

"An interesting order, which was thought to have been broken up by Juarez, is that of the Carmelites, most of whom quietly remained here and secretly kept up, as far as possible, their work and practices. The order has for its official head the Rev. Father Rafael Checa, parish priest of San Angel, a venerable and devout man, who is on intimate terms with some of the oldest and wealthiest of the families of the city of Mexico, who make his town their summer home. Most of the Carmelites of the days of "the persecution" are now dead. The order has been recruited by younger men, some of them indefatigable workers among the poor and neglected, and also conducting missions in distant regions."

Reading Run Riot.

The *Catholic Universe*, of Cleveland, said a good thing when that excellent journal lately remarked:

"The newspaper-reading mania does one thing for those afflicted with it, if it doesn't serve to supply garners of useful knowledge for the storehouse of the mind, it vitiates their tastes and spoils them for really beneficent literary exercise. They are unable to concentrate their thoughts on any other sort of literature, and deny themselves the pleasure and profit of using their faculties in pursuit of the best thought and noblest conceptions of truth, gathered from the ages. The person whose thirst for information is slacked in the putrid stream of police court chronicles and whose mind is appeased with the dry husks of reportorial tittle tattle, can be easily "located" in the category of intelligences. Therefore we utter no rash judgment or unfair aspersion when we say that the young man or young woman who is content, and more than content, with the mental pabulum furnished by his daily paper, belongs to a low order of manhood and is not likely to seek or experience the refining processes of moral and intellectual development. He is apt to be satisfied with himself and his condition and stupidly refuse the means to improve either."

"Reading maketh a full man" in divers senses. We should think a person would be full after drinking in all the contents of the bulky Sunday paper. It is capable of intoxicating the most robust brain—making, indeed, a *full* man, but one who is apt to turn into a *fool*-man.

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