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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Ninetcenth Sunday after Pentecost. Gospei, St. Mett. xxii, 1-14:

Bu. 6 | Peast of the Holy Resery. M. 7 | St. Mark, P.C. T. 8 | St. Bridget of Sweden. W. 9 St. Louis Bortrand, C. Th. 10 St. Francis Borgia, C. F. 11 St. Tarachus S. 12 St. Wilfrid, B.C.

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THE WAY IT IS SAID. The sultan awoke with a stifled His nerves were shocked by a fearful

omen of terrible import and An His teeth all in one moment fell out. His wise men assembled at break of

day, stood at the throne in solemn array.

And when the terrible dream was told Each felt a shudder, his blood ran

And all stood silent in fear and dread, And wondering what was best to be At length a soothsayer, wrinkled and

Cried: "Pardon, my lord, what I have to say,
"Tis an omen of sorrow sent from on high!

Thou shall see all thy kindred die."
Wroth was the sultan; he gnashed
his teeth,
And his very words seemed to hiss
and seethe,
As he ordered the wise man bound
with chains,
And gave him an hundred stripes for
his pains.
The wise men slook as the sultants

The wise men shook as the sultan's Swept 'round to see who next would

try. one of them, stepping before the

throne,
Exclaimed, in a loud and joyous tone:
"Exult, I head or a happy state!
Rejoice, O heir of a glorious fate! this is the favor thou shalt

win, O sultan: To outlive all thy kin!" Pleased was the sultan, and called a slave And a hundred crowns to the wise man gave. But the courtiers nod, with grave, sly winks,

winks,
And each one whispers what each one thinks:
"Well can the sultan reward and blame;
Didn't both the wise men foretell the same?"

same?"
Quoth the crafty old vizier, shaking his head:
"So much may depend on the way a thing's said!" -Hebrew Journal.

#### 4 4 4 SERVICEABLE SUGGESTIONS.

A little bag of mustard laid on the top of pickle jats will prevent vinegar from becoming moldy, if the pickles have been put up in vinegar that has not been boiled.

Pie crust is always better if it can be made the day before it is baked, folding the paste in a close roll after it is made and putting it in a cold place. When again rolled out it will make, when baked, a lighter and more flaky crust.

When ordering meats, remember that beef, when boiled loses a pound of weight in every four and when roasted eighteen ounces. Mutton loses This should be more than beef. thought of where much meat is used. Clean decanters with strips of

coarse brown paper and cold water, filling the decenter quite full with the strips. Tea leaves and potato parings are also used, but nothing gives the polish of brown paper.

When the hands are very dirty, rub them over thoroughly with a little lard to loosen the dirt before washing them with soap and water. This plan has also the merit of keeping the skin soft and smooth.

To soften water for laundry purposes when you have no rain water supply, it is a good plan to draw the water three or four days before it is needed for use and to expose it to the This will render it quite soft and will make soap either entirely unnecessary or at any rate will make a very small quantity of it sufficient.

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PREVENTION OF SKIN DISEASES. Diseases of the skin result from a great variety of causes, but as the study of them progresses, more and more are found to be due to the action of some parasitic microbe. Ringworm, acne, bolls, carbuncles, certain fornes of eczema, barbers' itch and many other affections are undoubtedly, caused by the presence and growth in the skin of certain microbes. These differ in the different affections, but all of them must be brought from without in the first instance and be deposited in the skin before the particular disease can be produced.

It is not always possible to determine how the germ of the disease is carried to the skin, but very often, probably in the great majority of cases, the infection occurs in the toil-) them. et. It is a curious fact that we are

never so careless regarding the transmission of dirt from one person to another-for that is really what inlection is-as we are in the process by which we try to make ourselves clean.

The common use by a number of persons of the same piece of soup, esting often in a dirty dish, of towels and of hair brushes and combs is one of the best possible methods of transmitting skin diseases. Children are doubtless more carcless in this respect than then elders-the school wash-room is a capital clearing-house for microbes and loathsome animal parasit , as well-but one need only to look into the wash-room of any hotel, even the most pretentious, to be convinced that the grown man "as but little more hygienic sense than his son.

Another place where diseases of the skin and scalp are freely dispensed is the average barber shop. Hair brushes, combs, scissors-more than all, the patent hair-clipper-shaving brushes, razors, cups and soap, towels-often only mangled and not boiled or even washed-sponges, powder-puffs, stick nomade and, last, but not least in their offending, the hands of the barber may all become vehicles to distribute disease.

But there is, perhaps, as great need of reform in the home as in public Each member of the family places. should have soap, towel, hair brush and every article of the toilet for his exclusive use as absolutely as he has his tooth-brush, and his tooth-brush should rest upon its own dish or, better still, hang by itself, and not share a dish with one or half a dozen

This necessity of individuality it the toilet should be impressed by precept and by example upon every , "ild from the very beginning, for the practice of perfect cleanliness may not only prevent some disagrecable skin eruption, but also more serious disease.-Youths' Companion.

#### AN EVENT IN RATHGONAN

Rathgonan was excited. A very ittle thing did excite it. All days were usually so much alike in the village, that any event, out of the ordinary, caused a delicious feeling of excitement in the people. They were not too particular, either; in fact I don't think there was ever such a thoroughly impactial people on this point. They enjoyed equally a wedding or a wake, a circus coming to the town, or a tragedy to one of their friends. It was a change-and it was change they wanted. In the present instance the excitement was caused by a report that Kitty Green, the elder of the Widow Green's two daughters, was about to be married. Kitty was one of the village belles, and a great favorite with everyone. This morning there were little knots of people here and there all discussing

the news. "Is that you, Mary Stanlant Yeh, did you hear the ne vs?" called out Joney Kelley, as she leant over the "half door" and caught sight of her comey on her way to the village where her husband Mick was working. She was taking him his breakfast, of cake of home-made bread, rolled up in a red handkerchief, and his sup "o' tay in a little tin canteen.

"Yerra, news is it, Joney Kelly? And would I hear it ? Me, that's workin' late un' early for that ould thief, Mick Scanlan, an' the curse an' bitther word for thanks. What's the news? Maybe any o had an account at the house?"

"Wisha, as sure as your name is Mary Scanlan, you've guessed it ! an' tis Kitty Green, if you please; an' they'll be no standin' the widow now "

"Yerra, an' is it Kitty? An' who has a betther right? More power to her, ses It But who is the boy, Jonev?"

"Oh, a fine block of a farmer from 'The Mounthin' beyand. He has his six cows, a fine house, an' a side car to dhrive her around like any lady. An' they say the likes o' the weddin' was never seen in these parts, there's to be roast an' biled at brekhust !"

"See that now! but the widow always did things decent. I'll say that for her, an' Kitty deserves her luck. But I must be pushin' on wid Mick's brekhust, though the divil a much he'll ate afther the tare he was in las' night, God help me wid him. Good-luck to you, Joney, woman."

Mary walked up to the top of the village to Mr. Blackhall's garden, where Mick Scanlan and three other men were setting potatoes. When Mary arrived, the three men were already at breakfast sitting with their backs to the wall and their wives in front of them, all chatting comfortably. As soon as Mick caught sight of Mary, he walked over and joined

"Top o' the mornin' to you, Mary

Sure, Mick here thought twas the way you were goin' to let him live on the porther he had at Thady Dincen's las' night, till dinnert" And Johanna Grady laughed heartily at Mick's scowling face.

"An' sarvin' him right it I did," answered Mary, "but what's this I lear about Kitty Green? Joney Kelly was tellin' me as I came down the road. Is it thrue, Johanna, do you ''S wond

"Divil a lie in it, Mary, an' 'tis n y Nora that's to help at the washin' up afther. Sure 'tis Kitty herself that axed her, an' we're all to be up at the brekliust. But as sure as you're there, there's the widow herself an' Kitty wid her! Up at Father Tierney's they war I'll be bound, settlin' for Tuesday mornin' that's the day she'il be married, an' good-luck to her for a decent girl that rever gev herself airs." Mrs. Green and her daughter passed

the garden wall where the laborers were at breakfast. She was a small, fat. little woman, and her face actually shone with pride and importance as she replied to the many congratulations she and Kitty received as they passed through the village. Johanna Grady stood up and leant over the garden wall. "Yerra, Mrs. Green, 'tis myself an' the reighbors here are just talkin' over Kitty's luck! An', Kitty, darlin', 'tis proud we all are of the gran' match you're makin'. Yeh, I suppose whin you're livin' in the gran' farm, you won't know us at all, at all?"

Kitty giggled and blushed, and the mother beamed.

"Indeed, Johanna, meself an' Kitty feel thankful to you all for your good wishes; an' we'll expect to see every wan o' ye on Tuesday mornin', plase God, at the weddin'. We're just afther settlin' wid Father Tierney. The marriage is to be at nine o'clock, and thin before Dinney Sullivan robs m o' my child here, we'll all have . knife an' fork together."

The invitation was accepted by all, and Mrs. Green and Kitty went off, followed by the prayers and blessings of the laborers and their wives.

Tuesday morning was a lovely, bright, spring morning, and the whole village was astir early. Nearly every one was invited to Kitty's wedding. The little church was crowded. Denis Sullivan and his brother Michael (who was to "sthand wid him") occupied the front bench. They looked anxiously from time to time towards the door; the bride had not yet arrived and it was very near nine them? All ands of horrors ran through poor Dinney's head. He remembered his grandmother telling him a story of some one she knew, who was found dead on her wedding day. Could anything have happened to Kitty? He had just decided to go out and take a look towards Widow Green's house, when there was a rustle in the porch, and the bridal party arrived. The widow came first, with an expression of pride and martyrdom that-spoke volumes. She wished it to be distinctly understood by all there that her daughter was making the best match in the county (being a daughter of hers, that was not to be wondered at), at the same time she hoped all would appreciate the sacrithe door; the bride had not yet ar-

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fice her mother's heart was making in yielding up her child to a stranger. But what was self-sacrifice where the good of her children was concerned? All this was conveyed in Mrs. Green's look as she sailed (she never walked) up the aisle of the little church, followed by Kitty and her sister Namie. Kitty looked very pretty in her navy blue wedding dress, the neat effect being slightly marred by the mevitable white veil on the blue toque. But it was an article of faith in Rathgonan that the bride must wear a white will, just as she was expected to drive through the town with the brid froom after the wedding breakfast. If these two customs were omitted, the wedding was not considercd 'respectable." A murmur of admiration followed Kitty as she took her place near the bridegroom. After much shaking hands, moving of benches and some condescending nods here and there, the widow was at last settled down and the ceremony proceeded. Everything went off per fectly, and the wedding party passed into the sacristy to "sign the book." Here Mrs. Green threw herself on Kitty and wept loudly, then kissed her son-in-lw, and blessed them both, and besought them not to mind her feelings as a mother getting the better of her.

All now set out for Mrs. Green's cottage to breakfast. The table was laid in the kitchen. It was a long deal table on which was spread a coarse, but spotless white cloth, and there was the "roast on biled" Ioney Ke'ly had prophesied; they had pig's head and grubeens, and a boiled leg of mutton and a roast goose.

Annd much laughing and joking they drew into the table, and break-fast went merrily on. When Mrs. fast went merrily on. When Mrs. Green felt anyone looking in her direction, she turned her eyes towards the ceiling and martyrs must have envied her expression, then catching someone's eve she was covered with confusion at being caught in this good act, and immediately called attention to some of the delicacies on the table. And there were many exclamations of admiration at the wonderful self-control exercised by this devoted mother. "See that now!" "Out ov! the crathur, shure 'tis the heart's blood

crathur, shure 'tis the heart's blood that's goin' from her!'
Mrs. Green seems not to hear, but leaning towards Johanna Grady calls out 'ospitably: "Johanna Grady what are you doin', woman? Why don't you ate?"

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"Oh, I'm atin' hearty, Mrs. Green, ma'am, thank you, bat sure it's to Mr. Sullivan an' the bride I'd be so bowld as to be callin' attintion! Mr. Sullivan an' the bride I'd be so bowld as to be callin' attintion! Yes, Kitty darlin', it does credit to your bringin' up to ses you so modest on the day of your triumph (not flatterin' your mood man!), but we must all ate aragal, so fill up her plate, Jack Madigan, an' whin the punch. omes round we'll not be without givin' her a health."

"Dick Scanlan, is there anythin' I could do with the leg o' mutton for you."

you,"
"Thank you kindly, Mrs. Green, but
I'm risin the pig's head indeed,
ma'am, an' more iligant a wan I never put tooth in: but you're not workin' yourself, ma'am? Work away,
ma'am!"
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Mrs. Green looked reproachfully at him. How little he understood a mother's feelings! But then how could a man be expected to know that her heart was wrung, although for her guests' sake she smiled bravely? She looked across at Peggy Rafferty, and Peggy turned her eyes up, and so expressed that she knew the torture her friend was going through, and admired the heroic fortitude with which she bore it.

Punch came round, and the health of the bridal pair was drank, and then it was time for Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan to start or their home, to be ready for the dance that all Rathgonan was to be at there that evening. Many of them had to walk the whole ten miles there and back, but what was a trifle like that when a wedding dance was in question?

Mrs. Green broke down again, saying good-bye to Kitty. She impressed on Denis that in giving him Kitty she gave him a sacred charge, and it rested with himself whether he earned the widow's curse or blessing.

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still sobbing, went back to the kit-chen.

"Yerra what's the matter wid you at all, ma'am?" says Lary Scanlan, coming over to the widow's side.

"Wan would think 'twas a buryir' you wor havin', instead of Kitty be-in' married to the warmest man in these parts; so they say of him any-way."

way."

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