THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE

HOME INTERESTS. Conducted by HELENE.

Our friends the crocus and tulip are pushing their pretty heads above ground and assuring us that Nature's pulse is throbbing with abundant wigor stored up during the long winter months. We feel the happy summer time is not far off, for already our cheeks are fanned by her warm breath and we welcome the buds and the birds. Our hearts are attund with Nature, and our spirits buoyant and it seems as though all obstacles could be overcome, all sorrow buried all forlorn hope renewed. The reweille has sounded, and we eagerly took forward to the treasures which come in summer's train.

> + + + FASHIONS.

If half the signs come true, it's to be the most feminine season in dress we've ever known, with frills of lace and embroidery high in the ascend-

It's not only in frills, either, but all sorts of lace and embroidery run riot over everything this year, blend ing every little while into an exquicomposite something of the site rarest beauty.

Heavy laces and embroidery ar good; and, in sharp contrast, so are that the delicate blind traceries Paris loves so well; and, again break ing the contrast, heavy and light are flung together in a way that is Maring flight of fancy, and an exquisite realization of that fancy.

All the old ways of using them have been revived and a thousand new ones invented. Old-fashioned flounces are as good as ever: little loose coats of embroidery and lace Kor lace, or linen and lace. or liren and embroidery-you might go on in definitely) are an old style that is most exquisite in its new form; threeflounce skirts are back but with a delightful difference!) ; but the tacst definite change about them is not a revival at all, but new-radically

And it's this; a wonderful way o piling embroidery on lace and lace on embroidery, and perhaps fluffing them both up with chiffon (or with the lightest, most chiffony of wash materials) into the airiest effects imaginable. The old idea of a bit of lace laid flat-"just so"-to show off its beauty is gone. The main object is to add beauty to beauty, until each is half-hidden, and is only rewealed in a sudden turn that brings It into fascinating prominence for moment, and then, as suddenly, back | pet. into the billowy folds around it.

Fashion allows ribbons full play they riot over frocks and hats alike. Whether as artful bows, as stiff co cardes, as meandering ruche or flying streamer, it is long since they have had such a time of it. But it is the same with them as with all other forms of trimming-they must show fanciful skill and dexterity in the way they are manoeuvered; no hard lines or meaningless introduction. Rib bon and trimming alike both must justify their presence by art in their manipulation

This is to be the season of para The woman who carries no parasol during the summer months come will be hopelessly out of

fashion. But the woman who does carry the parasol will be hopelesely slices of baron cut out this to a

HALF SLEEVE IS HANDY. Very good idea it is to supply half long lace sleeves ready to basted in when required. These are sold in connection with a high chemisette, or a high collar band, and are most essential to elbow sleeve costumes, when required to be worn by day as well as for evening wear In fact, many women require three distinct furnishings for each bodice. A chemisette, a plastron, or collar band, as a neck and open front finish After that a pair of lower sleeves closely shaped to the arm and lastly the flounce and frills that trim many elbow sleeves.

+ + + TIMELY HINTS.

The pain caused by an abcess may be eased by a poultice of sassafras leaves. Such a poultice will also reduce internal inflammation, as of the stomach, bowels or liver, narvellous rapidity.

Even experienced cooks are apf to get burned, and an excellent remedy is to pour equal parts of linseed oil and cold boiled water into a bottle and shake well before applying to the spot.

Instead of toasting bread for soups cut into dice and roast in the over until crisp.

Kerosene will soften leather hardened by water, and render it as pliable as new.

There are few things about the house more helpful to the housekeep er than herosene oil, and it is of inestimable value at house-cleaning time. It can be used for polishing any glass surface, and is especially nice for polishing mirrors and win dow-panes. Add a few drops to hot water and wash the mirror without using soap, then rub with a dry clot and polish with tissue paper or chamois leather. If the mirror needs polishing only, dip the cloth in the oil, wipe off the mirror, and polish. and it can not be excelled for brilt heart. liancy.

Many persons die from shock who burns are not fatal, consequently the patient should have absolute rest Loosen the clothing and give stimul ants in small doses, or hot coffee hot milk, anything that is warm and nourishing. Keep the patient comfortably warm, applying hot wa ter bottles if the limbs seem cold When coffee is used it should be made very strong and given without cream or sugar

A weak solution of alum or soda will revive the colors in a dusty can

Try a few drops of spirits of tur pentine on a cube of loaf sugar for hacking cough.

The finest of manicure acids made by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. This removes most stains from the fingers and nails.

For earache fold a thick towel around the neck and then with a teaspoon fill the ear with warm Continue this for fifteen or twenty minutes, then let the water run out, and plug the ear with cot ton dipped in warm glycerine.

+ + + RECIPES.

Baked Eggs with Bacon.-In a shallow earthen baking dish lay enough schools and what they have done for nothing and you never know

leaf and add mayonnaise dressing. Make a light gingerbread, and whi hot break it-do not cut it-in vieces and lay the pieces on dessert plates and cover with a generous supply of whipped cream. This is a dessort whipped cream. liked by young and old, and a very dessert for children. whole receipt for gingerbread which has een passed from hand to hand for several generations is made as fol lows : One cup of buttermilk, or sour cream, or sour milk. Three quarters of a cup of New Orleans molasses; one-half cup of butter; one egg; two tablespoonsful of sugar, two cups of

flour; one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of ginger. Lobster a la Newburg-Four pounds lobster, yolks of three hard-boiled eggs; one quarter pound butter, one third cup cream. Mash yolks fine with two tablespoonsful cream; rub butter smooth with one large table spoonful flour, and put in a farina boiler. When butter is melted, add cream and stir till scalding hot; add volks and lobster: season with salt and red pepper, and stir gently till eated through. Serve at once. Som like one-quarter cup of sherry wine added after cooking. Canned lobster can be used. In this case drain carefully from oil.

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It is not always age that makes those disagreeable furrows across our foreheads and round our eyes. There are some grandmothers whose faces have hardly a wrinkle, and some granddaughters whose brows ar as seamed as they might be at sixty Time is not responsible for thes vexing little lines. A good many of them may be charged up against worry. If one gets in the way of

frotting over everything that has gone wrong and everything one thinks likely to go wrong the re cord upon one's face will be as plain as print. Bad temper makes a mark which is hard to erase and is fan uglier than the lines the happy year bring. Age can not wrinkle the heart Even when the face is criss-crosse with the tracery of a long life-time the spirit may be as young as ever But fretfulness and ill-temper make wrinkles within as well as without The little impatient line hardly noticeable on a smooth forehead mean a deep furrow has been plowed in the

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Never punish a child when he con esses he has done wrong. To do so is really to encourage him to tell failure and disappointment. Nobody, es. Many a child has got into the habit of telling untruths simply be cause he knew he would be punished if he confessed. Let him see and try to make him understand how it grieves you, but train him to look on you as a friend to whom he can tell all his childish misdeeds without fear of punishment to follow.

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BALANCING OUR LIFE'S BOOK When we sit under the juniper tree and imagine that the world has all gone wrong and that we might as well just give up and die, suppose we take out pencil and tablet and do a little figuring. Suppose we examine our lives in all their lights and Let us think of the many shades. good things that we have seen and neard; the things that have been plea sant and lovely in our lives; the mercies and favors of every day; the breath we have breathed, the clothes we have worn, the slumber we have

enjoyed, the food we have eaten, the friends we have known, the thousand and one blessings which, because so common, we think of so little. There

EXCHANGING CHILDREN. custom prevails in D might with advantage be rally copied here. Parents all over the country exchange their children during the summer holiday season usually through the medium of news paper advertisements.

The youngsters from the villages go into town and become the smart er for their knowledge of city life The place of the children on the farms is taken by the little city folks, who come back to town, afte a spell in the fresh country air, with rosy cheeks and robust con stitution

In Switzerland parents exchange their children for a much longer p riod-sometimes for a year or two The object is to improve their children's education. Three languages are spoken in the Swiss cantons German, French and Italian. A child born in a French canton will be sent, in due course of time, to live suc cessively in the German and Italia and vice versa, so that cantons. practically every Swiss speaks the three languages of his country perfectly. He usually speaks English too.

+ + + THE MERCY OF GOD. Here is a gem from Matthew Riche Knight, a native of Halifax, N.S.:

They have a saying in the East: Two angels note the deeds of men And one is first and one is least. When men do right one takes his per And magnifies the deed to ten. This angel is at God's right hand. And holds the other in command. He says to him when men do wrong "The man was weak, temptatio

To-morrow he may grieve and pray. It may be myth; but this is sooth No ruth is lasting as God's ruth; The strongest is the tenderest:

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ARE POPULAR GIRLS ther clever nor beautiful, and yet are very popular. The reason generally is that they are kind and discreet. These two qualities combined are always valuable. Most people like someone to whom they can con

will be interested in what interests them, and listen patiently to their tale of success and happiness, or of perhaps, more appreciates the sympa thetic and discreet girl than her brothers, except, it may be. some body else's brother. A girl may be plain of feature and not witty OT amusing, but if she becomes known as sympathetic and perfectly trust worthy she will have more friends

FUNNY SAVINGS.

"Mamma, they killed Mrs. Wilson" cow to-day, and they found a gold collar button in her stomach. Now, mamma, how do you suppose she ever got under the bureau to get it?"

+ + + KEEPING ON THE SAFE SIDE. An old woman who persisted on bowing during church service when ever the name of Satan was mention ed was reprimanded by the minister for so unseemly a habit. The proof had, however, no effect and the minister ashed her finally in exasperation, why she thought it necessary to bow.

rake and stack the hay, tasks in THE WOMEN OF IRELAND

are not always prevalent everywhere,

is as nearly ideal as it is possible to

find in this world. That is perhaps

grant, no matter where he makes his

home or how prosperous he finds the

world, goes back with such passion

where he spent his childhood days.

Persons in this country have little

knowledge at most of the life of Irish

idea they do have is not an attrac

tive one; yet the life of Irish women

though they are poor they are not

often in want, and they lead happy,

always and joyous over life itself.

Nowadays all Irish girls are educat

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A Glimpse of Them at Work in Their Own Green Isle. spent there. he of the girls cut the corn and It is said that life in Ireland, ban ring the famine and poverty, which

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use the sickle with great skill, and the corn harvest comes later than the hay harvest, and the soft July use the sickle and August days find many a bloc ing Irish lass in the fields.

market with the vegetables in baskets on their backs to sell the duce of their little farms, and they prolook extremely picturesque with their merry, quizzical old faces and fre clean ap rons.

women in their native isle, and what are to be en, with their baskets full of the catch of the men folk, if they live by the sea. is really very picturesque, and al-

that is passing, and they still scorn and wear shawls and short hats ontented lives, working at something skirts. while the younger women and the girls dress in the mode of other women of the world, taking pride in having their gowns cut and fashioned; even the poocest attend school

To see the girls with their baskets of "sprigging" come to town is be impressed by their neat and to the charming appearance, and even the young Irish woman is an intelligent belle who still clings to her shawl and headkerchief has her hair dressnowledge of the world as eagerly as ed in a stylish manner, and her apron even has an air of the latest mode about it.

more inviting place than reports of other days would lead one to believe, for the "pig in the parlor" is no longer to be found in Ireland. The typical Irish cottage has a clean neat kitchen, with whitewashed walls, and is very comfortably furnished There are clean little bedrooms, with patchwork quilts and muslin There are many industries which curtains, in direct contrast to the mud occupy the time of the modern Irish

hovel of tradition. The Irish peasant girl in her own her credit that whatever she does she country is astonishingly well bred. She has the native graciousness and nanner of the French woman, whom she much resembles in many ways. She is keen, quick, witty and kindhearted, and her accomplishments are far greater than those of any other women in the world in the same in circumstances.

LITTLE LIVES LOST.

The annual report of the Registrar-Although "sprigging" is the most difficult hand work, the pay is ex General for Ontario shows that in ceedingly small, from 18 to 25 cents that province alone, out of every one thousand children born, one h a day being the return for their laand eleven die before they reach the bors. And this is not all, for th worker has to travel miles usually age of one year, and in every proto get the work to do, and to fro vince of the Dominion there is the turn it when finished; but the young same appalling loss of precious little lives annually. Most of these deaths Irish woman is accustomed to walk ing many miles, and she never thinks are due to disorders of the stomach or bowels, and most of these little of complaining about the distance lives could be saved if mothers kept always at hand a simple remedy to Although girls and women "sprig" all summer if they have nothing else give the little one at the first sign to do, it is usually looked upon as a of trouble. Such a medicine Baby's Own Tablets, which cures for then nothing constipation, diarrhoea, indigestion, can be done out of doors. Much simple fevers, teething troubles, enjoyment is got out of the work in worms and other minor ailments, winter, for instead of working at which, if not treated promptly, be home, each by herself, the "sprig come most serious. And the mother gers" will gather at one another's houses, and these gatherings are call has a positive guarantee that these ed "sprigging camps." After sup-Tablets contain no poisonous opiate or harmful drug. They are equally per the girls and young women from all about gather at a certain house good for the new born baby or th carrying their work and stools with well grown child. Thousands of mothers say Baby's Own Tablets have There is much fun and jollity saved the lives of their little ones. for the Irish woman is always mer ry and her wit is famous the world You can get the Tablets from any druggist, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Me-At 11 o'clock the "spriggers" fold dicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Dear Boys and Girls: How the week does run an is no time until I have to think of the corner. I far times that the corner mea to me than it does to som mieces and nephews, and litt

THURSDAY, MAY

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teachers asked all the little

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and tulips and daffodils and

aid she was sure no church

look nicer than ours did. T

first letter. I would like to

letters in the corner, so m

Montreal, April 1905.

(What a pretty idea, Lois

ure your church was second

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dak for my birthday, and a

ing to take pictures and w

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ly weather is here? I live

Your little friend,

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my mind to write.

everything .- Ed.)

Dear Aunt Becky :

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teresting experiences.

Dear Aunt Becky :

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The fisherwomen, too

But these are of the generation

country and hope I will go real this summer and see places and ride in the elect My little brother, who wrot corner, fell and cut his has can't write just now, but s his love. Good-bye.

MIRI Stewiacke, N.S.

(Hope you will come and if you come to the city. Tell I am so sorry to hear of h dent and sincerely appreciat sending his love .- Ed.) + + +

Dear Aunt Becky : I was pleased to see my o ter in the True Witness and I ing to write again. There many letters some weeks, an like to read them. I hope m cousins will write some letter Witness. They live in Verm is curious weather. It keep and we are having quite a snow. We hope the air wa We would like to be in the garden. I would like something about the birds have not read much that I ce about them, only we love to the birds around. The dear comes so near the house to hope some of the other gi ys will write something ab birds. The month of May w come. We will be looking beautiful May flowers. Then be short until June when sol

than her pretty and more entertain ing, but less reliable sister

strong,-Write not the record down to-day; He who best knows us loves us best

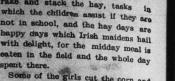
KIND, DISCREET GIRLS

There are many girls who are nei-

does exceedingly well, and whatever is sent to the world's markets the daughter of Ireland is the bes of its sort. The most charming industry is that of "sprigging." This is embroidering on linen and cotton

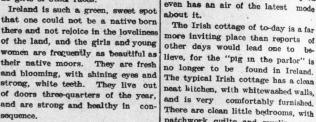
the most delicate and beautiful fashion, for lingerie, handkerchiefs and fide their hopes and fears, and who gowns. The girls learn "sprigging" in the convents and are as skilful at it as the French.

LET THE GENTLEMEN TELL. -Globe-Advertiser.



The older Irish women still go to

ed in a modern style.



sol the appearance of being especial- ity designed for every gown she wears. The handles are for the most part wood. An attractive handle in white wood is the swan's head. Another which is unique has a tiny mirror ast into the knot of wood, which word, a hardle of the other than the startly, strain while hot into cups of	The schools and what they have done for us; churches, and the good they have been to us; books, and how they have deal that we can think of that has been pleasant in our lives. Take a day a week, a year if need be, then draw a the mean things we have heard or the diags, all the dark things and the perplexing; anything that has made the hours of life less hopful or filt- et them with less of cheer—the crock d them up and see how few they are compared with those of the happier ur- column. Compare one list with the other and we will be compelled to add one more item to the disreput- ting aritude for all the abounding and manifold mercies of God. If there are adversities in our lives, and our the shades and lament that the work and on earth. But kindly re- member in our grief that the whole out world is full to the given of dio you remember whe	 her to shoulder her stool and to set her safely home, and many a happy marriage is the result of a winter's "sprigging camp." A PHENOMENON. A reporter was interviewing Vice-Freident James Gayley, of the United States Steel Corporation, on the wonderful new process for making accel that he has freemed. a task pursued more by the older Iriafi to a manuel to restore the industries of it. There is still an excellent market in Dublin and London for homes puns and woren goods, and many women of nobility of late have done much to restore the industries of Iree is land. When the springtime comes, or imay be. Weel, I'll tell ye. Yo've all seen a coo, nae doot. Weef, a coo's nae a phenomenon. Ye've all seen a coo, nae doot. Weef, a coo's nae a phenomenon. Ye've all seen a coo, nae doot. Weef, a coo's nae a phenomenon. Ye've all seen a coo, gang up an appletree task in which they delight, as they is dony the lightest part of the works and they are out in the selection. 	<text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text>
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