

INTERESTING MISCELLANY.

How quickly one generation of men follows another to the grave! We come like ocean waves to the shore, and scarcely strike the strand before we roll back into the forgetfulness whence we came.

A KING OF HEARTS. Mr. Charles Bartram, at a private séance given before Dr. Walsh, the Archbishop of Dublin, in London lately, presented a pack of cards to His Grace, requesting him to draw one.

PREACHERS' YARNS. "Breddren," said an old colored pastor, "de church am like a ship, an' de pastor, which am yo' 'umble servant, am like de sail dat propels de ship, an' de congregashun am like de sailors on board de ship."

RESPECTABLE SINS. Beware of respectable sin! Not that any sin, however girlishly arrayed or soddily dignified, is in itself respectable; but that some sins are so countenanced by certain classes that they are held to be respectable.

ADMISSION TO "GOOD SOCIETY." Thackeray's satirical remark that "it takes three generations to make a gentleman" is usually treated as nothing more than a smart saying, but it has in it the germ of an elemental truth.

THE IDEAL WOMAN MAKES HOME BEAUTIFUL BY HER HANDS AND PRESENCE. The fondest hope that every mother has for the innocent little daughter sleeping on her arm, nestled in her breast, is that she may in good time become the wife of a good man and the mother of beautiful children.

GOOD HUSBANDS ARE RARE. Even men who notoriously defend and stand up for each other admit this much, and for proof refer you to unlighted parlors in scores of homes, to the odor of preservatives in the one o'clock cars at night, to the Adamless Elms that are everywhere, and they will tell you that the woman who has a good home loving husband, a man who sincerely prefers to chum with his wife rather than to spend his spare time knocking around clubs, theatres or offices makes the fatal mistake if her home is not the brightest place her self the best society, her friends the most congenial he can desire.

There are young wives who in a year merge all the feminine graces into the easy going slattern whose bangs are in permanent curl papers and whose pretty matronly figure is swaddled in a greasy wrapper. There are young wives who get a notion of shining in something they call society and who are immensely proud if they can set up a reception day, wear a wrapper they call a tea gown and exhibit the pasteboard of a lady whom they call a society woman.

All this is well enough in its way, but how if the silly little head is turned,

how if the little heart gets to aching over petty jealousies engendered by finer feasts and finer tea-gowns and a more fashionable visiting list than her own? How about John and the supper-table set for two, and the clink of two teaspoons on the tray, and the white apron and the little figure flying down the steps to meet and greet him on his way?

There are young wives who get into the habit of going away from home somewhere every day. They have engagements for the matinee, to shop, to visit, to trot along High street, finding it a very good drawing-room, and who finally find that this sort of excitement has become as essential as air to them.

A PATH FOR EACH ONE. There are childless women who persist in living in a sort of domestic dry rot who ought to be helping in the world's work; there are others whose children, grown and married, no longer need their constant care, and manifestly the time has come for such women to do their share in teaching, comforting and saving the young, the sick, the homeless and the unfriended ones.

ELEMENTS OF HAPPINESS. Domestic life need never be narrow or soiled if the domestic queen is all right. Its highest elements are friends, books, pictures, made and the enjoyment that comes from their use.

When Nature falls in her duty to a flower it dies, and when woman neglects the law has planted at her door, it, too, will die. It is the woman's duty to keep the plant alive, the man doesn't know how; its natural food is feminine art, feminine grace, springiness, gentleness and patience.

Every cozy, happy, peaceful home in all this great America is some good woman's monument. Men build houses, but women make homes. What the wife does for her husband, what the husband does for her, is not the question; her husband will remain there always her lover, and her children will turn to her as flowers to the sun.

Every duty which the child owes to his parents is a happy acceptance of the favor which his parents give. The father loves his child more than the child loves him. God has so made the parent and the child that the parent's love is stronger than the child's.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. A NEGLECTED DUTY. We talk much about the duties of parents to children. We want to reverse the question and say a word as to the duties of children to parents.

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dependence, and upon that development of gentility which comes of conscious power united with kindly feeling and sympathy. Fortune and power are born of these attributes, but the attributes themselves may exist when fortune and power have passed away, leaving the descendants of the man of independence of character still a recognized member of good society, though he may not be a man of personal force or fortune, for it must be observed that good society could not exist but for the underlying strata.

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Johnny, the tears coming into his eyes; for our Johnny loved his books. Before the foot was hurt in the machine, which had left his father laid up for months, and taken all the wages laid by to pay for food and meet the rent, Johnny had been told that a Christian education was better than all the money in the world, and to have their son lose his chance for this education was the hardest part of their poverty to Patrick and Annie Deegan. But there was no help for it; and, as they said, it must all be left to God and the kindness of the Blessed Virgin, "Help of Christians."

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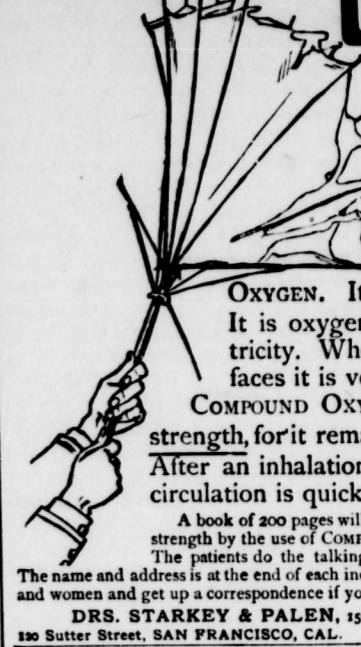
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But what of our Johnny and Baby Anna? Anna found a vacation, and when she took the white veil of a novice, asked to receive the name of Sister Ann Regina, who had been dead many years, but never forgotten. Our Johnny became a priest, and when some one asked him when he and his sister got their vocations, he said: "When Sister Ann Regina took the baby, pressed the little check to her own, and rocked her to sleep."—Bliss Allen Starr.

CATHOLIC PRESS. N. Y. Catholic Review. A correspondent of a secular journal sends word to his paper that the celebration of Holy Week in the capital of Costa Rica is not calculated to inspire a newcomer with a sense of progress in the country.

At a meeting near Guverce, in Sligo county, on last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Keowney, of Ballinaderbeg, categorically and emphatically stated that he was authorized to announce that John Dillon had sent out the message from prison that there was no man in Ireland more determinedly opposed to Parnell's leadership than he. That is good to know, although, as it so happens, even if John Dillon were in favor of Parnell's leadership, we should be grieved and disappointed, but it would not affect the issue. Simply a man who admits would forfeit his influence and the weight we had attached to his judgment. The thing has been decided beyond the power of Dillon or any man else to alter. Parnell has committed political suicide—extinct as a dodo, impossible not only for the day but for evermore. Those who side with him, either from mistaken chivalry, dire necessity, or wrong-headed stupidity, must share his fate. William O'Brien is reported to be with John Dillon in his opposition to the Pretender. We are glad of that, if it be authentic—as we sincerely hope it is.

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