

PRIEST IS TO WED DIVORCEE

He Will Leave the Church and Marry Woman He Loves as Soon as He Legally Can Do So

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—For love of a woman legally bound to another Father Charles McNelis, until recently assistant to Father Dunn, rector of St. Titus' church, in Titusville, Pa., has given up a career in the church. Although locked up on the technical charge of vagrancy brought to separate the couple, he maintains that he will never resume his priestly functions, will remain a loyal son of the church, but will marry the woman as soon as it can be done with the sanction of the civil authorities.

Father McNelis is 28 years old, with finely chiseled features and a ruddy complexion. He speaks in a musical voice, is a fluent, graceful talker and is well dressed. Since leaving the priesthood he has grown a mustache of light brown color.

"Yes," said Father McNelis today, "there is a woman in the case, if you would use the term. I would rather be a lay member of the church than a priest leading the life of a hypocrite."

"I was born in Philadelphia 28 years ago. I was educated in the church schools and received my priestly education in Germantown Seminary. From boyhood I did not believe that my vocation was the priesthood, but my brother and my friends urged me on."

"Four years ago I was ordained in Philadelphia and was sent to St. Titus' Church in Titusville, to be assistant to Father Dunn, also having charge of small mission work."

"I met Mrs. May Fleming in Titusville, Pa. She is a convert to the church and the wife of James Fleming, who is in the oil business. He is not wealthy, but has a comfortable home. I met her at the church and soon came to like her. I visited her home and we wrote to each other."

"Last April I left Titusville quietly and went to Cleveland, Ohio. A week later she joined me, and we went to Elsin, Ill., where I obtained employment in a publishing house and she worked in a watch manufactory. Evenings I taught music. We did not live as man and wife. Mrs. Fleming is a good, pure and lovely woman. Eventually I intend to marry Mrs. Fleming if she is willing, but it can't be done now. I know marriage to a divorced woman is self-excommunication from the church, but the ecclesiastical law does not recognize a civil marriage."

"While I was a priest I struggled always with myself to honor the garb and fulfill my duties to the utmost, and I did so, but at times a terrible struggle waged within me. I tried to recede myself to the life, but could not. The sacrifice was too great."

"I am still a Catholic, still a priest. I give it up of my own free will and accord. I do not mean to bring any disgrace upon the priesthood or upon the religion, but I believe it nobler to live as one believes than live against the dictates of one's conscience."

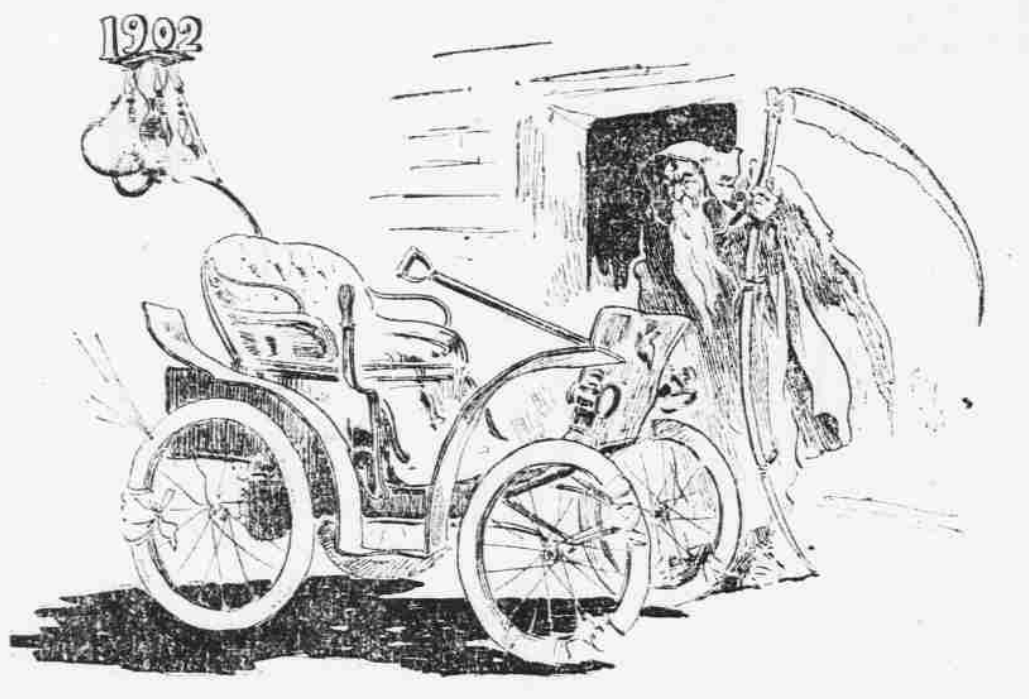
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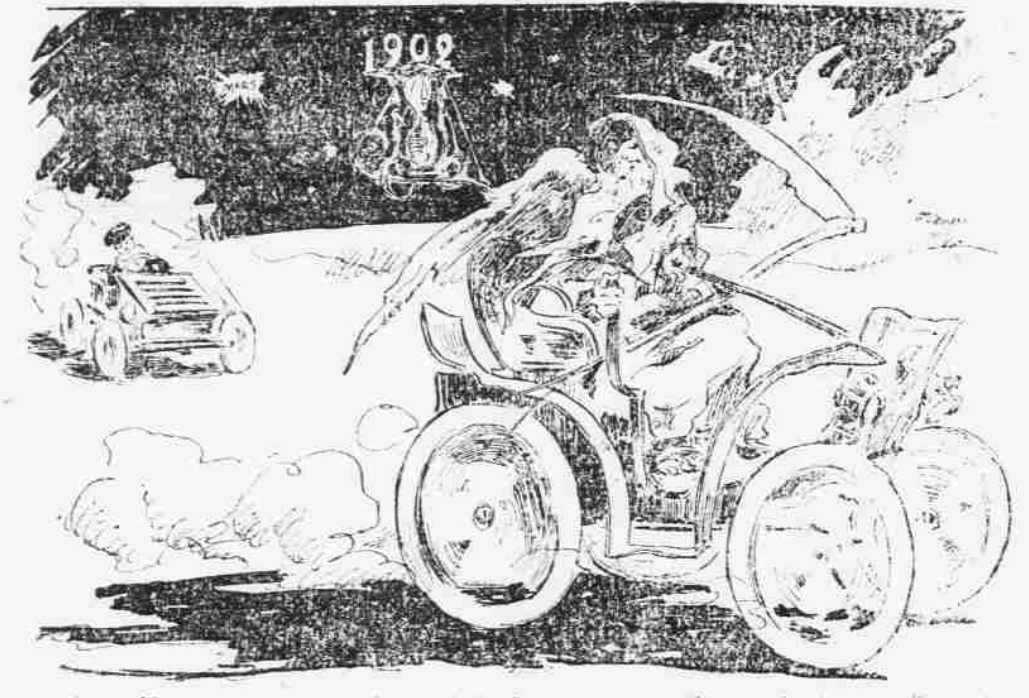
"It has been five years since I was cured of heart trouble by your Heart Cure and Nervine, and I am just as sound as a dollar in that organ today. For several years I had been suffering with my heart. Breathing had become short and difficult at times, sharp pains about the heart, sometimes accompanied with fluttering would make me feel faint and languid. The least excitement or mental worry would almost unnerve me. I felt that the trouble was growing worse all the time, and after trying many remedies prescribed by physicians without obtaining relief, I was induced to give your remedies a trial. I was relieved the second day, and after taking three or four bottles all symptoms were removed and have never shown signs of return." - Rev. Geo. W. KIRACOFF, Chincoteague, Va.

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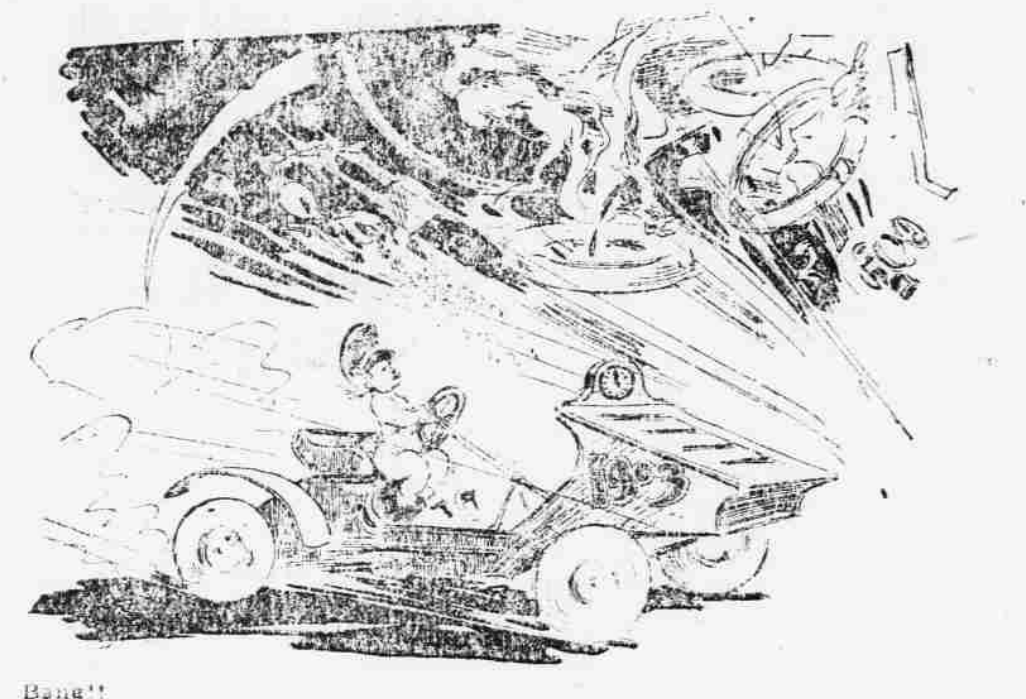
The Exit Of 1902



Father Time—Seems to me I feel a little stiff. Think I'll go out for a little spin in my auto and get some fresh air. Here goes for 80 miles an hour.



"See! Here comes a machine right in my track. Such a little creature, too. Good gracious, he's running right for me!"



Bang!



1903—Well, I feel sorry for the old man, but I guess his time had come.

THEY BATHE IN ZERO WEATHER

Boston Men Plunge Into Icy Waters and Declare That the Innovation Has Made Them Impervious

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Open air salt water bathing, with the thermometer at zero, is sport engaged in by about fortyk Bostonians—policemen, lawyers and business men—who patronize the L-street bath, in South Boston.

Diving into the cold water through a hole cut in the ice, running on the snow and playing handball usually makes up the program of these men, who do not know what cold is, although some of them recently had their feet frozen while taking exercise.

One day recently, when the mercury dropped below zero, six bathers appeared for their customary dip. Every day throughout the cold weather some of these devotees ride over to South Boston for a morning bath followed by half an hour's exercise at handball before dressing. Many of these L-street bathers who follow the sport of outdoor bathing the year round owe their recovery from ill health and complete physical exhaustion to the sport.

One of the present crowd, an employe at the Hotel Victoria, was told a year ago by his physician that there was little or no chance of his recovery from tuberculosis. The physician suggested as a final extreme measure the open air plunge. Since a year ago last fall this man has been taking systematic open air baths, by means of which he has completely recovered. Many of these bathers who brave the winter weather can vouch for similar stories of poor health regarding themselves.

But there is not a member of the crowd, now who does not boast of perfect health and absolute immunity from the climatic changes. He knows of Boston's winter bathing beach to be their baths under all sorts of conditions. A week ago, during a heavy snow storm, one bather, who arrived from Somerville and was unable to get into the bath-house, addressed upon the bath-house steps, took his bath and run, dressed again and went home, without giving the inconvenience of having to dress in the snow storm a second thought.

"SHE IS AFTER ME."

Contractor Who Says Bride Hypnotized Him Twice Trice Suicide. Greenville, Ill., Dec. 30.—"She is after me," was the burden of the talk today of John H. Demaree, the contractor, who declares that his pretty bride hypnotized him into marrying her. He wired his wife at Rushville, asking when to expect her home. She replied she would be home tomorrow. Demaree then tried to borrow a revolver. Failing, he locked himself in the barn and took poison. Neighbors broke in and physicians saved his life. Then he drew forth a razor, but Sheriff Demaree says he has more poison hidden away and will use it. Several men are guarding him tonight.

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TWO BRIDES INSTEAD OF NONE.

Mr. Cheney, Sent To Stop Brother's Wedding, Weds Himself.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 30.—Members of the Cheney family, which constitutes the well-known colony of silk manufacturers at South Manchester, greeted last night two young scions who brought with them brides from Los Alamos, Cal., as the sequel to a romance.

Recently the family learned that Seth Leslie Cheney, son of Col. Frank Cheney, who is a well-known figure in Connecticut politics, was about to marry Miss Katharine Bell, daughter of John S. Bell, head of a Roman Catholic family at Los Alamos which traces its ancestry back to the Aztecs, with a touch of Spanish blood. Opposition was immediate, and Charles Cheney, his brother, was sent to Los Alamos to prevent the match if possible.

Upon arriving there Charles was introduced to the Bell family and was soon on friendly terms with its members, despite his errand. One afternoon he and Miss Mary Bell, a sister of the girl his brother desired to marry, went for a horse-back ride, and Miss Bell was thrown from her mount and stunned. The gallant young man from Connecticut bore her in his arms to a place where her slight injuries could receive attention, and promptly fell in love with her.

The result was a double wedding, and now both brothers are bringing their brides home. The young woman are described as beautiful and accomplished, and it is thought there will be no difficulty in arranging a reconciliation, despite the sudden shock which the family received after its attempt to prevent Leslie's marriage.

CAUGHT MANY SPORTS.

List of Prominent Characters Who Died During the Year.

- Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Deaths of prominent sporting characters in 1902: January 2—Eugene Carter, "You Know Me," billiard expert, of consumption; Chicago; aged 48. January 22—Bob Kneels, turman, at Sioux City. January 26—Harry M. Weldon, sporting editor Cincinnati Enquirer, of paralysis, at Circleville, Ohio; aged 48. February 9—D. R. Harness, "Uncle Dan," owner of Imp, High Banks, Ohio. March 7—James Galvin, old time pitcher for Pittsburg; aged 47. March 14—John Lawson, the "Terrible Swede," cyclist, of pneumonia, at Milwaukee. March 19—Tom Burns, successor to Anson as manager of Chicago team, heart disease, at New York; aged 45. April 7—James Whitfield, president Western Baseball League, committed suicide at Kansas City. Jack Manning, ex-professional runner, skull fractured in runaway, Boston; aged 46. April 18—"Wild Bill" Hanrahan, boxer, of pneumonia, Chicago. June 13—Tim Donahue, former catcher on Chicago National League team, of Addison's disease, Taunton, Mass. July 27—Matt Killea, formerly president Milwaukee and St. Louis clubs of American League, Winneconne, Wis. August 19—William Halobird, Jr., most brilliant western golfer in 1901, of typhoid fever, in Evanston; aged 18. September 12—James ("One Eyed") Connelly, in Chicago.

"I STOOD IN A DRAUGHT

with my coat off and caught this wretched cold," says the sufferer. He followed his act of folly with an act of wisdom. Soak the feet in hot water with a few teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller in it. Take a teaspoonful of Painkiller in hot sweetened water at bed time and be thankful for so simple and speedy a way to break up a cold. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

RATS TRAINED TO DO STUNTS

Boy Teaches His Rodent Captives to Drill Like Soldiers. And Also to Fight Sham Battles

Lake Hopatcong, N. J., Dec. 30.—William D. Crawford, 15 years old, living near here, has a band of remarkable rats, which he has trained after six months of hard work. The first rat was captured in a cage. It was trained after a week of patient work so that it would eat from the boy's hand. The rat, which was named Scipio, was then released with a small bell around its neck on the chance that it would return.

For 10 days the family heard the bell jingling among the raters. Then Scipio returned with three other rats, who had presumably been persuaded after listening to the arguments of the former captive. After running about for three hours they finally ate food from the boy's hand, under the leadership of Scipio. The work of training then began.

The other rats were then named Bismarck, Gladstone and Li Hung Chang. Each has an apartment in a cage. At the boy's call each rat will respond to his name, coming forth from the cage with a flag of the nation represented. They form in line and go through military evolutions in sharp time. Then a battle follows. Each rat is armed with a stick, and at the command of Scipio, who acts as referee, they fight sham battles. Bismarck first engages Gladstone, until the latter receives a thump on the head and falls as if dead. The Scipio battles with Li Hung Chang until the latter runs.

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MISS JULIE OPP MARRIES.

She Becomes the Bride of William Faversham, the Actor. New York, Dec. 31.—William Faversham and Miss Julie Opp, both well known in the city, made a brief visit to Greenwich, Conn., yesterday and returned man and wife. The decree of divorce obtained by Mrs. Faversham a few months ago prohibited the actor from marrying again in this State. Mr. Faversham's new wife is also a divorcee, her decree being obtained recently in England. She was previously the wife of Robert Lorraine, an English actor. The wedding ceremony was performed in the law office of Judge Burnes, at Greenwich. The couple were accompanied only by the mother of the bride. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Faversham and Mrs. Opp, together with Judge Burnes, returned to this city. A small dinner party was given here in honor of the couple.

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