

The Holy Coat of Treves.

THE GARMENT SAID TO HAVE BEEN WORN BY THE SAVIOUR BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION.

American Catholics have begun a pilgrimage to Treves. That is a long journey to look upon a relic. But this is an extraordinary relic—one of the most sacred in the keeping of the Catholic church.

Very old and famous is the city of Treves, in Rhenish Prussia. It lies on the right bank of the Moselle, a ruin of former magnificence. In Treves are found the finest specimens of Romanesque architecture. Very splendid is the cathedral. A hundred years ago the city library contained 100,000 volumes. But the city is celebrated above all other things because in it is treasured the Holy Coat, which has received the most devout veneration from all good Catholics.

It was St. Helena who gave the coat to the city. It is said she was born in Colchester, England, late in the third century. She did not accept Christianity until she was eighteen. Then her zeal was extraordinary. Her pilgrimage to Palestine in the fourth century is a famous event in the history of the Catholic Church. The object was to secure the cross upon which the Saviour was crucified.

She found three crosses. The holy one was distinguished because it was said a mere touch healed a helpless invalid. While searching for the cross St. Helena found the coat, the seamless coat. She secured what was considered positive proof that the Saviour had worn the garment just before the crucifixion. When St. Helena returned to Europe she spent many years in Treves, which was then a famous religious centre. She presented the coat to the cathedral.

The first mention made of the coat was in the fourth century. It appears in the Gesta Trevorum. For centuries after that it was exhibited regularly. The Bishop of Bruno was consecrated in it in 1121. In 1196 it was translated from the chair to the high altar of the cathedral.

Then came the wars of the middle ages. In order to preserve the coat it was placed in the castle of Ehrenbreitsburg. There it remained for centuries, safely hidden away. In 1810, with the permission of Napoleon, the Bishop of Treves and Mgr. Mannay had it brought back to the cathedral.

It was made a religious festival. When it was placed upon exhibition 220,000 people flocked to see it. It was exhibited every seven years until 1844. That year its exhibition was one of the greatest religious excitement. Eleven Bishops and over two million of the laity flocked to the city between August 18 and October 6. There were 9,000 from the United States.

For a number of years petitions have been made to the government asking for permission to exhibit the Holy Coat. Hitherto it has been refused. Now it is expected that there will be a tremendous movement to Treves. It is said that 100,000 will go from America.

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A LETTER TO A RAT.

How It Should Be Written When the Rodent Is Asked to Vacate.

"Did you ever write a letter to a rat?" asked Dr. Newell, the folklorist. "There is an old superstition to the effect that, if it is desired to drive rats out of a house, the best plan is to address a formal note to them requesting them to leave. In doing this it is necessary that you shall be very careful to tell them exactly by what route to go, so that they may have no excuse for not obeying. Finally, the misadventure should be well buttered and thrust into the rat hole. I once saw such a letter that was written to a colony of rats in all seriousness by the owner of the premises which they were desired to vacate. It read: 'Messrs. Rats: You are respectfully asked to leave my house before noon on the first of next month. If you should not do so, you will be much disturbed, because in that event I propose to tear down the building. Permit me to refer you to the barn of my friend, Mr. X., on the high road just half a mile north of here. It is well stocked with grain, which will furnish you with food for the winter. Yours, respectfully, &c.' In a book published in the 10th century I have discovered the form of a similar letter recommended to be written to field mice in cases where they become annoying. It read: 'I adjure you, O mice, neither to injure me, nor yourselves, the field at such and such a place, belonging to my neighbor So and so, I freely give you to dwell in, and you can eat what ever grows there.' This inscription had to be posted on a 'natural stone' in the infested field. The book referred to was merely a compilation of old Latin authorities many centuries back, so that the superstition I speak of is evidently of great antiquity."

An English Rector's Hospitality. It was recently stated that a number of public houses in England were owned by clergymen, and much surprise was expressed that they should have adopted such a method of increasing their income. It now appears, however, that in one case, at least, the ownership was assumed for a philanthropic motive, nothing less, in fact, than that of seeking to instill habits of temperance into the people. The Rev. Mr. Mordaunt, a Warwickshire rector, has conducted a village hotel for 14 years, with the aid of a man and his wife, who, in addition to their wages, get a commission on all eatables, but nothing on the drink sold. Beer is the only liquor supplied, and as there is no other public house in the parish persons who want that other English beverage, gin, must go to some village which does not have such a conscientious rector.

Mr. Mordaunt's beer is said to be unusually good; and yet his customers drink little of it, and drunkenness has almost entirely disappeared. A portion of the profits of the hotel has been devoted to the sinking of wells and the erection of pumps; and the villagers, instead of spending their evenings and earnings in a stuffy tap room, gather in knots around their favorite pump and discuss crops and politics to the creek of the pump handle. It is an idyllic picture which is thus presented, and if all be true the rector is doing a more practical work of benevolence than are those of his cloth who are formulating new systems of theology.—Philadelphia Record.

Obscure Boys and Great Men. The record of most of the great statesmen of the country tells a tale of humble beginnings and early struggles against adverse circumstances. This is the story of the early life of Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Benton, Douglas, Lincoln, Henry Wilson, Fessenden, Hamlin, Bell, Crittenden, Cass, Hale, Seward, Chase, and the vast majority of the country's political celebrities. It holds good also for most of the country's great warriors, literateurs, and business men. And this fact brings to our view the further fact that it is the farming districts and villages, and not the large cities which provide the great bulk of the men in every branch of effort who leave their impress on the age in which they live. Nor is this circumstance entirely peculiar to our own times and to the United States, although it has manifested itself more conspicuously and persistently here than elsewhere. This condition of things was noticed as far back as the days of old Rome. A commentator on the history of the land of the Caesars said that of all the Romans who hold a prominent place in literature four only—Caesar, Varro, Lucrctius, and Marcus Aurelius—were born in the Eternal City. This seems like a reckless statement to be made of a State which produced Cicero, Virgil, Ovid, Horace, Tacitus, Plautus, Terence, Salustius, Catullus, Seneca, the Pliny's, Livy, Juvenal, Martial, Nepos, Strabo, Quintilian, and dozens of others of almost equal ability and influence, yet it appears to be a close approach to fact.

Country Houses. Many of the abandoned farms of New Hampshire have been disposed of to city people, who soon transform barren hillsides into attractive summer homesteads. Our fathers made farms for themselves on hill tops that answered their purpose very well for a few generations, but did not retain their fertility. Their descendants have now removed to lower ground, and reclaimed the swamps and intervals. The farms that were abandoned ought to have been left to nature long before they were. No better use can be made of them than to let forest trees cover them again. And let summer homes of city people occupy the more sightly locations, beautifying the landscape, and furnishing a market for country produce of all kinds.

The superstition which builds is more tolerable than that which demolishes—that which adorns a country than that which deforms it—that which endows than that which plunders—that which disposes to mistaken beneficences than that which stimulates to real injustice.

The true reward of work well done is the having done it.

The Dog Law.

Judge Archibald, of Lackawanna, and Judge Sittser, of Wyoming, last week heard argument as to the figure a dog cuts in the criminal law of the State. Harry Depue was convicted of larceny, for stealing a valuable dog from a friend, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. The next day he was brought into Court on a writ of habeas corpus, and his counsel argued that he should be discharged, and that there is no larceny of a dog at common law, as a dog is not property. The District Attorney opposed this, saying that the fact that dogs are taxed shows that the law does recognize them as property. The two judges refused to discharge the prisoner, and a writ of error was obtained, and the case now goes to Supreme Court to have the status of a dog in law determine.

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The purely useless side of this entire self-abnegation must sometimes strike the beholder. Such effacing of individuality is not uncommon. And it gives as little real benefit to the family as it does to the individual.

Putting aside the moral effect on the younger members of a family brought up to regard their mother as a machine run for the family service, does the woman who so gives herself for the well-being of her family really accomplish all she desires? If she works without pause or slackening day in and day out, does she always feel satisfied, with admiring on-lookers, that it is the noblest way to spend her health and energies? If she renounces all recreation and higher life for herself, and gives up all communion of mind and spirit with her husband and children, is the reward adequate that is paid to them in a better-kept house, a more bountifully supplied larder, or handsomer clothes? If over-fatigue causes her to become petulant or complaining, is not the atmosphere of home more greatly injured than the added cleaning and cooking can repair? If she is too worn out to give sympathy and help to the children's joys and sorrows, what do the finer clothes and furniture obtained avail? And if, as sometimes happens, outraged nature gives way, and others must step into the breach, do their own work and the played-out woman's as well, and take care of her into the bargain, what has she gained by her extreme efforts that she has not lost by the break down?

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