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Prof. Braun of the University of Strasburg has undertaken to heat a room in Munich by a flashlight in Nuremberg, 100 miles distant.

True greatness is ability to serve coupled with a meek and quiet spirit.

Justice is so busy holding her scales that she hasn't time to give some people what is coming to them.

The five volcanoes active last year destroyed 60,000 lives.

The patience of some people is enough to give a saint that tired feeling.

It's all right to earn our daily bread by the sweat of our brow, but most of us kick if it isn't pie.

Sir Frederick Holder, first speaker of the Australian commonwealth house o frepresentatives, started life as a school master in South Australia.

ARE BEYOND PRICE

RELICS OF THE CROSS OF NAZARETH IN AMERICA.

Well-Authenticated Fragment Is in the Cathedral at New York—Archbishop Ryan Tells of Pains Taken to Investigate Relics.

That well-authenticated relics of the true cross of Nazareth are treasured in New York is not generally known. It is, however, a fact. The cathedral authorities have long possessed one of the largest pieces of the true cross in this country. It is a mere splinter, not much larger than a cabric needle.

In speaking of the matter Rev. Dr. Lavelle, pastor of the cathedral, said:

"When Mark Twain, in his 'Innocents Abroad,' made the assertion that he had found enough relics of the true cross to build a ship, he made a most ridiculous blunder and betrayed an almost unpardonable ignorance."

The reliquary which holds these sacred relics is usually from 12 to 18 inches high. The precious specimen is rarely more than a mere thread of wood. It is placed in a large ostensorium, in order that the multitude may, on occasions when the relic is displayed, be able to distinguish its position upon the altar.

The relic which the cathedral cherishes was brought to this country by Cardinal McCloskey. Before this one of the other priests had, as his private possession, a small relic of the cross. Archbishop Hughes also possessed one of these tiny treasures. The relic at the cathedral is incased in a costly jewel studded reliquary, standing about 14 inches high. It shows ancient Roman repousse work in gold and silver. It is brilliant with diamonds and sapphires.

In the center of this ostensorium is a small medallion, covered with beveled crystal and showing beneath an ivory cross of exquisite workmanship. Set in the center of this is the relic of the cross of Nazareth.

Cardinal Gibbons has a piece of the true cross in his pectoral cross. Upon being requested to give his opinion as to the authenticity of these relics of the passion, he replied:

"As far as we can judge, we have every reason to believe in the genuineness of the relics which are preserved in Rome, particles of which have been distributed in almost every part of the Christian world. Archbishop Ryan, who has gone more deeply into the study of this subject than any other prelate in this country, has said:

"'Every Christian, of no matter what creed, can appreciate the veneration in which we hold the relics of the Savior. Even as the patriot preserves souvenirs of heroes, so have the Christians in all countries held in reverence relics of the Nazarene.

"'The true cross has been an object of especial veneration ever since its discovery, in the year 326, by Empress Helena. Many pieces of it have been distributed among the faithful, but these have not been larger than a small strand of hair. Thus a small piece of the wood affords thousands of relics.

"'There is a congregation of canons appointed to investigate sacred relics and authenticate them. It is one of the most difficult things in the world to obtain such authentication. The seal of the church is never given to doubtful relics. There are, however, a great many duly authenticated relics.'"

Archbishop Ryan has a small portion of the true cross. The Franciscans in New York have a relic of the cross in a small silver case, which is kept in the part of the monastery reserved to the monks.

The abbey of Gethsemane, in Kentucky, treasures as its most valued possession a relic of the cross. Two splinters are laid in cruciform on an ivory disk. This is covered with a crystal and placed in the head of a crosier. This pastoral staff was the life work of a Trappist monk at the abbey.

SMALL BOY KNEW HIM.

But the Identification Was Not Entirely Satisfactory.

A Duluth attorney recently went East to visit his old home, and the first Sunday he was there he attended church. After service he visited the Sunday school and saw many familiar faces among the pupils, although they had all grown considerably during the years he had been away.

At the request of the superintendent the visitor addressed the school, and in opening he asked if there were any present who remembered him—who had ever seen him before.

The hand of a little fellow in the front row immediately went up. "I do—I do!" he said.

A satisfied smile crept over the face of the visitor. He was glad that the children remembered him.

"Now, where was it you saw me before?" he asked the boy who had raised his hand.

"You was the clown in the circus last summer!" replied the youth, enthusiastically. "I'd never forget your face."—Duluth News-Tribune.

With Faint Praise.

One day Peter McArthur, who was at the time editor of Truth, was speaking of a certain poet who had just brought out a book of verse. "It is certainly a unique volume," said Mr. McArthur, who was and is still a stickler for good art, "a unique volume, and nothing else. It contains only one poem that is actually good, and that poem contains but one line, and that good line is not original with the author"—New York Times.

Rural Sport.

"Yes," remarked the citizen of Sandy Lane, "our parson claims that these here racing automobiles are keeping some of his flock away from meeting." "You don't mean to say that any one owns a racing automobile around here?" asked the drummer in surprise. "No, they don't own them, but they sit on the fence all day Sunday and throw stones at those that pass."—Chicago Daily News.

Cities Alike in Temperature.

The average annual temperature of Sitka and Omaha is the same.

As a child, Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross Society, disliked dolls, and the only playthings that appealed to her more than pet animals were wooden soldiers.

In the war between the United States and Mexico of fifty-four years ago 112,000 troops were employed on the American side. Of these 8,000 are still alive.

A tract of 20,000 acres in Western Kansas has been bought by Indiana and Ohio capitalists for raising Angus cattle.

England buys her eggs and butter from France and Denmark, her chickens from Scandinavia and Russia, and her green vegetables from Holland.

Twentythree acres of g-round are needed to bury London's dead every year.

Bananas can best be ripened in a room kept at 110 degrees.

An analysis of the college opportunities of the 3,237 most eminent graduates seem to show that the best college is the small, non-sectarian, exclusively male, New England school situated in a town of more than 30,000.

The Pope has appointed a permanent commission on biblical studies in special relation to recent results of researches into the historic development of scriptural works. The commission consists of forty members.

The immense indirect cost of warfare is illustrated by the fact that the Spanish-American war cost a million dollars a day for over a year, although hostilities occupied but three months.

The tenant under the contemplated Irish land bill will pay annual purchase installments for sixty-eight years, which are 20 per cent less average than he now pays annual rent.

"What kind of a currency do you prefer?" "Young man," answered Senator Sorghum, "I quit worrying about currency long ago. I've gotten to a point where I do business almost entirely with checks."

Every spring it has been a precaution of Florida to declare a quarantine against Cuba through fear of yellow fever. This year no quarantine will be enforced until cases of yellow fever appear in Cuba.

Vienna holds the world's record for suicides. Between January and September last year 250 men and 98 women killed themselves and 367 made unsuccessful attempts at suicide.

"If you were a woman," said the bachelor girl, who was entertaining a caller, "I'd show you my new frock. But as you are a man, I'll show the slippers that go with it."

Food eaten without appetite always causes gastric disturbance, because unless the secretary glands of the stomach are stimulated by a desire for food, no digestive juices are extruded into the stomach.

It is announced that the world's supply of gold will be doubled in the next ten years.

One concern in Wurttemberg exports 5,000,000 harmonicas a year.

It is 101 years since the first census was taken in England.