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out anyhow—running around too breathlessly. much. She'll be all right in the Grace had

callously. "Grace is probably worn out anyhow—running around too much. She'll be all right in the morning, Phii. All she needs is a good night's rest and to stay off that foot." But he was called in the morning to come over early. His patient had not slept all night and he was surprised to find her feverish and exhausted. He examined the injured member again very care-fully. Nothing but a strain at that. Curious—cu-ri-ous ! Doctors are sometimes puzzled just like that. Curious—cu-ri-ous! Doctors much. My goodness, all men are are sometimes puzzled just like like that nearly! I know John A. other people. He visited awhile, is. He gave his his dress suit away wrote a prescription, and went away, after assuring the uneasy murelythe morning when he expected to find Grace very much better.

still weak, feverish and unrespon-sive. She was quite well, she told the doctor. She didn't need any medicine. Couldn't they all let her so happy-but-when I heardmedicine. Couldn't they an tet her alone? Phil pale and aged in the last two days, watched her piteously with haggard eyes.

There's something on her mind," deduced the physician shrewdly. But what? He knew them both well, knew their devo-tion to each other. If Phil were there he would put a few He left pointed questions. . . . He left determining to slip in later when Phil had gone down town. At the curb he was halted by Mrs. Gobey, just alighting from her electric.

"How is Mrs. Wise?" she de-anded. "I'm just going in to see manded. her. Is it true that she is so in . "She's a little nervous," evasive-ly. "Shock of the twisted ankle, "He caught Mrs. Is it true that she is so ill?

He caught Mrs. you know.

Gobey's incredulous look. "Nervous from being kept in the hoise more likely. I'm going in and cheer her up," she told him firmly. "Sorry, Mrs. Gobey,' said the

doctor with his curt smile, "the most you can do today is to inquire.

fessional caution.

"That slight injury," Mrs Gobey began rather haltingly, "it couldn't make her so ill as that. Could it, Doctor? I'm not asking out of idle curiosity," she added hastily. There-there's a reason-She There—there's a reason—— She drew in her breath rather sharply at his sudden keen glance. Her heart was beating heavily, for the troubled conviction had seized her that Mrs. Wise had caught those ill-fated words. What else would make her so ill? Not a marg make her so ill? Not a mere twisted ankle.

After a moment's pause the doc-tor answered deliberately : "Her illness, I admit, is altogether out of

"But—she seems so awfully nervous. Surely such a little injury wouldn't—wouldn't upset her so ______ erving and every." I just thought—if you were "I just thought—if you were worried about it—women are so queer—they worry about about about it—women are so

thing," argued poor Phil. "You can never tell about a woman," answered the doctor callously. "Grace is probably worn out anyhorw-running," argund too were taught their Christian duties. "It is the duty of every parent,

last year. But" she smiled de-murely—"I gave him a new one for Grace found herself responding William

find Grace very much better. His expectations were doomed to disappointment, for Mrs. Wise was till ment for Mrs. Wise was

Thank you for telling me," she said shyly. "I know I shouldn't have believed it—we've always been "I know I shouldn't all so nappy—but—when I heard—" "I don't see what else you could do," judicially consoling. And Grace felt she loved her from that moment. "But I don't believe I'd tell him about it," she added light-ly. "Men are such unreasonable creatures—" dimpling mischievous-ly. 'he might—"

'he might-' "He'd be hurt dreadfully !" in a pained tone. Oh, poor Phil how she had treated him the last few days! But she'd make it up to placed by atheists." days! But she'd make it up to him! What did she care for parties, for society, for anything, compared to her husband!

Grace was walking around the room when Phil, heart and feet

Phil blinked and stared. The had person." left her in bed, inert, dull-eyed, in-ter and he found her magic-Thus one by one the fetiches of different, and he found her magic-

ally well, radiant, smiling Grace felt her heart contract as she saw his face brighten slowly. "Why, you are better, aren't ou !" He spoke carefully, rememvou !

urged as the only means of extri-cating either individuals or the nation from peril of destruction. Thus little by little is man's vaunted wisdom being exploded and the foolishness of God—the Old Wisdom—is proven to shine forth eternally true.—The Missionary. most you can do today is to inquire. She can't see any visitors." "What? She isn't that ill." And Mrs. Gobey looked at him "She's a sick woman," was the answer. "She was probably run down before. . She'll be all right after a few days," with pro-fassional caution. STAGE AND SCREEN

breakfast-what about something to Phil's spirits lifted. "I'm hungry

too," he stated happily. "We'll have it here. Just wait-" and he modern stage and a general denun-ciation of all the theatrical perhurried down stairs his heart singing. She was all right again-perfectly all right. Got over it all in just a jiffy. . He couldn't understand it . . but then— "Women are queer!" he dedelight a pleasure-seeking public, would be as unjust and unfair as an unqualified and unreserved approval of the kind of entertainunderstand it . . but th "Women are queer!" cided, shaking his head. ment that is ordinarily offered in

THE OLD WISDOM

eat

of the modern stage is but too The earliest record we have of strongly justified by sad experi-ences of the past. man's activity shows him engaged Too often, especially in the last decade, has the stage outraged decency and flouted the law of God to an extent that we can put only at her. "I do," was the eager reply. "I words of the serpent, he stretched the forthink I do ! It was something she overheard. . Oh, Doctor, if I could see her and talk to her a little while, I feel surceI could clear has broken with its honorable trait up !" "Women's gossip, I suppose !" And the physican snorted contempt-the man history is little more than the

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

recently made an address in which he pleaded for "the old-fashioned home"—one in which there are children, and where the children

Jennings Bryan,

OF TODAY

teacher and clergyman," he declared, "to meet the issue of moral chaos in the American homes squarely, and work to bring back go to great lengths in the way of defying the laws of God and derid-ing things sacred. If it water into our national life the sweet, sane influence of the old-fashioned American home, and thus save the go to great lengths in the way of defying the laws of God and derid-ing things sacred. If it reflects age, it is that section of life which ought to remain veiled, and these children from the ruin which conchildren from the ruin which con-fronts them." Former Vice-Presi-dent Marshall is reported to have said that if he had his way every child would be compelled to attend customs are branded by all who have a spark of decency left in their Church and Sunday School, as the only means of making him a useful citizen. The irreligious school and The modern stage emphahearts. the attempts of modern materialism to discredit revelation come in for sizes the evil phases of human nature and thus gives a distorted view of reality. Around vice and their share of condemnation by Mr. sin it throws a glamor that will de-ceive the unwary and render wickeddeclared that there is a concerted effort on the part of "advanced science" to discredit the Bible and all religion. "If," said he,

ness attractive in their eyes." are the lessons that the modern stage inculcates.

-The Pilot.

A CONSOLATION

If there be faults they become man-

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are only too soon apparent, whereas if there be neither faults nor fail-

all religion. "If," said he, "schools and colleges follow up these teachings, God-fearing men theatre-going which cannot but result in a lowering of moral stand-tion. Gossips are a nuisance: ards and in the undoing of much gossips with imagination sometimes that has been built up laboriously in home, school and church. They are derfully made : gossips with malifor the men and women of the coun-try to look into the matter of who not opposed to legitimate recreation and wholesome forms of mental re-laxation; but they cannot approve of a type of amusement that leaves a taint on the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of the median definition of the soul and makes light of teaches their children and to see to it that the faith and belief of the fathers is not ridiculed and dis-And a man so far from Catholic as Mr. Arthur Brisbane, discussing the most solemn things in life It the evil. Despite the wish or will the value of psychology in the cure is their imperative duty to warn of those bent upon stirring up s their imperative duty to warn of those bent upon stirring up the inexperienced against the instrife, despite the prejudice or disof disease, gives as his opinion that "one of the best remedies for many sidious dangers that lurk in the modern theatre and the baneful in-fluences that emanate from the stage and the screen, too. In pur-duction of the screen the stage and the screen the sc suffering people is confession. That is to say, the frank and full telling both leaden, come back. "Look, Phil," she cried gaily, "I can walk as well as ever!" Phil blinked and stared. He had Phil blinked and stared. He had Suffering people is confession. That is to say, the frank and full telling of all their repressed emotions and desires to some sympathetic herean" Consciously or uncon to some sympathetic herean" Consciously or uncon the fuences that emanate from the stage and the screen, too. In pur-many person flem misjudged. Consciously or uncon

desires to some sympathetic person." Thus one by one the fetiches of the reformation are being dropped and the practices which Protestant-ism has always execrated are being urged as the only means of extri-cating either individuals or the mation from peril of destruction. Thus little by little is man's Catholic Standard and Times. Catholic Standard and Times.

EUROPE AND THE FAITH

A European observer in an A European observer in an Even then public sympactic that interesting study of comparative populations, has drawn attention to the effect which the War has had on the effect which the war has had on.

A sweeping condemnation of the the leading nations of the world. Russia in Europe and Asia had a population before the War of by those who delight in showing up pproximately 200,000,000. In spite the faults and failings of others. ormances, with which it aims to of her frightful casualties and the loss of territory to Poland and the border States, Russia today totals 150,000,000 of people. The Soviet Government therefore represents our play-houses would be uncritical and misleading Yet, a cautious the largest white population in the world governed from a single attitude of chary distrust in regard center

The United States with 106,000,-000 comes next. The British Empire, with a white population of 47,000,000 in the United Kingdom, and 65,000,000 beyond the seas, ranks next to the United States, although if all England's subjects to an extent that we can put only although if all England's subjects irrespective of color be included, the and genial invitations. Unfortu, British Empire easily heads the list nately, the American stage, once clean and inoffensive in its offerings, population with a total of 447,000,population with a total of 447,000,-200.

"Women's gossip, I suppose !" And the physican snorted contempt-uously. "But not mine !" Mrs. Gobey "eturned spiritedly. "Let me try, Doctor ?" she begged. "Really, I think you might trust my discre-tion." Two of the most surprising facts dignity and heartily enjoyed with-lists, Germany still has 60,000,000, out self-reproach has become the exception. The theatre-goer of today, if he wishes to avoid embar-the other hand has a population rassment and an unpleasant shock according to this year's census of rassment and an unpleasant shock to his sense of modesty, must exer-cise careful discrimination in the selection of the performance he intends to patronize. Indiscrimin-ate frequentation of the theatre in ate frequentation of the theatre in the performance he intends to patronize. Indiscrimin-ate frequentation of the theatre in the performance he intends to patronize and the theatre in the performance he intends to patronize and the theatre in the performance he is numerate frequentation of the theatre in our days will inevitably lead to a blunting of the moral sense and a dulling of the perception of the proper and the improper. In this respect the modern stage has ex-erted a most pernicious influence, and here let it be said that the same is true of motion pictures to a very is true of motion pictures to a very by the government to parents with four or more children, and a gen-The stage has fallen on evil days. eral resurgence of faith is notice It has sunk to exceedingly low levels, both artistically and morally. It is no longer filled with great actors who possess the divine ges-ture and the heroic stature; it is crowded with a host of second-rate was the eldest daughter of the gest. Man has done wonders in wresting from nature her secretz. He has harnessed her power to do his bidding, to whirl him rapidly over land and sea, to carry his messages throughout the boundless ether, to performers who disguise the utter lack of histrionic ability by their Franc France is still the mother of the impudence and their daring shame lessness. Few venture to present arts and sciences, but she has re-ceived a sublimer title from the lips contribute to his comfort and his prosperity in this life, to make it better and easier for him to live. of the Holy Father himself, who of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, if not outright intervention of saints. This spirit will operate to save France from the perils that surround her from with-He has found an answer to the most out and from the dangers that lurk within Russia presents a more complex problem. Her vast hordes under the Soviet regime are striving des-perately to find themselves. In considering the future of Russia, they should ask themselves ? It is a truism that a child who A grance at her watch showed her that eight minutes were gone. Only two minutes more. She had a swift impulse to go away and forget her quixotic intention, but the misery she thought she could see in Grace's face stiffened her solution. After all, if people's happiness was at stake. . . She

y been passed on the modern stage do not seem exaggerated. They are well merited. Far from being a school of morals, the theatre in our days cannot even be said to culti-the agenerally renounced these higher functions and merely caters to the disire for nor is it particularly scrupulous about the means it employs in the pursuit of this aim. To win popular acclaim and especially to a to great lengths in the way of edifice, without which the building will collapse from structural weakness. If masters and men, if legislators and citizens, if parents and children have these iron girders or oak beams within their souls, they have what St. Ignatius calls in his Spiritual Exercises, the foundation Belloc's sombre warning that "Europe will return to the Faith or she will perish" into a prophecy of the spiritual life.

Why is the world today called an that Europe will return to the Faith, and that she will not perish. age of loose thinking? Because men have forgotten the answer to the question that a little girl can Why has the world been tossed about by every wind of theory, and by every noxious doc-trine. Because men have lost the "The one cheerful item in a uniknowledge that the Catechism holds. stage inculcates. The one cheerful item in a uni-safeguard the innocence of the morality, view with alarm the dangerous practice of indiscriminate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate theatree reging which cannot but to write a sense of unust accurate the sense of the sense of unust accurate the sense of unust accurate the sense of the sense of unust accurate the sense of unust accurate the sense of the sense of unust accurate the sense of the sense of unust accurate the sense of the sense sense of the sense of and rebellion? Because material-ism has usurped the place of religion, and has substituted for fixed principles variable standards of selfishness and expediency. Why does the Church insist with all the vigor at her command that the world be reconstructed only along the lines of justice and charity, by the infiltration of Christian ideals into daily life? Because men in the search for knowledge, in the strife for power, in the scramble for

luxury and ease have forgotten the answer to the question, "Why did God make you?"—The Pilot.

PROTESTANTS HONOR CATHOLIC MUSICIAN

London, Dec. 2 .- Saint Alban's (Protestant) Cathedral has just observed the 400th anniversary of the death of Robert Fairfax, a famspeak good or evil of others, but in fact if not in words proof is demanded of every charge man ous English musical composer of church music. It isonly in comparatively recent times that this glorious makes against his neighbor. By instinctive law of nature sympathy building has been dignified with the name of "cathedral." Built nearly a thousand years ago, it was for many centuries the abbey church of is always with the person arraigned until proof of a charge is adduced. the Benedictine monks of Saint Alban's and it stands on the tradi-Even then public sympathy rather tional site on which the first British Martyr, a Roman soldier named Alban, suffered for the Faith when There is no more thankless and

Britain was a Roman province. Fairfax died in 1521. He held the position of organist or master of the choir at Saint Alban's Abbey when that great institution was in terested. If there be failures they all its glory and its Abbot one of the Spiritual Peers of England with a seat in the House of Lords. But ings the uncharitable find themnot only was he held in high honor selves ranged among the false proat the Abbey but he was in favor at phets whose words return upon them void and full of bitterness.-Court, for in the year 1502, he was still at Saint Alban's he was charged by the King to compose an

anthem in honor of Our Lady and Saint Elizabeth, for which he received a fee of twenty shillings from the Royal Exchequer. THE SOLUTION OF LIFE'S PROBLEMS

He occupied the position of a Some time ago a non-Catholic examiner was questioning a class of little Catholic children. They answered splendidly and he was well pleased. He had a theory, however, that intelligence and at the coronation of Henry VII. at the coronation of Henry VIII When Cardinal Wolsey, Archbishop of York and Lord Charcellor of

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Newfoundland Representative: Gerald 8 Doyle, St. John's,

at that he could trust her wonder-fully kind heart. He decided on the instant. Some silly gossip prob-ably that was worrying highstrung sensitive Grace. "Now, listen," he commanded.

"Don't stay over ten minutes if you find you're not helping. . . And tell Phil I want him to drive down town with me for the tablets I spoke of. You want him out of the way, I take it," grinning a little.

the way, 1 take it, grinning a renounce the Faith. It began with little. Mrs. Gobey nodded with a forced smile. She was beginning to feel horribly afraid of the task ahead of her. But she must do it—it was bar duty. She fait still more time has led to the rejection of the of her. But she must do it—it was her duty. She felt still more afraid as she sat by Mrs. Wise's bed and noted the havoc which the last few days had wrought,— the wasted cheeks, the heavy eyes, the dull. uninterested gaze. The sick woman rallied to the un-welcome task of being agreeable to a visitor. Why did they let her in ? The doctor said she was to be quijet.

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tion." Dr. Bruce's lips twitched. Dis-cretion and quick-tempered little Mrs. Gobey ! It was to laugh. But of the Catholic Church with its mission to teach all nations, man has con-

thing seems to work together to make them possible. One of the most notable of such occasions was

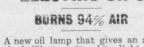
great extent.

duestions than by answers, and so of Fork and Lord Charcellor of hesmilingly requested some child to ask him a question. "Please, sir." Said a bright little girl, "why did God make you?" The old examiner was nonplussed. He coughed and colored, and then cleverly evaded the guestion by asking another

the question by asking another. "Perhaps," he parried, you can tell There is still in existence a massive volume, known as the Fairfax the little maid, "to know Him, to the masses by Robt. Fairfax. the inttle maid, 'to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him for-ever in the next life." "And is that what you are all trying to of?" inquired the examiner. "Yes, sir," came the chorus of boys and girls. There was a lump in the old market by Kobt. Fairfax. Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days une Fayrfax's masses were being sung by the monks. This book is now preserved in the Library of the Arbeiphore of Conterbury in Lamman's throat and he wiped his Archbishops of Canterbury in Lamspectacles, as he murmured to the beth Palace. teacher on his way out, "Your Catholic children are wonderful."

The world hangs upon the answer to the cardinal question. Men seek Few can utter words of wisdom but opportunity to speak kind words is offered to everyone, and

for the answers to multitudinous questions that are puzzling the they are more helpful .- Spaulding. universe. Earth, air and sky, have been searched by scientists for material to solve the questions that It is not the work we do on earth that makes the whole of life, but it is the way in which we do that work nature and man's own curiosity sug--it is the motive.



A new oil lamp that gives an amaz-ingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S Government and 35 bedien university of the soft of abstruse problems over which the best minds of history have pondered in vain. Yet how many men, like the old gentleman in the story, cantested by the U. S Government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 6% common keresene (and oil) not answer the first question that



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