DOMESTIC READING.

Idieness travels very lessurely, and

The man who looks for difficulties will find two where he only expects

Virtue is self subjection to the incuple of duty, that highest law in

ne soul. He that pleases nobody is not so nuch to be pitted as he whom nobody

much to be pitted as he whom nobody can please.

A knowledge of the forms of court esy is less essential than the practice of its facts.

No man can be provident of his time o is not prudent in the choice of

s company If you put up with the small worries of life, the large ones will become

Mammon is like fire: the most necful of all servants, if the most frightful of all masters.

diminutive.

Hast thou seen anyone wise in his own concert? There shall be more hope of a fool than of him.

Moderate your desires, so that with the you may be content, remember-g that contentment is in itself a

The remembrance of the divine Heart of Jesus is a sort of consolation and joy: oh, how good it is to make one's dwelling within!—St. Bernard.

Ejaculations are short prayers dartup to God on emergent occasions.
They are the artilery of devotion and
their principal use is against the fiery
darts of the devil.

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When we do anything for God, the very least thing, we never know when it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for Him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God and not to mind because they are such very little things.

Our life is March weather, and serene in one bour. We go forth austere, dedicated, believing in the iron links of Deatiny, and will not turn on our heel to save our life; but a book or a bust, or only the cound of a name, shoots a spark through the nerves, and we suddenly chauge.

merves, and we suddenly change.

There are people in the world who are honestly incredulous of anything more than what the, find in themselves. These people yield you a sort of reductant admiration while they think you mercenary, but, if you disclaim the mercenary intenticus, they change thair minds only just sufficiently to their minds only just sufficiently sonsider you a hypocrite.

For converse among men, beautiful persons have less need of the mind's commending qualities. Beauty in itself is such a silent orator that it is itself is such a silent orator that it is ever pleading for respect and liking, and, by the eyes of others, is ever sending to their hearts for love. Yet even this hath this inconvenience in it—that it makes its possessor neglect the furnishing of the mind with nobleness. Nay, it oftentimes is a cause that the mind is ill.

that the mind is ill.

If all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of that thrones and pracipalities in Reaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the million woices of the universe, of all creatures of Heaven, and carth, and sea, were offered up in one universel and adoration, they would not qual or even approach in value and efficacy the infinite value at a single Mass.

Of all ganctities in the Church

Of all sanctities in the Church, St. oseph's is that which hes deepes own and is the hardest to see distruct down and is the hardest to see distunct ly. We feel how immense it must have been. The honor of Jesus and the office of St Joseph towards His Mother and Humself all point to an anusual effusion of graces upon him, while the lights which transpire, as it were, through chinks in the Gospel, indicate amost divine and at the same time a nucst dearly hidden life. time a most deeply hidden life,— Father Faber.

To say "I am resigned" is to acknowledge defeat at the hands of life, to accept it, and in passive endurance to give up the fight for happiness a brave soul cannot do this, because it would be ashamed; and a wise soul cannot, because it feels that, as it must continue in the world, as it must continue in the world. wise soul cannot, because it feels that, as it must continue in the world, simply common serie commands it to gather all of the good that the world may still present. To dwell in resignation is to look forward with nothing more than patience. But the brave man, the wise man, holds to his birthright of hope, and looks forward to a time when, although he does not yet understand the way, in some sure way he will re conquer and re-establish contentment.

CRUEL SCIATICA.

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Incommant Pain Tormented Packed Life
Depaired Depaired P.O., Co. of
Grey, writes these strong words: "For
two years I was completely laid up with
scattica. I doctored without any permanuent rollef. I had given up hope,
af friend saw the notice of a cure of
what seemed a parallel case to mine, by
South American Rheumatic Cure, and
knowing my little faith in the efficacy
of any remedy, he procured a bottle
himself and brought it to me. I took
it, and, to make a long story short, it
saved my life. In a day or so I was out
of bed, and in three days I was able
to bralk to Durham, a distance of four
miles, to purchase anothe of the. I
am now on rely oured.

PIRESIDE FUN

Well, your sister is married y your turn." She - "Oh Now it's your turn. George, ask papa!

" What is his profession? " "He is a poet and artist." "U—um. Yes but what Joes he Jo for a hving?"

"Sice says she's twenty-two, but she's thirty-five. I can read it between the lines." "What lines?" "Those on her face."

"Osmond's new girl baby is sending her cards round." "Well, let's hurry and call on her before she learns to talk."

A man recently drank a pint of yeast m mistake for buttermilk. He rose three bours earlier than usual next

morning.
"You geniuses are getting so thick that you will soon browd common people off the earth." "No, we won't most of us are so lesy."
"Vinnie: "Minnie will never marry until she meets her idaal" Viotta: "What is her ideal "Viotta: "What is her ideal "Viotia: "A man who will propose."

The aeme of politeness was reached by a mining superintendent who posted a placard reading: "Please do not tumble down the shaft."

"Is this wine of the famous 1865 vintage!" "Alas, no! It is of the year 1864." "That's easily remedied. Why not keep it a year longer?"

The Husband (during the quarrel):
"You're always misking bargains.
Was there ever a time when you didn't?" The Wife; "Yes, sir, on my wedding day."

Amy: "Yes: "he is very persistent. He says he would go to the ends of the earth for me." "Alice: "Why not send him? It would take him some time to get back."

"Don't you think it would encourage men if they could read their obituaries while they are alive?" "No; they would get so condited that we couldn't live with them."

"Do you mean to say that your daughter hasn't told you that she was engaged to ma?" "No. I told her not to bother me with those affairs unless she intended to get married."

"That is very nice, Mabel, but it strikes me, Ive heard it betore." "It's Van Griggor's latest." "Oh, that accounts for it. Most people have heard Van Griggor's new things before,"

Teacher: "You know, Johnny, if you cut an apple in two, each part is called a half," Johnny: "Not if my brother Dick cuts it. The part I git ain't never more'n about a quarter of it, ma'am."

Author: "I am troubled with insomnia," I lie awake at night hour after hour thinking about my literary work." His Friend: "How very foolish of you! Why don't you get up and read portious of it!"

Philanthropist: "Yours is the first hand organ I have seen for some weeks. Got too cold for them, I suppose." Organist: "Eet ees so, signor. Zee peoples keeps windows shut and notta pay us to move on."

"Papa," said Jacky, "would you like to have me give you a birthdry present?" "Yes, indeed." "Then now is the time to double my weekly pocket money, so's I'll have the money to buy it when your birthday comes."

"Do you think, professor, that the theory that Mars is inhabited has any practical value!" "Do I think so?" returned the professor. "I know it, Some periodicals pay 20 dollars a pago for articles on the subject."

Jones had been quite ill. One day the doctor called and found him in a bath-tub. "Why, man, are you crays. You must be anxious to die." Dain-up.
crasy. You must be anxious to die."
No, I am not," protested poor Jones;
"but didn't you say that your last
medicine was to be taken in water?"

"HE HATH THE FALLING SICKNESS."

Epilepsy or the "Falling Sickness" has been known for many centuries, and for as been known for many centuries, and for as the control of the state of the state

not one hat could conquer this insidious disease.

But here is Samuel Duffin, residing in the Township of West Nissouri, eight miles from the City of London, who makes a worn statement before a Notary Public, that about eight years ago he had a partic stroke, and hay ever since been subject to Epileptic Fits, which came upon him so often that it was unsafe for him to be left alone. He was treated by five of the beet physicians in the province, and spent hundreds of dollars, to no avail, in endeavoring to get relief. Then he tried Kootenay Cure, which contains the new ingredient. Note the change.

PARM AND GARDEN.

Get out your seed pans and boxes now. Shallow eigar boxes are nice for sowing many kinds of seed. Sift your soil through a coarse steve. Save the rofuse. Now into the bottom of your pans and boxes put a thin layer of quite fresh horse manure; with a stick of wood pound the annure down hard; over it place the refuse from the sifted soil; fill to within one or two inches of the top with the sitted soil mixed with one fourth sand, if you have it; water and set in a mode rately warm place for a few days, then water again, enough to moisten the soil; make tiny furrows one inch apart, and plant such seeds as a saters, verbenas, pansies, etc., one inch apart, in the rows. Cover lightly with the soil, and with the hand press __mly down on the seeds; now dampen pleces of old flannel by winging lightly from warm water; on your little seed end put this 'wet blanket,' and set where it will be warm; usually the soil can be kept moist enough by witting the blanket when it gets dry. Set the seed gans on warm bricks, or on heasted blocks of wood, for a little while at a time every time. Watch for his seedlings and as seon as they appear remove the blankets and set in the light, but not in the sun for several days. Do not keep them too wet, and do not let the sun shine on them during the middle of the day until they are quite stout plants. When they begin to get a bit crowded, take out every other plant and set in another box two inches apart each way; continue transplanting as often as the plants appear to get orowded.

Prof. W. P. Brooks, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, says on the aubject of keeping up soil fertility: "Soils have but very little capacity for holding nitrogen in soluble compounds, as nitrue soil and ammonia, while ordinarily phosphoric acid and potash are easily hold. The bank which holds the phosphoric acid and potash is reasily hold. The bank which holds the phosphoric acid and potash are easily hold. The bank which holds the phosphoric acid and potash is reasily hold. The bank which holds the ph

grass and clover, green crops to be plowed under, etc., is sound practice. Green manuring cannot increase the quantity of phosporic acid or potash, as the plant returns only what is received from the soil; neither does the plant prevent their loss, as the soil has the capacity for their retention. As green manuring plants are vigorous growers, the feeding roots are provided with an acid which exerts a powerful solvent action. The myriads of roots ramify through the soil, dissolving phosphoric acid and potash as they grow. Unnoccupied soils in late number or autumn lose soluble nitrogen. A growing crop should, therefore, be kept on the fields. Green manuring enables the farmer to conserve soil nitrogen. It enables himton a soil of the soluble nitrates which has effective handmaids, warmth, air and bacteris, have been producing, under lock and key and to hold them there during the periodatumn, winter and early spring—when that active thief, heavy rain, is most likely to abscond with them. Clover, peas, vetches, lupine and a few other plants aboort nitrogen from the air: the supply of nitrogen in the air is exhaustless, and nitrogen is the most expensive plant food.

How to Root Sups.—Take a shallow dish and fill with sharn and we

How ro Roor Sines—Take a shallow dish and fill with sharp sand, wet this very wet, but not so that it will be muddy, or so that the water will stand on the surface. Insert the slips in this sand and never lei t get dried out; this is the secret of success—keep the sand wer all the time, and remember that it dries out rapidly. If you want to root a geranium slip choose one that is strong, large, healthy and not woody. Almost anything will root in this wet sand. If you want to root a good many slips, a box or something that could be overed with glass would be best. Fill this partially with sand, and have no drainage; insert the slips and cover with glass would be best. Fill this partially with sand, and have no drainage; insert the slips and cover with glass, put the box in a sunny window and raise the back and so that the box will be thrown with its entire surface to the sunshine. Slips will root rapidly, and when well rooted they will be transplanted. If you begin early you will have plants for summer blooming, and those that have bloomed during the winter may take a rest and have their hude plinched off to fit them for service another winter. It is a fact that a plant will produce more flowers as it grows older if it is cared for. Of course plants may get too old, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Now a word about potting rooted slips: These must be handled with care, and here is where the novice makes a mintake. On one put a timy rooted slip or a good sized rooted slip into a big pot, use a very wanll one; it will not put the plant back to transplant it from time to time, it will do it good, it will make it strong and stooky, instead of letting it grow up spindling and weak.

"It is a Grant Puntac Benefit." These significant words were used in rolation to Dr. Thoms: Ecacarrac Ott. by a geotleman who had thoroughly tested its merits in his own case—having been cured by it of Ismeneses of the kneep of three or four years' standing. It were falls to remove soronees as well as lameness, and is an in

Chats With the Children.

A fight between a bear and a python is described by an Laglishman recently returned from Madras. It cocurred in the hill country of the Presidency. The enake had crept out of the jungle to got some fresh air, and when the bear came along the same path neither animal would allow the other to pass. The serpent was a big python, and wound itself around he bear. Brunn, roaring all the while made desperate efforts to but the sanke and so force at to let go us grp. The snake refused, and it seemed as if the bear would be slowly crushed to death. Meanwhile, the furious light ors had wiggled to the side of the hill, and the bear, quick as thought, threw himself down the side. Cawinding uself partly to eatch hold of a tree, the surpent gave Brun the chance he had longed for, and he faxed his jaws into the enake. Then a fearful struggle caused—the enake hissing abominably and leshing the bear's head, the bear roaring and worrying the reptile. By and by both combatants were lost to the view of the natives who witnessed the strange encounter; but when they were next seen it was clear that Brun was setting solely on the defeesive; but the bear rushed in upon it in a final outburst of rage, overbore the snake and crushed its head to pieces.

THE USE OF FRIENDS

We should not expect too much of our friends, nor load them down with needless burdens. They may be willing to stand by us to the utmost, to bear what we impose upon them; but we must not forget that they have their own duties to perform and their own cares to attend to, and that there is a limit to human patience and endurance. A selfish use of those who love us and those who are interested in us becomes exacting, and too often goes beyond what is wise or expedient in its demands. As the result, there is a failure to fully respond to the continuous calls. Thoughtfulness and consideration should ever characterize the manner and extent of the favors and attention which we solicit at the hands of others.

SEVEN NOTABLE BRIDGES.

London Bridge in constructed of London Bridge in constructed of grantte, and is considered among the innestspecimens of bridge architecture. The present structure was commenced in 1824, and completed in seven years, at a cost of over half a million pounds. The Bridge of Sighs at Venice, over which condemned prisoners were transported from the Judgmant Hall to the place of their execution, was built in 1688.

The Bridge of the Holy Trinity at Florence consists of three elliptical arches of white marble, and stands unrivalled as a work of act. It is 322 feet long, and was completed in 1669.

The Nisgara Suspension Bridge was built it 1846-1856, at a cost of £80,000. It is 245 feet above high water, 320 feet long, and the strength is estimated at 1,200.

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The Rusto, at Venice, is said to have been built from the designs of Michael Angelo I consists of a single marble arch 98 feet long, and was completed about the year 1622.

Brooklyn Bridge was commenced, under the direction of Mr. Roebling, the designer of the Nisaara Suspension Bridge, in 1870, and completed in thirteen years. It is 6,980 feet long, and 195 feet high. The cost of huilting was little less than 28 000,000.

The Lagong Bridge, built over an arm of the China Sea, is five miles long, with 390 arches of stone, 70 feet high, and 70 feet broad, each pillar supporting a marble lion 2 feet in length. The cost of the bridge is unknown. — "Cassell's Saturday Journal."

Boy, your mother's dreaming; there's a picture pure and bright.

That gladdens all her homely tanks at morning noon and nights:

A picture where is blended all the beauty born of hope,

A view that takes the whole of life

of studenthy, totally distance of the future when r boy shall stand the equal of his grandest fellow-men, r boy, whose heart with goodness she has labored to imbue, all be, in her declining years, her love

Shait so, in her deciming years, her love proud and true. She's growing old; her cheeks have lest the blush and bloom of spring, But, oh, her heart is proud because her son shall be a king:

Shall be a king of noble deeds, with goodness crowned, and own The hearts of all his fellow-men, and

she shall share his throne Boy, your mother's dreaming picture pure and bright,
That gladdens all her hom

That gladdens all her homely tasks at morning, noon and night.

A view that takes the whole of life within its loving scope,
Oh, boy, beware! You must not man that mother's dream of hope.

THE SION OF THE CROSS.

One of the most striking incidents in connection with the departure of Prince George of Greece for Crete coin connection with the departure of Prince George of treeces for Orcto courred just as the torpedo boat on which he had enthanked had commenced to steam slowly out of the port of the Pranus. The whole of the latter, as far as the eye could see, was simply black with people, all of them cheering their favorite and shouting wishes of good luck in the popular and patriotic enterprise which he was taking in hand. Prince George is not a saint nor yet a very religious man and he is absolutely free from all affectation and pose. Let some chord seemed to strike him as he stood alone at the stern of his small craft, and suddenly baring his head, he made with a sweeping gesture three times in succession the sign of the cross in the oustomary Greet fashion in full yiew of all the people. There was an intentancous hush as if by enchantent. Every man, woman and child of that mighty crowd followed his example in making the sign of fath, and then the cheering burst forth with renewed and with a hundred fold in creased enthusiasem and intensity as the boat slowly made her way out to sea.

SAVED FROM DEATH BY A BIRD.

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The Greek Emperor Basilius had condemned his son Lee to death on the false accuration of a couple of trusted courtiers that he had formed a plot against the life of his father. The Empress in her sorrow and augusth tried her utmost to melt her husband's heart, but in vain. On the day before the execution she sat sur rounded by her ladies bemoaning her son's dreadful fate. A favourite parrot which occupied a cege in the Empress's apartment was moved by her orders to a lonely spot in the grounds of the palace, because she could not endure its chattering and screeching, in her grief and despair. Not long afterwards the Emperor entered the park and seated himself on a bench. He had not been sitting long when he heard a plaintive voice uttering the words, "Oh I Leo, my ron, my son! followed by a heattrending cry. It was the partot, which had heard its unhappy mistress repeat nothing but there wor is during the last fow weeks to the palace, and immediately ordered his son to be set at liberty. Not long afterwards the matter was cleared up and Luc's innocence established.

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as hard or us as the dealing Bright's bid defiance to death-dealing Bright's Disease.

But woo to the man who Joesn't take care of his Kidneys! When they cease to filter the blood, the blood resis with posson. Urine actually flows in the veins. You die a lingering death. The spine and extremities first; the brain last. Dying at the bottom while living at the top!

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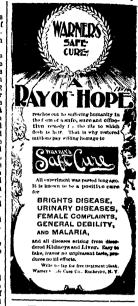
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