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PERSONAL.

Prothonotary Pryor has returned from Philadelphia.

John J. Fahey is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

John H. Brooks has returned from a business visit to Baltimore.

Miss Jennie Gardner, of Factoryville, is the guest of Scranton friends.

Miss Alice Dale, of Jefferson avenue, is entertaining Miss Hudson, of Paterson, N. J.

Charles Robinson has returned from a business visit to New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Garrison, of Paterson, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Fitzcroft, of Green Ridge.

Attorney John F. Scragg has returned from Philadelphia, where he attended the meeting of the Supreme court.

Attorney W. S. Hulslander is home from Philadelphia, where he went to represent several of his clients before the Supreme court.

Judge and Mrs. H. M. Edwards will attend the St. David's Day banquet at Youngstown, O., at which Judge Edwards will be one of the speakers.

George Manley has resigned his position with the Lackawanna laundry to enter in partnership with Joseph Nolan and Hugh Gallagher in conducting the Crystal Laundry.

Tonight the Lehigh University Alumni of this city and Wilkes-Barre will tender a reception and dinner at the Hotel Terrace to Dr. Thomas M. Drown, the new president of the university. In the afternoon the doctor will address the pupils of the School of the Lackawanna.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

That Will Be the Subject of John G. Woolley's Lecture Tonight.

John G. Woolley will deliver a lecture at the Academy of Music this evening under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance union. The subject of his lecture will be "Christian Citizenship." Of Mr. Woolley's powers as an orator, the renowned lecturer, Joseph Cook, said:

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PURIM SERVICES HELD.

Minor Jewish Festival Celebrated in the Linden Street Temple.

Purim services, commemorative of one of the minor festivals in the Jewish church, were held last night in the Linden Street temple. The services were conducted by Rabbi J. Feuerlicht and did not include any unusual ceremony.

Purim day dates from 2,369 years ago, and is observed in celebration of the frustration of Haman's purpose to destroy the Jews, from which he was turned by the intervention of Mordacai. The story appears in the book of Esther.

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BIG TEMPERANCE MEETING

W. C. T. U. Mid-Year Convention Sessions in Elm Park Church.

DISCUSSED SACRAMENT WINE

Unfermented Article Was Firmly Disapproved but No Definite Action Was Planned—Many Interesting Topics Considered.

The mid-year convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance unions of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties began in the Elm Park church yesterday morning and will be continued during today. Tonight John G. Woolley, the famous temperance orator, will lecture in the Academy of Music under the auspices of the convention. His subject will be "Christian Citizenship."

The programme as arranged for yesterday was carried out almost in its original form, there being but few disappointments by reason of the non-arrival of expected speakers. Mrs. C. D. Simpson presided.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. J. M. Howell, of this city, opened the morning session. A resume of the mid-year convention of last year was read by Mrs. Annie Furrey, of Wanamie. Then was presented by Mrs. Howell the subject "Affiliated Interest," in which connection Mrs. C. H. Cool in discussing the Woman's Temperance Publication association made an ardent appeal for more generous support of the association's publications. She referred especially to the Signal and the Bulletin, the respective organs of the national and state unions.

MRS. VAIL'S PAPER.

Mrs. Francis T. Vail, of this city, read a paper on the union's hospital in Chicago which was founded ten years ago and had 200 patients last year. It is the only hospital in the United States where alcohol is not used in treating diseases.

Unfermented communion wines formed the subject of Mrs. C. H. Chamberlain, of Kingston, who affirmed that many men had been led to drink through the taste acquired at the sacrament. She said that thirteen unions in Luzerne county had influenced about twenty-five churches to abandon the use of unfermented wine. In the discussion which followed, Mrs. Cool urged her hearers to leave their church rather than approve by their membership the use of unfermented wine at communion. One young lady in the audience averred that a young woman's union, of which she had been a member, induced the pastor of a Massachusetts church to use water instead of wine at the sacrament. Rev. T. M. Furey, who was asked to speak on the subject, said he disapproved of the substitution of water for wine as such action would destroy the letter and spirit of the Lord's supper, but he advocated the use of unfermented wine. Then ensued a general discussion which did not bring about any definitely arranged course of action.

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Mrs. Simpson announced the following committees:

Courtesies—Mrs. F. T. Vail, Mrs. C. H. Chamberlain.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Stevens, Wayne county; Mrs. Bird, Bradford county; Mrs. Dinsmore, Columbia county; Mrs. Downing, Luzerne county; Mrs. Tewksbury, Lackawanna county.

Subscription for Union Signal and Woman's Christian Temperance Union Bulletin—Mrs. Vaughan, Moscow; Mrs. Lee.

After listening to a recitation by little Ethel Long, of Kingston, an adjournment for lunch was made. Lunch was served in one of the church parlors.

The devotional exercises which opened the afternoon session were led by Mrs. L. M. Gates, of this city. Addresses of welcome were made by Mrs. W. G. Yost and Mrs. C. D. Simpson.

A period entitled "Model Mothers' Meeting" was led by Mrs. E. L. Stephens, of Wayne county, and Mrs. C. Frank. Dr. Anna Clark, of this city, delivered a very sensible talk from a medical standpoint on "Teaching Truth," and Mrs. J. J. Rankin, of Hawley, read a paper. A considerable period was devoted to discussing the benefits of scientific temperance instruction and the best means for making such instruction general. At 4.45 o'clock the session adjourned.

The evening session was under the auspices of the Elm Park Epworth league, and included a discussion opened by Rev. J. K. Eckman on the best methods to abolish the liquor traffic, and a paper on "Boys' Industrial Associations" by Mrs. H. W. Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre.

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

Today's programme is as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

9.30—Devotional service.....Mrs. J. N. Lee
9.45—Sunday school work..Mrs. C. W. Cook
10.00—Social work....Mrs. M. W. Vaughan
Juvenile work,
Mrs. Jennie V. Dinsmore
Railroad work,
Mrs. George L. Field
Sabbath observance,
Mrs. B. Downing, Mrs. W. W. Lance
Narcotics.....Mrs. W. Jennings
11.00—Bible reading....Miss P. Dornblazer
12.00—Noontide prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30—Devotional service..Mrs. C. W. Cook
1.45—Franchise,
Mrs. J. N. Lee, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. A. M. Holvey.
Work among foreigners,
Mrs. P. Dornblazer
Press work.....Mrs. L. T. Burns
White ribbon experiences.
What the white ribbon has done for me.
Reports of committees.
Adjournment.

WOMEN WHO ATTENDED.

Among those who attended yesterday's sessions were: Mrs. T. M. Furey, Mrs. McGill, Misses Charlotte Orr, Mary Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Wanamie; Mrs. M. Detrick, Miss Anna Kern, West Pittston; Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. James Brady, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Mary Emory, Mrs. Colborn, Mrs. John Barber, Pittston; Mrs. Rosalie Pease, Mrs. Carolyn Dorsey, Mrs. Emma Yought, Mrs. Ellen Cobb, Mrs. Alice Tripp, Green Ridge; Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Saunders, Forty Fort; Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. Rintan, Mrs. Staley, Mrs. F. E. Reed, Forest City; Mrs. M. O. Ferrel, Luzerne; Mrs. E. E. Sheip, New Milford; Mrs. A. W. Larkin, Lake Como; Mrs. C. H. Chamberlain, Kingston; Mrs. Thomas Long, Edwardsville; Mrs. George Williams, West Pittston.

Scranton—Mrs. B. L. Richards, Mrs. H. W. Littell, Mrs. Richard Hiorns, Mrs. Le Grand Wright, Mrs. Frances T. Vail, Mrs. Arja Williams, Mrs. G. M. Tewksbury, Mrs. G. M. Howell, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Mrs. Sarah Griffin, Mrs. D. B. Hand, Mrs. E. L. Buck, Mrs. J. A. Gere, Miss Media Reed, Mrs. A. P. Bedford, Mrs. G. L. Field, Mrs. J. L. Race, Mrs. D. Spruks, Mrs. A. F. Yost, Mrs. Mary Culler, Mrs. Francis Bushwick, Mrs. D. V. Wint, Mrs. W. A. Pierson, Mrs. Amelia Smith, Mrs. B. W. Dowrich, Mrs. J. C. Chandler, Mrs. J. S. Miller, Mrs. J. G. Eckman, Mrs. L. Burch, Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mrs. T. L. Bronson, Mrs. George Field, Jr., Mrs. S. A. Brown, Mrs. James Foster, Mrs. C. H. Mallony, Mrs. J. M. Harvey, Mrs. A. R. Raub, Miss Fannie Raub, Mrs. C. D. Simpson; Mrs. Lloyd, Edwardsville; Mrs. S. M. Rhodes, Gravity; Mrs. Jones, Peckville; Mrs. John Ross, Minersville; Mrs. J. B. Sumner, Nanticoke; Mrs. Pierce Butler, Carbondale; Mrs. J. M. Lee, Mrs. O. B. McKnight, Plains; Mrs. M. W. Vaughan, Moscow; Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Parsons; Mrs. Blanchard, Parsons; Mrs. H. P. Stevens, Mrs. J. T. Rodman, Hawley; Mrs. John Dolph, Peckville; Mrs. Creasy, Miss Eva Briggs, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. S. S. Seamans, Factoryville; Mrs. Louise Walker, Moscow; Mrs. Dershimer, Mrs. L. M. Swartz, Dunmore.

Mrs. Philip Swartz, Mrs. S. J. Hornbaker, Moscow; Rev. W. H. Hiller, Parsons; Mrs. J. C. Craig, Peckville; Mrs. T. L. Smith, Dalton; Mrs. P. S. Posten, Mrs. F. B. Gardner, Moscow; Mrs. B. H. Kilmer, Wilkes-Barre; Miss Jennie Ball, Honesdale; Miss Bertha Defrehn, Miss Kimble, Danville; Mrs. J. N. Hart, Susquehanna; Mrs. M. Hineline, Moscow; Mrs. C. H. Memory, Mrs. B. Harding, Pittston; Rev. C. J. Bradbury, Rev. T. B. Barker, Mrs. A. M. Holvey, Pittston; Mrs. M. B. Palmer, Mrs. P. J. Tutley, Hawley; Mrs. E. N. Swartz, Moscow; Mrs. Dr. H. Page, Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Peckville.

THE ROENTGEN DISCOVERY.

What It Is, How It Was Made and What It Means—An Explanation Which Can Be Understood by All.

Columns of academic discourse concerning the so-called Roentgen, or X, rays have left many people confused rather than instructed. It has remained for Professor Henry Crew, of Northewestern university, at Evanston, Ill., to put the subject in a light comprehensible to laymen. "It is to be presumed," says Prof. Crew, "that everyone knows that the chief source of popular interest in X rays lies in the possibility of their application in various arts and applied sciences. The fact that a human hand was one of the first objects photographed by Roentgen appears to have been a somewhat important factor in producing this tide of public enthusiasm. I say this because Lenard, at Bonn, some two years ago, had made silhouettes with cathode rays, and had shown that these rays would easily pass through an aluminium sheet placed in front of the photographic plate.

"In scientific circles, interest in this discovery of Lenard's was both widespread and deep. Lenard's paper was translated into both English and French journals of science, but the newspapers had not a word to say about it. Now that everyone is reading whole columns about X rays, it may be worth while to say a word about the history of the case and then a word about the present status of the case. In general it may be said that the physicist finds these rays quite a puzzle, for the simple reason that he does not know just where to 'pigeonhole' them. The combination of properties which they possess is something very novel.

VACUUM TUBES.

"A 'vacuum tube' is one from which a part of the gas it once contained has been pumped out. When the 'vacua' thus produced are moderately high, and the tube made of fluorescent glass, the combination is generally called a 'Geissler tube,' after Geissler, a skillful mechanician at Bonn. If, however, the vacua are pushed much higher, so that only one-millionth, or less, of the original gas remains, the tube is called a 'Crookes tube,' after the well-known English chemist, William Crookes.

CATHODE RAYS.

"Maxwell says the word 'cathode' was coined by Faraday and Whewell conjointly. It is used to describe the end of the wire by which the electric current leaves the tube. It means in Greek 'a road leading out of.' If now a metallic object be sealed up in one of these Crookes tubes its shadows may be easily seen upon that part of the wall of the tube opposite the cathode so soon as a high voltage current is passed through the tube. The rays which produce this shadow and which evidently originate on the cathode are known as 'cathode rays.' Our knowledge of the existence of these rays and our earliest knowledge of their properties is due to Crookes and Hittorf.

"The behavior of this highly rarefied matter (perhaps gross matter, perhaps ether) was so unique that it received a special name and has been known for many years as 'matter in the radiant condition,' or, more briefly, 'radiant matter.' It has been called also the 'fourth state of matter' to distinguish it from the other three—solid, liquid and gaseous.

A DISCOVERY OF HERTZ.

"The next important property of these rays was discovered by the lamented Hertz in the autumn of 1890. Hertz was then professor of physics in the University of Bonn. He first showed, by experiment, that these cathode rays were able to pass through sheets of metal, thin sheets to be sure, and yet thick enough to be perfectly opaque to ordinary light. This was certainly very remarkable behavior for particles of matter, at least for particles of ordinary matter. So strange, indeed, was this property of cathode rays that many thought it gave the deathblow to Crookes' view—viz.: that these rays are streams of highly rarefied but ordinary matter. Hertz thought of them as disturbances in the ether. It was shown, however, on the other hand, that these rays could be reflected by a magnet, just as a copper wire conveying a current would be. And this act led others to maintain the older view—viz.: that cathode rays were streams of matter in the ordinary sense.

LENARD'S WORK.

"The next important step was made by Lenard, now at Aix la Chapelle, then at Bonn as assistant to Hertz. Lenard, in the latter part of 1893, succeeded in getting these cathode rays out of the tube in which they were generated. Their study thus became a matter of comparative ease. Lenard says it was at the suggestion of Hertz that he sealed an aluminium window into the walls of his Crookes tube and thus provided an exit for the cathode rays. A somewhat curious window; one perfectly air tight and perfectly opaque to light of all known kinds.

"The rays once outside, Lenard quickly discovered new and startling properties in them. One is the fact alluded to above, that these rays will pass through substances perfectly opaque to ordinary light, and still affect the photographic plate.

"Some substances, especiany dense, were found to be less transparent to cathode rays, so that one could obtain silhouettes of these latter substances even in daylight.

THE DISCOVERY OF ROENTGEN.

"The state of the question remained practically as described until the beginning of this year, when Roentgen, a physicist long known and highly esteemed in the scientific world, showed that rays which are in very many respects similar to those which Lenard had studied could be observed throughout a very large region roundabout an ordinary Crookes tube. But in two features, at least, these new rays are quite different from cathode rays. They are not appreciably deflected by a magnet, nor are they so readily absorbed by air as are cathode rays.

"These differences (each of them possibly only differences of degree) are all-important from the practical standpoint. In the present state of ignorance as to the identity of these rays Roentgen has proposed the name 'X rays.'

"Roentgen's paper describing quite fully his numerous experiments will be found in Nature, Jan. 23, 1896. It is a model for any worker in science. For Professor Roentgen has followed the advice of Sir Philip Sidney and has been 'rather doing things worthy to bee written, then writing things fitte to be done.'

"Some of the questions, then, upon which one is bound to withhold judgment are these:

"1. Are not X rays possibly a modified form, an extreme type, of course, of cathode rays in air? The authority of Roentgen himself is against this view.

"2. Are these rays to be considered a phenomenon of the ether or of ordinary matter?

"3. If they belong to the ether, do they belong to any form of radiation now known, or, may they possibly be something entirely new?"

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POINTS ON BREAD-MAKING

Given by Mrs. Rorer in Her Yesterday's Lecture.

SIMPLE RECIPES ARE GIVEN

An Attempt to Revive the Oil Episode. Chafing-Dish Lecture for Men and Women Tonight—Candy Lecture This Morning.

Another large audience, in fact the largest of the week, attended Mrs. Rorer's cooking lecture yesterday afternoon. The thing has got to be more than a fad now, although many ladies joined the class early in the week simply because it offered something new. Everybody at once became interested and are attending the last of the lectures because of their great worth. The value of the cooking exhibitions does not rest solely upon Mrs. Rorer's art; that she is a good cook goes without saying, but she has the happy faculty of talking without being tiresome, and is able to instruct and illustrate at one and the same time.

Mrs. Rorer had been requested to qualify her statements of Wednesday that pure olive oil is not on sale in grocery stores or by jobbing houses and to read a telegram from a well-known New York wholesale house offering to forfeit $100 if its oil was not pure. She declined before the lecture began to do either, and when, during the lecture, an elderly woman arose and started to read the New York telegram, the woman was requested by Mrs. Rorer to remain silent. So the episode ended, and was not referred to during the afternoon.

Tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, will be given a chafing dish lecture, which will be attended by gentlemen as well as ladies. The admission fee will be 50 cents, which will also be charged for attendance at tomorrow morning's candy lecture, to be given especially for young ladies, although other persons will be welcomed. These are extra lectures, which are not included in the course tickets.

RECIPES FOR BREAD MAKING.

Yesterday's subject was "Bread Making." The following recipes were given:

Whole Wheat Bread—Pour one pint of boiling water into one pint of milk; add one teaspoonful of salt and one yeast cake, dissolved, and then sufficient whole wheat flour to make a batter. Beat thoroughly and stand in a warm place (75 degrees) for three hours, then add enough flour to make a dough. Knead until it loses its stickiness and form into loaves; put into greased pans and stand in a warm place again one hour. Put in a quick oven for thirty minutes.

White Bread—Pour a pint of boiling water into a pint of milk; add a teaspoonful of salt and a yeast cake, dissolved, and then stir in enough white flour to make a dough, which turn out on a board and knead until it loses its stickiness and is soft and elastic. Put back in a bowl and cover and set aside for three hours. Make into loaves and stand aside again one hour. Bake thirty minutes in a quick oven. If in large loaves, bake one hour.

German Nut Cake—Scald a half pint of milk and add two ounces of butter and, when lukewarm, one yeast cake, dissolved. Add two cups of flour and turn in a greased pan and stand aside an hour and a half. Sprinkle over it a half cup of chopped mixed nuts, a half cup of sugar and a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Bake in a moderate oven a half hour.

Curry of Mutton—One pint of finely chopped mutton, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of flour, a half cup of rice, one tablespoonful of curry powder, two quarts of boiling water, salt to taste. Wash the rice and put in the boiling water; let it boil thirty-five minutes, drain in a colander. Put the butter in a frying pan and when melted add the flour and stir until smooth; add a half pint of boiling water; let boil up once and then add meat curry and salt. Stir ten minutes. Heap it in the center of a meat dish and put the rice around in a border. Brush all over with a beaten egg and place in the oven for a few moments to brown.

DESSERTS THIS AFTERNOON.

Desserts will be the subject of this afternoon's lecture. Those to be treated of in the lecture will be frozen, boiled and cold, which includes the three kinds of after-dinner dishes. Tomorrow afternoon's subject will be entrees and frying.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Sam T. Jack has several good companies on the road but none is more entertaining than the one which will be seen at Music Hall tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night in "My Uncle from New York," a comedy by Harry Montague. The plot of the skit runs like this: "My Uncle" is a 60-year-old bachelor, has a wild, but well-meaning nephew. The nephew squeezes money out of the uncle on the pretense that he is married and has two children, who are named, at the suggestion of the uncle, Jeremiah and Dorothy. The uncle suddenly drops in on his nephew at the latter's home in San Francisco. Then the fun begins. The bogus married man scrapes up a family among his acquaintances and palms them off on his uncle as his own. A woman with Spanish blood in her viens and a dagger in her shoe, gives the scheme away and there is trouble. It all ends happily, however, and in a laughable way. The company is a clever one. Songs and specalties are introduced and a good show given throughout. Among the members of the company is James Sturges who will be remembered by Scrantonians as the comedian of the Corinne Opera company. He is seen in the character of Albert Beaumont "My Uncle's" wild nephew. "My Uncle from New York" is the show that was ruled out of Davis' theater yesterday because the manager thought there was too much "hot stuff" in it.

The New York World of Nov. 12, 1895, contains the following complimentary notice of Miss Florence Bindley and her excellent company, who is to appear here at the Academy Saturday evening: "At the People's last night, 'The Captain's Mate' was acted before a full house, and to one that was thoroughly appreciative. This drama has been brought up to date in scenic and stage effects and the production was highly commended. The company is well equipped for the work it has to do."

This and tomorrow evening and Saturday afternoon "Delmonico's at 6" will be produced at the Frothingham. This piece is a farcical comedy of a high class. It has an ingenious plot, amusing situations and high and witty dialogues and is thoroughly American in tone and treatment, and a first-class farce comedy company has been engaged for "Delmonico's at 6." An admirable performance may be anticipated with such people as Miss Nellie Dunbar, Miss Bella Vivian, Miss Ollie Evans, Charles J. Stine, Charles F. Jerome and others too numerous to mention. Each artist is capable of doing a specialty, which adds much to the strength of the play.

The popular young star comedian, James B. Mackie, will be at the Academy Monday evening. He invites you, one and all, to come and take a smile with him on that occasion. You cannot refrain from it, if you are there, for who could gaze on his open, happy countenance and resist from bursting forth in peals of merriment? Mr. Mackie, as "Billy Grimes" is a wonderfully funny comedian of many accomplishments. His piece is a continuous succession of fun, frolic and jollity, interspersed with all the new and popular music of the day, and enlivened by pretty, original dances.

The entire press of New York and Philadelphia are unanimous in pronouncing the beautiful comedy-drama, "The Brooklyn Handicap," one of the greatest dramatic plays seen in years. The plot is full of heart interest, and so constructed as to please the masses, as comedy and pathos are equally blended, while the climaxes are realism itself. Especially the end of the second act where a father denounces his son as a thief, and has him arrested. This scene alone becomes a lesson to all stern parents and wayward sons. This great play is announced for production on Tuesday evening at the Academy and is well worth seeing.

Waite's Comedy company, with its premium band and concert orchestra, will open up for an engagement of twenty-three performances on Monday night next at the Frothingham. This is Manager Waite's largest company, which did such a phenomenal business in the New England states last season. The plays, people, specialists, scenery and band are almost entirely new to our people at popular prices. At Elmira, where the company concluded a two weeks' engagement, over 5,500 paid admissions were received at the dime matinees during the first week alone. Ladies' free tickets are limited to 300 for the opening night on account of the greatly increased expense of this company. Secure one early at the reserved safe opening Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

GOOD SHORT STORIES.

A Durham miner, aged 73, visited a Newcastle lawyer to bachelory for the purpose of making his will. The old man's property consisted of two small cottages which had cost him £150 and a little furniture. The lawyer having asked his client how he wished to dispose of his property the latter replied:

"Ma old woman hes to hev all se long as she's ny widow. Efter that my bairns gets all."

"What age is your old woman?" asked the lawyer.

"Seventy-two," replied the miner.

"And how long have you and your wife been married?" asked the lawyer.

"Over fifty years," replied the miner. Thereupon the lawyer suggested to his client that he should give the wife the interest during her life, whether she continued a widow or otherwise.

"Hinney, as winnot; as'll hev ma awn way," said the miner.

"But surely," replied the lawyer, "you don't expect your old woman, 72 years old, would marry again?"

The miner, looking the lawyer full in the face answered with much solemnity: "Wey, hinner, dor's nae knaaning what young chaps like yourself will de for money."

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Two tourists were one day riding along through rural Ireland, disputing as to the native Hibernian's readiness of repartee, when Mr. A. offered to bet Mr. B. that the next Irishman they came across would prove more than a match for him in point of wit.

The wager was accepted. Pretty soon a peasant was descried at work in a field near the road.

Mr. B.—"I say, Pat, if the devil should come now which one of us three would he take?"

Pat (unhesitatingly)—"Shure he'd take me, your honor."

Mr. B.—"Why so, Pat?"

Pat—"Faix an' ben't he shure o' yer honors at any time?"—Century.

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A country boy who was brought up in a remote region of Scotland had occasion to accompany his father to a village near which a branch line of railway passed. The morning after his arrival, when sauntering in the garden behind the house in which they were staying, he beheld with wondering eyes a train go by. For a moment he stood staring at it with astonishment, and then, running into the house, he said: "Fayther, fayther, come oot! There's a smiddy ran off wi' a row o' houses, an' its awa' doon by the back o' the town."—London Telegraph.

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Arthur Roberts once had a lad in his service not overladen with aptitude. One day his master said to the page:

"Did you tell that awful bore who called that I had gone to Calcutta?"

"Yes, sir," replied the boy, "I said you started this morning."

"Good boy. What did he say?"

The boy's reply was charming.

"He wished to know when you'd return, and I told him I didn't think you'd be back till after lunch, sir."—Tid-Bits.

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The late Dean Stanley used to relate that a gentleman once called to tell him that he had been into the abbey, and had knelt down to pray, when the verger had come up to him and told him he must not kneel there. On asking why not, the verger had said: "Why, sir, if I was once to allow it, we should have them praying all over the place." This recalls the gentleman visiting a church, and asking the sexton whether people ever used it for private prayer, to which he replied: "I ketch'd two of 'em at it once."—Argonaut.

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