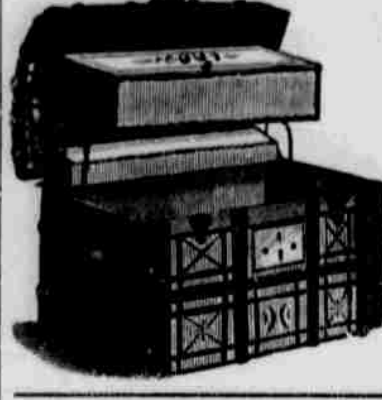


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LIFE WOULD BE MIGHTY DESTITUTE WITHOUT SWEET WORDS - MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL COULD WE MAKE THIS EXISTENCE IF WE TALK MORE PAIN IN TALKING.

How would you enjoy life with sweet words left out? My littlest one runs to me and with both arms about my neck pulls me down to kiss me, and whispers as if it were a new secret: "Papa, I love you. Oh, how I just do love, love you!"

Then comes my oldest boy, a grand fellow, stout and wholesome and brainy, and before I am aware his arm is about my neck, and he pulls my head over on his shoulder with a kiss and a "Papa, you are awful dear to me." Pshaw, nothing is there in words? A few sounds—nothing else!

Somewhere I have lately read a good story of a married couple that from some spleen vowed not to speak to each other. Well, if they had not really loved they could have got on without talk, but in this case they could not.

So for years they kept their vows, but told their love and got on famously. It is a general fact that friendship grows stronger by a short separation and correspondence by pen.

How came it about that the tongue and adjacent organs got control of language? Possibly Dido can explain this. She leaps and bounds about me in overwhelming joy. Her nose is in my face and her paws on my chest.

The next step is, or was, to modify these sounds into musical notes. The bird does not enunciate first, but sings. The lower races sing well and talk badly.

You will see that my theory about the development of language accounts for many abnormal forms of speech. Profanity is a mere explosion of sound, closely allied to the dog's bark and the cat's squall.

I heard of a man the other day, "Ah, he is great scientist, to be sure, but he is also such a splendid talker." The art of saying fine things finely you cannot afford to be without.

Judge—Come, you'd better plead guilty. You'll get off easier. Prisoner—Ah, I twig yer lay. Yer want to get home to dinner—London Tit-Bits.

Poor, Oppressed Catholics.

Since the patriotic feelings of a large proportion of the people have once more expressed themselves in a distinct and definite desire to act upon the principle of America for Americans, it has been the battle cry of the Catholics, who are essentially non-American and who lack sympathy with the aims and workings of patriotic Americanism.

What we have constantly proven the reverse to be the case, but still without the result we have confidently anticipated. There are unbelievers still in the supremacy wielded by Rome.

Our contemporary, the Boston Citizen, has been at some pains to supply us with the latest particulars in support of our contention that the Catholics are shamefully treated, that they have "no pull" in politics, they are invariably compelled to take a back seat, and their influence upon the state and general government is absolutely nil.

"The treatment of our Roman Catholic friends in Boston is positively cruel. Thousands of them have come from Ireland to assist in governing the 'Yankee republic,' and instead of being given every office in the city, they control only about seven-eighths. This is real mean!"

Then follows a list of names numbering 279, the bearers of which hold offices carrying salaries varying from \$4.00 per day to \$10,000 a year, all of whom were born in Ireland and all of whom are Roman Catholics. The amount of money paid to this Roman host aggregates no less a sum than \$459,824 per year.

It is indeed sad to contemplate the obstacles which are placed against Catholic preferment. We can, however, congratulate them that they are at last making a little headway, and probably if they have patience and wait a little longer, there will not be a place in the gift of the American people they cannot accept or refuse, as they have a mind to. Pluck up courage then, and don't be despondent.

The question remains to be asked—Are Americans going to submit longer to this encroachment; are they going to assist by their supineness in building the power of the arch-enemy of progress and humanity in our midst? If they are, then let them persevere in their present course of criminal apathy; if not there is not a moment to be lost in making a contrary intention definitely felt at every opportunity.—Toledo American.

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OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

One Says the Columns of Romanism Will be Broken.

Another Believes Foreigners Should Reside in the United States Twenty One Years Before Being Clothed With Citizenship.

What Mr. Specht's Friend Says.

WATERLOO, IOWA, December 19th, 1892.—FRIEND SPECHT: Will you hand the enclosed memorandum to the editor of THE AMERICAN and see if he will give it a place in his columns? If he will not, let some other paper publish it if they will. If none wish to publish it I remain it back to you and I will send you the money by return mail. Respectfully yours, G. W. BURRER.

FRIEND AMERICAN: We see by your paper of December 2nd, an article if it could be called an article with this heading: "Rev. J. M. Wilson Spoke."

He says, first: "The American Sabbath is identical with the Biblical Sabbath."

Will the reverend gentleman please tell us just where the identity comes in? The very text he quotes condemns him, for it says nothing at all about an American Sabbath.

Here we find a flat contradiction between Rev. Wilson, which are we to believe? God marked the six days during the creation week and He tells us that "He rested on the seventh day from all His work which God created and made."

But for the sake of argument, suppose we agree with Rev. Wilson for a moment, and concede all he asks for. Now we will commence work on Wednesday morning and work six days, and the next day we rest, will he be satisfied with that? Not he, although that is his own proposition.

Again he says: "In the free soil of America the Biblical Sabbath rest and flourished."

What does the reverend gentleman mean? Does he refer to the Seventh-Day Baptists, the Jews or the Seventh-Day Adventists, or all of them, they being the only ones in America keeping the Bible Sabbath?

Again he says: "Such was fully recognized especially when the law-giver sought to incorporate Sabbath observance in the state constitution of this country."

Well, does Rev. Wilson want and want to run this country? Have we not just as good a right to enjoy our pleasure on Sunday, as he has his? Suppose for a moment that it is his pleasure to attend church on Sunday (we should say his American Sabbath) but it should be four pleasure to go into the country on Sunday, or take a boat ride or go fishing, what concern is it of his, or of any one else?

about the welfare of the laboring man. Well, we have been a laboring man all our life, and we are not yet, and we have never been obliged to labor on Sunday if we did not wish it, and we have to labor on day after day to support our family.

Again he says: "The people who founded the republic, and decorated the flag and preserved the union should dictate the principles and institutions of this country."

But it seems that Rev. Wilson cares nothing of the requirements of his Maker in this matter, but rather that they should worship his (Wilson's) American Sunday.

What a wonderful head for invention this Rev. Wilson has. What a pity that the committee on the revision of the Old and New Testaments had not heard of him.

But first, we will call his attention to a few paragraphs of that same Bible. As we see reverend attached to his name we think they will apply to him.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 24, 1892.—EDITOR THE AMERICAN: Will the columns of Roman Catholicism ever be broken in this country?

The constant dropping of water wears the stone away. Every issue of your paper is as a drop of water on this stone of corruption. Every issue of truth is one of the many that help build up a principle.

That there may have been a good and sufficient reason in the economy of Jehovah for the permitting of the rise of this foul blight, we do not doubt; yet, in its destruction, man, as an instrument in God's hands will be observed. The finger marks can already be observed upon the walls of the palace.

I use the word incarnate from the fact that every pope is the devil's agent in the flesh, and at a convenient season we shall prove this fact from their actions, speeches, etc. The system never had a father, except Satan.

HOMEWOOD, Kas., Dec. 20, 1892.—JOHN C. THOMPSON, EDITOR THE AMERICAN—Dear Sir: Having read the issues of your paper of November 4th, and December 2nd, 1892, I wish hereby to encourage you in your good work, I have for some years been studying this great question, Romanism.