

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

**OUR FEVER FOR TITLES.**—Every free-born American citizen under the Declaration of Independence, which declares our equality before the law, is born to edit a paper, hold an office, and invent something, generally a religion. In addition to these qualities he and she, she especially, are permeated with a desire for a title. Whether life on this earth anywhere is worth living, certainly this part under the star-spangled banner and screaming eagle would be suicidal but for the hope and happiness found in a handle to one's name.

In response to this healthy demand we have the country filled with major colonels, generals, judges, governors and honorables.

At the end of the civil war the rank for epaulets was wider-spread than the gallant enlistment of volunteers during the conflict, and the great War Secretary, Stanton, with a cynical sense of humor peculiar to him, brevetted all the sutlers, wagon makers, commissaries, contractors, quartermasters—in a word, everybody soliciting the honor. A humorist once said he could not cast a stone in a crowd without hitting a military title. Another wag, wishing to get a seat in a crowded hall, cried out, "Colonel, you are wanted," and a hundred and fifty hastened out.

This is our American human nature. We inherit the trait from our English ancestors, who with all their heroic qualities are born snobs. An Englishman who has braved the dangers of the deep, and fought unmoved by fear in all the battles of the world, will bump his head upon the floor in the presence of a lord. He can scarcely breathe in the presence of royalty. He gasps and shuts his eyes when he says, "Your Gracious Majesty." We would bump our skulls and gasp, had we a chance. When any scion of royal family visits our shores, our men see their heads and our women go mad. We have seen a roomful of the last named with their sight glued, as it were, to a prince, and they seemed to be tasting him in their mouths.

When our laborers combine to look after their interests, they call themselves "Knights of Labor." "The Sons of Toil" would be more appropriate and influential. But the word *knights* has a high, toney sound, although it was held by the meanest sneaks and cut throats of Europe. Knights of Labor indeed! Much the original pests labored! They sought to live on the labor of others, and were not nice as to how they accomplished that comfortable result—generally by violence and always through fraud.

We once saw some five thousand men parading the avenues of Washington. They went through the most complicated manoeuvres. They were dressed most gorgeously, with swords, and sashes, and ostrich feathered cocked hats, and called themselves Knights of something. We thought Last Knight, or Knight before last, would be more appropriate. We learned that they were all good, honest, peaceable citizens, mostly tailors, hatters, and shoemakers, who were banded together for benevolent purposes. But why Knights? Why not good Samaritans or Brothers-in-law? The word *knights*, however, sounded so grand. It was such comfort to be called "Sir Knight." Think of a retail dealer in allspice, pepper, salt, and soap, in a little shop which a stout man could run a stick through, shoulder up, and march off with, being got up in ostrich plumes, cocked hat, sword, and sash, and being addressed as "Sir Knight!" The honest citizen of the grocery would be amazed to know that he had taken on himself the form of a swash buckler and public nuisance. Knights, indeed? But men are children of a larger growth.

There is much in a name. One of the most effective and powerful organizations in the United States is the "Brotherhood of Engineers," and it owes much to its title, for it indicates intelligence and a purpose. Our official titles in the civil service are more indicative of snobbery than ought else. The word *Honorable* has come to be the last resort of ambitious imbecility in that direction. A man who serves three days in any official capacity in the Legislature is an *Honorable* for the remainder of his life. We read in a Washington journal an obituary notice of the sudden death of the Hon. Cassar Stokes, who was killed by falling from his cart in a gravel pit. He was a colored member of the historical Feather duster, Spittoon Territorial Legislature of the District of Columbia.

The most striking illustration of this sort of thing is to be found in our Senate at Washington. A senator carries more dignity to the square inch than any human creature on earth. This is accorded him in his commission. There was a time when

half-forgotten past when the position of senator was merely a pedestal upon which the incumbent was lifted to public notice and held his own through his abilities. Now the pedestal hold for as the commonest sort of men; that is all; and the airs these officials take upon themselves are to the more thoughtful simply ridiculous. They are the Sir Knights of the cocked hats, mostly men who have bought their chairs, or had them purchased by corporations seeking to run the government for their selfish end. It makes a cultured American sink in shame to his shoes to have an intelligent foreigner brought in contact with one of these pretentious Solons.—*Baltimore Magazine for November.*

**SALE OF THE LITTLES.**—What a noticeable difference between farmers when they go to town! The only thought of some is to purchase what they want and pay for it out of their pocket; and there are those who purchase the same things perhaps, but always have something with them to sell to meet the bill. It may be fruit, berries, walnuts, chestnuts, "pot-cheese," soft-soap, feathers, vegetables and a long list of similar articles of not much intrinsic value, but which the can sell for cash, or barter, but ever something to pay the way and keep the money in the pocket. The latter class is ever on the lookout to pick up and prepare for market articles which the former class too many times suffer to go to waste. They "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." Always having something to sell is evidence of prosperity. A useful lesson may be learned of the Hebrews, who are always selling and seldom buying and generally prosperous. It has been said that the first question a Hebrew child learns to ask is: "Don't you want to buy some things?" If farmers would only always have "some things" to sell, they would be in a better condition financially.—*Terra in N. Y. Tribune.*

"I hear, Mrs. Parvonn, that your son has entered upon a literary career since leaving college."

"Yes, he writes for the magazines and papers."

"What is his pseudonym?"

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"Oh, why, he's a Methodist; we all are, although I must say Charles don't go as often to church as he'd ought to."

"Ma," said Johnny Parvonn.

"Yes, Johnny."

"Jim Jones ain't coming to school any more."

"Why not?"

"Because he's got a tutor."

"My goodness! I never know a family to have to have so much sickness. Why, Sally Jones has only just got through with measles!"

"Alas! Alas!" the dude exclaims, "in my slender ankle I've got pains." "Don't fret," said ma, for whom he'd sent. "I have some Salvation Oil."

"My time is up," said the Doctor to the patient, whom he found using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and he was correct, for his cough had been cured.

**ENOUGH SAID.**—"What do you think of the chances for Prohibition in Nebraska?" asked the man in black of the "traveler from the West."

"Stranger," replied the other, "I guess ye never saw the Missouri, or ye'd never ask that question. 'Why, the dust in that river's so thick that it makes ye cough to drink it.'"

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"I do—I do," replied the bereaved cousin addressed, as he shook his head mournfully, "I cannot forget it. He had given his note for \$175, due next week, and I am the security."

**APPLES BAKED IN SAUCE.**—Put six cored apples in a pan, rub together one tablespoon each of butter and flour, add one large cup of boiling water, half cup of sugar, half teaspoon of nutmeg; pour over apples and bake.—*Good Housekeeping.*

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