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"Please pass the butter," as a man remarked when he sent his goat by rail. An old lady with several unmarried daughters fed them on fish diet because it

is rich in phosphorus, and phosphorus is the essential thing in making matches. Grace: "I am going to see Clara to-day; have you any message?" Charlotte: "I wonder how you can visit that dreadful girl. Give her my love."

keep," was the answer, in a tone of slight

Old lady to taxidermist: "You can see Old lady to taxidermist: "You can see for yourself, man. You only stuffed my poor parrot last spring, and here are his feathers tumbling out before your eyes." Taxidermist: "Bless ye, 'm that's the triumph of the art. We stuff 'em that natural that they moults in their proper season."

till one of these infidel chaps cam' this way. Jim turned infidel, and used to badger me about attending prayer meetings; but one day in the pit a large cob of coal came down upon Jim's head. Jim thought he was killed—and ah mon! but he did holler and cry to God." Then turning to Mr. Bradlaugh—with a knowing look—he said: "Young man, there's now't like cobs of coal for knocking infidelity out of a man!"

An Irish nobleman, riding along a large congregations in the Decision of the presence of the cross, to witness the devotion of the humble, but devout and awestruck congregation, watching their priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the congregation of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the congregation of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence of the priest, yet poorer than themselves, sacrificing at the scantily decorated altaristic in the presence at the bare, whitewashed walls, placed on the bare of the bare, whitewashed walls, placed of the bare, whitewa

An Irish nobleman, riding along a country road in Ireland, saw a very fat boy dozing by the roadside. "Which way is it to Macroom, my lad?" asked the nobleman. "That way," replied the boy, lazily moving the toe of his boot in the direction of the place. Astonished at his extreme laziness, my lord dismounted. "Boy," said he, "if you can show me a lazier act than that I will give you a half a crown." The boy eyed him speedily for a moment, and, turning half over on his side, muttered: "Put it in my pocket, sor." He got his half-crown.

A clergymen in Pittsburg lately married

A clergymen in Pittsburg lately married lady with whom he received the substantial dowry of \$10,000 and a fair prospect for more. Soon afterward, while occupying the pulpit, he gave out a hymn, read the first four stanzas, and was reading

Forever let my grateful heart, His boundless grace adore—

when he hesitated, and exclaimed, "Ahem! The choir will omit the fifth verse," sit down. The congregation, attracted by his apparent confusion, read the remain-

Which gives ten thousand blessings now, And bids me hope for more.

And bids me hope for more.

He was saying, as he struck a lucifer on the side of the house, "I like these houses with sanded paint; nice when you want to strike a match, you know." "Is that so?" she asked demurely; "I wish I lived in a house with sanded paint?—and then she looked things unutterable. If he had asked: "What for?" she would have hated him. But he didn't; he took the hint and the match was struck then and there.

Not everybody can give a compliment.

Not everybody can give a compliment. thing, but also to say it at the right time and in the right way. A gentleman lately met his fate in the zoological garden. His fate was in the shape of a beautiful young lady who was not at all adverse to the possibilities of the future. She was not unwilling to spend the money of any eligible person who presented himself in the role of a husband. "Ah, my dear Adele! he said, as the two gazed at the wild animals of the menagerie," wherever I meet you, I find that you are the greatest ornament of the place." Whether he meant that she had qualities of character superior to those of the lamb from Tarsus and in the right time and motherly care.

The aroma of the tobacco leaf is so completely conserved in the manufacture of the plug has no effect in adminishing it; even after the plug has been kept for years it gives out its full flavor under the combustion in the pipe, the most exqusite smoke which tobacco are meaned to give. Age too hardens the season.

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tary, or other qualities resembling these of the tiger from Bengal, she did not stop to think. He went home, however, at a somewhat rapid pace, and with a sort of crushed feeling at the heart which makes it impossible for him to be happy.

THE OBSERVE OF THE MEDDLE When a pugilistic peeler isn't peeling-Isn't peeling, To take some tipsy toper into quod-To take some tipsy toper into quod-Into quod.

The way in which he's apt to show his feeling.

feeling. Show his feeling,
Creates remark as being mighty odd.
He sidles up a narrow little alley.
Little alley.
And leans and sleeps a-standing in the

sun—
In the sun.
When 'tisn't necessary for to rally.
For to rally,
The policeman's lot is quite a Nappy onenappy one!

Two women have started a barber shop in Washington. We saw one woman start a barber shop once. She came in with a cowhide in her hand and said she was going to horsewhip the man who had being talking about her; and eight men with towels under their chins and lather on their faces, hustled out of the chairs and started for the back door on the run. and started for the back door on the run.

He Demonstrated the Difference. A smart young man asked a getleman from Cape Cod: "What's the difference from Cape Cod: "What's the difference between you and a clam?" thinking that the Cape Codger would say that he didn't know, and then the young man would pity him for not being able to see any difference between himself and a clam; but the thing didn't work. The Codger took the young man and brushed a path across the street with him, and then, after crowding him into an empty fish-barrel, and yanking him out again, said: "A clam wouldn't be playing with you this way. That's the difference 'twixt me and a clam." The young man had no more questions to ask.—Hartford Courant.

THE CHURCH OF THE MASSES.

Now and then, amid the tornado of talk

"Hark! I hear an angel sing," sang a young man in an outside township school exhibition. "No, tant," shouted an old farmer in one of the back seats; "its's my old mule that's hitched outside!" The young man broke down and quit.

A little girl went timidly into a store at Bellaire, O., the other morning and asked the clerk how many shoe-strings she could get for five cents. "How long did you want them?" he asked. "I want them to keep," was the answer, in a tone of slight

in the Protestant churches, there are still nearly two hundred thousand people that are outside of all religious organizations."

We will suppose that one hundred thousand Catholies live, move, and have their being in this city; reliable statistics warrant us in the supposition. Moreover, there are very many others who come under Catholic influence, and if so, doubtless they profit by that influence; it cannot be otherwise.

natural that they moults in their proper season."

"Comparisons are odiuus." The major (rocking Nelly on his knee, for Aunt Mary's sake)—"I suppose that is what you like. Nelly?" Nelly—" Yes, it's very nice. But I rode a real donkey yesterday—I mean one with four legs, you know."

At a theatre in Dublin a gentleman requested a man in front of him to sit down, adding sarcastically: "I suppose you are not aware, sir, that you are not opaque."
"I shall sit down when it suits me," was the response; "and if you want to handle my name, mind it's not O'Pake at all, but O'Brien."

At the close of a lecture in Nottinghamshire Mr. Bradlaugh challenged any one present to reply to his argument. A collier arose and said: "Maister Bradlaugh, me and my mate Jim were both Methodys till one of these infidel chaps can'this way. Jim turned infidel, and used to badger me about attending prayer meet.

The preacher follows with a damaging admission:

"Large congregations in the Protestant churches are the exception, not the rule.

The count of the audiences on a certain law a little ways then a very super head.

day, a little more than a year and a half ago, showed that in more than one hun-dred Protestant churches the average of dred Protestant churches the average of the congregations at the morning service was a little more than one hundred, while the average, in sixteen of the largest churches was a little more than two hun-dred. According to the statement there were about 12,500 in all the Protestant churches on that morning, while the es-timate for the Catholic churches was 40,000."

"I have been told that these estimates 40,000. were disputed at the time, but I think they were so nearly accurate as to show in general the real condition of the churches. Such counts or estimates would show different results in different places, but still it is true that our Protestant churches have to an alarming extent lost the love and

still it is true that our Protestant churches have to an alarming extent lost the love and the respect of the masses of our population, and hence the gospel is not preached to the poor."

We will not dispute the estimates as taken at one mass. At the Cathedral alone six masses are said every Sunday, at which large congregations assist. Therefore, we are within limits if we double the estimate of the Catholic congregations given above. Again we will not dispute that the Protestant churches have "lost the love and respect of the masses of our population;" but we very much question if the masses ever felt that love and respect. Protestant preaching is a profession, a livelihood; the Catholic priesthood is a divine vocation, a lifelong sacrifice, the reward for which is not of this world.

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