dressed, too; his eyes wandered over her trim figure till they reached her feet, and then—he started violently! Those grey shoes! Like mice in a trap his thoughts "ran 'round and 'round "!

He must have looked very queer, for Mary Tyler, frightened at his strange expression, came running to his side. "What's the matter, Mr. Harding? Do you feel worse? Shall I telephone for the doctor?" laying her capable hand on his, to feel a pulse which was bounding violently.

"No, no!" He swallowed pain-lly. "Pleasedon't get frightened. I'm ashamed to be so weak. An old woman isn't in it with me for nerves It's nothing, really. Just give me the medicine and I'll be all right in a minute." So, with a slightly shaking hand, for she felt rather worried over her responsibil-ity, the medicine was administered, pillows straighetned, and Miss Tyler once more resumed her knitting. Harding, wily one, turned so that he might better watch her feet, which she had crossed decorously: Yes. He knew them perfectly; high instep, curving arch, straight, trim heels—they were the identical little grey feet which had trotted so regularly past his windows every day.

He stared so long at every wellknown line of them, that his visitor felt embarrassed and shifted her ankles, wondering if her modest skirt had drawn up in any unseemly way. Observing this, Harding tried hard not to look so fixedly lest he should shout aloud. "I love your feet; they interest me more than anything else in the world. I've watched and waited to see

Harding was mildly excited, to think that the grey boots had been right across the vestibule all this time, as cosy as could be! Armed with that knowledge, after the water ways of convelocents had would take his nurse out for an hour or so, whenever he knew that the grey shoes had come home. Thereupon, would come a knock at Miss Tyler's door from Nurse Mitchell, and would she "mind sitting a little while with Mr. Harding, while I run over to the delicatessen store? He wants some asparagus tips, and I can't buy them anywhere else." Of course, kind Mary Tyler would be glad to sit with the invalid any time.

Thus many pleasant afternoons for Harding resulted, with the grey shoes opposite him. Finally, he could keep quiet no longer. One day he blurted audaciously: "Did any one ever tell you what beau-tiful feet you have, Miss Tyler?" Then, he felt frightened to death at such presumption. His little neighbor flushed up to the roots of her fair hair at his strange

question.
"Why, er—yes. I suppose they are rather nice—at least, the shoe clerks tell me so. But I hope you thought of our own resurrection.

that Jane Eyre picture he'd seen somewhere, he thought. A clever little woman, not nearly as schoolmarm-like as he'd imagined. Well wear out, no matter how carefully way that filial piety, or fraternal way that filial piety wa wear out, no matter how carefully treated,) but Harding insisted that his wife, erstwhile Miss Tyler, should never wear any other color. The original pair which had so unconsciously started him on the road to matrimony, when past use, had been carefully wrapped in tissue paper and placed in the closet with his mother's things—those relies too.

Of course, the whole Hyde family mourned the loss of a perfect governess, and people in general smiled over this quiet romance of two quiet folk. Some said propinquity did the work; others that "it just happened"—and nobody except Harding (not even his lawfully wedded wife) knew to just what an extent a pair of grey shoes was responsible.

THE ASSUMPTION

The feast of the Assumption is the last of the yearly festivals in honor of the Blessed Virgin. It is in a sense the greatest of her feasts because it is the consummation of all the great mysteries of her life, the birthday of her eternal glory, the crowning in one great festival of all the acts and virtues which her other feasts commemorate. The Assump-tion of the Blessed Virgin means that after death the body as well as the soul of Mary was taken up to Heaven, that what will be given to all God's saints in the general resur-rection has already been granted to

her.
By virtue of her Immaculate Conat those dear little feet, putting a strong check on himself, for fear lest he should shout aloud. "I love sin. Hence, as the theologians of sin. Hence, as the theologians of the Church teach, she was also exthree weeks!" But knowing she would think him demented, he managed to keep silent. Soon Nurse Mitchell, with mended eye-glasses perched on her proudly beetling nose, came bustling in, and with a pretty, friendly "good-bye," Miss Tyler vanished, knitting, grey shoes and all!

Harding was mildly to see quences of Adam's sin. Death for her was not a penalty but a sacrifice which she willingly made that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might suffer like lim before to the image of her Divine Son, that she might be more perfectly conformed to the image of her Divine Son, that she might be more perfectly conformed to the image of her Divine Son, that she might be more perfectly conformed to the image of her Divine Son, that she might be more empted from the painful consequences of Adam's sin. Death for her by the burning love of her soul to be united with her Son.

According to the pious tradition of the Church, when that supreme moment came, the Apostles were suddenly gathered together by crafty way of convalescents, he managed to invent errands which parts of the world to Jerusalem, to be present at the deathbed of the Mother of God. When her pure spirit had passed away from their midst, the Apostles reverently bore her saintly body and laid it in the

On the third day they returned to the tomb, and found that angels had taken away the body of their Queen. In place of the body they found flowers in the tomb, the white lilies of the Virgin's purity, and red roses of the Martyr's charity, growing out of the earth that had been touched by the immaculate clay of God's

From the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin we may learn a two-fold lesson. First, that we should take a true, Christian view of death. It is but a parting for a time, for "in Heaven we shall know our own." Secondly, that we should keep our bodies as living taber-nacles of our immortal souls, free clerks tell me so. But I hope you don't think I'm silly at my age to wear grey shoes? That's my one vanity!' She looked at him appeal ingly. "I just can't help loving pretty shoes, and I economize in other ways, so that it's not extravagant in me to wear them, really!"

"I'm quite sure it isn't!" Harding agreed. "They're lovely. I used to watch peoples' feet passing over my window when I first began to get stronger; there wasn't anything else to do. After I saw your stunning little grey shoes pass, they were my special favorites, and I looked for them particularly—and all the time they were living right

from stain, consecrated to the thought of our own resurrection. In patience and purity let us wait until the voice of Christ shall call to us also in triumph and in love: "Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come! For the winter is now past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers have appeared in our land. Arise and come! Thou shalt be crowned!"—Boston Pilot.

CREMATION OF THE

DEAD

A correspondent of the week seeks information on the subject of the cremation of the human body.

between my special favorites, and looked for them particularly—and all the time they were living right opposite!"

Then you don't think I'm silly to dress them up so?" she faltered. "They are my only pretension to good looks, anyway!" Her cheeks were delicately flushed, and her dark eyes looked girlishly appealing. And suddenly, Harding's hard-shell bachelor heart began to emerge like a chrysalis from its shell. "Silly I should say not," he almost shouted. "Besides, they're not your only pretension to good looks either. You're just as pretty as lots of women, and heaps better looking than some of them, Mary—that is, Miss Tyler—" Nurse Mitchell's majestic entry just then, checked his astonishingly limber tongue, but from that time on there was established a delicate link of intimacy between the two tenants of the basement apartments.

A few weeks later, when Harding, fully recovered, finally returned to his counting, house stool, his younger associates, genuinely fond of the quiet, diffident man, smiled at the surprising interest he showed in every-day life and especially the strains of the married clerks. "What's come over the old boy?" they questioned. "He's as human as anybody!"

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The gradually opened a way into his heart, until one fine day Harding escorted them (and incidentally, Mary Tyley) to St. Mary's Church for the purpose of entering into

way that filial piety, or fraternal charity, or paternal and maternal affection, must revolt against it as inhuman

It should be remembered in this connection that cremation is a matter of discipline and not of doctrine. If it ever should be necessary by reason of civil laws or behis mother's things—those relics too precious to be given away, at least for awhile.

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Of course, the whole Hyde family the teaching of the Church in regard to doctrine would undergo no modito doctrine would undergo no modi-fication whatsoever. There is little danger of anticipating any such con-tingencies in the immediate future when congestion of population or prophylactic precaution or poetic palavering will lead the Catholic funeral to the doors of an establish-ment equipped on the same wire ment equipped on the same principles as a garbage incinerator. The Catholic instinct will find far more that is consoling and fitting in reverently following the corpse of a loved one to God's blessed acre, and there seeing it placed in the bosom of the earth, the great mother that nourishes us from our first awaken-ing to our last sleep, and there in peaceful repose to rest till the day breaks and the shadows retire and the bright day of eternity dawns. The Monitor.

> TRAFFIC RULES WERE FIRST MADE BY POPE BONIFACE

In England the rule of the road is that all traffic shall keep to the left, and an agitation has been started by the Safety First Society to have pedestrians observe this rule—which they do not.

In the discussion of the regulation the interesting fact has been brought out that this English rule of keeping to the left was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. The reasons that induced the Pope to introduce the rule for traffic, which the English still observe, is that at the Papal Jubilee in 1840 the concourse of piloticine and violetic to Papal. of pilgrims and visitors to Rome was so great that the Pope devised these rules for the regulation of traffic.

As to the present Continental rule of keeping to the right, this is said to have dated from the time of the French Revolution, when an obstinate opposition to anything like an ecclesiastical direction brought about a reversal of the old

THOUSANDS ATTEND NOVENA AT ST. ANNE'S SHRINE NEAR CHICAGO

Chicago, July 28.—Thousands of invalids and cripples attended the annual novena at the shrine of St. Anne, at St. Joseph's Church, Brighton Park, which closed Wednesday evening. Many cures were reported.

Seven services held every day during the nine days of the novena were attended by crowds that taxed the capacity of the church. Masses were said at 6, 7, 8, and 9:30 a.m. Afternoon services were held at 3 o'clock, and evening services at 7 and 8 p. m. At each of the services, the relic, a bone from the wrist of St. Anne, was on exposi-

The attendance of the faithful, coming from all parts of the middle-west this year, was greater than that of any of the ten years since the novena was established. Some of the remarkable tributes to the curative power of the relic and the faith of those attending the novenas were:

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accomplished at a precious novena,
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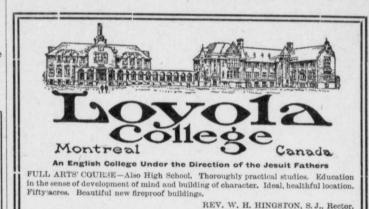
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