

Among the Lepers

According to the biennial report of the State Home for Lepers maintained at Iberville parish, Louisiana, six out of sixty-one of those afflicted beings have been cured at that institution during the past two years. Six Sisters of Charity, practically alone, have cared for all the wants of the lepers.

The Mistakes of Secular Newspapers

When secular newspaper writers (says the 'True Voice') undertake to treat Catholic topics the result is generally misleading and often ludicrous. Perhaps they should not be blamed too much for this. The average secular writer knows so little of Catholic usages and customs, Church laws and regulations, that it is very difficult for him to comment upon them without falling into many mistakes. As a rule any information in regard to new Church regulations given out by secular papers should be accepted with great caution.

An instance of misleading information turned out by the press agencies is seen in the comments of Eastern secular papers on Bishop Scannell's Lenten pastoral on the new marriage laws. The Washington 'Star' bases its comment on the following press despatch from Omaha:—

'Bishop Scannell has made a formal ruling for his diocese that all marriage engagements must be made in writing, witnessed by two persons, before priests will be permitted to perform a marriage ceremony.'

The above refers to one of the provisions of the new marriage laws that go into effect at Easter. It is, of course, not a diocesan regulation, but a general Church law, that engagements after next Easter must be in writing to be considered binding. But it is quite a different thing to say that no priest will be permitted to perform a marriage ceremony unless he is shown a written engagement duly witnessed. That was a wild guess at interpretation made by the scribe who wrote the paragraph. The editor who commented upon this bit of misinformation went wide of the mark, as might have been expected.

The Church has for centuries considered a valid engagement to marry between two persons an impediment to the marriage of either of them with another party. Since an engagement to marry was a promise binding in justice she refused to marry one so engaged to any one but the person with whom the valid engagement was entered into. But since owing to the levity of society in our day it is sometimes difficult to determine whether the engagement was entered into seriously, she now demands as a proof of validity a written agreement attested by witnesses. Otherwise the party who claims an engagement to marry cannot appeal to the Church for its enforcement. The Church will not consider any mere verbal engagement to be an impediment to marriage with another. For this reason Catholics should be careful for the future to put in writing their promises to marry.

It will probably take the ordinary newspaper writer some years to grasp the significance of the new marriage law. In the meantime it would be a good rule for all newspapers to quote directly the text of any Church law or diocesan regulation rather than trust to their own interpretation of it. Many of these wise scribes know a great many things that are not so, and they are not slow about making it known.

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By MAUREEN

A Useful Hint.

Cakes and pastry made of mutton dripping, though very good in their way, suffer from the disadvantage of having an unpleasant taste. This difficulty can be easily overcome by adding a little baking-powder and lemon-juice to the dripping, and then beating it to a cream. Cakes and pastry made from this are as good as if made with the best butter.

Tea for Invalids.

A doctor invariably orders his patients to discard tea, but weak stomachs will find that tea made with milk is not only harmless, but in many cases beneficial. Boil half a pint of milk and pour it on a good teaspoonful of tea, and after three or four minutes pour this milk tea off the leaves. This kind of tea is recommended to persons suffering from insomnia or dyspepsia. Of course, by this process the tea can never be made strong.

How a Woman Kept Young.

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How to Launder a White Silk Blouse.

The great secret of preventing white silk from adopting the yellowish hue which utterly ruins its appearance is that of abstaining either from rubbing the soap on the silk itself or from using very hot water. A light frothy lather should, on the contrary, be made with water of no higher temperature than 80 degrees Fahr., and the blouse dipped repeatedly in it; while squeezing with the hands loosens the dirt and cleanses it thoroughly. Instead of wringing out the suds before rinsing the blouse, they should be pressed out with the palms of the hands; while four or five successive rinsing in tepid and in cold water are not too many, a dessertspoonful of methylated spirits being added to the final water. The blouse should be finally folded exactly as if it were packed for travelling, when avoidance of creases is the sole aim and object, and then wrapped in a clean cloth, in which it must be passed through the wringer, and left to dry in the same cloth. Before the silk has completely dried, it should be covered with a cloth and pressed smoothly with a moderately hot iron, too hot an iron having the effect of stiffening the silk, making it in time both hard and papery. Where blouses of China silk in light colors are concerned, they must be dipped in salt and water before being washed in the suds, salt being substituted for the methylated spirits in rinsing, while in the case of dark silks a couple of tablespoonfuls of vinegar, stirred into the basinful of cold water before finally rinsing the garment, will preserve the color satisfactorily. If vinegar were used for pale shades, its color would have the effect of slightly darkening the silk, while it would give a brown tint to white or ivory white, which would not improve its appearance.

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