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PEOPLE WHO SHOULD MOVE UP

"An American Catholic" writes to the Catholic Standard and Times: of our religious papers within the past few days have contained items concern-ing what they are pleased to term the End Seat Hog.' This is a hard term to give Catholics who at least go to church, when so many remain away and miss preparation to be early at church, and so secure a good seat, more particularly an end seat, so that they can see the altar and the position of the priest, so as to be able more perfectly to follow the Mass Sometimes even in the end seat, if a woman is in front with a large hatif a woman is in front with a large hatone's devotions are sadly disturbed, but
to move up after waiting from ten minutes to an hour or even more, according
to the celebrity or importance of the service, is hard to do, and the man
who is up large to make his sacrifice
for some lawy or tardy late-comer should
not be called a hog by any one be he
priest or editor. Too often are criticisms
aimed at those present instead of the abaimed at those present instead of the ab-sent, at the punctual instead of the everlastingly late, who covet the places of those who have hastened their meals and hurried to church and patiently waited for what the last comer desires to take. The writer has often been asked by late comers, often women, to up' behind a lot of women with huge hats, and have his efforts for a pleasant service ruined. The man or woman who robs the early comer is the real 'hog!!
There is another kind of hog,' sitting at the upper end of the pew, who is in su a hurry to get out and away that she is not willing that those who wish to say a few after Mass prayers of thanks-giving should do so. Our editors should encourage prompt and early attendance at church and preparatory prayers for Mass and prayers of thanksgiving after Mass, but no one should dis-courage piety, and no one should call Qatholics doing their best to do their duty 'end seat hogs'.

MONTREAL CATHOLIC SAILORS'

America, published at New York, devotes a page and a half to an article on the Montreal Catholics Sailors' Club, which does the same kind of work as the Seamen's Mission in St. John. It was established in 1893. During this year 40,850 sailors registered at the club. The organization began without a dollar; now it has property worth over \$30,000, and sailors have rooms where they can enjoy themselves, write letters, etc. The spiritual welfare is also carefully looked after. America refers eulogistically to some of the officers and speaks of the "invaluable services of Mrs. S. R. Thomson, (formerly of St. John) so long the secretary of the women's committee.'

A telegram from Vienna to Rome announces that Count Georges Ludovico Esterhazy has been ordained priest at Innsbruck at the age of sixty-one years. Count Esterhazy, who is one of the wealthiest nobles in Hungary, was a military officer in his early days, and fought with much distinction at the batof Sadowa. His marriage with Countess Moscon Fogaroli proved a source of happiness to him, but she and their two sons died at an early age Soon after this blow the Hungarian noble de-cided to dedicate the remainder of his life to the service of God, and entered S. S. Co., Limited

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HANDSOME GATE.

The entrance to the Catholic cemetery is being beautified by the erection of a handsome iron gate, with concrete pillars, the contract for which has been The awarded to Mr. Chas. Horsnell. central gate has an opening of twelve feet. It is surmounted by an ornamental arch, bearing the words "Cemetery of Church of St. Andrew." A cross adorns the centre of the arch. On either side of the large gate are two smaller gates of five feet in width. These gates were manufactured by a firm at Indianapolis, Ind.—Beacon, St. Andrews.

Rev. J. M. O'Flanerty is the pastor at St. Andrews.

St. Andrews.

THE QUESTION BOX. (By Rev. John Price, in the Pittsburg Observer.)

"Why does the Catholic Church refuse

to ordain women"? Curious. Because in all the history of true re ligion under the law of nature, under the law of Moses, and under the law of Christianity women were never admitted to serve at the altar as priests. In offer sacrifice. The Levitical priesthood was entirely masculine. If any woman was ever worthy to exercise priestly functions, the Bles sed Virgin would be yet neither our Lord nor the Apostles gave her office. St. Paul, far from tolerating the idea of priestesses, commanded women to prese erve silence in the assemblies of the faithful.

A reason given for woman's inaptitude for sacred orders is that she is by nature set in a state of dependence wpon man. tual powers over men. A woman who powers would be out of her natural posi-

on, which would be a disorder It might be said that Scripture speaks of dea of deaconesses and presbyteresses, and that in Church discipline there are ab-But none of these positions early Church were a sort of pions guild and the presbyteresses were the wives of the clergy who were married before the latter's ordination. The abbesses occupied only a political position—superioresses of religious communities

"Can a Pope abdicate and have a suc-essor whilst still living"? R. Yes; Pope St. Celestine V. after taking the advice or views of Canonists, surrendered his office in a Consistory held in Naples. Pope Pius VII., previous to his journey to France in 1804, had drawn up formula of abdication that should take effect if Napoleon should hold him

Though a Pope may resign he can-not be deprived or deposed against his will. The fact that the Council of Constance deposed Pope John XIII in order to end the Great Western Schism does not invalidate our state-Schism does not invalidate our state-ment; for that deposition was in ac-cordance with his own will. Besides, the legitimacy of his election was of doubtful nature. In his acceptance of the Council's sentence, he said, that "if the pontifical dignity was never his or did not belong to him even now, he abdicated it and renounced it nurely and simply." purely and simply.

"What is meant by 'reserved cases' "?

By the Sacrament of Orders priests are empowered to absolve from sins. But besides the power there is required jurisdiction. With-out jurisdiction the power of absolu-tion is limited and cannot be validly exercised. The Pope has jurisdiction in a plenary sense, and can absolve from all sins; with him there is no reservation. A Bishop can absolve in all cases within his diocese except ORDAINED PRIEST AT SIXTY ONE. in cases that are reserved to the Pope. So, too, a priest can absolve in all cases within his parish, except where a case is expressly reserved to the Bishop. But, a Bishop can absol-ve from cases reserved to the Pope, when the Pope, delegates him for that purpose, and a priest, by episco-pal delegation, can absolve from episcopal reserved cases. But in dan-ger of death a priest can absolve for the salvation of the dying man

from papal and episcopal cases with-out special jurisdiction, the Church supplying jurisdiction.

The purpose of reservation is to de-ter the faithful from committing certain sins by $m_{\rm g} king$ the reception of absolution difficult and through the humiliation that they must suffer by

in that city this fall. Brother O'Donnell has been a resident of Holyoke for the past 25 years. He has never sought public office before. He is a member of the Holyoke Business Men's Association, Knights of Columbus, Benevolent Pro-tective Order of Elks, Orphans' Aid Association, Douglas Hyde Club, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Foresters of America. His legion of friends in this part of Massachusetts wish him success. -Hibernian, Boston.

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