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ligious scientist, a Dominican. Father Clavius, who corrected the calendar, was a Jesuit. So was Father Kirsch, to whom modern science owes so much. Many others might well be mentioned, and there are literally hundreds of them to be found in Poggenдорff's great biographical dictionary of the scientists of the world.

Gradually we are getting to understand the monasteries and the monks and the work that they did better. Even we Catholics have not been quite ready to appreciate all that they accomplished. It is in peace and quiet always that man does his best work, when he is not disturbed too much by the material necessities of life. The old tradition of "lazy monks" was that those who entered religious orders did so to avoid the work of life, while now it is coming to be recognized that their real reason for retirement from the world was to get away from the hurry and bustle which distracts from really good work. This was true in the old days. It is still true. Probably the greatest of living entomologists is Father Wasmann, the Jesuit. One of the greatest modern biological scientists, not long dead, the Frenchman J.H. Fabre, was not a monk, but lived almost in monastic surroundings far from the world and its rush and din, and thus got something done. Fussy haste is not conducive to accomplishment—quiet concentration is what counts.

One Fire That Water Couldn't Quench

It is said that, for the most part, water if applied in sufficient quantities will eventually quench any fire. In some cases, however, water not only proves ineffectual but actually kindles and nourishes the fire.

When a freighter, the "Hardy", steamed out of Le Treport, France, some years ago, she carried, besides the mineral water in her hold, a number of small wooden cases marked "metallic sodium."

Now the channel was rough. The vessel rolled and pitched violently. The captain saw that the ship was listing to port, and suspecting that the cargo was shifting, sent a boatswain below to investigate. As the boatswain entered the hold he saw that several cases of mineral water had broken and that the water was swishing about in the hold. Then suddenly he saw one of the wooden cases marked "sodium" burst into flame.

Immediately he gave the alarm, and the crew rushed to their fire stations. The captain directed the men to turn the hose into the hold. As the first stream of water struck the burning case there were several explosions as package after package within the case caught fire. By this time two other cases of sodium had broken open, and their contents, as they came in contact with the water from the hose, burst into flame.

The crew could not believe their eyes. The more water they poured on the fire, the more intense grew the conflagration. Then suddenly two cases flew into the air, crashed against the overhead beams and spread out in sheets of fire, the smaller pieces dropped back, only to bounce and dance about, hot balls of flame in the half-swamped hold.

The superstitious crew was fast becoming unmanageable, and the captain saw that in any case he must abandon the ship. He ordered the crew to the boats and not a moment too soon, for as the boats rowed away from the blazing hulk several loud explosions came from the hold. Then there was one mighty detonation, the freighter broke in two and plunged out of sight.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

A very pompous country farmer was made a justice of the peace, and he was so impressed with the awful dignity to which he had attained that the village where he lived could scarce contain him. With his head in the air, he swaggered along the road till he walked into a barrow that was being pushed by an old woman. "Look out, man, where you're going," said the old dame. "Woman," replied the indignant and scandalized dignitary. "I am no longer a man; I'm a magistrate!"

—It is as bad to be over subtle as to be over stupid.

—Goods bought at auction prices are not always bargains.

—Let us force ourselves to be affectionate, gentle and humble in our intercourse with those whom God has given us as our companions. Never let us consent to be of the number of those who, out of their own house, appear like angels, but more like devils at home.

—Diamonds are seldom marked down low enough for short people to reach them.

—The waters of the ocean are not to be heated by a torch of straw.

—There is a phrase in modern journalism which, according to the St. Paul Catholic Bulletin, is not only hackneyed, but at the same time most misleading. This expression is: Prominent Catholics. The truth of the matter is that in many, possibly in the majority of cases, these persons are anything but prominent for their Catholicity. It may be that they were baptized, being helpless at the time, and afterwards attained to positions of eminence in the social, political or financial world. Unless they have become out and out renegades, they are always fondly referred to as prominent Catholics.

—Christ never goes on a vacation. We would it be for us, if forgetting us for His own good pleasure, He should abandon us to ourselves, even for a brief space of time. The Catholic who tries to follow Christ can never go on a vacation as far as the interests of his soul are concerned. He can never, without great spiritual danger, throw down the reins by which he keeps the wild beast within him under control.

—A hard working man needs a change. His nature cries out for it. But a true vacation is only a rest for the weary body or the jaded mind. It can never be a surcease, even a short one, from the duties and obligations of our religion. A vacation without religion is a debauch. The duty of attending divine services on Sunday obliges just as strictly during vacation as during the rest of the year.

—There is no conquest without sacrifice. How unsparingly and generously we give to pleasure and amusements! How little we give to the poor and for the spread of our Holy Faith.

—We have got a habit of thinking that the surplus, the parings, and leaving of our goods, what we can spare, is all that properly belongs to God and His poor.

—In getting something for nothing we usually pay all its worth.

—A cow kept in a pasture does not necessarily give pasteurized milk.

—Moral cowardice, unchecked and unrecognized, is a prolific source of human failure and misery from which the intellectual are not exempt.

—Did you ever notice the size of trouble depends on whether it's coming or going?

For Farm and Garden

Pocket Gophers
maintain an elaborate system of tunnels in the earth, which they are continually extending. They are voracious feeders and store quantities of potatoes, roots, and seeds for winter use. They may be caught by opening the end of a burrow where soil has been thrown out and setting in it a gopher trap. They can be poisoned by placing in their burrows small pieces of fresh parsnip coated with powdered strychnine alkaloid, the proportion being one-eight of an ounce of strychnine to four quarts of the bait.

Hawks and Crows.
Hawks may be caught by setting steel traps on top of tall posts or poles overlooking poultry yards. As to crows it is sometimes effective to kill one or two and hang them up around the field where chickens run, in order to keep others away.

Household Hints

Use Lettuce as a Tonic.
Salads will furnish all the mineral salts usually found in expensive spring tonics. Four things are, however, essential in salad making, says an expert in cooking. The greens in the salad must be crisp, the ingredients in the dressing carefully proportioned and blended so that it shall be neither oily or acid, the whole well mixed, and the salad, as well as the plate upon which it is served, should be cold. These points distinguish the attractive salad of the high priced restaurant from the variety too often served at home.

In the cities lettuce is not cheap at any time and one should study how to make the most of it. Cut off the stem, separate the leaves and let them lie in cold water for ten or fifteen minutes. Go over each leaf individually and wash it. Drain in a strainer or salad net. Dry with a soft cloth, taking care not to break the leaves. Clean and freshen other salad leaves in a similar manner. Yet the prettiest salad is incomplete unless accompanied by a good salad dressing. The oil or butter used in the making of the dressing furnishes fat in an easily digestible form and the lemon juice or vinegar is believed to aid in the digestion of the salad leaves.

Radish Salad.
A salad to be recommended to people with weak stomach is made from the stems of summer-radishes after removing the leafy part. The tender stems are cut into small pieces, salted and allowed to stand for two hours. Then mix with them vinegar, pepper and oil and serve immediately.

RHUBARB CATSUP.
1 quart rhubarb, ground
1 quart vinegar
½ quart fine chopped onions
1½ lb. brown sugar
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon allspice
1 " cinnamon
1 " cloves
1 " ginger
½ " pepper.
Cook slowly till it thickens, take care that it does not burn. It keeps well and steadily improves.

When you purchase a gilt frame, cover it, while new, with a coat of white varnish. All specks can then be easily washed off with water without harm to the frame.

Use the tea that is left over for cleaning the grained woodwork. It is excellent for this purpose, but should be used cold.

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