

## The Popes and Science

In its review of 'The Popes and Science,' an account of the papal relations to science from the middle ages down to the nineteenth century, by Dr. James Walsh, LL.D., the 'Boston Pilot' says—

The author has told in this volume a surprising story. Nearly every one assumes, that, the Popes were somehow opposed to science. Dr. Walsh shows from documents and the most recent authoritative histories of science, and especially of medicine, that instead of opposing, the Popes were as judicious and beneficent patrons of science as they were of art. For seven centuries the Papal Physicians have been the greatest medical investigators and writers of medical science, and no other set of men connected by any bond in history, even the medical faculty of any of the large Universities can compare with them in accomplishment. They include the Father of Modern Surgery, the author of the first great dictionary of medicine, the author of the first treatise on gun-shot wounds, the Father of Comparative Anatomy, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood in the lungs, the anticipator of Harvey in the discovery of the systematic circulation, one of the great founders of modern clinical medicine, while the Father of Modern Pathology was a personal friend of four Popes and always stayed at the Papal Palace when he visited Rome. For over two centuries the greatest Medical School in the world was the Papal Medical School at Rome. Its greatest rival was at Bologna, which after 1512 was in the Papal States. Two other Medical Schools, Ferrara and Perugia, were also in the Papal Dominions. Until the beginning of the nineteenth century, Italy was for the world, the Mecca of graduate teaching in science just as Germany has been for the last half-century. History has no record of Papal opposition to science except the Galileo case, which was an unfortunate incident, personal in character, but not a part of a policy. The Father of Modern Geology was a convert to Catholicity, afterwards a priest, a personal friend of the Pope, and then a Bishop. The great scientists of the Middle Ages were clergymen, and many of them were canonized as saints. Dante is the typical University man of his time, and no poet of the modern time knew as much about science as he did. All the talk about Papal opposition to science has been pure assumption, founded on religious intolerance, bolstered up by the Galileo case. In spite of frequent assertions, there are no Papal prohibitions of anatomy nor chemistry, and above all, not of surgery, which developed very wonderfully in the Middle Ages. Instead, Dr. Walsh shows enlightened patronage and generous encouragement of science on the part of the Popes.

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## Domestic

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### The Use of Mustard in the Bath.

The growing use of mustard in the bath tub is a modern adaptation of the principle that mustard is one of the most valuable external stimulants, (says 'Black and White'). To those who have not tried it the result is really surprising. Take a tablespoonful of best mustard and add to the bath when filled. The water will be found to be of a slightly yellow-green color and absolutely free from any stinging or smarting sensation. In fact, it has a soft, velvety feeling, almost like milk, but with a glowing warmth that is appreciated by the most delicate skin. Under its influence sore and stiff joints become limber and elastic, and the whole body experiences a sense of exhilaration that is scarcely credible. The mustard bath is already a favorite with those engaged in arduous sports, and equally so with society ladies, who find in it a refreshing antidote to the fatigue of functions and a charming way of keeping in that healthy condition so conducive to beauty.

### Keep Your Feet Warm.

It has always been a puzzling thing to me (says a writer in the 'Catholic Citizen') why the 'fair sex,' the 'weaker vessels' should be permitted, yes, even forced to battle the storms and frosts of winter with shoe soles, the thickness of which might as well be tissue paper; for, the freezing of the blood, the ruining of their health, and the tortures of their comfort could not be any greater.

I say it is surpassingly strange to me that women, who are the weaker vessels physically, are obliged to suffer these things, and all the ailments that arise therefrom, while man—strong, physical, robust being—who would be more able to stand such torture) is permitted by the 'fashion makers' (who design everything but comfort and common sense for women) to raise up from the frosted earth the soles of his feet, one-half, three-fourths of an inch or more, and he goes on his way rejoicing, but woman is left barefooted in the cold.

I fully realize that healthy womanhood in body, mind, and soul is essential to any community or nation; then, why should woman be handicapped in this all-important step—health—for health is one of the gateways to comfort, happiness, and service. Therefore I beseech all those who have experienced the truth of those things many times, to lay aside all such 'fashions' that are out of harmony with comfort, and buy the heaviest-soled shoes you can get.

If you have purchased your winter foot-wear, and if by careful scrutiny you discover that you have only a pair of 'paper-pokes' or summer shoes, it will well repay you to have them exchanged, or allow the shoemaker to attach a serviceable foundation to them. You may say, 'I wear overshoes during winter.' This is all right! But suppose the overshoes remain at home, and perchance you are caught in a storm; now, wouldn't a pair of water-proof shoes of good pliable leather with heavy soles, be better on your feet continually, than a hundred pairs of overshoes awaiting you at home?

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*Maureen*

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