MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER.
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WIT AND WISDOM.

...t of passion—Getting married.

Man is like a potato, never sure when he will "into hot water."

Young women should set good examples, for he young men are always following them.

He who pokes his nose everywhere will sometimes poke it between a thumb and forefinger.

"A prudent man," says a witty Frenchman, is like a pin.—His head prevents him going oo far."

Some lawyers resemble folks who can sleep n any position. It is immaterial on which ide they lie.

Never rely on information got through a keyole. Such apertures were never invented ither for hearing or seeing.

The course of true love never runs smooth—neither does matrimony, for at the start there s no wedding without a "hitch."

He was a foolish fellow, and inclined to go o extremes, who, because he had a horror of apital punishment, refused to even execute a ommission.

An Illinois editor, speaking of a rogue who ived in his vicinity, says: "The rascal has roken every bank, jail and Sabbath we have ad in this vicinity for the last five years."

A lady asked a pupil at a public examination f the Sunday School, "What was the sin of he Pharisees?" "Eating camels, ma'am," he had read that the Pharisees "strained at nats and swallowed camels."

A shoemaker was the other day fitting a customer with a pair of boots, when the buyer bserved that he had but one objection to hem, which was that the soles were a little oo thick. "If that is all," replied the maker, put on the boots, and the objection will gradually wear away."

"John, where was the minister's text last Sunday?" "Let me see; I believe it was in he—oh! confund my short memory, I can't ecollect the place, but the words were, 'Sleep on, now, and take your rest.'" "What did he make of that, John?" "I don't know, faith; but he's continually been telling us that truth s always practical; so thinks I to myself I'll ake you at your word for once, and may I be hot if I waked up till after the Amen!"

A clergyman, who enjoys the substantial benefit of a fine farm, was slightly taken down a few days ago by his Irish plowman, who was sitting at his plow in a tobacco field, resting his horse. The reverend gentleman, being an economist, said, with great earnestness, "John, wouldn't it be a good plan for you to have a tub scythe here, and be cutting a few bushes along the fence while the horse is resting a short time?" John, with quite as serious a countenance as the divine wore himself, said, "Wouldn't it be well, sir, for you to have a tub of potatoes in the pulpit, and when they are singing to peel 'em awhile to be ready for the pot?" The reverend gentleman laughed heartily, and walked off.

GENERAL MISCELLANY.

Catholic Music in Rome.—A Roman correspondent of the Pittsburg *Catholic* writes under date of August 20: "Last month a new religious musical journal, called *Il Palestrina*, commenced its publications in Rome. It is conducted by eminent ecclesiastics and laics, and proposes to advocate the honor and dignity of church music, now unfortunately so neglected. It denounces the practice of introducing into the sacred temple productions of a theatrical or a similar nature (which even in the Eternal City are by no means unfrequent,) and has reason to hope that the important subject of ecclesiastical music will meet with due investigation from the Fathers of the coming Council.

Secret of Happiness.—An Italian Bishop, who had struggled through many difficulties without repining, and been much opposed without manifesting impatience, being asked by a friend to communicate the secret of his being always so happy, replied, it consists in a single thing, and that is, "making a right use of my eyes." His friend, in surprise, begged him to explain his meaning. "Most willingly," replied the Bishop; "in whatsoever state I am, I first of all look up to heaven, and remember that my great business is to get there. I then look down upon earth, and call to mind how small a space I shall soon fill in it. I then look abroad in the world, and see what multitudes are, in all respects, less happy than myself. And thus I learn where true happiness is placed, where all my cares must end, and how little reason I have had to murmur, or be otherwise than thankful. And to live in this spirit is to be always happy.

Disappearance of the Dog Star.—A most startling astronomical fact—the explosion, or rather the conflagration, of Tau Corona—occurred some time since. It appears now that another and much more important star is slowly taking itself out of our system. By calculations of extraordinary minuteness and delicacy, Mr. Huggins and Father Secchi have demonstrated that Sirius and our sun are mutually receding from one another, at the rate of 29½ miles per second. In the end, therefore, though the distance of time strains the imagination, we must lose sight of Sirius—that is to say, provided we have not by that time gained the capacity of watching the more distant universe towards which we must be receding—an improbability. Nothing seems so near its final limit as the power of astronomical telescopes, while the power of the human eye, if it alters at all, probably decreases.

A curious exhibition of performing fleas has lately been opened in Regent street, London, by a young Englishman, Mr. Kitchingham. One unfortunate flea fires off a miniature Armstrong gun; another performs on the tight-rope; and a third swings on the trapeze. A team of fleas are harnessed to a miniature coach called the "The Derby Tandem" is drawn smartly round the arena. As Mr. Kitchingham's insects feed him he returns the attention by allowing them to feed on him. The exhibitor believes the little wretches have intellects, and says he has seen their brains. One or two of the performers are the inheritors of a green old age; they had lived nine months, and are now in the course of nature nearing the day of their death. Three or four months—nay weeks—is usually considered the limit of a flea's life.

Medicine Nou Est.—Few men among the great authorities in the modern science of medicine are looked up to with greater respect than Claude Bernard (President de l'Academie de Medicine,) and it is with dismay that invalids and Mr. Bergh will read the remarks with which he prefaced his last annual course of lectures. Mr. Buckle assures us that with the exception of mathematics and astronomy, every science is still in its infancy; and now Professor Bernard brings the weight of his high authority to support the theory as regards medical science. In 1847 he said to the assembled students, "Gentlemen, the science of medicine, which I am commissioned to teach you, does not exist." This year he repeats the same assertion. But, unfortunately, vivisection is the real basis of experimental physiology. The sacrifice of cats, dogs and even superannuated horses the Professor considers a salutary and by no means inhuman process, the latter, especially suffer a shorter time under the surgeon's knife than under the cabby's whip. Still this ardent votary of science is accessible to feelings of humanity. The cutting up of a live monkey was too much for even his hardened nerves. The poor brute acted so much like a human being, seizing his hands and uttering piteous cries, that he never attempted to repeat the experiment. He suggests that chloroform be employed to mitigate the agony of the dumb martyrs to science.

JUVENILE COLUMN.

THE QUICK TEMPER.

Clara Loring came into the library where her mother was reading, and said, with quivering lips:—

"I get angry so quickly, mamma, and when I'm angry I always say something I'm sorry for. Oh dear! I wouldn't grow up and be like Aunt Jane for the world. She's always firing up, as Harry says, and keeping herself and everybody else in hot water most of the time. And he said this morning that if I didn't take care I'd be just as bad as Aunt Jane. Oh, mamma! I do wish I knew how to keep cool, as Harry calls it."

And dear little, generous, kind-hearted, but quick-tempered Clara looked really sorrowful as she crowded into the great easy-chair beside her mother and leaned against her.

"Harry says I'm fire and tow," added the child. "And he calls words matches, and says he can touch me off into a blaze at any time. And so he can. Oh, mamma! isn't it dreadful! And I'm so sorry and ashamed afterwards. What can I do to help it, mamma?"

"And you really want to overcome this hasty temper?" said Clara's mother.

"Oh, yes, mamma! I'd give the world if I could do it."

"God has given to every one of us the power of self-control, if we will use it. It is because people will not use this power that they are hasty and passionate. It is harder for some to use it than it is for others, because they have quicker temper, like you and me, and Aunt Jane. But then they must try the harder; that is all—and to get power over a hasty temper is worth a great deal of trying."

"Like *you*, mamma!" exclaimed Clara, in astonishment. "Why you haven't a hot temper! You are not fire and tow like me and Aunt Jane."

"I don't let it rule me quite so much as you do; but my feelings are quick and strong; and when I was your age they often blazed out suddenly. I've been called fire and tow many a time."

"Why, mamma! it can't be!" said Clara.

"It is all so, darling. But I was able to subdue the hot temper, and keep it under control; and so may you if you will."

"Tell me how, mamma. Oh do, please! If I could be just like you, I'd be as happy as the day is long."

"Everything depends on beginning right," said Clara's mother.

"How shall I begin right, mamma?"

"Yesterday I heard you say, in excuse for hasty words that ought not to have been spoken, and for saying which you were ashamed, 'Oh! I didn't think.' Now, just here lies the trouble. In the old saying, Think twice before you speak once, will be found the cure for a hot temper. Passionate people are too apt to speak without thinking. If they would only stop to think before speaking, they would, in most cases, keep silence or choose their words more carefully. In another old saying, Habit is second nature, we are taught one of the most important of lessons. If one has a hasty temper, the habit of thinking before speaking—of resolutely keeping silence when passion prompts to angry words—will gradually grow stronger and stronger, until the old, fiery temper will give place to habitual self-control."

"Oh, mamma!" exclaimed Clara, almost catching her breath with eagerness. "I see it just as plain as day; and it is so easy."

"Not so easy as it may at first seem, my dear. And yet not so very hard. Make the beginning; and do not be discouraged if the hot word sometimes leaps by the opposing thought. Try always, when you are angry, to think before you speak, and to keep silence until your feelings grow calmer; and it will not be long before my Clara's hasty temper will be a thing of the past."—*Children's Hour.*

OPENING THE DOOR.—"I'll never forgive Fred!" said Dora, angrily, as she came into the parlor, holding up before her mother the fragment of a little toy—a tiny sofa—a piece of the set of furniture her uncle had given her a few days before.

"Dora, my child!"

"Well, I mean just what I say!" continued the angry little girl. "Fred came rushing into the summer house, just as he always does, and trod on it with his great boots; and when I spoke to him about it, he said he didn't care a bit, and wished he had broken my chairs, too."

"Think before you say any more, my dear. Perhaps you vexed Frederick by your manner of speaking."

"I only told him he was careless and stupid, and so he was. It's too bad. No, I will never forgive him;" and as she turned over the pieces of the ruined toy in her hands, her face grew dark with wicked feelings.

"Hark, Dora! listen; some one is knocking, I am sure."

"Little Willie, a three-year-old younger brother, stopped playing with his blocks on the floor, and looked at the door, as if expecting a visitor.

"What do you mean, mamma? I do not hear any one," said Dora.

"Have you forgotten, my daughter, that there is a door to every heart? You have opened it once this morning, and let in an evil, hateful thing. No picture that could be made of it would be too dark to represent what is now in your heart."

"And now, if you listen, you will find One, our best Friend, at that door. He is knocking gently. Dear little daughter, let him in. He has a message for you, and it is: 'If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses;' and that word 'men' means everybody, even Freddy, who you think has offended you so much."

Dora's heart was softening. The tears came into her eyes. She opened the door of her heart a little way. Willie, who had been listening, came and putting his little arms around her neck, kissed her, but said nothing. Her heart's door swung wide open now, and love entered.

"Yes, mother, I will forgive Freddy," sobbed Dora. "I was as much to blame as he; and I know I spoke spitefully, or he would have felt sorry when he did it."

"Then, my darling, thank that dear Friend who has found His way into your heart with His love, and now go to Freddy and make it up with him."

Dora laid away the fragments of the sofa, and went out with sunshine in her face and joy in her heart; for its door was closed again and her best Friend was within.

The first experiment in the Roman States of the cultivation and refinement of beet-root sugar has been a complete success. Cardinal Amat, accompanied by Cardinal Berardi, Gen. Kanzler, and a number of official personages, went on Friday to the village near Frosinone, where the new sugar farms have been established, and solemnly opened and blessed the factory. The production of sugar free of foreign duty will be a great benefit to the population, and the soil is said to be perfectly adapted to the growth. Another experiment recently tried with great success is the growth of sunflowers, for the destruction of miasma in fever-stricken localities. It is said to answer well, and the oil expressed repays the culture, while poultry is fattened with the residue.

Sir James O'Connell, Bart.—With extreme pleasure we make the announcement indicated by the title of this article. The Queen, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, has been pleased to create James O'Connell, Esq., of Lakeview, a Baronet of the United Kingdom. This graceful act of recognition of the position and services of the Liberator's only surviving brother, on the completion of the work of Catholic Emancipation, will be appreciated as it deserves, not only in Kerry, but throughout the United Kingdom.—*Tralee Chronicle.*

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