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threat against England; and the result was a small panic on the English exchanges, and the raising of the price that Mercier was taking advantage of Irish discontent to nag England. CATHOLIC SOCIABILITY. On this topic the "Freeman" of St. John's B. says: "That there is great and immediate need of this increased sociability among Catholics is universally acknowledged...

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CATHOLICS IN POLITICAL LIFE. Congressman Fitzgerald, of Boston, will not be a member of the next Congress. He announced early in the year his determination not to seek re-election. THE PURCHASING OF FURS. When the qualities are perfectly honest, the styles the latest approved, and the prices eminently fair, all conditions are satisfactorily filled. FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SOCIETIES. Fifty delegates representing fourteen leading Catholic associations with a membership of fully 1,000,000, held a meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, last week...

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PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....DECEMBER 15, 1900.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MR. HACKETT'S DEFEAT. — No matter what other fault may be imputed—rightly, or wrongly—to the "True Witness," one thing is positive that we never lose sight of the all-important question of Irish Catholic representation.

The defeat of Hon. Mr. Hackett, in Stansfeld, during the recent political cyclone that swept over the province, is a matter of deep and sincere regret for all Irish Catholics throughout the Dominion.

It matters not to what party such a man as Mr. Hackett belongs; his services are universal in their effects and his presence in the public arena is a guarantee that just rights shall be respected and honest interests shall be ably advocated.

SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS. — While troops are returning home and Lord Roberts is being replaced by Lord Kitchner, while Parliament is assembled to vote the moneys necessary to defray the cost of the war in South Africa, and Kruger is going the rounds of Europe, having a pretty good time, in general, while Great Britain is studying the question of a new administration for the Transvaal, and men the world over, talk of the war as something that has passed into the realm of history, while all these things are taking place, DeWet is still abroad, defying the combined efforts of the best generals and best regiments to check his peculiar career.

sealed; escape was impossible; his arrest was inevitable; no loop hole for him was left; it was only a matter of hours; when, suddenly, the news came that the Boer is once more beyond the reach of his pursuers, his following has been increased, his whereabouts is less certain than ever.

CITY HALL DISMISSALS. — The question uppermost, at present, in the minds of all who have any connection with our City Hall, concerns the recent dismissals and the promised list of future decapitations. So far we notice very few Irish Catholic names amongst the many who have been in ill-luck in this regard; but, after all our element is so miserably represented, as to numbers, that we could not expect very many of them.

THE CENSUS. — We would also remind Ald. Gallery, M.P., that the census will soon be taken, the work will be started in a very short time, and there should be room upon the staff for a proportionate number of Irish Catholics.

PRESENTATION TO MGR. BRUCHESI. — On Sunday evening, the 10th instant, at 8 o'clock, in the grand parlor of the Archbishop's Palace, the pilgrims who visited Paray-le-Monial, Lourdes and Rome, last summer, will present His Grace the Archbishop, with a magnificent marble bust of Leo XIII., as a souvenir of their successful and happy journey to the shrines beyond the ocean.

is Mgr. Bruchesi; and it is a delicate and generous method, on the part of the pilgrims, of testifying their recognition of the services rendered their organization and the encouragement given them by our devoted Archbishop.

THE CHINESE PUZZLE. — They say that the Powers have at last come to some sort of agreement in regard to China. Such may be the case; but as we are all mixed up on this subject, we cannot pretend to pass any opinion.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. — "Now is the day, and now is the hour," sang Bobby Burns; and so sang we in regard to the duty of registering the names of voters.

ABOUT THE CABINET. — It is rumored that certain reconstructions of the Provincial Cabinet are about to take place. It is also said that there may be a chance of the ostracism which the Irish Catholics have experienced under the Marchand Government, and which has been continued under the Parent administration up to the present, being repaired, and one of our people receiving a prominent place in the Government of the province.

THE IRISH CONVENTION. — As we write the great Irish convention is going on in Dublin. While a session of the Imperial Parliament is being opened, the united Irish representatives, ignoring completely the call to Westminster, have met in the historic capital of their own country, to regulate their affairs, to complete their organization, and to prepare for the Parliamentary war which they are determined to wage in the near future.

HIS VIEW OF IRELAND. — A prominent hotel-man of this country has recently paid a visit to Ireland, and there made what he calls a study of human nature. A very laudable enterprise, and one that would possibly result in some good to somebody, were the preconceived prejudices of the student discarded for the time being.

One thing is certain; the Irish Parliamentary forces are rapidly concentrating; there is a meaning and a determination about the representatives of the people that have been lacking, for one cause or another, during the past few years.

with the times, to correspond with the altered condition of affairs in the world, and to turn all changes and mutations to the service of the Irish people and their cause. In this we can readily see a marked improvement over methods that suited other times, but which are not in accord with the conditions that universally obtain in our day.

BOSSUET. — A few days ago a very able lecture was delivered, at Laval University, upon Bossuet and his eloquence. The speaker very properly remarked that Bossuet had the gift of suiting his style to the audience he addressed.

But if Bossuet stands foremost amongst the pulpit orators of the wonderful seventeenth century, and if his productions have passed into the realm of the classics, still few great speakers or writers are as often misquoted, especially by those who read him in translation.

THE CREMATOR. — In a recent article upon the "Ashes of the Cremated," we find this very striking passage:—"The scattering of the winds this week of the ashes of ex-Justice Hoffman of Hoboken, whose body had been cremated at Fresh Pond, L. I., recalls a similar incident a number of years ago, when, at his dying request, the ashes of an eccentric German were thrown to the winds from the Bartholdi statue of Liberty.

Some say that most men who ask to be cremated, do so because they dread the possibility of being buried alive. Apart from the fact that not one in ten thousand, not one in a million, perhaps, is buried alive, we think the choice is not very great between such a risk and that of being burned alive.

gentleman in question claims to have travelled in third class compartments for the purpose of better studying the people, we may conclude that he formed his estimate of the Irish people upon a basis that will permit of no honest and just appreciation.

We in Canada, no matter to what race we belong, have a pretty high idea of our own worth and importance. We like that strangers should estimate us at our real value, for we feel confident that we can compare favorably with any other people in the world.

The student of Irish affairs, first mentioned, says that the North is prosperous, and leaves us to conclude that the South is the opposite. Suppose our Canadian visitor making the bald statement that Ontario was prosperous, his readers, or audience, would naturally conclude that Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, and other portions of our Dominion were unsuccessful and devoid of prosperity.

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ST. PATRICK'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY. — The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th. There was a large attendance of the members present.

Several matters of interest were discussed by the members. It was decided to hold a series of open meetings during the winter. For the first open meeting Mr. Thos. Harding offered to read an essay which would be interesting to the members. A special committee was appointed to secure talent for this meeting, and make the evening as enjoyable as possible.

one in ten thousand, not one in a million, perhaps, is buried alive, we think the choice is not very great between such a risk and that of being burned alive. Decidedly if the one cremated should be unfortunate enough to be placed in the fiery furnace while yet alive, his awakening would not be any more agreeable, or any less horrible than were he to have been buried.

REV. ABBE LARUE DEAD. — One by one, the grand men of our pioneer generation of priests are vanishing from the scene; each succeeding death, in their ranks, rings like warning to humanity of life's brevity, and as a memorial bell recalling their eminent virtues and wonderful services to Church and country.

A model priest, a learned teacher, a worthy citizen, a noble Christian has gone to his reward, and the Church whose faithful and able minister he was, has lost a gem. He remains the undying "Liberator" where with she accompanies the departed to the gateway of eternity.

During the past heard more about done to make the most independent Catholic publication of the world, to build the whole of it comes down to the men of the "ly instance this comes immediately before us. But there similar cases in the We do take our rights, our privileges, our troubles, our claims to represent thousand other like only "talk."

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TALK.

By Our Curbside Observer.

"Talk is cheap." In an old saying, but sometimes talk proves to be very dear. I was led to this reflection by the following termination of an article that I recently read in an American Catholic weekly...

I observe that I styled the paper in which I read the foregoing, an "American Catholic weekly." There was really no need for me to add the qualifying word "weekly," since on the whole of the American continent there is not one "Catholic daily." Very strange, you may think; yet it is a positive fact...

During the past few years I have heard more about what should be done to make the "True Witness" the most independent and prosperous Catholic publication in Canada, than of any other subject...

I have stood on the curbside many an hour listening to the "talk" of some of my fellow-countrymen and co-religionists; and I have invariably found that in practice they do exactly the contrary of what they boast...

Did you ever listen to a group of our would-be critics, standing outside the Church, on Sunday, after Mass, and discussing and deciding what the priest ought to do in every detail of his sacerdotal functions? It is all "talk" in most cases...

There are other kinds of "talk" to which I purpose making a special reference next week; they deserve to be analyzed in a thorough manner. For the present I would say, in the somewhat vulgar phraseology of the race-course: "put up, or shut up."

A CITY RESURRECTION. The City Council with its sweeping reforms during the past session has wrought a most remarkable resurrection...

latest fads of one of the reform elements is to introduce a kind of a civic poor house. Reports in the daily press are to the following effect:—Ald. Gagnon has given notice of motion in council of a resolution providing for a corporation shelter for the poor, something after the style of the Night Refuge, which is maintained by public subscription...

PRIZE WINNERS IN ST. ANN'S TOMBOLA. The annual Tombola in aid of the poor of St. Ann's parish, for which preparations have been in progress for the past month, was brought to a most successful conclusion...

LOCAL NOTES.

ABOUT ATHLETICS.—The annual meeting of the Hockey Association was a lively one, owing to an attempt being made to deprive the Shamrocks of an opportunity to play the Winnipeg Victorias early in the season for the Stanley cup...

THE CAZOTHIA.—This novel social undertaking, which is in progress as we go to press, is attracting a great deal of attention in St. Gabriel's parish. Large crowds visited the hall during the week, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed...

C.M.B.A.—Branch 26.—A very large and enthusiastic meeting of Branch 26, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Grand Council of Canada, was held in their hall, 92 St. Alexander street, Monday, December 10th...

Branch 26 is one of the largest branches in Canada, its roll number now totalling the splendid number of 230, and comprised in its ranks such well known men as the Hon. Judge Curran, M. J. E. Quinn, Q.C., ex-M.P., Francis J. Curran, B.C.L., W. H. Cox, B.C.L., Francis J. Hatchett, B.C.L., E. J. O'Connor, M.D., H. J. Harrison, M.D., G. H. Merrill, M.D., B. H. Lemay, C. Coughlin, Bernard Tansey, M. Egan, M. Sharkey, P. Reynolds, Owen Tansey, Jas. J. Costigan, T. J. Finn, A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley, sr., and many others.

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A FRENCH-CANADIAN CENTENARIAN DEAD. Angélique Gallipeau died at Northampton, Mass., this week, in the 106th year of her age. Mrs. Gallipeau was born in Montreal January 25, 1795...

NEW CHINESE TAX. The new law under which persons of Chinese origin entering Canada, with certain limited exceptions, pay a poll tax of \$100 instead of \$50 as formerly, goes into force on January 1st...

amounted at first to \$6, but afterwards a refund was granted to 99 additional Chinese, who had paid the \$50 demanded by law under a mistaken impression. The Chinese merchants of Vancouver and Victoria, made a vigorous kick when the increase in poll tax was first announced...

TRIALS OF MISSIONARIES. The band of fifteen White Fathers who have arrived at Scheut, near Brussels, from Mongolia, have endured hardships the severity of which can be compared only with the trials of their brother missionaries whom the Chinese have cruelly put to death...

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. At a meeting of the members of Division No. 3, A.O.H., the following resolution was passed:—Moved by Bro. Gallery, and seconded by Bro. McCarthy, that the members of this Division have learned with sincere regret of the death of a member of Bro. O'Donnell's family, which sad event occurred on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Sault Ste. Marie, and the members of this Division do hereby extend to his afflicted parents and relatives their hearty sympathy...

WINTER NAVIGATION. The project of winter navigation of our St. Lawrence river in winter is again revived, owing to the presence in the city of Mr. Inman, of Duluth, with plans and models of boats or ice-breaking steamers...

they were crossing Lake Baikal the thermometer was at thirteen degrees below zero. From Irkutsk they were able to travel in comparative comfort, the train taking them direct to Moscow, but it is astonishing that they have survived the perils and sufferings of the journey. But, like true soldiers of the Cross, they are going back to their missions in a little while, and taking a number of recruits with them.

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When I was a child, in a little town,
Oh, ever so far away
A beautiful spirit came floating
Down,
And whispered to me one day:
"There's a secret," the beautiful
spirit said,
"That even a child may know,
And they who know it are gladly
led
Wherever their feet may go."
"So sweet and simple the secret is,
Yet people are slow to learn,
And away from the pathway that
leads to bliss
Their lingering faces turn,
"So the little children must show
them how
The happier way to choose,
For the hearts that are tender and
loving
Will never the lesson lose.

"And this is the wonderful secret:
Live
For nothing but love each day—
Not for love to keep, but for love
to give—
Forever to give away.
"There is no life upon earth so
poor
But love it may give full well,
And the joy of giving is deep and
sure,
And richer than tongue can tell.
To sweeten life as we meet and
part,
We need but remember this:
To carry always a tender heart
For the tiniest thing that is.

"The wider the circle of love we
make,
The happier life we live,
And the more we give for another's
sake,
The more we shall have to give.
"So let us widen it day by day
By loving a little more,
Till nothing living be shut away
From a share in the heavenly
store.
"This love and kindness alone can
fill
Our hearts with the joy of living,
And acec wa but do the will
Of the loving and the giving."

WORK.—Work is like life, stagnation
is death. Work is strength,
idleness is weakness. Work enlivens
the body, while continual laziness
renders it unfit for activity of any
kind. Work is a great means of keep-
ing a person's mind occupied, and
thus saving him from falling into
the many and dangerous tempta-
tions which surround him on every
side.
"Work for the night is coming
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers,
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work for the night is coming
When man's work is done."

THE BEST DAYS.—Through life's
stormy and peaceful times we should
not forget to give a thought to the
sorrows of others. Think of the large
numbers of persons who are weighed
down with sorrow and affliction. See
the maimed, the blind, and the poor
beggar, as they battle nobly along
in the arena of life. They call for a
passing thought, a little remem-
brance, an alms of some kind. Do
not treat them harshly, or scornful-
ly, but with blessings of kindly
deeds done each day will blossom out
with sweet fragrance and make gold-
en our to-morrows. Thus will our
days be the best.

CHOOSING FRIENDS.—Friends
exert an influence over our charac-
ters and prospects. The young should
be very careful whom they select to
stand to them in so close a relation.
They should have for their friend one
who makes others, not self his first
consideration—one who is ever ready
to give good example in all things,
holding aloft the lamp of a stain-
less character. If they will take a
friend blessed with these qualities,
happiness and contentment will be
theirs.

RESPECT FOR THE AGED.—No-
thing speaks the true lady and the
true gentleman better than the show-
ing of constant love, regard and re-
spect for the aged. Innumerable are
the opportunities young people have
every day to perform little acts of
courtesy and kindness to those who
are older. "One of the lessons," says
Rollin, the historian, "oftenest and
most strongly inculcated upon the
Lacedaemonian youth, was to enter-

tain great reverence and respect for
old men, and to give them proof of
it on all occasions, by saluting
them; by making way for them and
giving them place in the streets; by
raising up to show them honor in
all companies and public assemblies;
but above all, by receiving their ad-
vice, and even their reproaches with
docility and submission. By these
characteristics a Lacedaemonian was
known wherever he came. If he had
behaved otherwise it would have
been looked upon as a reproach to
himself and a dishonor to his coun-
try."

HOW HE WAS CURED.—A man
stepped into a grocery shop to make
a few purchases. While the apprentice
was weighing the goods the custom-
er could not resist the temptation of
treating himself to a piece of sugar
which was lying on the counter.
The apprentice observed the action,
and soon afterwards, with startled
mien, called aloud into the shop:
"What has become of that lump of
arsenic that was lying here?"
The poor fellow felt hot and cold,
and in his terror confessed the deed.
"You are a dead man!" said the
pert apprentice. "But I have here an
antidote. Quick! take as much of it
as you can swallow." And he filled a
tumbler full of salt and water.
The poor fellow eagerly drank off
the abominable stuff, to save his life
if possible. He then rushed out in or-
der to secure a second antidote from
the neighboring pump.
He has never been known to piller
sugar since that day.

THE WITNESS SCORED.—A bar-
rister was cross-examining wit-
nesses, and doing everything in his
power to confuse them, brusquely
asking them to speak up louder.
The last man called decided that he
would take the counsel at his
word, so, in response to the first
question, what his name was, he re-
plied, in a loud-toned voice—
"John Brown, sir-r-r-r."
"I guess you have been drinking
this morning!" said the counsel,
sternly.
"Yes, sir-r-r-r," replied the wit-
ness, louder still.
"I thought so," said the lawyer,
triumphantly. "What did you take?"
"Coffee, sir-r-r-r," shouted the wit-
ness.

A burst of laughter from the court-
room disconcerted the counsel for a
time, but, when the merriment had
subsided, he asked—
"I guess you had a little some-
thing else in your coffee, didn't
you?"
"Ah, now we are coming to it!"
said the counsel, leaning on the
jury. "Now, my good man, don't be
afraid, but speak right out and tell
the jury what you had in your cof-
fee."
The witness filled his lungs for a
tremendous effort, and thundered—
"A spoon-oo-oo," sir-r-r-r.
The court-room, bench, and bar
were convulsed with laughter, and
the badgering counsel lost, his case.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—We cannot
be selfish and hope to escape the
punishment that always is meted
out to those who think only of
themselves. The following story,
which the *Morning Star* claims is
a true tale, is worth pondering:
Railroad mangers are pretty sure
to indicate a person's true refine-
ment, or the lack of it, as the fol-
lowing anecdote well illustrates.
It was a day when everybody was
tired and anxious to sit down that
a large man, carrying a grip-sack,
boarded an Eastern railroad train,
and after walking through several
crowded cars, finally found the one
vacant seat, and seating himself,
placed his bag on the cushion at his
side. Just as the train was about to
start another man entered and made
the same journey in search of a
seat. As he stopped inquiringly be-
fore the large man, the latter said:
"This seat is engaged, sir; a man
just stepped out, but will return in
a moment. He left his baggage here
as a claim to the seat."
"Well," said the newcomer, frank-
ly, "I'm pretty tired and if you
don't object, I'll just sit down here
and hold his bag for him until he
returns," and without ceremony this
he proceeded to do.

Then the large man, who was
bound for Lynn, earnestly hoped
within the inmost chambers of his
little heart that his companion
might get off at Somerville, or Ex-
eter, or Chelsea—anywhere but Lynn,
or a station beyond; and the tired
man thanked his stars for even a
moment's rest, expecting every sec-
ond to be ousted by the owner of
the grip-sack.
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ers, is to produce them from the
seed, by taking the best types from

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cquire to a great degree of proficien-
cy in the accomplishment of piano
playing as time, opportunity and
ability will allow.

CHEAP TEA.—As the result of
tannic poisoning from some cheap
tea that she bought as a bargain,
Mrs. William Cook, of Paterson, N.
J., and her three children had a nar-
row escape from death last week. In
fact, the prompt action of Dr. Joseph
J. O'Shea, who lives near the
Cooks and was immediately sent for,
alone saved their lives. As it was,
the doctor had to work two hours
over the poisoned persons. One of
the children is still in a precarious
condition. The oldest is a girl of
thirteen, the next a boy of ten and
the baby is two years old.

SLEEPING ALONE.—So high an
authority as the London *Lancet*
says that no two persons should
habitually sleep together. Nothing
will so derange the nervous system
of one who is eliminative in nervous
force as to lie all night in bed with
another who is absorbent of nervous
force. The latter will sleep soundly
all night and arise refreshed in the
morning, while the former will toss
restlessly and awake in the morn-
ing fretful, peevish and discouraged.

HINTS FOR SICK ROOM.—There
are three great essentials in con-
nection with a sick room, viz., fresh
air without draught, complete quiet,
and an absolute cleanliness.
It cannot be too often pointed out
that fresh air is not only one of the
most active stimulants of life, but is
also one of the most powerful disin-
fectants; no air in the sick room can
be either fresh or pure unless the
room is scrupulously clean.

Complete quiet in a sick room is a
special necessity; everything that
disturbs or excites should be avoid-
ed, as rest is "Nature's sweet restor-
er," "sleep Nature's soft nurse,"
therefore, let no one in a sick room
wear creaking shoes or rustling
dresses—in sickness the senses are
often most acute, and noises are
painfully felt. Fire-irons should be
used with much caution; a stick for
stirring the fire is preferable to a
poker.

Avoid the use of linen sheets—they
have a natural tendency to create a
chill, which in any illness is dan-
gerous, and in some cases fatal; cot-
ton sheets are better than linen, and
blankets better than either.
Pure water that has been boiled
and is slightly tepid is the best
drink for sick people. When thirst is
excessive water should be given in
small quantities, and frequently. To
the water nothing should be added,
except under direct medical instruc-
tions. The reason for this is that
pure water gives Nature fair play in
her great struggle with disease.
Do not allow any food or drink to
remain in the sick room except when
positively necessary; both will be-
come rapidly tainted by the atmos-
phere.

Never enter a sick room in a state
of perspiration; the minute a person
becomes cold the pores absorb. In
cases of infectious diseases it is ad-
visable to avoid nursing on an
empty stomach. Avoid as much as
possible coming between the patient
and the fire-place, as the impure
vapors are drawn toward the fire,
and then pass up the chimney.
The hands should be carefully
washed with water containing disin-
fectant after moving the sick person.
The reason for these precautions is
that exhalations thrown off from the
body in such cases are poisonous,
and carry the contagion either by
the air or the hands.

HOW ARE YOUR NERVES?
If they are weak and you feel ner-
vous and easily "frustrated," can't
sleep, and rise in the morning un-
refreshed, your blood is poor. Blood
nerves depend upon rich, nourishing
blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the
nerves strong by enriching and vital-
izing the blood. It gives sweet, re-
freshing sleep and completely cures
nervous troubles. Begin taking it to-
day.

NOTES FOR THE FARMER.
POTATO CROP.—Mr. W. L. Ma-
coun says the potato is one of our
most important food plants, and he
gives some interesting information
regarding the origin and extent of
its growth, as well as what has been
accomplished in the way of experi-
ment in the horticultural department
of the Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa.
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ers, is to produce them from the
seed, by taking the best types from

the most productive hills during suc-
cessive years. Carmen No. 1, Early
Rose and Everett, three splendid var-
eties, were originated in this way.
The third method is by crossing,
which is done by applying the pollen
of the flower of one variety to the
pistil of another. This is very diffi-
cult, however, as the pollen dust on
the potato blossom is very rare.

Besides the yield in bulk, the qual-
ity of potato must be considered in
recommending a variety. In 1888 the
best variety at the Central Experi-
mental farm was the American
Wonder, which yielded 299 1/4 bushels
per acre, the smallest yield being 172
bushels, the May Queen. Yet the
American Wonder is a white skinned
potato, which will not sell on many
near markets, especially in Ottawa.

Over 400 varieties in all have been
tested at the Experimental farm, and
it has been found that potatoes of
an American origin give better re-
sults than those from Europe. It is
because the season in Europe is so
much longer than ours. There is also
a great variation in the yield of
samples from year to year. The five
samples having the best average for
the past five years previous to the
season of 1900 as tested at the Cen-
tral farm are: American Wonder,
Empire State, Carmen No. 1, Late
Puritan and Everett. None of these
are included in the following six var-
ieties which head the list for the
present season: Salson's Elopahant
589 1/2 bushels per acre, Vanier 576
1/2 bushels, Canadian Beauty 547,
Irish Cobble 532, Early Sunrise 532.
The wide difference between the
yields of varieties is shown from the
fact that the smallest yield of 100
varieties was 209 bushels per acre.
Still, more surprising is the fact
that the average yield per acre in
the Province of Ontario for the past
year was 119 bushels per acre. This
provincial estimate is made in To-
ronto, where a number of farmers
from the various districts furnish in-
formation.

The most important reason why
farmers do not get better results
from potato crops is that they do
not plant them on the soil best su-
ited, and neglect also the proper at-
tendance. A sandy loam is the best
for potatoes because it never bakes,
and soil capable of baking requires
a large amount of attendance to
keep it in proper condition. Owing
to the fact that the potato matures
in a very short time, the thorough
preparation of the soil before plant-
ing is essential to successful potato
culture. Potatoes seem to do best
where there is decaying vegetable
matter in the soil, and where it can
possibly be brought about, the best
plan is to use clover sod land. When
the land is loamy it is better to
leave off plowing till the spring and
then prevent plant food from being
bleached away. The nearer the land
can be got into a thoroughly pul-
verized condition, to the depth of
six inches, the better for the crop.

At the Experimental farm this is
done by plowing and harrowing
twice, and twice harrowing with a
smoothing harrow. The drills are
made with a double mold-board
plow, two and a half feet apart and
four to six inches deep. The pota-
to sets are then planted one foot
apart in the rows. It has been found
that a good sized potato, cut down
the centre, then across, leaving three
or four eyes in each piece, gives the
best results. A large seed planted
will give a large crop, but it gives
an abundance of small potatoes. Po-
tatoes should not be planted so early
as to catch the frost or be sub-
jected to the cold soil of the spring.
Early planting is necessary, as for
instance, to produce early vegeta-
bles, it is better to cover the seed
more lightly, as the potato will get
more quickly into the warmer soil.
When manure is used it should be
thoroughly mixed with the soil, as
when it mixes in a fresh condition
with potatoes it has the effect of
making them scabby. No more than
ten tons to the acre should ever be
used. In the experimental plots at
the farm very large yields are often
obtained where manure is used. In
1899 a variety yielded 640 bushels
per acre on a sandy loam soil, from
which a crop of tobacco had been
taken the previous year. Tobacco ex-
hausts the soil considerably.

With regard to fighting the Colo-
rado potato beetle, which never fails
to attack this crop, the wisest plan
is to watch for him before he com-
mits too great a ravage. It is too
late to apply treatment only when
he is at the beginning of his ravage,
because it takes some time for the poison
to take effect, and the stalks, which are
the lungs of the potatoes, will be

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in the beginning.
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know you've got it; you don't
believe it; you won't believe
it—till you are forced to.
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to it quick—you can do it your-
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ever you may think or be told;
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eaten away and the growth of the
tubers checked before the pest is de-
stroyed.

Professor Zavitz, of the Ontario
Agricultural College, shows the great
advantage of spraying by an experi-
ment which he tried there. It was
found the yield per acre from vines
sprayed for an average of two years
was 139.20 bushels and unsprayed
60.49 bushels. Each individual plant
should be carefully sprayed. Central
Experimental farm experiments show
that Paris green put on wet is the
most effective remedy. The best meth-
od of applying is to have a barrel
pump in a cart and have two or
more men walk behind handling the
nozzles and spraying the plants thor-
oughly. When this is attempted au-
tomatically, the nozzles often clog
and allow parts of rows to be miss-
ed.

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against blight and rot: Six
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Chandler P. Anderson, one of the
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Cornelius Vanderbilt, said a few
days ago that the only remaining
preliminaries to the division of the
estate are the payment of the Fed-
eral inheritance tax and a small sum
additional on the State tax already
paid, made necessary by an in-
crease in the appraised value since
Mr. Vanderbilt's death.
According to the appraisal of F.
I. D. Hasbrouck, the representative
of the State Comptroller, the value
of Mr. Vanderbilt's personal estate is
\$62,500,000, and of the real estate
\$20,000,000. Alfred G. Vanderbilt,
the residuary legatee, after paying
taxes and fees for the settlement of
the estate, will receive about \$44,
500,000.
The other large legatees are: Cor-
nelius Vanderbilt, \$1,500,000 (to
which Alfred G. Vanderbilt has
agreed to add \$6,000,000); Reginald
Vanderbilt, \$7,500,000; Miss Gladys
Vanderbilt, \$7,500,000; Mrs. Harry
Payne Whitney, \$3,500,000; Mrs.
Cornelius Vanderbilt, \$2,000,000.
The total State transfer tax will be
\$290,000.

In case of certain Hood's Sarsaparilla
the system is a strong medicine
for the blood and the system.

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CATHOLIC AMBASSADORS

From the Baltimore "Mirror" we slip the following:—

There are thirty-four nations represented by ambassadors in Washington, D.C. Twenty of these are Catholic; one, Russia, schismatic Catholic; five are heathen, six are Protestant, and the Dominican Republic and Haiti are more largely Catholic than Protestant, and the representatives of both are Catholic.

The list of these nations is here given, copied from the official diplomatic list. Catholic countries: Argentina, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Nicaragua, Portugal, Peru, Salvador, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela.

CATHOLICITY IN GLASGOW.

While Scotland, the home of Presbyterianism, and the theatre of Knox's exploits, is generally regarded as an essentially Protestant country, still the story of the Catholic Church in Auld Scotia is one of the most encouraging and brilliant in the vast annals of Catholicity. It would repay any person's time to peruse the history of the Church in Scotland, as sketched by the gifted and lamented late Rev. Dr. Aeneas McJ. Dawson, of Ottawa. So popular was "Father Dawson" with all his fellow-citizens, that he was generally called the "Protestant Priest"; and many is the prejudice that his kindly manner, his severe logic, and his eloquent pen uprooted in the breasts of his Scotch Protestant compatriots. In glancing over some of Dr. Dawson's works, we came upon his account of the opening of St. Patrick's Church, in Glasgow, which event took place exactly fifty years ago on the first of the present month. One might, however, think that the reverend writer was a little too sanguine in his expressed assurance of the great strides that Catholicity would soon make in Scotland. However, his happy prediction is being slowly but surely fulfilled.

A HARD HIT—The Boston "Pilot" says:—

Louis Roche, a lunatic, escaped from the asylum at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, three months ago, changed his name and applied for a place in the civil service, passing an examination at the head of his class. The report does not say how he was discovered to be an escaped lunatic; but probably he betrayed himself by expecting to get an appointment just because he had passed a creditable examination. Nobody, but a crazy man would indulge in such a hallucination as that.

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A STORY ABOUT A BANK TELLER.

The way Note Teller Alvord covered up his stealings from day to day reminded an old railroad detective of a little story. "I found out about this case 't'other end to," he said, "getting on to the wind-up first, then the middle part and then the beginning, but I'll tell it to you in the order that it happened. Back in '85 or '86, when I was working for a St. Louis agency, a very decent kind of a man—call him Mr. Clark for short—was cashier of the principal bank in a good-sized nearby town. Country cashiers get mighty small pay, and although Clark had been in service almost from boyhood and was then, middle-aged, with a big family on his hands, he was drawing \$1,000 a year. Naturally he was very anxious to lay by something for a rainy day. One of the customers of the bank at that time was a Colonel Patterson, manager of the local opera house, president of two or three land companies and an all-around hundler and good fellow. Patterson had been in town only a few years, but he was one of those men who will drop into a small, sleepy place and take the community by storm. He was a big, jovial chap of the silk-hat and spatter coat-and-cuffs type, and it was generally supposed that he had trinkets of money. Clark, who was a shy, simple-minded man, admired him immensely and went out of his way to do him small favors. In return, the colonel took him aside one day and offered to let him in on a St. Louis gas stock deal that promised to be a big thing. Clark mortgaged his house, raised a few hundred more, and went in.

About two weeks later Patterson came to the bank in a tremendous rush and asked for a statement of his account. Like all speculators he sometimes had a very large balance and sometimes nearly nothing, and on that particular occasion it was high in the thousands. "The dealer," he said, "I'm going out of town this evening, and I'll have a slight draft coming to-morrow for \$5,000 that simply must be protected. In

five minutes he convinced poor Clark that he would positively have the cash there the following day, and to make a long story short, the cashier paid the draft and made a private ticket for the amount. Patterson didn't return, and in a week his disappearance was the sensation of the town. "I will leave you to imagine Clark's feelings," the old detective went on. "The thing was so incredible that at first he couldn't believe it. Otherwise he would probably have made a clean breast of the draft affair at once. But he was confident that the colonel would turn up and explain everything, and so he concealed the shortage from day to day, until it was past all explaining. Strange to say, nobody else had suffered through. Patterson's abrupt departure, but everything had proved to be involved up to the hilt, and he left nothing behind worth talking. With that it dawned upon Clark that he was stuck irrevocably for the \$7,000 deficit on the draft, and then began a season of martyrdom that must have been infinitely worse than death. Had it not been for his family I am satisfied he would have taken a short cut of his dilemma by putting a bullet through his brain, but he couldn't stand the idea of leaving them to pauperism and disgrace, and, like many another man in desperate straits, he started in upon a systematic course of concealment, hoping against hope that some miracle would happen to enable him to make good the shortage.

"He kept that up for five years. Exactly how he did it is of no special importance. It was a small bank, and he had complete run of its affairs, so the mere mechanism of making false entries and carrying fictitious balances over from day to day was comparatively easy; but the fearful part of it was the mental strain and the knowledge that some slight slip might get any number of his associates of some kind desperate efforts to save, and his nervousness became proverbial, but he seemed to be against him and he was never able to scrape together

enough to make an appreciable reduction in the amount. Moreover, he was handicapped at the start by his investment in the gas deal, which of course went to pieces when Patterson levanted. But perhaps the worst feature of the affair was the change it made in his disposition. He was originally a kindly, even-tempered man, but incessant worry and brooding soured his whole nature, and, I think, estranged him more or less in even his own household. In brief, he was on the verge of mental and physical collapse, when who should walk into the bank one day but Colonel Patterson himself, as cheery and chipper as ever.

"When Clark saw him he nearly fainted, but he managed to get him into the private office. 'Where's the money?' he demanded, without any preface. 'What money?' asked the colonel, in genuine amazement. 'Good God!' gasped poor Clark; 'the money for that draft? Why, I left it for you in an envelope, right on the counter; I gave it to old John the night I went away.' Old John was the porter. They called him in. He was nearly eighty, half-childish, and had a good deal of hair on his chest. He fired a volley of frantic questions at him he instantly became bewildered. 'That envelope! That envelope!' he repeated, scratching his head; 'it seems to me I remember something about an envelope! Oh, yes!' he exclaimed, brightening up. 'I believe I slipped it under Mr. Clark's table cover and forgot to mention it. I hope it wasn't anything important.' Clark's writing table had an old baize cover that hadn't been removed in a generation. He ripped it off with one wild snatch, and there lay a long, dirty envelope. It contained seven \$1,000 bills. For five years of heart-breaking worry and distraction they had been resting literally under his hand. After the first revelation of feeling was over the colonel made a few side explanations. Between ourselves he had skipped out to avoid a threatened prosecution for bigamy, but the woman had since died and everything was all right. He is now in California, running a hotel. This is a true story. I got it from Clark himself.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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TEETHING.

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The process of cutting teeth is undoubtedly a normal one, and in a healthy infant is usually accomplished without any great difficulty or disturbance; but in puny and sickly children it is sometimes laborious and the cause of much distress. Among the many affections formerly regarded as provoked by teething the most common are diarrhoea, cough and convulsions; but probably the last named is the only one caused directly by the process.

When teething comes on with difficulty the child's nervous system is worn upon by the local irritation, and it may become more and more irritable, until finally an explosion occurs and the child has convulsions. This is, however, a rare occurrence, and it is probable that the nervous constitution of such children is already weak, and needs only some slight irritation, whether from the teeth, the stomach, or the skin, to become convulsively excited.

The diarrhoea and the cough are no doubt both due to indigestion caused by nervous irritation. Local disorders of teething are more common. They consist for the most part in inflammation of the gums, which are red, swollen and hot, and in the drooling of a rosy saliva.

In order to prevent inflammation the mouth should be kept perfectly clean, being washed out often with a solution of borax or boric acid, fifteen or twenty grains to the ounce. The baby's desire to bite should be gratified by providing it with a hard rubber, ivory or silver object on which to exercise its jaws.

The general health should be carefully watched. Any tendency to diarrhoea or especially to constipation, should be corrected, and the child should be kept in the air, as much as possible. If the nervous symptoms are threatening, sedatives are needed, and it may be necessary to lance the gums.

It should be remembered that a teething infant may have an illness quite independent of the teething process, and hence one should never neglect to call a doctor under the theory that its troubles are all due to the teething, and consequently are of little moment.

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