

SURPRISE SOAP
PURE HARD SOAP

"SURPRISE" makes child's play of wash day. Use the "Surprise" way. Follow directions. They are plain.

Household Notes.

PLAIN SEWING.—Just plain sewing—plain, old fashioned hand sewing—has come to be the fashion again, says a correspondent of an American journal. Women who once worked mysterious raised wool dogs and parrots on dark canvases, and later crazy patchwork, then Kensington embroidery, and, only last year, Renaissance lace, now do fine white sewing, felling, hemming, gathering, finishing off hand embroidery which they do themselves, or with dainty lace whipped on with almost invisible stitches.

Sewing like this our grandmothers did for themselves and their daughters, and in many homes bits of it may be found now, carefully put away in old chests and drawers, the odor of lavender and dead rose leaves still clinging to them.

Machine sewing never has filled the place of such exquisite work as used to be done in those olden days. It is something well worth reviving. Like the arts of the Middle Ages, which survived through the fostering care of the monasteries, this art has all the while been kept up by patient nuns, who have wrought in their solitude all that these recent years could be purchased of hand-made underwear, all that could be bought in the shops, for now and then there has been an old fashioned mother who saw that her daughters had at least one hand made piece in their trousseau, and it was always a nightdress of softest stuff, trimmed with real lace and seamed, tucked and finished by her loving hands.

In the days of the grandmothers sewing was a part of every girl's home training. Now it is taught in the public schools here and there, as school boards recognize that they did know a little in those times about the real education of girls.

A dear white haired old lady tells how, when she was a child, she came so interested in gathering her first ruffle that she went over the "stoking" so many times that she wore the piece to threads before it was ready for the band.

Soon the little maid was allowed to put together a garment for herself. In an old Southern town there lived until recently a maiden lady representing the past, who was held up as an example to a younger and more perverse female generation, because, as her aged mother would tell with pride:—"When Georgiana was six years old she made a shift out and out for herself." "Shift," there, is still among old fashioned people the term for the essentially feminine garment known as a chemise.

It is significant to note that with the revival of hand sewing the chemise has come to be the fashion again. Once it was put aside with many arguments as to its being a clumsy and unnecessary piece of underwear.

Most of the high class shops, to supply the increased demand, are now showing a large supply of beautiful sets of hand made underwear. All of it, however, is not done with the fine, small stitches to be expected, but the best of it is exquisite in every particular and as beautiful to look upon as watercolor painting executed by a master.

The truest sign of the revival of hand sewing is not the things seen

in the shops, but the fact that women of leisure are making not only finer sheer linen trifles for the neck, but whole garments with no stitch of machine work upon them. These are for themselves, their children or as a gift to a friend.

One wealthy woman made recently an entire petticoat, the ruffles all tucked and many lace insertions let in by hand. It was designed as a birthday present for a friend, herself a woman of means.

Corset covers which they have made with their own delicate fingers are now an especially popular gift from one girl friend to another. These are finished with wash ribbons, which have an old fashioned air, run all around through the border of lace insertion and tied in bows at the neck, waist and shoulders. Popular, too, as a gift and significant, like the return of the chemise, is the hand made fancy apron, another feminine bit of wear long relegated to maids and the kitchen.

It has been said that a woman never has such power over a man as when he watches her as she sits plying her needle in and out of a fold of soft, white sewing. So, as there always are women who prefer having influence over men to other aims in life, it is not strange that needle and thread in the long summer days should rival golf sticks and ping-pong racquet and balls as weapons in the hands of the summer girl with an eye to the real objects of her campaign.

GOOD SENSE.—Discussing the question of women taking the place of men in the business offices and workshops, a woman of experience says:—"There seems to be a very much mistaken idea that the sex is forcing itself unbidden into places where women do not belong.

"Now men can always keep women at home if they provide properly for them. Even the most mannish type of woman and the most self-reliant was, you will always find upon investigation, forced into the fray. She was unprovided for. Often she cared for others who were left dependent upon her.

"Women are not fond of working in the world, although they may pretend that they are when they have found a place there. Many of them remain until the very end strangely reticent about their occupations and are foolishly sensitive about having the fact that they work for a living alluded to.

"Let fathers, husbands and brothers care properly for their woman-kind as nature ordained that they should do and let them exert the right sort of kind authority over them and they will find women, as a sex, quite content to grace and beautify the home circle."

BABY'S OWN TABLETS.
A Positive Cure for Hot Weather Ailments.

In the hot weather the little ones suffer from bowel troubles, are nervous, weak, sleepless and irritable. Their vitality is lower now than at any other season. Prompt action at this time often saves a valuable little life. Baby's Own Tablets is the best medicine in the world for little ones at this time. They speedily re-

lieve, promptly cure, and give sound, refreshing sleep. The Tablets should be in every home where there are little ones during the hot weather months. Mrs. P. Ferguson, 105 Mansfield street, Montreal, says:—"I have found Baby's Own Tablets the best medicine I have ever used for children. My baby was attacked with dysentery and was hot and feverish. I gave him the tablets and they promptly cured him. Before this he had been rather delicate but since using the Tablets, he has been much better in every way. I can sincerely recommend the Tablets to all mothers with ailing children."

Baby's Own Tablets are guaranteed to be absolutely free from opiates and harmful drugs. Children take them readily, and crushed to a powder they can be given to the youngest infant with perfect safety. They are sold at all drug stores or will be sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y.

Lessons and Examples

BEQUESTS.—Every Catholic of means should remember the Church and its institutions, and among the latter our orphan asylums. Signs are not wanting to show that in recent years, particularly in the United States, the practise is becoming a little more general. What an immense amount of good could be done by our Orphan Asylums if they had the means to give a complete education to boys or girls and keep them under training until they had reached an age which would make it safe for them to go out into the world and take up the battle of life. Recent reports of donations and bequests are:

Mr. William Galt of Washington, D.C., who died June 19, left by will \$1,000 each to the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, St. Ann's Infant Asylum, and the House of the Good Shepherd, while the same amount is left to the pastor of St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, for the poor of that city. Mr. Galt was in his seventy-seventh year, and was unmarried. He was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church, and a trustee of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum.

By the will of the late Rev. Peter Andre of Detroit, Mich., the sum of \$1,000 is left to his executor for Masses; \$1,000 to the bishop of Detroit for the new church of St. Anthony's parish; \$500 each to St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum, Detroit, and St. Francis' Home for Orphans at Monroe; and the remainder, after a sum destined for the testator's monument, is to be used to promote Catholic missions in Africa. Father Andre's library goes to the guardian of the Capuchin convent in Detroit.

TO BUILD A CHURCH.—Through the generosity of Miss Annie Leary, and Mrs. Henry B. Plant, widow of the wealthy railroad and steamboat owner, the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament of New York, are soon to have a church of their own—the first in the United States, according to reports in secular newspapers of New York.

Miss Leary, whose charitable deeds seldom become known to the public, has done much for the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. They had long desired to come to this city, which they regarded as a promising field for their labors, but as the ceremonial of the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament calls for unusual splendor their application for admission to the diocese found little encouragement, many of the clergy

deeming it was not time for the fathers to make their home here.

Miss Leary enlisted many of her society friends in the cause, but for some reason the money did not appear as rapidly and as generously as had been hoped. Then it was she determined she would erect a church with her own funds, and that it should be a memorial to her dead brother Arthur. Only a few of her friends know of the determination, and that for some months she had been looking for a desirable site for the edifice, which is to be erected in one of the select parts of the city, but as yet the location has not been decided on.

One of those who learned recently of the determination of Miss Leary was Mrs. Plant.

When she was visiting Miss Leary not long ago their conversation turned on church work, and then it was that Mrs. Plant heard of her friend's desire, that the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament should have a church of their own. Mrs. Plant became interested at once and said she would do anything in her power to bring about this result.

Soon afterward Mrs. Plant told Miss Leary she would consider it a privilege if she might be allowed to share in the expense of erecting the church. Miss Leary gave her consent readily, but, that she might not be outdone by her friend, it was with the understanding that the church should be a memorial, jointly, to Arthur Leary and to Henry B. Plant.

Both decided, however, that while they were ready to bear the burden of the outlay, any one who desired to aid might do so. So an auxiliary association has been formed, with Miss Leary as general treasurer, and several of her friends have become members. As a result of their efforts, in a short time, it is believed, New York will have a Catholic church devoted to the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Notes for Farmers.

LIVE STOCK.—For quick returns, the hog is far ahead of the steer or sheep. He is easily fitted for slaughter at six months old, and at that time, if he has been well fattened, 80 per cent. of his live weight is in dressed meat.

It will not pay to keep poor cows for milk. And while it is possible to waste feed by giving excessive quantities to good cows, we are in much more danger of cutting down profits by feeding too sparingly. My study of the subject leads me to believe that the majority of owners would make their dairy stock more profitable if they would come considerably nearer to what is called high feeding.

Many farmers salt their cows on the ground. That is not the best way. Boxes, or if the cows come up under the shed at night, a strip of board nailed along the edge of a long sill to make a wide trough will hold the salt far better, and the cows can get it as they need it. The old way is wasteful, and waste means harder work to get along on the farm, as it does everywhere.

The real practical difficulty is to know just what each cow will do beforehand. It is unfortunate that they do not come into the world tagged with their capacity in some indelible manner, so that purchasers can know what to expect. Careful records and studies of animal exterior have given us much material from which to estimate capacity, and by using good judgment and giving our judgment the benefit of any doubt, we shall certainly win in the long run by selecting the best attainable in dairy cows. In my own practice I have made it a rule to dis-

card all cows from the herd that have shown incapacity to produce the equivalent of 250 pounds of butter fat per annum.

Could you do your best if you were kept busy fighting flies from morning to night? No more can the cow. Help her a little by the use of the sprayer. She will reciprocate every such kindness, and do it in a most pleasing way, too.

Feed determines the quantity of milk, while the blood of the animal determines the milk's richness. For that reason it does not pay to bother with calves of blue milk stock (unless for selling milk, and hardly then). Nor does it pay to fuss with a calf that for any reason is lacking in individual vigor.

There are a great many articles on the farm that can be consumed by the poultry with advantage. Turkeys will clean tobacco of the large worms, and there are no better destroyers of grasshoppers and moths than turkeys and guineas, as they forage early and late. Ducks eat anything that a leg will consume, and they are excellent scavengers. Geese prefer the pasture, and also young and tender weeds. During the season from May to October all classes of fowls, if given their liberty, can secure an abundance of food without aid from the farmer, and eggs in summer are really more profitable than eggs in winter, because they need cost the farmer nothing except the waste foods.

The OGILVY STORE LINENS.

In buying Linens there is one place you can buy safely:

Because our Linens are Linen.

Because our Standard is at all times maintained.

Because our Prices are, quality for quality, 20 per cent. less than any other.

Because our intimate knowledge of Linens enables us to select only such goods as will permit of a Microscopic Disintegration.

Because we know that no other Bargain Linens will stand more than a superficial examination to expose the miserable substitutes sold as Linen.

Half-bleached Table Damasks.

51 in. wide, at 50c; for 35c per yard.

54 in. wide, at 55c; for 37c per yard.

60 in. wide, at 70c; for 50c per yard.

70 in. wide; at 70c; for 50c per yard.

Cotton Turkish Bath Towels.

18 x 34 inches, 90c per dozen.

20 x 43 inches, \$1.35 per dozen.

22 x 50 inches, \$1.60 per dozen.

DISH TOWELLING.

55 inches wide, 22c; now 15c a yard.

Best Attention Given to Mail Orders

JAS. A. OGILVY & SONS,
St. Catherine and Mountain Sts

Premium TO Subscribers.

We offer as a premium to each Subscriber a neatly bound copy of the Golden Jubilee Book, who will send the names and cash for 3 new Subscribers to the True Witness.

This is a splendid opportunity to obtain a most interesting chronicle of the work of Irish Catholic Priests and laymen in Montreal during the past Fifty years.

New Books AND New Editions.

A Practical Commentary on Holy Scripture; for the use of Catechists and Teachers. By the Right Rev. F. J. Knecht, D.D. With illustrations and maps. Second edition. Two vols. 12mo. Half morocco, net \$4.00.

Manual of Sacred Rhetoric; or How to prepare a Sermon. By the Rev. Bernard Feeney. 12mo. net \$1.25.

Translation of the Psalms and Canticles with Commentary. By the Rev. James McSwiney, S.J. 8 vo. net \$3.00.

The Triumph of the Cross. By Fra Girolamo Savonarola. Edited with introduction by the Very Rev. John Proctor, O.P. net \$1.35.

The Little Imperfections. Translated from the French, by the Rev. Frederic P. Garesche, S.J. 12mo. net \$0.60.

The Oratory of the Faithful Soul. By the Right Rev. Abbot Lewis Blossius. Translated by the late Bishop Coffin, C.S.S.R. 16mo. net \$0.20.

A Mirror for Monks. By the Right Rev. Abbot Lewis Blossius. 16mo. net \$0.20.

A Book of Spiritual Instruction: "Instructio Spiritualis." By the Right Rev. Abbot Lewis Blossius. Translated from the Latin by the Rev. Bertrand A. Wilberforce, O.P. Second edition. 12mo. net \$0.75.

A General History of the Christian Era. For Catholic Colleges and Reading Circles, and for Self-Instruction. By the Rev. A. Guggenberger, S.J. In three volumes. 8vo.

Vol. I. The Papacy and the Empire; with a table of Aryan Languages and ten colored maps. \$1.50.

Vol. II. The Protestant Revolution; with four colored maps. \$1.50.

Vol. III. The Social Revolution; with six colored maps. \$1.50.

The Life of Bartolome de Las Casas and the First Leaves of American Ecclesiastical History. By the Rev. L. A. Dutto. 12mo. net \$1.50.

A Benedictine Martyr in England. Being the Life and Times of the Ven. Servant of God, Dom. John Roberts, O.S.B. By the Rev. Dom. Bede Camm, O.S.B. 12mo. net \$1.25.

Lucius Flavius. An historical tale of the time immediately preceding the destruction of Jerusalem. By the Rev. Jos. Spillmann, S.J. 12 mo. \$1.50.

The Place of Dreams. Four stories by the Rev. William Barry, D. D. 12mo. net \$1.00.

The Marriage of Laurentia. By Marie Hautmont. 12mo. net \$1.60.

B. HERDER,
17 S. Broadwas, ST. LOUIS, MO

Something new to put on your pipe

Fowler's automatic draft regulator, regular draft at all times, no over heated furnaces, no burning out of grates, no escape of gases in cellar or room. For 7 in pipe \$3.50. A great coal and trouble saver.

GEO. W. REID & CO.,
Roofers, Asphailers, Heat Contractors
783-785 Craig Street.

SUBSCRIBE NOW

SUBSCRIPTION ORDER

The True Witness P. & P. Co.'y, Limited
P. O. BOX 1188, MONTREAL, P. Q.

I hereby authorize you to send me THE TRUE WITNESS for which I agree to pay to your order at the rate of One Dollar per year.

Signed.....190
Address.....

Subscription Rates, Strictly in Advance

Canada, Newfoundland and United States, \$1.00 per year
City and Foreign, \$1.50 per year.

THE TRUE WITNESS
IS PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY
P. & P. Co., Limited
17 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.

NOTES

CHILDREN'S READ speech which he delivered at the meeting of the Library Association, touched upon a subject of importance to Catholics, to those to whom his address—namely, "Catholicism." The conviction, that the best way to really serviceable work is to be a part of the public of the future through the children of to-day, has taken hold on libraries. It brought home to all who were interested in what are known as "reading circles." If a reading circle is to be of any use, it must be a library of books to school homes, and a "library" fostered by providing with attractive rooms libraries will be well on the way to the next generation. It is interesting to learn that a system of "home libraries" is being placed in the homes of use in each neighborhood. "Home libraries" are charge of charitable societies are no fewer than several in Boston; and their popularity. These facts are suggestive.

They show the great need of non-Catholics to bring the young. The great thing is to keep them within the sphere of Catholicism. It is the same in common schools. The totally secular instruction to religious education. Catholics should have their own libraries where the standard Catholic writers find a place. Catholicism should be safeguarded against weakening their moralities. We have a library at present in our own reason why non-Catholics are opposed to priests trying to do with the books to be bought be evident to our readers foregoing remarks.

CATHOLIC SAILORS dispute arose at the week between the owners of a steamer in crew had joined the ship's crew that they were their wages when they and the other half would be over. The crew of the half of their wages, refused to pay them not consider that the money titled to the money. the ship, but very with the assistance of the Club, which they since their arrival in port, the president, Mr. F. who immediately proceeded after hearing what to say, advised them to their ship, while he went to bring about a settlement of the Club in captain, who in turn owners; and the difference adjusted without further with the legal. Thus a dispute that might have cost litigation was easily arranged through the of the Catholic Sailors' Club but one out of many could be given of the usefulness of such in the Catholic Sailors' Club further emphasizes the Catholic Sailors' Club only the confidence of