

## Enn's Flag.

According to the Irish Independent of Dublin, Ireland has no national flag. It says that the green flag is a comparative innovation, and though destined to be the national banner of all Ireland some day, it is as yet little more than the ensign of the popular party.

Ireland's lack of a traditional flag is explained by her preference, in the days of her nationhood, for a multiplicity of contemporary kings, each with his own colors. Besides, the hereditary principle never fully prevailed. Monarchs were mostly chosen from the ranks of the minor princes, and each of them elected brought with him, and continued to use, his own standard.

Hence it happens that Ireland's oldest flag is (in the language of bulls) an English flag. After the English invasion the standard of Ireland bore three golden crowns on a blue field.

A smile lurks in the circumstance that later on Henry VIII., when he quarrelled with the Pope, had fears lest his Irish flag, with its three crowns, might mysteriously bind him to the tripe crown of the Papacy. He therefore substituted a new device, the harp, perhaps the most beautiful of all banner emblems. On a blue background it remains to this day the official Irish ensign.

And the very instrument which is believed to have suggested the harp design to the mind of the notorious Henry is preserved at this moment in the library of Trinity College.

## A Great Triumph

Gained by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

The Doctors of Mount Clemens Institute Prove the Value of These Pills in the Case of Mr. S. Harris, Government Inspector of Elevators at Hamilton, Ont.

From the Star, Dundas, Ont.

We were much pleased to see Mr. S. Harris, the well known Government Inspector of elevators of Hamilton, in Dundas the other day, greatly improved in health and appearance since the last time we met him. As is known to many of the Star readers, Mr. Harris has recovered from a long and severe illness, and is now quite able to attend his usual duties. From this long illness many predicted Mr. Harris would never recover, and the fact that he is once more able to go around very nearly as spry as he did before he was attacked, is little less than marvellous to them.

In reply to our reporter, Mr. Harris related the early stages of the attack and subsequent sufferings which he experienced, and while he did not court publicity, decided that in the public interest he would relate the circumstances of this wonderful cure. About fourteen months ago Mr. Harris woke up one morning with a stiff neck; try as he would, and after applying all the remedies externally that he could hear of or think of, he was unable to get rid of it. The stiffness moved to the spine and shoulders, then to his hips, until it made almost a cripple of him, and it was with extreme difficulty that he could get out of bed at all. As for walking, it was out of the question with him. The attack became so bad that he was unable to put on either his coat, vest or hat. From time to time he called in various medical men, none of whom were able to give him much relief. It was almost impossible for him to raise his feet from the floor, and all pronounced his severe case of muscular rheumatism, giving him little encouragement as to his ultimate recovery. However, one medical gentleman finally recommended the baths, and as a last resort Mr. Harris decided to follow his advice,

and went to Mount Clemens, Mich. As is customary with all patients, Mr. Harris had to undergo a thorough examination in order to determine if the system can stand this rigorous treatment. After several examinations had been made as to Mr. Harris' condition, the physicians there finally decided that he was not suffering from muscular rheumatism at all, but that his ailment was of the nerves, and told him that the baths would do him little or no good; that he required altogether different treatment. Mr. Harris placed himself in the hands of one of the physicians there, and what seemed quite strange to him, they did nothing for him but administer medicine in the shape of pills. Shortly after he commenced this treatment he began to improve perceptibly, and his appetite greatly improved. He began to walk around slowly at first, but soon was able to get around more than he could for a year previous. He was able to put on his coat and vest, and began to feel like his former self. His improvement was so rapid and perceptible not only to himself, but to others, that he was plying with all sorts of questions as to his wonderful recovery. The medical attendant was questioned as to the nature of the medicine which was being administered. Much to the surprise of Mr. Harris and other patients there, he was told that it was a well known Canadian remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and was advised to continue their use for a time on his return home. Mr. Harris is loud in his praise of the wonderful curative qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and consented to make his case public in the hope that he might benefit others similarly afflicted. Mr. Harris has long been a resident of Hamilton, being a well known builder of elevators, as well as Government Inspector of the same, so that his prominence and well known integrity is evidence that he is sincere in the statements he made.

## Sin of Prejudice.

The great Archbishop Ireland, in his book, "The Church and Modern Society," has said: "May religious bitterness be forever banished from the land. Differ we do, differ we most likely shall on matters of religion. Need we on that account be at war with one another and forget the duties imposed by justice and charity? Why not assume that others are just as honest as we are and just as loyal to conscience as we are? Never should we attribute to others thoughts that they disavow, sentiments that they abhor. Never should we do unto others that which we would not wish them to do unto us."

A few Sundays ago I attended with a friend an Epworth League meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church. Let me state, here, that immediately after the singing of the first hymn, an article was read by a member of the league, vilifying the Catholic religion. And another of like kind, followed.

I do not know whether or not the whole evening was taken up with abuse of the Catholic Church (for I did not remain longer). But I do know that I carried away with me from that meeting wholly different feelings from those with which I had entered.

Many Protestants are as ignorant of the Catholic religion as a new-born babe, but their minds have been so poisoned from babyhood that they are ready to believe anything of the hated Catholicism. I know this to be a fact.

When a child I attended the Sunday schools, respectively, of the Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches, and later a Methodist school, where the students were required to be present at a series of revivals. Following this, I became a member of the Congregational

Christian Endeavor Society, in which I took an active part for more than two years.

In my eighteenth year I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, which I afterwards attended whenever opportunity afforded. However, as we all know, Episcopalians are few in number in western towns of small population, hence I was not always able to do so, and in consequence I was present at the Sunday services of many other Protestant churches. Recently I married into the Catholic Church, after devoting many weeks of strenuous study.

Judging from my experience with the various Protestant religions, I think I can safely affirm that there is less of that feeling of animosity towards Catholics among the Episcopalians than among any other Protestant denomination, and I regret to say it more of it among the Methodists.

We read in the papers daily of ministers of various creeds and denominations who have fallen into sin, and no one would think of unjustly laying the sin of his minister at the door of his church. Yet, on the other hand, let a priest of the Catholic Church deviate from his course in the "straight and narrow way," and immediately he is held up before the public as a true example of the Catholic Church. Alas! It is sad indeed, nevertheless it is a fact. Even the pure, devout, self-denying Catholic sisters do not escape the slanderous tongues of the narrow-minded. The Catholic sisters have a living example of self-sacrificing devotion to God. I, or any one, will never be able to give them all the praise and reverence due them.

You, who are sowing the seeds of prejudice in the mind of your child, you are committing a sin against that child. Not only that you are not teaching him love and goodness and "peace, good-will toward men," but you are filling his mind and his heart with false ideas and unreasoning hatred towards his fellow-men. Eph. iv. 3: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and evil-speaking be put aside from you with all rancour."—Edith Sinclair Coffey.

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