

Their indebtedness remains; if they afterwards remember the paper it is to belittle and injure it in retaliation for the supposed offense to their manhood. Those whom we are describing are not at all like angels' visits, few and far between; we could find them in every section of our own State. They are Catholics, too, going to Mass, and, occasionally to the Sacraments. It is a paradox, and the question may be asked what explanation can be given of it? Only this one—these friends of ours do not believe that the ordinary rules of justice bind the conscience of newspaper subscribers. The explanation argues considerable theological ignorance on their part; still it is the sole one which we can give, having due regard to their general sense of honor and justice.

People should pay for their paper. If they do not like it, let them send to the office the amount of their indebtedness and request that the paper be no longer mailed to their address. This mode of acting deserves respect. But to receive a paper, not to pay for it, to grumble when at last it is stopped, never afterwards to pay their just debt, is a mean despicable proceeding, and we are ashamed to record that men of this stamp are to be found in Minnesota, calling themselves Catholics.—[*North-western Chronicle*.]

[We are very sorry that we have to make the same complaint against many of the subscribers to the HARP, who never seem to think of their duty to the proprietor of this magazine. We only hope they will digest the above remarks of the erudite priest who edits the *Chronicle*, and remit without delay what they owe to this office.—ED. HARP.]

American Newspaper Directory for 1880.  
New York: Geo. P. Rowell & Co.

WE are in receipt of this valuable work, and after looking through it we are amazed at the amount of information it contains. Every business house in the United States and Canada should possess a copy, as therein will be found accurate information as to the best medium for advertising. We have ere now done business with Messrs. Rowell, and in every case found them reliable.

McGEE'S ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY. New York, J. A. McGee, Publisher. Price, \$3.00 per annum.

With much pleasure we welcome the reappearance of this excellent Catholic Illustrated paper, which had to suspend publication some four months ago because of remissness on the part of subscribers to pay, and the dishonesty of agents. We congratulate Mr. McGee in being again enabled to come to the front, and trust he will be able to continue his good work with profit to himself and benefit to his constituents. We hope his debtors will so act towards him, that the new feature introduced by him of publishing a "black-list" containing the names of subscribers who have failed to pay will not be much longer necessary on his part. We have been seriously thinking of treating our delinquent subscribers to a similar treat, we wonder how *they* would like it?

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A good conversationalist may make himself heard at a feast, but the small boy takes the cake.

A western journal heads an article "A Lunatic Escapes and Marries a Widow." Escapes? He got caught.

Kansas school teacher: "Where does our grain go to! "Into the hopper." "What hopper?" "Grasshopper," triumphantly shouted the scholar.

The man who loafs his time around a one-horse grocery while his wife takes in washing to support him can always tell you just what this country needs to enhance its prosperity.

Little Robby came home from Boston with his new hat limp as a dish cloth. "For goodness sake!" cried his mother, "where have you been!" Robby began to whimper as he replied, "A feller threw my hat into a frog pond." "Oh, Robby!" exclaimed his sister, "you threw it in yourself. I saw you do it!" "Well," said Robby, contemptuously, "ain't I a feller?"