

UNITED STATES—The Poet-Priest of the South

Quite a considerable sum has been subscribed for the erection of a public monument in Mobile, Alabama, to Father Ryan, the poet-priest of the South.

GENERAL

The Sultan and Religious Liberty

Mgr. Rahmani, Patriarch of the Syrian Catholics, is paying a visit to Paris, and has been interviewed by a representative of the 'Eclair.' He states that the Turkish Government grants entire freedom of worship to the Catholics. In the different towns lists of the members of each Christian denominations are published every year and presented to the Turkish authorities, who take measures to verify them. When they are found to be exact, permission is given for the building of churches or the establishment of schools. Catholic processions are allowed in some places, and the clergy take part in funeral processions, the cross being borne in front.

A Prelate from China

Among the prelates who attended the recent great Eucharistic Congress at Metz was the Bishop of Shan-Tung, China. His Lordship was a conspicuous figure at that notable assembly, inasmuch as he was clad in Chinese costume. Over his Chinese raiment he wore a Bishop's pontificals. The Bishop addressed the Congress in German with a pronounced Lorraine accent, as he was a native of Lorraine. He has been in China since 1816.

Achievements of Young Men

Last week we were informed by cable that Mr. Edison had perfected a compact electric storage battery of almost unlimited capacity, cheapening and revolutionising transport. He declares that horses are destined to disappear from the streets excepting for pleasure. He adds that everyone owning a horse will soon be able to afford an automobile. And a few days prior to that it was reported that Mr. Marconi had successfully established, on a commercial basis, wireless telegraphy between Ireland and Canada. Both of these scientists became distinguished at an early age. Edison was only 32 when he invented the incandescent light, and Marconi was only 20 when he began to experiment with wireless telegraphy, and had not reached his twenty-fifth year when he succeeded in sending a message across the English Channel. At 28 he established a trial system of wireless telegraphic communication across the Atlantic.

Many other inventions and discoveries are due to comparatively speaking, young men. Sir Humphrey Davy was 36 or 37 when he invented the safety lamp. Fairbanks patented the Fairbanks scales when 39. Huygens invented the pendulum clock when 27, and Hiee the lightning printing press when 31. Morton was but 27 when he gave ether for a surgical operation in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Koch was 39 when he discovered the bacillus of tuberculosis.

Morse was 41 when he designed an electric telegraph. Sprague was but 30 years of age when he introduced the overhead trolley on the road in Richmond, Va. Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin when 27, and Elias Howe the sewing machine at 26.

James Watts was but 25 years old when he constructed a model high-pressure steam engine, and was 33 when he took out a patent on his separate condenser for steam engines. It should be borne in mind, however, that Watt's inventions in connection with the Newcomen engine constitute his claim for distinction; Newcomen, rather than Watt is, therefore, entitled to the credit of inventing the steam engine. Stephenson was 33 when his travelling locomotive appeared. Fulton was 38 when he invented the steamboat, and 42 when his boat went from New York to Albany on the Hudson River. Alexander Graham Bell was 29 when the telephone appeared.

Some of the greatest musical composers produced their best works at an early age. Mozart died when he was 35. Beethoven gave the world his second symphony when in his 32nd year. Verdi did a good part of his work as a young man. Balfe produced 'The Bohemian Girl' when 35, and Flotow was the same age when he gave us 'Martha.' Wagner was but 29 when 'Lienzi' was produced, 30 at the birth of 'The Flying Dutchman,' and 32 when 'Tannhauser' was first performed, and 37 when he gave us 'Lohengrin.' 'Der Ring des Nibelungen' came later. Mendelssohn was but 35 when he went to England for the purpose of rendering the 'Elijah,' which was then produced for the first time.

Domestic

By 'Maureen'

Clean Mother-of-Pearl.

To clean mother-of-pearl, wash it with powdered whiting and cold water. Hot water and soap must not be used on any account, for they would destroy the soft brilliancy which is the chief beauty of this shell.

Coffee and Tea Stains

To remove coffee and tea stains from white flannel and all sorts of woollen materials apply a mixture of yolk of egg and glycerine. This may afterwards be washed out with warm water.

Creases in Velvet

The creases can be taken out of velvet and the pile raised by drawing it across a hot iron on which a wet cloth has been spread. If there are pin-marks over which the pile refuses to rise, brush it up with a stiff brush and steam it, repeating the operation several times.

Sliced raw Onions

These kept constantly in a sick room where there are eruptive diseases may not be very pleasant, but they are an excellent preventive against contagion. The slices will be soon discolored, grow quite dark, and should then be at once destroyed and replaced by fresh slices.

Household Hints

Wrinkled silks may be made to look almost as fresh as when new, by sponging the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic and by pressing on the wrong side with a moderate hot iron.

A scratch made on white paint by striking matches can be removed with lemon juice and warm water.

If an oil stove gives off a disagreeable odor add five or six tablespoonfuls of red vinegar to a gallon of the oil.

To whiten clothes that have become very yellow soak the clothes in buttermilk, allowing them to remain in the milk for several hours. Wash with soap in tepid water, and rinse in cold water.

Soap should be cut in pieces as soon as it is brought in, so that it may grow hard, thus saving a full third in the consumption.

Hints to Nervous Women

There are so many things a neurasthenic woman can do which will mitigate the severity of her symptoms, and perhaps, if the disease is slight, she may recover without the intervention of her physician (says Dr. Hammond in 'Harper's'). In the first place, the original trouble, worry or anxiety, which was responsible for her nervous breakdown, must be done away with, or, if this is impossible, she must school herself not to care, or else remove herself to new scenes and surroundings where her mind will not be harassed. Peace of mind will do more to restore shattered nerves than almost anything else. The next thing is to make the bodily health as good as it can be made under the existing circumstances and surroundings. Sleep and rest are absolutely essential to recovery, and the sufferer should do all she can to secure both. Narcotics, to produce sleep, are not to be thought of. They do not cure anything, and their continual use can only be productive of harm. Sometimes a warm foot-bath before bed, or eating a slice of bread and butter, or drinking a glass of milk will bring sleep to the tired eyes. If however these means are inadequate, it is better to consult a physician. Normal sleep, and plenty of it, must be secured before recovery becomes possible.

To Clean a Coat Collar

Nothing looks worse than a greasy edge to a coat collar, and nothing makes a coat look shabbier. To remove spots or marks of that description, take equal parts of soft soap and fuller's earth, well mixed and beaten together, with a little spirits of turpentine: make it into a ball, and when required for use, either dip it in hot water or moisten the part of the garment to be cleansed rub the ball in, and then let it dry, afterwards wiping over quickly with a cloth dipped in hot water, until all the soap is removed, dry the collar thoroughly with a clean cloth.

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