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money by it for years, and has had a share in filling out the schedules of a great many bankrupts, who have taken advantage of his sagacity in supplying them with collateral.

Three cats of a species said to be unknown were discovered recently in the spire of a church at Brighton, Mass. The cats are covered with a coat of long shaggy fur; their teeth are long and almost like tusks. On the nose of each is a large tuft of hair resembling a tusk. They are very agile and spring from rafter to rafter with the ease of a squirrel. It is not known how they got on the spire or how long they have been there, but it is believed that they have been confined in their aerial abode for many years.

Another fairy tale is going the rounds of the press about the woman who, when her husband is on the verge of bankruptcy, produces her little savings-bank book, and says airily: "John, will \$10,000 be of any use to you?" and John with tears of rapture accepts the donation, which she has earned by selling fine art embroidery through the Women's Exchange, or in some other clandestine but interesting manner, and straightway goes and steers it against a wheat deal, and it goes too. What a disagreeable myth this woman is! and if she ever existed and had business sense enough to accumulate \$10,000 what a fool she would be to entrust it to a man who had already shown himself incapable of managing his own affairs.

Girls in all English-speaking countries will be in a flutter when they learn that the big-wigs of the English courts have expressed the conviction that the law permitting actions for breach of promise should be repealed. In the opinion of the mighty Dogberrys over the sea, this sacred privilege of these must be taken from it because designing females are constantly preying upon the fortunes of young and also of old peers. What a dreadful thing! Rather than sanction such a calamity, the learned judges would prefer that the aristocracy should prey upon the affections of the British spinners of all classes without any fear of damages for broken vows. But Parliament will doubtless protect the girls.

A queer story, and one which readers would do well to take with more than the proverbial grain of salt, comes with first-class recommendations all the way from England. Thirty-three years ago, in 1860, a member of the Chaplin family died at Blankney, Lincolnshire, and was laid in the family tomb. This particular Chaplin was a naturalist, and among his other pets he had a large grey bat. That bat was permitted to enter the tomb, and was sealed up alive along with the corpse of his dead master. In 1866 the vault was opened, and to the surprise of all the bat was alive and fat. On four different occasions since the Chaplins have looked after the welfare of their dead relative's pet, and each time it has been reported that the bat was still in the land of the living, although occupying quarters with the dead. He was last seen in 1892.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Pope continues to enjoy good health, and last week delivered a splendid impromptu allocution in Latin and in splendid voice.

A congress of Catholic students will be held at Brussels early in the coming year. The eminent historian Goffredo Warth will preside.

The diocese of Providence lost a valuable and venerable member of its priesthood by the death this month of Vicar-General McCabe.

The A. P. A.'s are very active in McCook, Neb., and prevent Catholic workmen from getting a fair show of what little work is going on this winter.

Archbishop Ireland preached to an audience of five hundred colored people at St. Peter Claver's church, St. Paul, last week on the occasion of the first anniversary of the church's dedication.

One of the most interesting social events of the season was the seventh annual ball of Annunciation Court, No. 28, Catholic Order of Foresters, which was given last Friday evening at Walsh's Hall, Noble street, Milwaukee.

An entente between Russia and the Vatican has been formed on the nomination of bishops of Poland. Russia has removed her interdiction of Catholic bishops going to Rome, and on Friday the Pope gave an audience to a Polish bishop.

We learn on the best authority, that the rumor according to which the documents from the Vatican, lent to the World's Fair, were not to be returned by a warship, is false. The documents are now in safe keeping at Washington, and we are able to state that they will be returned on the first man-of-war crossing the Atlantic. U. S. government will be true to its engagement.

The parochial and Catholic industrial schools of Brooklyn have been singularly honored by the committee on awards of the World's Fair for the work done by the pupils in the different studies and arts. The diocese of Brooklyn received thirty medals, while New York got forty medals. Bishop McDonnell is especially pleased at the showing made by the pupils of the parochial schools.

The late Cardinal Charles Lawrence, who died in Rome on November 2, was coadjutor to the Pope, when the latter was Cardinal Pecci, Archbishop of Perugia. He was proclaimed Cardinal on November 10, 1884. The deceased Cardinal was member of the following Congregations:—The Holy Office, Bishops, and Regulars, the Council, the Propaganda, Oriental Rites, Sacred Rites, Extraordinary Foreign Affairs.

Religion in the public schools is causing trouble at Raymond, Ill. Miss Lou Watson, a teacher, has been requiring all pupils to stand every morning and repeat the Lord's prayer in union with her. In obedience to instructions from Father Dougherty, the Catholic children remained in their seats and refused to repeat the prayer. The teacher then appealed to the principal and the school board to compel the children to repeat the prayer, but they refused to sustain her action and the children will continue to go to school and will not be required to repeat the prayer.

There can be no longer any question concerning Monsignor Satolli's attitude on the school question; and, in fact, his position has always been plain enough to everybody who wished to judge it impartially. In the address which he made at Gonzaga College, Washington, on Thanksgiving day, the Apostolic Delegate declared that he had always been in favor of the Catholic system of education, and could not understand why any doubt of that fact should ever have been entertained by anybody.

Death of Mr. John McDonagh.

The many friends of Mr. John McDonagh, of the firm of McDonagh and Shea, brewers, of this city, will regret to hear of his death, which took place at 1:30 o'clock this morning, after a long and painful illness, at his rooms on Fort street. The cause of his death was cancer. Mr. McDonagh was unmarried, and came to Winnipeg a few years ago from Minnesota, and was one of the founders of the successful firm which bears his name. The deceased will be buried at St. Mary's cemetery, Fort Rouge.

Death of Mrs. Collier.

One of the land marks of Red River Settlement disappeared by the death of Mrs. Catherine Collier, who has been here for about forty years. Well known and respected by the old settlers, she passed her declining years in retirement and died over 90 years of age at the residence of Mr. James New, Balmoral Street in this city. She duly received the last rites of the church and was interred in St. Mary's cemetery.

On to-morrow a Requiem service will be celebrated at 7:30 o'clock for the repose of her soul, at St. Mary's church.

New Year's at St. Boniface Orphanage.

The festive seasons of Christmas and New Year always bring visions of happiness to the young, and this year was no exception. Among all classes some mode of entertaining the children was provided, and the orphans of St. Boniface were not forgotten. A number of gentlemen were busy during the past week collecting donations from the charitably disposed, and as the result of their efforts they proceeded on New Year's day to St. Boniface Orphanage with a team load of good and useful presents for the youngsters. They were received by the good Sisters, and shown to the class rooms, where were assembled about fifty young girls, of all ages from one year to 15. After distributing some of the bon-bons, toys, etc., the children sang some very pretty songs, among them a welcome song in English. The visitors could not help remarking the healthy and cheerful appearance of the orphans, showing the great care given them by the sisters.

Of this institution too little is known, even among our Catholic citizens. The great work that is being done for God's sake—the bringing up of the young, and the care of the old and feeble. As was remarked by one of the visitors,—"I never knew we had an institution of this kind in our midst." This remark can be applied to most of our citizens, who, if aware of the great good done by this noble band of ladies, who have given up home and friends to devote themselves to charity and good works, would visit this asylum and come away impressed with but one idea, and that is that this excellent institution is one of the most deserving in the country. It is to be hoped that our readers in future will not forget the little ones of St. Boniface.

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