distorted soul stood before the judgment bar of God, weighed down with the woes of nations, crimson with the blood of women and children, his feet upon the accusing bodies of the slain. The soul was pleading in piteous terror for mercy, mercy! It was the king!

TWO VIEWS OF A BOY.

I was visiting his school, and the teacher spoke reprovingly to the neighbor, and the Boy giggled behind his book. When the Boy came to class, he seemed to feel that his duty was to be social and entertain the to him, and I, being a relative, felt morally-it offers so much and de- no appreciation of anything, and I mands in comparison so little, that have no doubt that I looked my dis-

eral of the Boy's grandfather-a the day is in full swing

of a working-day do we realize that who I felt sure could not sit still duties by your employer, be rude in thing from Children's Aid to the So five minutes at a time? I had measur- your answers. The great singers of any age are ed only the laughing exterior, and Watch the clock instead of your

my work is made interesting." Can I silently pressed the hand of the Boy we wonder that such a woman suc- after that funeral, and met on a different level. I have never seen the In attempting to view music from a shallow boy since. Might I not have principally for the children, in order financial standpoint, which, by the met the deep boy before? - Sunday that their parents may be able to

HEALTH HINTS.

To prevent a cold in the head or to cure one try the following: Stop one There are so many different roads nostril and breathe in all the air to music, and they are so hopelessly that is possible through the other afford considerable relief.

poorest. For the great class between ful of cream of tartar dissolved in a morning.

When onions are sliced put them in voice, a real love of the art, and the a covered dish, season them and they money to spend years in the training can be kept for a day or two. Un-

The woman who sighs ten times concert or church singing, or the should be put to bed and be taken care of. Habitual sighers are sick, and makes the body subject to all sorts of attacks. The remedy? Breathe way down to the sides, way busy to sigh.

Fresh air and sunshine are as essential to a human being as they are to a plant. It is a mistake to think that the

stronger he will become. It is a mistake to go to bed

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HON-ESTY.

We would like to impress this on the mind of not only the young man, says an exchange, but we want to Impress it on the mind of the parent certainly the most useful and abiding that he ought to teach his boy that the faith that is in them. Calumnies not be as careful as they ought to teach the boy to be scrupulously hon- pulpit. The Catholic weekly even, tell you that he had ridden on a alone can give satisfaction. were written the names of victories street car without putting up his nickel, don't smile on him and give Colds That ties absorbed. Around him were him to understand that it is the right grouped the veteran soldiers who had thing to beat his way when he can. flashed their swords upon a hundred If you do you are teaching him a lesfields where he had led. Stern, ruth- son in dishonesty that you may be less, grim-faced, and terrible, they sorry for some time in the future. watched over the body of their dead Better give a boy a dollar to take in the main show and all the side The people with hushed footsteps show attractions than to encourage and awe-struck faces stole timorous- him to slide in under the canvas for ly up to look upon the body of the king, lying so white, so still, and so king, lying so white, so still, and so way into anything he is learning a terrible, a frown upon his face as lesson in dishonesty that may start they had seen him in life, his mighty him on the road to the penitentiary later on.

And quit this talk to the effect that if a man can be a big thief he will escape punishment. In the first place that kind of talk encourages the boy to believe that it would be a

the man who is convicted of robbing ronto people who have used it. the depositors of a bank of \$50,000 Mr. Donald Graham, 45 Callendar often seems unequal. The chances are street, Toronto, states: "My boy, Boy sat in the back row. Three times that in case of conviction both will who is six years of age, was develop-I saw him slyly punch his neighbor, be sent for about the same term of ing all the symptoms of pneumonia who calmly continued his work; the years, but after all three years in the when we commenced giving him Dr. fourth time the neighbor, exasperated pen means a good deal more to the Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turbank cashier than to the common pentine. It very quickly checked the leaned over and gave the Boy "a horse thief. A term in the peniten- advance of disease, and in a few days good one." Unfortunately, just at tiaey, long or short, means ruin, loss he was as well as ever, and is now that moment the teacher happened to of standing, everything to the cashier going to school regularly. I have look that way; and, of course, the while it may mean only restraint and now great faith in this valuable remphysical punishment to the common edy, and shall ecommend it to my

HOW TO LOSE A PLACE.

This natural tendency to sing ought whole company. Nothing was serious do something in the world when they

Get down to business twenty minutes or half an hour after the rest of Two weeks passed. I sat at the fun- the clerks are there, and the work of just as good. Twenty-five cents a bat-

It has often been said that "the was opposite to me. No one was at- much time as you can on the way, ronto. curse of American music is its medi-tempting to "manage" him. With and do not get back to business head erect, eyes big with a solemn again any sooner than you can possi-

quickly and neatly.

"LAZY PEOPLE'S MASS." The Mass that hour (9 o'clock) is

get them away to church at the proper time; that pastor and teachers may observe their presence or absence, and that by assisting in a body, under the supervision of their teachers, they may learn practically, what to do at Mass, when no longer at school, says The Le Couteulx Leader. For nostril. Open the closed nostril, stop adults to crowd the church to such an the other one and expel all of the extent as to make it uncomforable one should possess, it is impossible to breath through the open one. Try this for the children is, to say the least, lay down a rule, difficult to make a number of times, reversing the uncharitable. Of course there are, even a rough generalization. Some movement. The forced circulation of most probably, individuals in every the air through these passages will parish who would not be able to hear Mass, at times at least, were it not for this Mass at 9 o'clock. But For rheumatism of the joints and if we closely observe those adults who classes of singers, the best and the for gouty tendencies try a teaspoon- crowd the church at the 9 o'clock Mass, it will be quite easy to see that the majority have not been quart of water, to be taken every brought to that Mass by any spiritual influence. We once knew an old, experienced

priest, who never called that Mass by any other name than "the lazy covered, they should not be kept an people's Mass." Look well at them. Who are they? Mostly young men and young girls who have no other care but themselves. There may be some older ones, especially men, among or, if they are not, they ought to them. For these a Mass at 7 o'clock be. Sighing is a lowering, depressing habit. It exhausts nervous energy even is too soon. To be in time for that Mass they would have to shorten their sleep, or be obliged either to lose or postpone their breakdown to the diaphragm. Then some fast. But whence the need of a interesting occupation. Keep too longer sleep on Sunday morning? Oh! they had so little sleep last night. They were at the theatre, or a Saturday night's dance, or with some company in a beer saloon and did not get home until after midnight. Thus it is from week to week, from Sunday to Sunday. As to the late Mass, that is entirely too long for these people. They must have that time to read the fifty-page Sunday paper, or the last novel taken yesterday from the library. Such are mostly the majority of those who attend the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Need we be astonished that people

such as these, when they hear their church maligned in the workshops and elsewhere, must stand by like 'dumb dogs,' unable to account for it pays to be honest. Of course no that have been heaped upon their reparent who reads this will teach his ligion for centuries, though so often boy to steal, but some of them may refuted, they cannot contradict. How could they? They never, or but seldom, hear the word of God from the est. If, for instance, your boy should ignored. The "Yellow Journal"

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