

lawyer he added a knowledge of law which only years of study can give. In recent years he has taken a keen interest in the work of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland.

### UNITED STATES—Appointment of a Bishop

The Right Rev. Bishop Muldoon, of Chicago, by the unanimous vote of the Propaganda, has been selected as the first Bishop of Rockford, Illinois. Rockford diocese has fifty-six churches, seventy-five priests, and a Catholic population of 50,000.

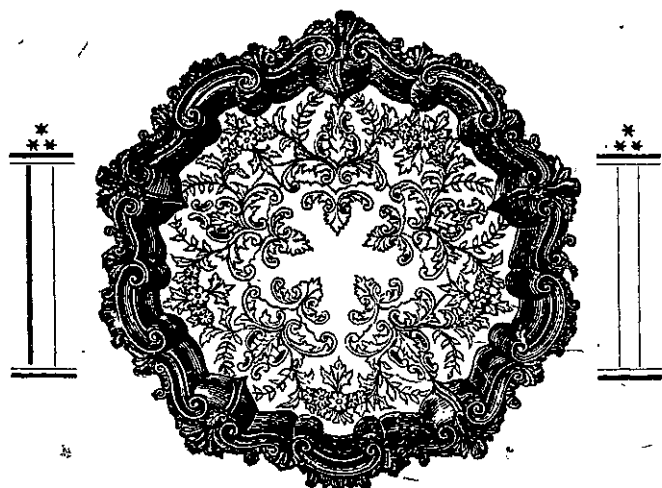
Premier Kidston, of Queensland (says the Sydney Freeman's Journal), was presented with a loving-cup on behalf of the people of Killarney during his recent visit to Ireland, as a friendly gift for Killarney, in Queensland. Soon after his arrival in Queensland he duly presented it to the residents of the Queensland township. The ceremony took place in Canning's Royal Hall, Killarney. The cup is of silver, and on it is the enamelled coat of arms of Killarney in Ireland, and it also bears the inscription, 'From the old Killarney to the new; presented by John Maher Loughman, Royal Victoria Hotel, Justice of the Peace for Kerry, Chairman Urban District Council, Killarney, to the Municipality of Killarney, Queensland.' The Killarney in Queensland is not yet incorporated, but that omission will very likely be remedied within a few years.

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## Domestic

By MAUREEN

### Washing Blankets.

The thrifty housekeeper will now be thinking of washing her blankets, and it is far cheaper to do so at home than send them to a laundry, whilst there is far less risk of getting them spoiled. If one goes the right way about it, the amount of labor involved is not so very great, particularly if there is a wringer available. But there is a right way and a wrong, and the wrong way invariably results in dusty, hard, thick, and sad-colored blankets.

### The Day to Choose.

Choose a rather windy day for the operation, holding over the blanket-washing until you find a day that suits it. The weather must be airy and warm, and if a nice breeze is blowing so much the better. While the water is heating, take the blankets outside, and shake them well—they are laden with minute particles of cuticle which are invisible to the naked eye, but which fly off in a white dust when shaken. Look over the blankets, and in a small bath of water try to take out all the spots, using soap jelly for the purpose. Stains are more easily seen when the blankets are dry, and can be more easily manipulated.

### The Washing Process.

Have plenty of soap jelly, made of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb yellow soap and  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb soft soap, boiled in three pints of water. Prepare a tubful of hot soapsuds, using two parts hot to one of cold, and into this put the soap jelly till the stirring of one hand raises a fine bubbling lather. Put the blankets in this mixture, and leave for a quarter of an hour before proceeding. Souse up and down thoroughly, using the hands or a dolly, then when clean pass through a wringer. Put into a second tub of hot water with less soap, then wring again. Put a little blue in the rinsing water, as this helps to keep them from turning yellow. Now fold lengthwise and pass through the wringer as smoothly as possible.

### Hanging and Drying.

Now take the blankets outside, and shake thoroughly, hanging up at once to dry in a windy, shady place, if possible. Do not fix the pegs in at the corners; fold in two, and stretch the double thick end on the line. If pegs are used, change their position when the blankets are half dry, to prevent puckering. While still damp wake down once or twice, and shake thoroughly. This raises the nap, and makes them look thick and fluffy. If a blanket must be washed on a day when it is not possible to dry off out of doors, hang on a clothes-horse before the kitchen fire, but not too close. Turn occasionally till aired. If done in the above way the blankets will be soft and fluffy and look clean. Quilts, eiderdowns, and shawls should be washed when one is in the way, and has plenty of soft hot water and soap jelly. Quilts and shawls are done exactly in the same way as blankets. Eiderdowns, however, require much attention in the drying, as if washed, hung out, and never looked at again the down will be lumpy. They must be taken down and shaken thoroughly and often in the drying process, which fluffs up the down to its pristine condition.

### To Take Out Medicine Stains.

Stains made by medicines and liniments are amongst the most obstinate of removal, and frequently tax amateur knowledge to the utmost. Iodine marks may, however, be successfully removed by means of liquid ammonia, a little of the spirit being poured into a saucer, the stained article laid across it, and the spot dabbed repeatedly with the fingers until it disappears. It should then be rinsed in tepid water and washed with strong soapsuds in the usual manner. Cod-liver oil stains can be likewise be eliminated by means of ammonia, while fuller's earth made into a paste with cold water is usually successful in removing marks caused by linseed oil, two or three applications being necessary.

*Maureen*

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