

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

It was while standing by a little white coffin and witnessing the grief of those out of whose lives a precious one had been taken back by God, to remain in His safe keeping until the day when they would claim the baby soul unsullied, that the knowledge of the perfection of resignation came to me. In a supreme moment such as this is a test of the faith that is in us, and it was beautiful to behold this young mother accept the cross, even while her heart-strings were strained to the breaking point. Mayhap this child would not have fulfilled the destiny marked out for it (mothers have a way of weaving in wonderful plans with their day dreams); then again, though he might have grown to be one of the noble ones of the earth, his way would not always have been strewn with roses. The baby feet had been spared the thorns; the baby hands so peacefully clasped would feel no burden of labor; the glorious eyes were closed to the bitterness as well as to the joys of life, and he was sleeping his dreamless sleep. The mother heart is lonely, but a loving hope sustains.

FASHIONS.

The new short coat has the effect of a straight Dalmatian worn over an under robe, the sleeves of which are formed of three flowing flounces of cloth stitched on the edge. The covert coat is to be worn as much as ever in all varieties of length and styles to fit, from the sacque coat to the tight fitting coat of short or half length.

Panama cloth is enjoying a decided popularity, though it cannot be called beautiful. It is being much used in place of the heavy canvas and estamine suitings of last season. It will be much in demand for street suits for white tailored coat and skirt.

The flowered lawns, dimities, crystallines and other sheer summer fabrics not too fragile for service are made up into one piece negliges, all bearing more or less of a family resemblance, but varying in details. The most practical of these garments are planned with a view to laundering, and there should be at least one negligee of this sensible sort in every outfit; but many of the prettiest sleeves and trimming effects are too complicated for the laundress, and a host of robes made from wash fabrics are of necessity turned over to the cleaner when they lose their freshness.

In the thin, light silks there are negligee robes of every form imaginable. China and India silks are the most generally used, and least expensive, but the light weight soft messalines and similar silks are very popular, and crepe is, as always, a favorite material for the elegant negligee.

The surprise fronts of lingerie frocks are trimmed with batiste embroidery with scallops on both edges and valenciennes shirred under the scallops. Lace or embroidery medallions finished with narrow valenciennes framed medallions are set at intervals.

The tucked skirt is very adaptable for charming frocks in batiste Swiss, etc.—the tucks being graduated from deep to shallow or set in groups from the hem to well above the knee. Wash stuffs are covered with dots, circles woven or embroidered crescents; but materials figured in self-tone are preferable.

The present vogue of colored handkerchiefs suggests a practical use for scraps of lawn, organdies and similar materials. Have you ever realized what a dainty affair a little handmade handkerchief can be? By that we do not refer to those of French embroidery, but rather to the tiny lace trimmed creations.

In the making of these handkerchiefs many quaintly pretty effects are obtained with seemingly useless scraps. Just a tiny piece of flowered lawn inserted in a corner, or a narrow strip may be utilized with insertion to form a border around a square of white lawn. When pieces are larger the whole handkerchief may be made of some dainty figured or pale colored lawn or organdie. These handkerchiefs are here trimmed and finished without hems.

A stunning velvet dress is carried out in that new tone of rich red.

something entirely different from a garnet and not the least cardinal in nuance, but a delightful mingling of both. The skirt hangs full and plain, just escaping the ground with a smart little swing very fascinating. The blouse coat opens in front, to reveal a chemisette of tan lace. Little quillings of taffeta the same shade trim the blouse down the fronts, on the shoulders and about the sleeves, which are large puffs gathered into frill below the elbow. An under cuff of tan lace is the wrist finish.

TIMELY HINTS.

Save all bacon rinds (cut them off before boiling the bacon), wash thoroughly and keep in a glass preserving jar. They are delicious for seasoning greens in cooking and form an added zest to fricasseed chicken.

To remove machine oil stains from white linen, saturate the stain with fresh lard, rubbing it in well. The stain will disappear when the garment is washed. Ammonia will answer the same purpose if applied immediately.

Rubbing slices of lemon on the temples and back of the neck will soothe some kinds of headache. Another way of taking lemon for a bilious headache and one said to be a cure, is to put a teaspoonful of juice into a small cup of black coffee. It is far better, however, to use lemons freely at all times and so keep the liver active and avoid bilious tendencies.

One way of curing a bunion is to bathe the afflicted part every night in hot water to which have been added a tablespoonful of starch, a teaspoonful of salt and half a teaspoonful of ammonia. After bathing the foot and wiping it dry with a soft, clean towel, a small quantity of tincture of iodine should be applied with a camel's hair brush. A loose shoe should invariably be worn.

If troubled with tartar dip an orange wood stick in water, then in fine ashes and scrub the teeth till the tartar is removed; then keep the teeth free from it. Powder should not be required oftener than once a week. If the gums are sore, paint with the following: Bicarbonate of soda, 10 grains; powdered alum, five grains; pure carbolic acid, 12 minims; glycerin, half ounce; water, one ounce.

Brushing the eyebrows every morning with a solution of green tea improves them.

Black stockings are apt to assume a greenish look after repeated washings. A simple way of preserving the color is to wash them in soap free of soda and in the last rinsing water to add a teaspoonful of good vinegar. Wring them out and clap them into shape. A hot iron tends to destroy the color, particularly if they are wet.

Glycerine and lemon juice, half and half, on a bit of absorbent cotton is the best thing in the world wherewith to moisten the lips of a fever patient.

Next time you happen to want a night light and find your stock is exhausted try this plan: Take an ordinary wax candle and some finely powdered salt; cover the top of the candle, which should have been burned until the top is level, with a thin layer of the salt, leaving only the blackened end of the wick exposed. Light the candle and it will give a faint but steady light all night.

A hot water bath in which has been dissolved about two ounces of coarse salt will cure tired, swollen feet.

Tender feet should be rubbed with spirits of camphor after being washed in warm water and thoroughly dried.

A hair tonic said to be unsurpassed—one that will develop the growth and improve the lustre, is given here. It is not a dye, is perfectly harmless, and is indeed a hair food. To sixteen ounces of bay rum add two ounces of sulphate of quinine and one-half ounce of oil of rosemary. Dissolve in enough spirits of wine to make it smooth. Any good druggist will put it up for you, or the ingredients may be obtained and the mixing done at home. Rub into the scalp at the roots of the hair each night. Regular treatment for two or three months will show surprising results.

RECIPES.

Peach Omelet—Pare and stone three very mellow peaches; then press them through a sieve; add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and the yolks of three eggs well beaten. Then

stir in carefully the whites of six eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Turn into a greased baking dish and bake in a quick oven four minutes. Serve immediately.

A Lenten Dish may be made of boiled fresh cod or from the desalted salt fish. For the former take a pound of fresh fish, pick in small pieces, put in a saucepan, cover with cold water and bring slowly to a boil. Drain the fish and leave in the colander while you make a cream dressing, using two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, a cup and a half of milk and a little cayenne. Butter a casserole and place a layer of fish in the bottom. Cover with a layer of sauce, and over this grate a covering of cheese, not too thick. Repeat until the dish is filled, having the cheese at the top. Grate a sprinkling of stale breadcrumbs over this, dot with butter, place in a hot oven and bake half an hour.

Oyster Bouillon—Cut up twenty-five or fifty oysters, according to the number of cups required; let them stew in their own juice for five minutes, then add a sufficient quantity of water—a pint or a quart—season to taste, and boil ten minutes. Strain and serve with cream.

"Pink Velvet Soup" (Puree of Tomato).—Half a canful of tomatoes, one pint of water, one tablespoonful of butter, one large onion, chopped small; one potato shaved thin, a salt-spoonful of celery seed, a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of sugar and a pinch of sweet marjoram. Boil all together for half an hour, or until the potatoes melt. Strain, thicken with granulated tapioca or corn-starch, boil five minutes more, add a pinch of baking soda, and then pour in a pint of hot milk. Serve at once.

Press rings of cold boiled egg whites upon thin rounds of buttered brown bread. Fill the rings with caviar mixed with a little lemon juice and above the caviar place a freshly opened oyster. Garnish with cress and serve as a dainty savory at the beginning of the meal.

PLAIN TALK BY FATHER DOYLE, C. S. P.

The Very Rev. A. P. Doyle, C.S.P., rector of the Apostolic Mission House, Washington, D.C., for the training of diocesan missionaries, preaching recently in St. Paul's Church, Washington, on "Marriage," said:

"The President has never uttered stronger or more significant sentiments than those he voiced at the Mothers' Congress.

"Much of the trouble nowadays arising from divorce and race suicide comes from the prevailing distorted type of gentleness. There is something wrong in the social training that produces such a type. Her ideals are entirely paganistic. She is said not to be mere woman, and therefore is unwilling to put up with the sacrifices and confinements of the home. As a consequence she refuses the burdens of motherhood, and when the ardor of the passion masquerading under the divine name of love burns out some other stimulus must be found in another environment. The exquisite feminine is not a man's wholesome ideal. The woman with a fully developed vanity and with an embryo heart; the coquette who is a trifle with humanities and an evader of life's realities; the human butterfly who must live on honey and disport only in life's sunshine and who has no taste for suffering and the quiet retirement of the home life; the spendthrift whose chief use for a partner in marriage is that of a bank on which she has an unlimited letter of credit—this is not the woman stuff of which wives and mothers are made. Their conception of marriage is but a new ring for their finger or new incentive for their vanity. Marriage is a divine reality, the most solemn fact in life, not to be entered into as a whim, not to be contracted under the influence of a passing passion. There is a transforming power in restrained and elevated love that changes the fickle maiden into the matured matron, who eagerly embraces the sacrifices of life and who participates in a man's worse and at the same time is glad to share his better; who easily becomes a past master in courtesy, tenderness and fidelity. Such women, whether they be in humble life or in elevated station, are the home builders of the nation and are worth more to it in the long run than standing armies and mighty navies. The country's wealth and the nation's prosperity without such women are but the vapor of the morning. They are the miasma that poisons and the elements that corrupt.

The one urgent reform that is needed to give every other reform efficacy and strength is the restoring of Christian morality to the family life of the nation, for no other reason

than that the family is the unit of society; while society is but a federation of families. Christian morality insists on three things as fundamental principles of the family life. First is the unity of one man and one woman. America can never tolerate polygamy under any disguise. Second is the indissolubility of the two in one flesh. Prevailing divorce customs have already become a withering scourge. Third is the divine guarantee of the contract.

"This is a great sacrament," says St. Paul, speaking of the mystery of marriage. Like the cunningly contrived bank lock when it is shot into place no one can open it but he who has the combination; so in marriage when hands are clasped in marital union, God puts His seal on it, and He alone knows the combination. Put this divine sanction aside, and what is then left to cement the union? Even love in its highest and purest conception often dies out. Are, then, marriages to be broken because there is no love? God alone, and conscience, guided by the divine law, can preserve marital fidelity until 'death do us part.'

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG.

Too many people keep the flowers they have plucked for you until the day of your funeral. Their songs of praise are not heard until your procession is passing their door. The mantle of charity does not become public property until put into use by the preacher who conducts the "last sad rites." If a man has flowers for me, I want them while I am on earth and can smell their fragrance. They will do me no good sitting at the head of my coffin. The grass that is kept green about my last resting place will be of little avail to me on the other shore. Here is where I need the flowers and the smiles and the praise, not over there. If the fellow who is going to go around to the house after I am gone to see "if he can be of any help" will come around to-morrow I can tell him how he can be a whole lot of help. Carry your flowers to the living and sing your songs of praise at the dinner table. Don't wait for the funeral.—Osborne (O.) Farmer.

LITTLE LAUGHS. NOT TRUE TO NATURE.

"Mark Twain was visiting H. H. Rogers," said a New York editor. "Mr. Rogers led the humorist into his library.

"There," he said, as he pointed to a bust of white marble, "what do you think of that?"

"It was a bust of a young woman coiling her hair, a very graceful example of modern Italian sculpture.

"Mr. Clements looked at it a moment, and then said:

"It isn't true to nature."

"Why not?" Mr. Rogers asked.

"She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins," said the humorist."

Josiah Quincy of Boston tells how he was once identified by a laborer who was enlightening a friend. "That is Josiah Quincy," said the first laborer.

"And who is Josiah Quincy?" demanded the other.

"Don't you know who Josiah Quincy is?" demanded the first man. "I never saw such ignorance. Why, he's the grandson of the statue out there in the yard."

TOWEL AS A LIFE SAVER.

One home loving man of our acquaintance does not mourn very loudly over those occasional days between the flight of the latest cook and the coming of another.

"My wife is so busy attending societies for the good of others that when she has a maid in the kitchen I never see her. But when she has to wash the dishes I am permitted to dry them, and then I get a chance to talk over old times when she did her own work. That dish towel is a life saver."

A teacher of the primary class in a certain Sunday-school had for her hobby the "prevention of cruelty to animals," and always endeavored to gain a point along that line, no matter what the lesson was about. One Sunday, to make the illustration more vivid, she drew a picture of a worm upon the blackboard with the following inscription above it: "This is a worm—do not step on it."

"Now, Willie," said she, "do you fully understand what I have been telling you about our illustration on the board?"

"Yes," said Willie.

"Well," said Miss B., "to show the class that you understand, you may take the pointer and read the inscription above the picture."

Willie took the pointer and proceeded to read: "This is a worm—do not step on it."

NOTES OF THE NEWS.

Mr. Whitney has made the announcement that the Government would make a grant to the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

The Minister of Railways had awarded a contract to the 'Soo' rail mill for the supply of ten thousand tons of steel rails for the Intercolonial Railway.

No less than 22,859 householders will be disqualified from voting at the next civic elections in this city on account of not having paid taxes to the corporation.

The executive of the Canadian Press Association of Toronto decided that this year's excursion of the Association should be to Montreal and Quebec some time during June.

The Dominion Motor Car Co., Ltd., composed of Montreal men, has been chartered with \$20,000 capital. They have power to manufacture and deal in motor cars of all descriptions.

The Toronto Board of Health decided to recommend the City Council to apply for legislation empowering the city to expend \$30,000 upon a new hospital for the treatment of measles, chickenpox and erysipelas.

A delegation representing the sheriffs of the Province of New Brunswick waited upon the Government and asked that something like the old time salary be restored either in the way of increase of salary or larger fees.

A novel oil discovery was made on the farm of William Angus, near Windsor, Ont. While ploughing over an old excavation recently, one of the horses suddenly sunk almost out of sight. When dug out it was found that a regular gusher had been discovered.

Mr. W. H. Grattan Flood has received intimation from His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, pontifical Secretary of State, that His Holiness Pope Pius X has graciously accepted a copy of the "History of Irish Music," and was much interested in it.

A nugget of almost solid silver weighing 80 pounds and valued at about \$380, has arrived at the offices of Director of Mines Gibson, Toronto, from the Tretheway Cobalt silver mine, on the Temiskaming Ry., from which neighborhood some \$200,000 worth of ore has been shipped.

Nineteen of the best known London music publishing firms have decided for the present not to publish any new music, not to make fresh contracts with artists and singers, and not to advertise. This action is taken as a protest against the lack of protection afforded the publishers against music piracies.

SCOPE OF THE 'MOTU PROPRIO'

In reply to the queries of "A Worried Organist," which appeared in these columns some weeks ago, a Roman correspondent supplies the following answers: It seems to escape the observation that the whole scope of the "Motu Proprio" embraces only two functions, viz., high Mass (or Missa Cantata) and Vespers. This should be evident to anyone who reads the document with ordinary care. These are the most important of the solemn functions of the liturgy, and the most frequently performed. The greatest number of abuses were associated with them; and accordingly the Pope directed to them, and to them only, his first effort at reform, leaving other abuses to wait or to be dealt with by existing law. This being the definite and avowed object of the "Motu Proprio," its provisions cannot be legitimately applied to any other functions, liturgical or otherwise. Hence regulations regarding singing at low Mass, or popular devotions, or the like, cannot be based on the "Motu Proprio." Such regulations may be very good in themselves, and very necessary, and may be sanctioned by other liturgical enactments, but they cannot claim any support from the "Motu Proprio." A recollection of this obvious fact would dispose of a great many of the difficulties connected with that document.

Applying this principle to the solution of the difficulties of "A Worried Organist," it becomes at once evident that the regulations referred to in queries (1) and (2), inasmuch as they relate to the music at low Mass, can claim no support from the "Motu Proprio." We must therefore look elsewhere for legal sanction for them, if such is to be found. It will, however, be difficult to find such sanction; for the regulations in question are all more or less opposed either to the letter or the spirit of liturgical law. (1) To prohibit the singing of any part of the Ordinary, e.g., Kyrie, Sanctus,

etc., is certainly not in harmony with liturgical law, which sanctions the singing of any approved music, even in the vernacular, at low Mass, a fortiori of music which from its intimate connection with the Mass would seem to be the most appropriate of all. The singing of parts of the Ordinary during low Mass is customary in many countries, and has never been interfered with by the supreme authority. Moreover, as your correspondent observes, this regulation tends to exclude Gregorian Chant from the Sunday singing, and is therefore opposed to the Holy Father's expressed wish. (2) The limitation of the singing to two short motets seems arbitrary, and certainly finds no support in liturgical law, which places no restriction on the singing of even vernacular hymns during low Mass. (3) The prohibition of organ playing apart from mere accompaniment is clearly opposed (a) to the "Motu Proprio," (b) to the Decrees of the S.R.C. and (c) to the Ceremoniale Episcoporum: (a)—Par. 18 clearly supposes playing apart from accompaniment, inasmuch as it lays down rules for the guidance of the organist in "Preludes, interludes, and the like"; (b)—The "Ordinatio" of the S.R.C. (July, 1894), gives similar directions; (c)—The Ceremoniale Episcoporum directs that the organ be played "gravely and sweetly" at a time when it imposes silence on the choir, viz., during the Elevation. "The choir is then to be silent and adore with the others. The organ, if there be one, is to be played with all possible sweetness and gravity." (Book II, chapter viii, section 70). If the organ may be played during the Elevation, it is hard to see on what grounds it can be prohibited at other parts of the Mass. Of course the music played should be in suitable ecclesiastical style.

Newfoundland Correspondence.

The first of the sealing steamers, the SS. Eagle, under the command of the well-known veteran, Captain Arthur Jackman, steamed into port on the night of the 29th ult., with a full load of 38,000 prime young harp seals. Captain Jackman brought news of only eight steamers and out of the eight only one had procured a full load. Eleven steamers are unreported. It is feared that owing to the great severity of the winter, the seal fishery will not be as good as former years. Captain Arthur Jackman is a relative of the Rev. William Jackman, acting pastor of St. John's. This trip is the second best of the veteran seal hunter, his best being when he brought in 35,000 seals in the SS. Resolute.

All the merchants of St. John's have signed a document approving of the Government's action in refusing bait to American fishermen plying in Newfoundland waters. This action is owing to the United States Senate refusing to ratify the Bond-Blaine treaty.

The winter is only now showing signs of breaking up. The month of March was the coldest on record. Mariners, especially foreign captains, will never forget their experience in trying to reach St. John's harbor from different ports. A large ocean steamer from Liverpool took 27 days, a trip usually accomplished in seven days. Battling with the elements in zero weather was not a pleasant one. Another vessel took 18 days to come from Sydney, what can usually be done in three or four days. The description given by captain and crew was thrilling in the extreme.

Two of the most successful scholars of St. Bonaventure's College are now winning honors at Ottawa University. Anthony Power and Augustus White, in each grade of the C. H. E. examinations, were amongst the leaders, and by winning the Jubilee Scholarship of the London Matriculation, they brilliantly closed their already successful careers. At Ottawa University they have been very successful. Their recent exams show that they have taken first and second places in their class.

The more we trust in Mary, the more she justifies that trust. But it must be a trust accompanied by repentance, prayer, and good works; a trust expressed by zeal for her honor, by personal devotion toward her, and by heartfelt thanksgiving to Almighty God.—Bishop Hedley.

Let us never be hard towards those who are weak in virtue; the distrust inspired by harshness would more than counterbalance the good to be expected from a severe reprimand.

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Dear Boys and Girls: I hope none of my are setting bird traps or pleasure at the expense I saw quite a big boy taking delight in throwing a cat which he had cornered. Now this cat if he were faced by a dog, would, in all probability, be killed. Always remember, that the meanest things you do will influence your later that there is no fun in the smallest animal. Sometimes we see a boy or twelve years, teasing and treating one much you like this is termed a bully is always a coward believe that any of those who contribute to these those failings; but this is you thinking.

Your loving, AUNT BECKY.

Dear Aunt Becky: I was very glad to see print, and I would like about sugaring off, but seen one. I have never sugar made. We get to eat, but papa has to buy store. I go to school and have never missed a day and last year I attended hundred and eighty-four half, and my kind teacher, nessey, gave me a nice book, and has been very sick, better now and we are a for she is very good to ways tells us nice stories go to Boston soon, to m lives there.

I remain, your loving

West Frampton, Que.

A CONDESCEND

Gwendolen Jones was c sweet, And her age was half-ton street. In the yard with a walk Harold Percival Marmaduke was almost half-past four And he said, when they baseball and bat, That he'd "play with more."

Gwendolen Jones she gave the fence, At an end were all life's As she saw the friend of depart "To play with the great"

Harold Percival Marmaduke Up to the field marched, But his eye was blacked, was whacked, And his ball no more d

And the boys called him cause he cried, Did Teddy and Willie and And they chased him aw threatened to tell, And said they'd "no use"

Gwendolen Jones came d fence, And her face wore a joy When Harold Percival said He'd play with her "while."

ONE OLD-FASHIONED

"I can't figure out what of all the unsophisticated are there any of them left said a man who, though fifty, is a noted figure in the world. He was speaking sentative of the Sun, that we meet up with now so marvelous wise, finish the-minute, that I never wonder where and how it all up.

"I've got a houseful of boys myself, and I declare are a deal more blasé than things that still divert a tain me have long since bore to them.

"And I am quite certain imposter could fool me, r a great deal easier than any of those boys. They know all the links. Now fact, boys know so blamed I gravely doubt if they have