

January THE HOLY INFANCY 1903. Table with columns for Day of Month, Day of Week, Color of Vestments, and Liturgical Observances for the month of January.

Walk Two Miles Feels Like One Dunlop Rubber Heels

The HOME CIRCLE

THE OLD YEAR'S DEATH. Full knee-deep lies the winter snow, And the winter winds are wearily sighing...

He froth'd his bumpers to the brim; A jollier year we shall not see. But tho' his foes speak ill of him, He was a friend to me.

A WAY OF KNOWING GOD. (Albert Reynaud, in Catholic World.) The Saint seems to have short-cuts to knowledge which almost extort admiration...

ings of so many of the great unknowns of the Church. But this leads to a wholly different reflection. God works by general laws. His dealings with us are not whimsical. We may not always understand these laws. Their application, the reasons for them, may escape us. But innate Wisdom precludes the notion of caprice. If we may emphasize our meaning by a phrase, with all reverence, these seem to us a mistaken way of presenting His Providence. His conduct towards any part of His creation, merely as "sic volo, sic jubeo." Thus I will, hence thus I command.

yet yield so readily, so variously, so plentifully, to honest and diligent inquiry. And, much worse, under pretext perhaps that the "Spirit breathes where it listeth," under ban of miraculous agencies acting for the saint alone—infused lights, what not—we shut the doors and windows of our soul, the very crevices of heart and conscience, to the slightest breath—to the divine agitations within us, which seek entrance into a moment's impulse, welcome in a passing wish or effort on our side—some habituation with us—while we loudly proclaim as an excuse, the mystery and arbitrariness of God's ways, of His truth and of His grace.

FRATERNAL INSURANCE NEARING A BOG (From The Catholic Universe.) Rates are advancing and have an upward tendency for some time. This indicates that the cost of insurance is greater than formerly in fraternal organizations. Why? Man is mortal and time is fleeting, and hence death is reaping his harvest and placing burdens upon those who remain. The young may die, but the old must. New societies spring up and take most of the young recruits on the plea of cheaper rates. The plea is well founded, but the shifting sands of time will soon dispose of that argument as younger societies still will use that same argument to kill off those who originated the contention.

When we grant the tongue an unlimited freedom, it is very difficult, not to say impossible, that it should not be at the expense of charity. How is it to speak, much, or to talk incessantly, without finding a temptation, almost a necessity, to criticize this person or to censure another, to attribute evil intentions to a third or to place in a ridiculous aspect lesser faults, even if the greater are spared.

A TOO FAMILIAR TYPE. (From The Republic.) Of all the contemptible youths with whom a father's patience and a mother's aching heart have to cope, perhaps the meanest sneak is the coward who sponges on the family for luxuries when he is not even paying his board at home. What shall we say of the specimen who, at the age when a boy ought to be forming habits for life, idles away his time in barrooms and pool parlors instead of looking for chances to earn something out of school hours, and asks his father (or, by no means seldom, his mother or the quiet) for cigarette money or theatre fares instead of turning to and giving a lift on the price of his winter clothes? The father who is well enough off not to miss the money which his son spends foolishly may well consider how far he can prudently give free rein to the extravagances of a boy who has got some day to be a man. To the father who finds it hard to make both ends meet by the strictest economy such extravagance is doubly a grievance; it drags him down and it injures the boy.

TRAPPING BEARS. The Mexicans in California in early days had an ingenious method of trapping bears before the advent of the Yankees brought modern firearms into the region. A piece of meat was nailed to the stout, horizontal limb of an oak tree. From a limb five or six feet above a rope was suspended, to the end of which a large stone was made fast, so that it hung about six inches above and a trifle nearer the trunk than the meat on the lower limb. When the bear smelt the meat from afar he would climb the tree and make his way to the meat. In doing so he would push the stone pendulum to one side. Just as he was about to fasten his teeth in the meat the stone would swing back and bang his head. This would rouse the anger of the bear, and he would give the stone a sweep of his paw which would send it swinging further out. The consequence was a harder bang and more anger. The more he struck the stone the harder he would be hit in return, until, from ferocious anger, he would lose his caution and attack the pendulum with all his vigor. One powerful sweep, then bang, and bruin would be tumbled out of the tree to the rocks below, where, disabled by his fall, he would be at the mercy of those who set the trap whenever they chose to take him.

Chats With Young Men

INORDINATE LOVE OF TALKING. A well-known Jesuit writer, Rev. P. P. Garesche, says on this subject in "The Little Imperfections:" A widespread pleasantry attributes this defect chiefly to women, and the run of satirical wit upon this point is inexhaustible; but of this inordinate talkativeness, as of curiosity, we may claim that many men are equally culpable, and consequently both sexes should guard against this imperfection. Doubtless, my dear friend, in the ordinary condition of society, we are not to be reduced to the silence of the Trappists; and the Catholic religion, so large in heart, does not impose on the generality of men a severity of life or a stern constraint like those which certain sects of Protestants have affected. Far from this, the Catholic ought to be affable, unconstrained. When he is engaged in conversation with his family, or in the world, he should take his part with simplicity and ease, carefully avoiding all that savors of ultra-rigorism; for nothing would render devotion more odious to persons who judge only the conduct of those who practice it. But between those effusions of frankness and cordiality and an exaggerated love of speaking, there is all the difference that exists between a reasonable use and an evident abuse. It is good, useful and necessary to bear part in the conversation of the circle in which we are placed; it is wrong and even dangerous to give in to excess in speaking.

What means, then, shall we employ to be delivered from such an atrocious imperfection? It is difficult, I admit, but to a generous Christian nothing is impossible. As with all our faults, we must first be conscious of its existence in ourselves. When in conversation with others, we should, after leaving them, recall what has been said, to discover whether we have said too much or endeavored to attract too large a share to ourselves or interrupted others, or deprived them of what was their due. In some faults it is easy to deceive ourselves, but for this it cannot be so; to know it, sincerely alone is necessary.

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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER. Low at the threshold of this white new year I kneel in prayer; Lord, may it be A Temple unto Thee; Wherein each rounded day may stand A column grand; Grant that the walls may be Of work for Thee, With faith for buttress firm; And for the shadowing arch above Oh, roof it with Thy love, And on the spire of hope The cross of Courage set, Lord, this were yet An empty temple and a barren year— Oh, be Thou present on the altar there, And may the incense of unceasing prayer Make sweet the air. Thou, Lord, the builder and the inmate be, I but the mason under Thee. My hours the blocks to raise A Temple to Thy praise. —Catholic World Magazine.

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