

him countless telegrams and letters of congratulation from all parts of the world. The five years that have elapsed since the day in 1903 when Cardinal Sarto set out, with a return ticket, from Venice for the Conclave at Rome have been full of great things for the Church and of great surprises for the enemies of the Church. It is now universally felt that the barque of Peter is being steered through troublous and dangerous waters by as sure, and steady a hand as ever held the helm. Even the French Government has come to feel, if not to acknowledge, as much, and, without doubt, the Modernists will come to feel it very soon.

GENERAL

A Memorial

The Maronites have placed a gigantic statue of Our Lady on the mountain of Lebanon, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. A secondary purpose of the monument is the commemoration of the Pope's Jubilee. The idea was originated by the Patriarch of the Maronites and the late Mgr. Duval, Apostolic Delegate in Syria.

The Coolgardie Goldfields

In the history of gold-digging many a romantic and tragic tale is found, but few of these possess more interest than that of how the famous Coolgardie mines were discovered about sixteen years ago. Luck played a great part in the discovery, but perseverance, too, had its share in it.

In April, 1892, two Victorian miners, named Bayley and Ford, struck out for the North-East of Australia, but after traversing 250 miles they lost their horses and had to turn back. Equipped with fresh horses, they started again on what proved to be a long, tedious, and futile journey, for once more they were forced to turn back—this time for want of water. The third attempt won them fame and fortune.

First they found that which to them was more precious than gold—namely, water. They found a natural well, known to the scattered tribes of that far-away country as 'Coolgardie.' Pitching their camp beside the well, they turned their horses out to feed and started prospecting the country around. Ford picked up a half-ounce nugget, and before night they had gathered in over twenty ounces of gold. Two or three weeks' more surface prospecting was rewarded with over two hundred ounces. By this time food supplies had given out, so, keeping their own counsel concerning their discoveries, they returned to civilisation, laid in a fresh stock of provisions, and hastened back to their El Dorado.

Within a few days of their return they happened upon the reef that made Coolgardie. Beginning with a 'slug' weighing 500z, they picked out from a cap of that reef in a few hours upwards of 5000z of gold. Bayley, carrying 5540z of gold, journeyed back to the nearest mining town, exhibited his find to the Mining Warden, put in a claim for a lease of the land on which this marvellous discovery had been made, and hurried off to the field again with a party that numbered 150 men, besides coaches and horses, and all the paraphernalia of prospecting and camping. In their wake in course of time came gold-seekers in hundreds and thousands. From Bayley and Ford's mine there was taken in the first nine years of its history 134,000oz of gold, valued at £530,000.

Almost as sensational as Coolgardie were the Londonderry and Wealth of Nations 'finds.' The Londonderry was discovered by a party of unsuccessful prospectors on their way back to Coolgardie. Two of them picked up some rich gold-bearing specimens. After a brief search the outcrop of a reef was exposed, from which, in the course of a few days, they took out from 4000 to 5000 ounces of gold. From the cap of the Wealth of Nations reef, gold to the value of £20,000 was secured in a few days.

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!

Mr. A. T. Armstrong, postmaster, of Levuka, in writing to Mr. Swan, chemist, of that town, says:—'The TUSSICURA you recommended has completely cured my mother's cough, which was so severe that we feared the worst for her. The first dose gave wonderful relief. TUSSICURA stops the cough at once. Procurable all chemists and stores.'

Domestic

By MAUREEN

To Make a Cork Fit.

A large cork, after being in boiling water for a while, becomes pliable, and can be easily squeezed to fit in a bottle that it would not go in before.

Cleaning Oil-cloth.

Oil-cloths should never have soap used upon them, as the lye will destroy the colors and the finish. They are greatly benefited, and last much longer, if a thin coat of varnish is applied once a year.

To Make Lamps Burn.

Any amount of trouble arises from trying to read or write by a bad light. Not only does it affect the eyes, but the whole nervous system as well. For good, steady light there is nothing better than a lamp; but, like most things, it has to have attention. After cleaning well and filling it, place a small lump of camphor in the oil vessel.

The Value of Onions.

Onions are almost the best nervine known. No medicine is so useful in cases of nervous prostration, and there is nothing that will so quickly relieve and tone a worn-out system. Onions are useful in all cases of coughs, colds, influenza, sleeplessness, and liver complaints. Eaten every other day, they soon have a clearing, whitening effect on the complexion.

New Tinware.

If new tinware be rubbed over with fresh lard and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will never rust afterwards, no matter how much it is put in water. For cleaning stained tinware, borax produces the best results. If the teapot or coffee pot is discolored on the inside, boil it in a strong solution of borax for a short time, and all its brightness will return.

Paperhangers' Paste.

To make a paperhangers' paste, take 1lb flour, put in a pail, add cold water, a little at a time, and stir up together to a thick paste. Take a piece of alum, about the size of a small chestnut, pound it fine, and throw it into the paste; mix well. Then provide about six quarts of boiling water and mix, while hot, with the paste until the whole is brought to a proper consistency. This makes an excellent paste, and is fit for use when cold.

To Prevent Tale-telling.

Some time ago (writes a reader of *Ladies' Column*) I found that my children were getting into a habit of constantly coming to me to complain of one another. At last I told them that in future I could listen to no verbal complaints; anyone who had a grievance against another must write it out carefully, bring it to me, and I would then go into the matter. Since then it is marvellous how few complaints I have received. The children quickly settle grievances amongst themselves, and there is far less quarrelling than there used to be.

A Home Remedy for Rheumatism.

In simple cases, especially where children are suffering from rheumatic pains in the joints, the following home remedy for rheumatism may be safely used, and it will be found to give great relief:—To a quart of boiling water add a handful of mustard. Wring out flannel cloths in the mustard and water, and wrap them round the painful joints, covering them with dry cloths to keep in the moisture and heat, replacing the hot flannels as soon as they become cooled until the pain is removed. Care must be taken to wrap up with dry flannel for some time after this remedy is applied, to prevent cold settling in the affected part again.

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