# SPECIAL, NOTICE

# Our Boys and Girls.

O The "True Witness" wishes

to introduce to its young friend and readers a wisher of theirs who will as sume the direction of the Boys and Girls Department next week. His name happens be Edward, and if you wish we will give him a name of endearment and call him "Uncle Ned."

Uncle Ned is very fond of children and he would like to hear from them often. So he invites all his nieces and nephews to make themselves at home in the children's corner of the "True Witness." means that the children should write to "Uncle Ned" from time to time, and have their letters published. Uncle Ned will be pleased to hear how his little friends are getting along at school and at home; what games they like best, what books they are reading, etc., etc.

Full name and address must be given, but they will not be published if the writers do wish them to be known.

Children should send their letters in time so that "Uncle Ned" will receive them on Tuesday of each week. Address

UNCLE NED, "True Witness" Office Montreal.

"Uncle Ned" is evidently anxious to begin his task as he asks the "True Witness" to publish the following questions to which he wishes its young readers to send answers

The best series of answers will receive a prize.

1. Why does a cat torment a mouse before eating it? 2. How does the milk get inside of cocoanuts?

How are kid gloves made? How is window glass

Our future men and women should get their little brains to work, think and ask ques-If they cannot answer all, let them write what they know.

## With the Scientists.

Mr. Edison spoke of the future the great inventor, Mr. Thomas A. Edison and an account of an interview with the great manipulator of furnished to the New York "World" by Mr. W. B. Northrop, we take the following extracts. Mr. Northrop says :-

As he had touched on the future of the phonograph, I took advantage of the opportunity to ask him what he thought would be accomplished by electricity in the twen-

"Well, that's a big question," he said, musing and smoking his cigar. "But I think it is answerable.

'In the first place, every mode of transportation will be electrical. Even in five years there will not be a train or a car run in New York city-save by electricity.

All the roads pretending to furnish anything like rapid transporta-tion will have electric motive power. It is the clearest, the best and the cheapest in the long run, especially for a city.
"Then," he continued, as the sub-

ject seemed to open up before him, 'all the heavy traffic will be elec trically handled. The big trucks which move goods about the city will be run by electric motors. That will save enormous expenses in traf-fic handling, make the twentieth century city cleaner and the move ment of freight from point to point more rapid than it is now.

'The number of electrically-driven automobiles and trucks will increas rapidly as soon as the new nickeliron battery is introduced.

"New York will have before long the electric cab, street car and truck, and, in my opinion, horse traction will be a thing of the past in the streets of New York."

What do you consider the greatest problem in electricity yet to be

'The direct transformation of the energy of coal into electric energy,"

was the prompt response. "You see at present we only get from 5 to 6 per cent. of our power from the coal The remaining 95 per goes up the chimney or in the water in the form of heat.

"I have thought much on the prob lem of changing heat from coal into electrical energy, but somehow have not been able to strike the right combination. But this problem being wrestled with by many skilful workmen and scientists, and I have no doubt its solution will not be ong coming.

'When we can get all our electrical energy right from the coal without loss-or, rather with only a small percentage of loss—then will see things hum in the electrical

"Everything in the new century will be done by electricity-cooking, heating, lighting, transportation; every form of energy now manifest ed by steam will be electrical.

"Some day we'll pick up norning papers and see that a scientist in Berlin or elsewhere has discovered a way of turning coal heat into electric energy. That will be the final triumph of electricity, and we shall be literally entered upon

### A Widow Sues an Hospital,

Alleging that she has "suffered greatly in body, mind and estate' cause an autopsy was performed on her husband, "without her consent," Mrs. Annie Botsford, Brooklyn, widow of Albert Kent formerly a prosperous merchant, is pressing a suit against the Presbyterian Hospital for the recovery of \$25,000 damages. The trial of the case, which lawyers view as one of the most strange before the Supreme Court, takes place in a few days. It has been pending for more than four years.

According to Mrs. Botsford's complaint, which was drawn by her lawyer, J. Barclay Brown, her husband, Albert Kent Botsford, was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital about March 20, 1894, suffering from pneumonia or some kindred ailment. He failed to rally, and on April 3 of the same year died.

Then follows Mrs. Botsford's cause of complaint, which, to use the exact words of her petition to the court for damages, is that an topsy was performed "without she having given the right or permission to dissect, operate or perform an autopsy on his body death.

Mrs. Botsford says that her husband had an "abnormally and pecu-liar shaped skull." She further states that "upon information and belief the physicians cut open, dissected and disfigured the skull." By reason of the alleged disposi-

tion of her husband's body her rights, she says, have been recklessly and wilfully disregarded and her feelings cruelly outraged. The devotion, love and respect that she entertained for her husband have been shocked and wounded and she has suffered greatly.

Replying to the charges, through attorneys, De Forest Brothers, of No. 30 Broad street, the hospital states that it has no knowledge or information whether he, meaning Mr. Botsford, gave his consent. Further, the hospital asserts, it has no information that Mrs. Botsford is the widow of the dead man, and it is not aware the deceased had an abnormally shaped skull.

While the performance of the autopsy is not denied, it is asserted it was not done wrongfully, or in violation of her rights, or without her knowledge or consent. On the contrary, the defendant believes "the autopsy was performed with the permission and authoriza written tion of the plaintiff or her agent.

The outcome of the case is awaited with interest by members, of the legal profession.-New York Herald.

### TOPICS OF THE PRESS.

BASIS OF TRUE CHARITY. There are many good people among our Protestant friends. Many of Many of them are liberally endowed with the natural virtues. Some are very benevolent and spend their lives in doing good. Some even seem to make good deeds a kind of substitute for faith. We often say to our-"What splendid Catholics these good people would make! How much more good they might do, and how much happier they would if they were members of the one true Church! They would then have what they now lack; a definite, fixed upon which they could with implicit confidence and love." No doubt acts of benevolence done from the promptings of a naturally kindly disposition are attended with a degree of pleasure, but the dan-

companied by a spirit of self-com-placency which will very much lessen their merit and deprive them of the happiness derived from acts of charity prompted by motives derived from a definite, well-grounded faith which promises such splendid rewards to those who do works of charity for the love of God .- Sacred Heart Review.

TALK RELIGION IN SHOPS .-The Young Men's Christian Associa tion is, in some places, going into what it calls extension work. sends a bright speaker to talk religion to the men in large shops at the noon hour. He has an associate or two, who can sing, and after the orator makes a brief but pithy and uplifting address, they sing a services make an impression- they put ideas of religion into the minds of the workingmen, some of whom never go to church, never hear of Christ. In Dayton work of this kind is already carried on in 18 shops; in Cleveland, 23; in Canton, 1; and se on. Why cannot Catholics go out into the byways after the sheep that are lost? Why haven't they the courage to spread the whole truth that others have to spread imperfect views of the truth?-Catholic Colum-

THE REPRESENTATIVE CATH-OLIC .- Lent has come round again; the business men and others who do not want people to notice that they are observing Lent, and yet who wish to observe it, having a hard time. It is curious the extent to which this false shame is carried. The boy of fifteen or sixteen tries to hide his prayer book when he meets other boys on his way to church; and even the man feels queer, as he passes some old friends, if he is carrying anything which shows that he, too, is going to church. He may be a good enough man in his way, but he is hardly a representative Catholic man. The representative Catholic man is not the man with a great deal of money; not the man with fine clothes and a fine house. may indeed happen to have these things; but to be a representative Catholic he must have more. Above all, he must not be ashamed of the fact that he is a Catholic; and he nust not be afraid to do what his Church tells him to do. In other words, he must do what his structed conscience tells him is the right thing to do. That is what is needed-the consciousness of doing what is right, and the man who is never ashamed to do that may be considered in every way as a good and representative Catholic.

### Irishman's Luck.

The following story is told in an American exchange :-

Thomas Mulhern of County Dub lin, Ireland, who came over here in the steerage of the Cunarder Etruria last December and was held at Ellis Island in imminent danger of being deported because he had no money, will return to his native land next month carrying back fortune.

Last fall Thomas, who is 65 years of age, received a letter from an old acquaintance, advising him to come over to this country once if he wished to see his only brother, Patrick Mulhern, before th latter died. The writer also hinted that, Patrick was well-to-do, and would probably reward Thomas for taking the long journey.

Peter Groden, former immigrant detective and now representing 'the Irish Immigrant Society at Island, took an interest in the penniless old man, and by dint of much correspondence located the brother in Sullivan, Maine. Patrick sent the cessary money and Groden saw Thomas on board the train for a reunion with his brother in Maine.

Groden has received a letter say ing that the older brother had died and left Thomas \$90,000, and that the old man is determined to go back to Ireland with his fortune and spend his declining years among his friends and kindred on the old sod.

Circumstances do not always improve character, but if the character be a good one, circumstance strengthen it.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 23rd Feb., 1902 :— Males 360, fe-males 51. Irish 223, French 159, English 20, Scotch and other nationalities 9. Total 411. All ha All had night's lockings and breakfast.



# **GLEANINGS**

A POLICEMAN'S EARNINGS. -A New York daily newspaper which has been looking closely after the affairs of ex-Chief Devery of that city, offers for the consideration of its readers the following statement, which for its deadly brevity and unique classification contains a lesson, to even expert accountants.

It appears under the caption What Devery has Earned in Salary," and is as follows :-Three years and three months

patrolman at \$1,150 a year ..... I'wo years and eight months roundsman, \$1,400 a year. years and months sergeant, \$2,000 a

year ..... Seven years captain, \$2,750 a year ..... month inspector, \$3,-

500 a year Four months Deputy Chief, 1,666 \$5,000 a year . I'wo years six months Chief of Police, \$6,000 a year... 15,000

Total ..... .... ... ... ... \$58,825 Total estimated wealth ....\$750,000 Real estate purchases ... ... 377,800

RECOMMENDATIONS. - There is nore or less deceit practised in writing letters of recommendation. In some cases it is the outcome of a desire to get rid of a servant, a bad tenant who does not pay rent, of a clerk who has made himself obnoxious in some way. An instance has occurred in Paris, France, lately, when a servants' registry office was fined \$100 for carelessness in recommending a notorious thief as a respectable country girl to M. Ming, a dentist. The girl stole two thousand dol-

lars' worth of jewels and plate. The registry office had received from the police a photograph of the girl and a record of eight robberies for which

ECONOMY THE WORD.—An order came from England recently to the New York office of the Armour Packing Company for 750,000 wish-

The name of the company in England from which this order came is withheld by the manager of the Armour Company, but it is known to be a large novelty manufacturing concern which turns out all sorts of Christmas, New Year's and Easter

This order of 750,000 is the large est wishbone order which has ever come into the New York branch the Armour Company. All orders heretofore have been very small indeed compared to it, ranging from 10,000 to 20,000.

According to a statement made by the manager of the Armour branch in New York, orders for the bones have been placed with the company for many years. It is an old article of trade he says millions of the wishbones have been bought and sold. Every packing company gets orders for them.

The sale of the wishbone is ar other evidence of the fact that nothing is lost of an animal or fowl by a packing company.

AN EMBALMER'S DEATH. -After undergoing excruciating torture for four days, Daniel Brophy, a well known undertaker, Williamsburg, N. Y., is dead, a victim of blood pois oning, contracted while preparing for burial the body of a woman.

A PAINTING of Constance, Troyon, a French painter, was sold by auction in London the other day for \$35,000. The picture measures 371

A "QUARTER" CLUB. - A nev club—an association with the unique name of the Maryland Woman's Quarter Club—has been incorporated, with the purpose of collecting a

cleus of the amount necessary the erection of a State sanatorium for the care of consumptives. And as the name of the organization indicates, its founders aim to make the movement, as general as possible and participation in it within the reach of all by asking for twenty-five cent subscriptions.

With this end in view they have had printed a thousand subscription books, each of which contains twenty coupons, each coupon representing a contribution of a quarter of a dollar. The coupons will serve as receipts of money paid to the subscribers, while the holders of the books will retain the records of the money paid on the stubs to which the coupons are attached. As soon as possible these books are to be widely distributed by the directors of the "Quarter Club.

A CURIOUS COMMENT is made regarding street improvements in England's big city, London, English correspondent of an American journal. He says :-

It is a most expensive temperance work that the London County Council is at present carrying out, but it is not designated as such, nor is the general public aware of the fact Yet within the last three years the London County Council has devoted more than \$1,250,000 to the practical work of temperance.

It is one of the consequences of the extensive improvements being made in London at present. When acquiring property for the necessary widening of different streets, many public houses, with licenses and good will, come into the possession of the Council. These properties are very valuable, but the Council, instead of renewing them, for pre mises in the neighborhood, is deliberately giving them up, seeing, at the same time, that no new licenses for these localities are isqued.

In this way the number of public houses in London has been diminished by 103, which were valued at \$1. 372,750.

WANT CHRISTIANS. - Several of the Presbyterian ministers of St. Louis would bar from singing in their choirs sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, no matter how their voices may be, unless the sing rs are professed Christians.

PACKERS FIGHT .- A drop of 21 to 3 cents in wholesale prices of dressed beef is reported in Chicago, as the result of a war that has broken out between rival packers.

OCEAN PASSENGERS. -At the port of New York alone there landed last year 128,000 cabin and 440,-

MEDICAL FEES.-In the slums of London there are doctors who charge only fifteen cents for a consultation, with medicine.

FOR CHARITY.-The will of the ate Marechale Campos, Duchesse de Valence, nee de Tascher, who died in Paris on December 13, has just been made public.

The Duchesse ordered almost all her famous jewels, including a viere, a large brooch, four diamond sprays and two rows of pearls, an enamel by Petitot, an antique can and a garland of diamonds, together with equally precious laces, to be sold for the benefit of various charitable societies.

A STRANGE BILL -A bill has een introduced in the Legislature at Albany by Senator Mills to place the power in the Board of Common Council to take any cemetery in city and remove the bodies. with head stones, to other cemeter-

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### FOR \$7.00

A lot of Children's Small Suits, comprising Brownies, Corduroy and

#### ALL AT HALF PRICE A line of Odd Pants to be cleared at 50c and 75c. Gloves Reduced For Next Weck.

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SNEERS AT IGNORA

# Workings of th

Rev. John T. Driscoll lia's Church, of Fonds delivering a series of l most highly instructive Albany, N.Y. The seco the series was on the The Individual and Some of Father Driscol concerning the workin mind, the search for tr ciples of ethics, the ele emotional life, and the Altruism and Egoism, at thy of being reproduce the rev. lecturer said:-

'The inquiry into the the mind is of great i

out life's journey, and the intellect seeks. Thought is wide and be treasures are of countle