

Aunt Nora's ... Corner.

"And He who made her face so fair,
Who owned on earth her sway,
Will not refuse the slightest prayer
His mother makes in May."

It is singularly appropriate that the general intention blessed by the Pope for the associates of the League of the Sacred Heart for the month of May should be "The thirteenth century of England's Conversion."

As all Aunt Nora's young friends know, England was known in her Catholic days as "Our Lady's Dowry," and now after long centuries of darkness she turns once more to "The Mother of Fair Love and Holy Hope." Like Ireland, England is covered with ruins of abbeys, monasteries and convents, erected by the followers of St. Augustine. It is consoling to know that the ruin of the Church in the 16th century was not brought about by the rebellion of the people, but by the tyranny of the Crown and those who too often were more the servants of the King than of Jesus Christ. The story will be remembered of one of them who, after his downfall, at the hour of death exclaimed in bitter grief: "Had I but served my God as I have my King, He would not have abandoned me in my old age."

That was the man who destroyed the Priory of the Augustinians which stood almost upon the very spot on which Tonbridge chapel had been erected. In his pride and vanity he wanted to found a college at Oxford to perpetuate his memory, to be called Cardinal College, and to get the necessary funds he sought permission to suppress and confiscate to his own use some of the lesser monasteries. When it was attempted to get the consent of the inhabitants of the good town of Tonbridge for the nefarious scheme to destroy their Priory, they strongly objected. They were hypocritically assured that it would be better for them to have forty children from Tonbridge sent to Oxford than to have the Priory of the Augustinians, but the people of Tonbridge were not to be cajoled and they refused consent; but by violence and fraud the sacrilege was accomplished and the Priory destroyed. Cardinal College was never founded. The college endowed by sacrilege and plunder was called Christ Church, as it is to this day; and the unhappy man who sought to immortalize himself only succeeded in one thing—in suggesting to Henry VIII and the infamous Cromwell the suppression of all the monasteries in England. The late Cardinal Manning was never weary of saying that the English people were deprived of their most precious inheritance—the Catholic Faith—by violence and falsehood.

Aunt Nora's young friends often see and hear the expression "Protestant England"; at the present day this is a misnomer. No one can now call it Protestant England and speak truthfully. The number of conversions every year, the invitation of the Pope to the English people, and the recent appeal of the Anglicans to Rome, make the expression sound out of place. Rather let us, when opportunity occurs, say with loving pride, not "Protestant England," but England, "Our Lady's Dowry."

HINTS FOR GIRLS.

It's not such a difficult matter to keep your room in order.

After your own particular domain is in order, learn to keep it so.

Learn to dispose of things as you handle them, and while dressing yourself you will at the same time unconsciously be setting your room in order.

Have a dainty little catch-all upon the bureau, or hanging near it, and whenever you see a stray thread or bit of dirt which you can pick up, don't neglect it, but let it place be in the catch-all.

This precaution will make sweeping an easy task and save your room from ever having a littered look.

There will be no days of "putting things to rights," for they will be right all the time, and your room will be a continual pleasure to you, as you will not count the time it requires to keep it so any more than you do that which you give to ensure personal cleanliness.

It will be easier to keep your room nice than to let it go after you once know the pleasure of an orderly, dainty room, kept so by your own hands.

HAMMERING SENSE INTO HIM.

"I'm cured," declared a young fellow with good looks and an abundance of animal spirits to several of his boon companions the other evening. "You know that my sister Lena clerks down town and is frequently detained till after dark. On such occasions she walks home with a girl friend in the same establishment. Lena has always said that if any man ever tried to stop them she would make it so hot for him, that he would try to find some honest employment, and I thought I'd just test her courage for the fun of the thing."

"I did. When the girls were hurrying along about two blocks from home, I sprang out of an alley, stuck an empty

revolver in their faces, ordered them to throw up their hands and told them that a scream from either of them would mean immediate death. The other girl went to screaming, but Lena was loaded for bear and swiped me over the head with an iron poker that had dangled from her belt under her cloak. I tried to explain, but she was too excited to heed anything but the job she had undertaken. I was knocked down but she welled away till my scalp was slit in 20 directions. The cries of the other one brought a policeman, and even after the whole thing was explained he insisted on walking home with us to make sure of my identity. Under the impression that the policeman had clubbed me unmercifully, the old gentleman was calling for a weapon with which to annihilate him, when Lena hurriedly told the story.

"I'm 23, but father kicked me around the house three times and then threw me into bed. He informed me that the average lunatic could teach me common sense, and I believed him. I've sworn off on practical jokes."—Detroit Free Press.

DEATH IN ICE-CREAM.

The death of Selina Peach, aged 14, the daughter of a labourer living at 24 Langford road, Fulham, Eng., should act as a warning to children who are tempted to indulge in cheap ice-cream as dispensed at street barrows. At the inquiry the mother stated that deceased bought some ice-cream at a barrow in the street, and the next day was drowsy, giddy, and had a bad headache. Previous to that she had been quite well. The following day she was sick, and a doctor was called, but death took place. Dr. J. Edwards, of 58 Wandsworth Bridge road, said that all the organs were healthy except the stomach, which was greatly congested from an irritant poison—ptomaine—probably set up by eating ice-cream. This common ice cream had been a frequent source of illness in the district. Death was due to exhaustion from ptomaine poisoning.

AN AUNT'S ADVICE.

BROUGHT A YOUNG LADY OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

A REMARKABLE CASE THAT VIVIDLY SHOWS THE WONDERFUL HEALTH RESTORING POWER OF DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

From the Orangeville Banner.

There is no doubt at all that many people are prejudiced against proprietary medicines, and equally no doubt many look upon the testimonials published as much in the nature of an exaggerated puff. If the Banner has been tainted with this feeling it has, so far as one medicine is concerned, had its doubts removed. We refer to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, concerning the curative qualities of which strong claims have been made, and proofs advanced in their support which seemed equally strong. But it is when one comes across in their own locality a case almost rivaling any that have been made public, that doubt disappears and conviction follows. Such a case the Banner came across and investigated and now gives the facts. The case is that of Miss Sarah Langford, an estimable young lady who resides in the neighborhood of Camilla. We were told she had been brought near to death's door and had been restored to health through the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. We decided, however, to cast hearsay aside and investigate for ourselves.

We found Miss Langford the picture of health and good spirits, at her pleasant home in Camilla. In response to our inquiries as to her illness and the cause of her recovery, she expressed her willingness to satisfy our curiosity, and, as she added, relate her experience for the good of others afflicted as she was. Her story very briefly, was as follows:—"I had a gripe in the spring of 1894. I did not seem to get over the effects of the attack, and as the summer progressed became weak and listless. Any kind of work became a burden to me. After pumping a pail of water from the well, I would have to stand and hold my hands over my heart for a moment or so, it would flutter so violently. I could not go up stairs without difficulty, and towards the last would have to rest on the steps, and when I got to the top, lie down until I could recover my breath. I became a mere skeleton, my cheeks were like wax and my lips colorless. I lost all appetite and my meals often went untasted. Medicine seemed to have no effect upon me. I was getting weaker all the time, and at last began to give up hope of recovery. My parents were of course in great distress, and I knew by the looks and actions of friends who called to see me that they thought I was doomed to an early death. Then a dear lady friend died and I managed out of love for her to drag myself to her funeral. The sensation of seeing her laid away, believing that I would soon follow her, was a strange one. Shortly after this an aunt of mine, Mrs. Wm. Henderson, of Toronto, came to visit at our place. My condition troubled her very much and she insisted on my trying Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To please her I consented, but with little hope of any good results. The effect, however, was wonderful and a pleasing surprise to me. I soon began to feel more cheerful and seemed to feel stronger. Then my appetite began to improve and the color returned to my cheeks and lips. From that hour I steadily gained strength, and was soon enjoying my former excellent health, and I am sincere in expressing my belief that to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do I owe my recovery."

Enquiry among neighbors corroborated Miss Langford's story as to her illness and remarkable recovery. In her case at least Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given a striking proof that they possess wonderful merits. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase be enclosed in a wrapping bearing the full trade mark, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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ANCIENT IRISH CHALICE.

BEARS REMARKABLE TESTIMONY TO THE SKILL OF THE ORIGINAL IRISH ARTIFICERS.

A unique specimen of antique church plate is at present in the ecclesiastical art factory of a Dublin firm to whom it has been entrusted for repair. It is a chalice, which bears the date 1494, and which, according to expert testimony, is one of the oldest and most valuable in the United Kingdom. Notwithstanding that it is more than 400 years old the sacred vessel is in an excellent state of preservation, and bears remarkable testimony to the skill of its original Irish artificers.

The base of the chalice is hexagonal, and it is only here that it shows signs of its great age, as one of the panels has been partly worn away. The following inscription engraved around the base gives us the date of its manufacture, and tells us by whose direction it was made: "Thomas de Burgho et Grannia O'Malley me fieri fecerunt Anno Domini 1494." The cup is different from the form now generally used, and its peculiar shape and the character of the enamel inserted in diamond settings on the stem are among the proof of its antiquity. This ornamentation, in fact, is like that seen in the Tara brooch and the cross of Cong, and a close inspection reveals that not only the projections on the stem, but also the base edge were treated similarly. The eight panels of the chalice are covered with leaf decorations of a delicate and beautiful character, and the knob in the centre is remarkable for the finish of its fluted ornamentation.

The chalice itself is considered to be of the finest silver and is mercury gilt. Mr. Longfield, the curator of the Royal Dublin Society, considers it one of the most beautiful specimens of that peculiar class of Irish works he had ever seen. In the opinion of antiquarians the chalice, if offered for sale at Christie's well-known London auction mart, would not sell for less than four figures. The firm in whose possession the venerable relic remains at present are unacquainted with its history beyond the statement contained in the inscription, that "Thomas de Burgho and Grace O'Malley caused one to be made in the year of Our Lord, 1494." It is hardly necessary to state that the Grace O'Malley here referred to is not the interesting historical figure known as Grannia, who belonged to a later generation—Boston Republic.

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found the only complete up to date record of patents granted to Canadian inventors in the following countries, which is specially prepared for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Marion, solicitors of patents and experts, head office, Temple Building, Montreal, from whom all information may be readily obtained:—

CANADIAN PATENTS.

55656—Hy. L. Miller, Kingsbury, P. Q., butter boxes.
55657—A. H. Durant, Montreal, chemical extinguisher.
55665—J. Tisdale and F. Larkins, Hamilton, O., dust pans.
55666—Kate H. Gilmour, Hamilton, O., face steamer.
55669—A. Leblanc, St. Jovite, P. Q., s'ighs.
55671—M. Power, Toronto, Ont., R. R. track cleaner.
55682—J. R. Brown, Harrison, Hot Springs, B. C., wood drill.
55689—H. Good, Conestogo, O., wood saving fire back.
55690—A. Tetreault, Montreal, harvester.
55698—J. Yuill, Calabogie, Ont., boom chain hook and link.

AMERICAN PATENTS.

581508—John D. Browne, sign for cars.
581658—William H. Chapman, electric motor control.
581539—Charles O. De Lap, and E. D. Mills, wire gate.
581405—Francis G. Gale, woven wire bed bottom.
581580—Edouard Lemery dit Gaucher, loop-making machine.
581598—Emile Levesque, Paris, France, type writing machine.
581371—George M. Ross, injector.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

The Daily Chronicle says:—A centenarian farmer, Mr. Francis Gibson, has just died at Derwent Dale Farm, York-shire. He had been a tenant all his life of the Earl of Londesborough. He remembered the battle of Waterloo, and

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recalled how barrels of wool and tar were, in the event of danger, to have been set on fire at the old beacon on the racecourse at Aylon 600 feet above the level of the sea. He shaved himself till three weeks ago, and afterward enjoyed his glass of beer and his pipe. He leaves 6 children 42 grandchildren, and 49 great grand children.

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THE FARMER'S FRUIT GARDEN

BY PROFESSOR CRAIG, HORTICULTURIST, GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTAL FARM, OTTAWA.

From the Canadian Horticultural Magazine.

While urging the extension of fruit culture, I would yet ask farmers to bear in mind that while all parts of Agricultural Canada, and to be more specific, Agricultural Quebec, are not equally adapted to the growth of fruits, nevertheless, I confidently believe there are few, if any, sections of the Province where the farmer cannot brighten, and add to the luxuries of his home by producing with the exercise of intelligent and well directed labor—in sufficient quantity for the use of his family—that highest and most refined commodity of nature's bounty—Fruit. As time goes on, commercial fruit growing will, as in the case of other industries, develop along the lines of the least resistance. Certain sections will produce apples better in quality than other sections, consequently apple growing will here become a specialized feature of fruit growing; other sections will do the same with regard to pears; others peaches, and so on. If we were to differentiate further it would not be straining the proposition to say that we shall some day have our special "Norhern Spy," our special "Fameuse" and our special "Baldwin" regions, as I may say we have our special "Gravenstein" locality at the present time. With the increased product, will come a keener discriminating sense, a demand for finer quality, which will of itself bring out the characteristics of the products of different sections. But pardon this digression, what I intended to say was this: it seems to me that the Quebec farmer should plant fruits to supply the needs of his own family, and if successful in doing this, then he should add such varieties of fruits as may be profitably grown and exported. Allow me to drop a hint or two relative to the farmer's "Small Fruit Garden." It is easy to find throughout Canada, melancholy failures of this excellent farm adjunct. Some are not fenced, and therefore fall an easy prey to the wandering sheep that show a tendency to "bark" (up) the wrong tree; the cow that prunes well, but without wisdom; and a pig possessed of the fashionable fad of the day, minding propensities. Other gardens are "fenced in" so thoroughly that a horse and cultivator may not enter the exclusive precincts, and the work of hand weeding and spading falls on the boy—to be done "after the chores," or when he is not busy. In both cases the garden suffers, to say nothing of the fate of the domestic animals and the boy—that best of all domestic animals.

Let us lay out our gardens so that they may be cultivated like the potato field, by horse power. A fenced lot of ground 160 feet long by 60 feet wide will contain about a quarter of an acre of ground. Run the rows the long way, and sufficiently far apart to cultivate with a "Plauet Jr." horse cultivator. This area planted with crabs, plums, blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries and currants, with sufficient space for vegetables at one side, with proper care, will, I venture to say, give a larger return in solid satisfaction to the housewife, and pure health and enjoyment to the children, than any other area four times its size on the farm, besides giving a cash return for the sale of surplus products more than sufficient to pay the cost of cultivation and the rental of the land. It will give me pleasure to send a plan of such a garden, giving information in detail regarding varieties and methods of culture, to anyone who may feel inclined to apply for it directly, or through your secretary.

A word about novelties: those attractive, fascinating, but also, so often illusive possibilities, so glowingly presented by colored lithograph and catalogue. Allow your Experiment Stations to test them for you first, then hold fast to standard varieties, making such variations as your observation and judgment may suggest.

Regarding large fruits: those growing upon trees, as distinguished from the small fruits, a term applied to the low or bush fruit-producing plants. Certain underlying principles should be borne in mind. Fruit trees—often propagated upon more or less tender stocks, liable to injury from frost, should have a deep, porous soil. A gravelly subsoil is excellent. Clay subsoil may be much improved by underdraining. Northern slopes furnishing more uniform and equal temperatures are preferable to southern aspects. Do not plant too closely—"Duchess" and "Yellow Transparent" will not crowd each other if set 24 feet apart, while "Northern Spy" is too close at 30 feet—and plant more

largely of winter varieties than of autumn or summer kinds. The latter have their spheres of usefulness, but local markets are generally overcrowded. Plant with a determination to care for the trees by cultivating them when young, and by feeding them liberally when they begin to bear. A clover crop out and allowed to remain on the orchard soil, supplemented with wood ashes, represents a plan of manuring that the orchard will appreciate. Hardy varieties are also essential. Among our hardiest winter kinds are "McIntosh Red," "Pewaukee," "Canada Red," "Winter St. Lawrence," and English "Golden Russet." I am of the opinion that it will pay fruit growers who have large blocks of summer and early autumn varieties planted, to introduce winter sorts by top grafting. If the stock is healthy, and the tree sound and hardy, there is no reason why the operation should result in failure. Let us retain only the best of our summer apples, and work with a view of increasing the number of trees and of productive winter apples in our orchards.

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