

A Remarkable Banquet.

"I have eaten apples that ripened more than 1800 years ago, bread made from wheat grown before the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea, spread with butter that was made when Elizabeth was Queen of England, and washed down the repast with wine that was old when Columbus was playing barfoot with the boys of Genoa," is the remarkable statement made by a writer in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, "This remarkable 'spread' was given by an antiquarian named Goebel in the city of Brussels in 1874. The apples were from an earthen jar taken from the ruins of Pompeii, that buried city to whose people we owe our knowledge of canning fruit. The wheat was taken from a chamber in one of the smaller pyramids, the butter from a stone shelf in an old well in Scotland, where for centuries it had lain in an earthen crock in icy water, and the wine was recovered from an old vault in the city of Corinth. There were six guests at the table, and each had a mouthful of the bread and a teaspoonful of wine, but was permitted to help himself liberally to the butter, there being several pounds of it. The apple jar held about two-thirds of a gallon, and the fruit was as sweet and the flavor as fine as though put up yesterday."

The Teaspoon is Banished.

The teaspoon has been banished from the table of the ultra elegant. Its use has long been forbidden to assist in eating any sort of kernel and soft vegetables, but it survived for a time as an aid to consuming what our grandmothers called "sauce," and for certain desserts of a custard nature or ices and ice cream. Now its employment is considered, as the fashionable woman told her child, "worse than wicked—vulgar—" in any such service. So, like Fatima in the "Arabian Nights" eating her grains of rice, we pick at all those yielding, gelatinous, and elusive substances with a little fork. The teaspoon is restricted to the teacup, and that alone.

Catholics and Catholic Papers.

A well-known missionary priest once said that he never knew an intelligent Catholic family that failed to take a Catholic paper. The explanation was that, if intelligent and if truly Catholic, their wants led them to look for a Catholic paper as a necessity. But there were intelligent persons, conforming as Catholics, who did not care for Catholic papers. It was lack of interest in Catholicity. They were intelligent but not truly Catholic.

How about the Catholic who is not intelligent? who will eagerly devour local gossip and sensational stories, but who can't read a Catholic paper? More intelligence is the thing most needed.—*Catholic Citizen*.

The Crucifix of Louis XVI.

It has often been wondered what had become of the crucifix used by the Abbe Edgeworth at the execution of Louis XVI, says the *London Daily News*. A Paris correspondent says it is now in the possession of the parish priest of St. Medard de Guisiers, to whom it was given by one of his flock, a Mme. d'Espilat, when she was dying. She enjoined him never to part with it, because it was a sacred relic, and she expected that Louis the Martyr would one day figure in the calendar of the Church along with his ancestor, St. Louis. The crucifix, with the Christ on it, is in old carved ivory, and was probably made at Dieppe.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thos. Smith, Esq., Drumlane, Moyalty, to the Commission of the Peace for the county Meath.

Princess May of Teck has achieved new distinction through the invention of a "hygienic teapot." The hot water is poured through the tea leaves, but not allowed to remain upon them. They are placed in an upper vessel or strainer, which is removed when the water has passed through. Tea made in this way can be kept hot for any length of time without fear of obtaining that solution of tanning which is so destructive to the nerves.

The sword General Beauregard bequeathed to Charleston is an unusually ornate sabre, with a fine Damascus blade and an elaborate hilt wrought with gold. The scabbard, which is of gold, is very handsomely ornamented in low relief, and on it is engraved the inscription: "Brigadier-General G. T. Beauregard, from the ladies of New Orleans May 21, 1861." The sword was sent to General Beauregard just after the fall of

Fort Sumter, and was given to commemorate that event.

The total amount subscribed last year by the Catholics of the United States for missionary work among the negroes and Indians was \$90,068.09. The colored population of the South, according to the report for 1890, was 6,000,160. Of these, only a little more than 140,000 are Catholic. Of an Indian population of 285,730,49,434 belong to the Catholic Church.

Since Mr. Justin McCarthy was elected to the leadership of his party he has done more solid and permeating work in the interests of home rule than any other private member in the House of Commons. During the last twelve months or more he has written article after article in the magazines, has contributed leader after leader for the great newspaper with which he has been so long and intimately connected, while the number of interviews and fugitive contributions which he has scattered broadcast must be a severe task on the energy and versatility of this busy politician.

The Austrian archduchess who was recently married did not take her splendid bridal robe with its embroideries of silver marguerites and costly lace to her new home, but made a gift of it to the church where her sisters and brothers prayed continually for her recovery during a serious illness. The beautiful gown is to be made into a set of Easter vestments for the clergy, and the bride will keep only for her remembrance of the day the veil of tulle and the myrtle wreath, which all German and Austrian brides wear in token of their purity.

The late Baron de Rothschild once took a cab to his offices, and on alighting tendered the proper fare. The cabman received it, but kept his hand open and looked at the money significantly, which caused the baron to inquire whether it was not right. "Oh, yes," replied the cabman, "it's quite right, but your sons usually give me double." "They do, do they?" was the baron's reply. "Well, they have a rich father, and can afford it. I have not."

He—Do you think I—aw—shall have a good beard? Barber after close inspection I'm afraid not, sir. He—Ah, weally. Ma lawther has a very fine beard, you know. Barber—Maybe you take after your mamma, sir.

Maria (after talking for a quarter of an hour and getting no answers)—Thar ye set, jest chewin and chewin with yer mouth always so full of terbacker yer can't say a word. Uncle Abner—Maria, I wish you'd learn to chew terbacker.

"Which do you like best, Uncle Silas, tragedy or comedy?"

"Well, for the most part," replied Farmer Begosh, "I believe I prefer tragedy, for when the killin' comes yer feels that yer gettin' sorter square with the actors."

THE MARKETS

TORONTO, April 5, 1893.

Wheat, fall, per bush.....	\$0 68	0 00
Wheat, red, per bush.....	0 67	0 00
Wheat, spring, per bush....	0 62	0 63
Wheat, goose, per bush.....	0 61	0 62
Barley, per bush.....	0 40	0 45
Oats, per bush.....	0 35	0 36
Peas, per bush.....	0 60	0 62
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs....	7 00	7 25
Chickens, per pair.....	0 60	0 75
Geese, per lb.....	0 08	0 09
Turkeys, per lb.....	0 12	0 13
Butter, per lb.....	0 22	0 25
Eggs, now laid, per dozen....	0 14	0 15
Parsley, per doz.....	0 20	0 39
Radishes, per doz.....	0 00	1 00
Beets, per bag.....	0 45	0 60
Turnips, per bag.....	0 40	0 45
Cabbage, now, per doz.....	0 40	0 50
Celery, per doz.....	0 50	0 00
Onions, per bag.....	0 00	1 00
Lettuce, per doz.....	0 00	0 40
Carrots, per bag.....	0 25	0 50
Potatoes, per bag.....	0 95	1 00
Apples, per bbl.....	1 00	2 00
Hay, timothy.....	9 01	11 00
Straw, sheaf.....	7 50	8 50

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 4.—Only twenty-one loads came to hand. Some few deals of prime stuff were made at 4c, but the principal business for very fair cattle was done around 3½c and a shade over.

There were only 68 sheep and yearlings on sale, and these few were not really wanted. Sheep were nominally quoted at from \$5 to \$7 each, and grain fed yearlings sold at 5½ to 6c per pound.

A few spring lambs were here, and sold at from \$3 to \$5 each, but the enquiry was very light.

About a dozen calves were here, and they sold at fairly maintained and steady prices; if of good quality, a few more would have sold.

Milkers were slow to-day at from \$35 to \$45 each, with one sale at \$48. We had not much enquiry for springers, but good ones will find steady prices.

In hogs weakness was felt; in one case 6c was paid, but the best sold at a range of from \$5.50 to \$5.75 per cwt. Stores and small rough hogs are but little enquired for.



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