

**SWITZERLAND—Church Progress**

The Cantonal Council of Basle, whilst rejecting the proposed law for the separation of Church and State in Switzerland, has agreed to accept a clause placing the Catholic Church on the same footing that it enjoyed before 1870, when it was deprived of its churches and the priests of their salaries. Such is the progress of Catholicism in Switzerland that in the city of Zurich no less than five fine churches are in course of erection, and the foundation stones of a sixth, dedicated to St. Michael, were laid recently. It will be remembered that in 1870 Zurich was, after Geneva, the chief stronghold of the 'Old Catholic' movement. The 'Old Catholics' still retain two churches, one of which dates from pre-Reformation times, but the congregation has dwindled down to only twelve persons; whereas the huge Catholic Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul is crowded every morning by immense congregations. Two-thirds of the population of Zurich is now Catholic. They number 45,000, and are increasing yearly, not only by the influx of emigrants and visitors from other parts of Switzerland and Europe, but through the return of many of the 'Old Catholics' to the original fold.

**UNITED STATES—A Large Parish**

The largest parish in the world in point of number of members, according to a correspondent of the 'Catholic Union and Times,' is a Polish parish in the northwestern part of Chicago. It is under the patronage of St. Stanislaus Kostka and comprises about 5000 families, or 35,000 communicants. Father Vincent, the pastor, is a great believer in organisation and more than fifty societies of various names and purposes were founded to stimulate the zeal of the flock. The total membership of these societies exceeds 30,000. There are temperance clubs, singing societies, military companies, turners, and other societies for physical culture, dramatic and literary clubs, social unions, charitable guilds and every conceivable organisation that will interest young or old. Eight or more circulating libraries are maintained by the parish. The dramatic club gives frequent performances in the Polish tongue, and its members are very proud of the fact that Mme. Modjeska once appeared with them upon the stage in one of their performances.

**A Heroic Priest**

The Rev. J. F. Eger, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, New Castle, Pa., proved his heroic qualities recently in assisting to save Louis Barberger from death by suffocation when a sand bank caved in on him. The priest was one of the first to reach the scene, and, springing into the hole, began to shovel the sand from the man's body. Directly above was a huge block of sand which was momentarily expected to fall upon the rescuers. Unmindful of the peril Father Eger and his companions worked until they rescued the unfortunate man.

**Built from proceeds of Wireless Telegraphy**

The large new Slav Catholic church, Wilkesbarre, Pa., built largely by the money which Father Joseph Murgas has made out of his wireless telegraph inventions, was dedicated recently by Bishop Hoban of Scranton diocese. Father Murgas, two years ago, perfected a wireless telegraph system, by which, it is claimed, messages may be sent ten times as far as by any system of telegraphy now in use, each letter or code word being represented by a musical note. His invention is now being installed by a company and he has been paid a large sum for it. His sole ambition is to use this money for the advancement of his Church and for providing facilities for other inventions.

**Pittsburg New Cathedral**

The new St. Paul's Catholic Cathedral, of Pittsburg, said to be the most beautiful edifice in the State, was dedicated recently by Monsignor Diomede Falconio, Papal Delegate to America, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, Archbishops Farley of New York and Ryan of Philadelphia, and a score of other high dignitaries of the Church.

The wasp has been observed to waylay and rob bees while the latter, laden with honey, were returning to the hive.

Time and again attention has been called to the danger of using many of the artificial foods on the market for the feeding of babies. The Taieri and Peninsula Milk Supply Company, of Dunedin, call attention to their properly prepared humanised milk for babies, which is put up in sterilised bottles, and delivered daily at 1/- per week....

**Domestic**

By 'Maureen'

**How to Get Rid of Flies.**

An entomologist says that the persistent use of oil of lavender will drive flies out of a house, and an application to face and hands at night before retiring will, no matter how many mosquitoes there may be in the bed-chamber, drive them from the sleeper. Get a little oil of lavender, mix it with the same amount of water, and use a small syringe to spray it.

**How to be Comfortable in New Boots.**

You would hardly believe that there are special times and seasons for the trying on of new boots. But so it is. You need a larger pair of shoes in summer than in winter, and it is always best to try them on in the latter part of the day. The feet are then at the maximum size. Activity naturally enlarges them or makes them swell; much standing also tends to enlarge the feet. New shoes should be tried on over moderately thick stockings; then put on a thinner pair to ease your feet if the shoes seem to be tight. It is remarkable what a difference the stockings make. If they are too large or too small they will be nearly as uncomfortable as a pair of shoes that are too tight. New shoes can be worn with as much ease as old ones if they are stuffed to the shape of the feet with cloth or paper and patiently sponged with hot water. Or, if they pinch in some particular spot, a cloth wet with hot water and laid across the place will cause immediate and lasting relief. Milk applied once a week with a soft cloth freshens and preserves boots and shoes.

**Jam-Making.**

**Plain Gooseberry Jam.**—Those not liking a very sweet jam, may allow 5 or 5½ lb of sugar to 8 lb of gooseberries. The fruit should not be fully ripe; top and tail it, and put it in the preserving pan with a good ½ pint of water, let it boil without the sugar for quite half an hour, and the faster it boils the better; it is a mistake to boil jam slowly. Put in the sugar, and boil another half-hour, stirring almost constantly. When it begins to coat the spoon it is done. Green gooseberries may be done in the same manner, but rather more water should be allowed.

**Red Currant Jelly.**—Do not strip the currants from their stalks, but if at all dirty they may be washed, then drained as dry as possible. Put them a handful at a time into a piece of cheese-cloth, or strainer, then squeeze all the juice through with the hands. Continue until all the fruit is squeezed, then weigh the juice, a pint of which will weigh about a pound. For every pound of juice allow ¾ lb sugar, make this very hot in the oven, and it should also be broken up small. Boil the juice alone for about twenty minutes, pour it hot over the sugar, and stir till quite dissolved. Turn it at once into small pots, without boiling again. If it is not set by the following day, stand the pots in the sun for a time; this method is generally effectual.

**Strawberry Jam.**—This jam is perhaps more difficult to make of a good color and consistence than any other. The following recipe will be found very superior: The strawberries should be large and red, but not too ripe; pick them carefully, then throw them into a large pan of boiling water. The moment the water boils again strain the fruit from the water, and leave it on a dish. Allow ¾ lb sugar to each pound of fruit, and put it into the preserving pan with rather less than ½ a pint of the water which scalded the strawberries, to the pound. Boil the syrup, without stirring, until a strong thread will form between the thumb and forefinger if dipped into it. Put in the strawberries, and watch them till they boil. When this is the case, turn the jam at once into pots, using syrup and fruit in equal portions.

*Maureen***HOW TO PAINT A HOUSE CHEAP.**

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