dad grass. Two of England,s five Ques have borne it and the most mem. oze woman that Scotland ever producehas made it immortal. The proud. esomen of France have dignified it arthe worst women of Russia have dis. ged it. There are as many Marys sing at the circling suns that make thrief summer by the Northern sea all through the luxurious days by the Miterranean. The name that Cath. c missionaries gave to the first con. sted Indian maiden was Mary and per hs the first daughter of every family fall time will stand in imminent dan, of bearing the name, for it is the it to be considered in naming girl, bies, and when rejected is always ought of with lingering tenderness ow many lovers have loved it! How ey have associated it with purity and entleness; with womanliness and canor and trust! What a fateful name it is? is bearer seems predestined to sorrow. et it is gladsome, too. 'My mother's ame was Mary.' What a pleasant thing o say! My little daughter Mary,' Could mything be prettier? 'My sister Mary, vho is dead.' What a wealth of tenler suggestions! 'Mary my wife.' What picture of home comfort?-Chicago

### PRIVATE INTERPETRATION Young lawyers as a rule are inclined

to be agnostics, and if not pronounced agnostics, have a tendancy that way. As a general rule, too young practition. ers have high opinions of their mnetal powers. Recently four of them were in a Catholic lawyers office in Chicago, and were loud and unanimous in their decla ration of belief that each person should read the Bible and personally interpret it. They asked onr Catholic friend how it could allow priests to interpret it for him, He dodged the question by ask. ing one of them a law question concern ing a clause in the statutes. The four personal interpretation advocates soon got into a wrangle as to what the statute meant, which resulted in their seeking the debision of the Supreme Court, in one of the Illinois reports, as to the question in dispute.

Our Catholic friend then quietly informed them that they had also found his answer to the Bible question. He said: 'When you read the plain letter of the law in the statutes, you do not know what it means until you find the decision of the Supreme Court. We Catholics look upon the Popes and the great councils of our ancient Church as autho rity on these questions of religion, and abide by their decision, even as you rely upon the law laid down by the Su preme Court.' The continued silence of his confreres on personal interpretation leads him to believe that they appreciated his illustration.—Catholic Record.

WORK AND SLEEP.

## We Cannot Attend to the Former Unles We Get Enough of the Latter.

The restoration of energy, which alone can afford is necessary for the main. tenance of nervous vigor, and whereas the muscular system is overtaxed, at last refuses to work, the brain under similar circumstances too frequently re fuses to rest. The sufferer, instead of trying to remove or lessen the cause of his sleeplessness, comforts himself with the hope that it will soon disappear, or else has recourse to alcohol, morphia, the bromides, chloral etc. Valuable and necessary as these remidies often are I refer especially to the drugs, there which attends their frequent use, and there is much reason to fear that their employment in the absence of any medi cal authority is largely on the increase. use, and in a still larger number of cases the graces and favors we have mentionthey have helped to produce the fatal ed.

result. Sleeplessness is almost always Mre women have been named Mary accompanied by indigestion in some one harmy other name which has blest or other of its protean forms. and the r cused the femine sex. It stands as two conditions react upon and aggravate he pical name for the holiest and each other. If rest cannot be obtained, nosabject of women-for the virgin and if the vital machine cannot be andhe wanton. And in every lan- supplied with a due amount of fuel, and gua, of Asia and Europe, as well as moreover, fails to utilize that which is thanf Egypt, this name appears all supplied mental and bodily collapse can moswithout variation. It has been an not be far distant. The details of the equ favorite with the aristocrats of downward process vary, but the result Frace and the Puritans of New Eng- is much the same in all cases. Sleepless. ian and it equally becomes lierature or ness and loss of appetite are followed by kiten. It is stately when we speak loss of flesh and strength, nervous irrit of By Mary Worthy Montague; it is ability alternating with depression, pal simulty itself when we refer to Mary pitation and other derangements of the O'bn, who brings in our breakfast heart, especially at night, and many of roll At one time it may bring up a these symptoms grouped together under pice of a divine painted face, hang the old term 'hypochondriasis.' When ing the rich gloom of an Italian gal- this stage has been reached the border leand at another of a red cheeked lands of insan ty, are within measurable damaid with her bare feet in the distances, even if they have not already been reached.

THE AGNUS DEL.

An Explanation Extracted from the Official Document Issued at Rome,

The rite observed by the Supreme Pon tiffs in blessing and consecrating the Agnus Dei, is one of very great antiquity, being mentioned in the Roman Ordo which goes back to a period anterior to the eighth century.

The Agnus Dei is made of white, pure virgin wax, to denote the human nature assumed by Jesus Christ in the most pure womb of the Virgin, without the slightest blemish, through the sole operation and power of the Holy Ghost. The image of a lamb is impressed upon the wax, as a symbol of the most innocent Lamb who sacrificed Himself upon the cross for the redemption of the human race. Water is made use of, an element which we find employed by God; both in the old Covenant and the new' as the in strument of many prodigies and mysteri-

es. Balsam is poured into the water to symbolize the good odor which the Christian ought to give forth by his life and conversation. To these is added sacred Chrism, which is ordinarily made us of in preparing and consecrating things specially set apart for divine worship, such as churches, altars, priests, and it is the emblem of charity, the most excellent of all virtues. Into water previously blessed, and mixed, as we have said, with balsam and Chrism the Agnus Deis are immersed by the Supreme Pontiff, and both before and after such immersion he beseeches our Lord God by devout prayers to deign to bless, sanctify and consecrate those figures of wax, and communicate to them such virtue that whoever makes use of them with true faith and devotion may obtain the following graces and favors:

1. That at the sight or touch of the Lamb impressed upon the wax, the faith tul may be moved to contemplate the mystery of our Redempion vailed beneath that symbol, and may form in their hearts acts of gratitude and love towards God, so as to bless, thank and praise Him, with a lively confidence of obtaining from the divine mercy forgiveness of sins committed.

2. That at sight of the sign or the cross mpressed upon the way, evil spirits me be terrified and put to flight. and tempests hushed or scattered far away.

3. That by virtue of the diving blessing these figures of wax may have power to counteract all diabolical frauds, snares and temptations.

4. That women during pregnancy may be preserved from danger, and brbring forth their offspring in safety.

5. That no misfortune may befall him who carries the Agnus Cei devoatly; that no pestilential or tainted almosphere may hurt him; that no falling sickness assail him; that he may be preserved from storm at sea, from inundations and fires; and that no malign influence may have power against him.

6. That he may be helped in pros perity and adversity, that he may be guarded and defended from human and diabolical malice; and that he may be preserved from sudden death and every other evil or danger, through the mysteries of the life and passion of Jesus

That the above mentioned graces and blessings may be obtained by the faith. tul through the Agnus Dei. in virtue of its blessing and of those prayers which the Roman Pontiff offers up in the name of the Church, is a matter to be firmly believed, as beyond all doubt, and is can be no question as to the muschief m oreover, attested by the most signal miracles; at various times and on numberless occasions. That these favors are not always granted is not in conesquence of any defect of power in the Agnus Dei Many of the 'proprietary articles' sold by but is attributed either to the total want druggists, and in great demand at the or weakness of faith on the part of him present day owe their efficacy to one or who wears it, or to some reason hidden more of these powerful drugs. Not a from us, on whose account God refuses, few deaths have been caused by their in certain exceptional cases, to concede

### BITTER BREAD.

Complaint is frequently made by those who use baking powders that they leave in bread, biscuit or cake raised by them a disagreeable, bitter taste. This taste follows the use of all impure baking powders and is caused either by their containing alum (introduced to make a cheap article) by the impure and adultreated character of other ingredients used, or from the ignorance of their man ufacturers of the proper methods of com bining them. These baking powders leave in the bread a residuum formed of lime, earth, alum, or other deleterious matters, not always, though frequently tasetable in the food, and by all physici. ans classed as injurious to the health. The Royal Baking Powder is free from this serious defect. In its use no resi duum is left, and the loaf raised by it is always sweet, light and wholesome, and noticeably free from that peculiar taste complained of. The reason of this is be cause it is composed of nothing but ab solutely pure materials, scientifically combined in exactly the proper proper tions of acid and alkalı to act upon and destroy each other while producing the largest amount of raising power. We are justified in this assertion from the unqualified statements made by the Gov. ernment chemists, who after thorough and exhaustive tests recommended the 'Royal, for Government use because of its superiority over all others in purity. strength and wholesomeness. There is no danger of bitter bread or biscuit where it alone is used.

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his tender will not be entertained, Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

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W. W. McLeod, Post Office Inspector Post Office Inspector's Office, Winnipeg March 19 1886.