

WINGS OF A DOVE.

At sunset, when the rays of light were dying, Far down the pathway of the dove, I have a lovely dove to please flying To be at home.

BROTHER FELPE'S MEMORY.

It was very generally agreed in the monastery that it could be no difficult matter for Brother Felpe to forget the world. The difficulty for him would have been to remember it. He could not even remember the little worldly calls which, even in a monastery, must needs be hearkened to from day to day, and though he himself was so forgetful, when properly reminded, to of so small use in keeping the devil at bay. For example, the call to meals. Fastening to the proper and enjoined extent is an excellent thing; no brother, not even Brother Antonio, would have dared deny it. For by fasting the flesh is mortified, as it should be. But to forget the times and seasons for the partaking of food altogether, as Brother Felpe sometimes did, is to go to extremes. And when, as also sometimes happened, Brother Felpe forgot when he was, as a matter of rotation, kitchen-er for the day, the mortification of other people rather than of himself, was excessive.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE BY THE REV. D. MACLAURIN. Subject: Love and the Vision of God. Love is the only interest of the Kingdom of Heaven, of all the spiritualities. The Middle of Day. It was the French captain who said this and in his turn looked down. But Brother Felpe spoke very slowly. "I thought that I had killed you, Louis, and there was no more for me to do in the world. Are you raised from the dead?"

APPENDICITIS INSURANCE.

English Company Issues Policies Against the One Disease. Insurance against appendicitis has been undertaken by the Royal Exchange Assurance Company of England, which will issue policies at the rate of \$125 per year for every \$100. The holder is guaranteed all the medical, surgical and nursing expenses up to the amount insured. In commenting upon this impolitic policy, Lancet wonders how the applicant can answer the question, "Have you or any of your family ever suffered from appendicitis or from any of the symptoms pertaining to it?" What is meant by "family," and is a pain in the belly a symptom of this disease only? Moreover, has the patient the requisite medical knowledge either of himself or his family to give a satisfactory answer? The insurance company's leaflet says that since 1850, 15,000 operations have been performed in the United States for appendicitis. World-wide in its prevalence, the disease is estimated that 1 in 400 per annum will be attacked by the disease. But would the rate be the same in the United States with its appendicitis beliefs as in conservative England? And then how about all the other ailments and diseases which may happen to one? There are a thousand ways in which one may be sick or die; should the prudent man not secure a policy for each one of them? This would in time result in a distinct form of monomania, a moribundity which might be called insurance disease. Could the companies devise a policy for these afflicted ones?—American Medicines.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A child of 1 should weigh 41 pounds, be 41-1/2 inches in height and have a chest girth of 23-1/2 inches. A large part of the tropical fruit raised in the United States is raised by the transportation companies which bring it. Out of the 13,000,000 people in Mexico less than 2,000,000 can read, though the first printing press in the world was set up in Mexico. An economic survey of the town of York, England, showed that 23,000 out of the 70,000 inhabitants live habitually below the starvation line. When accomplished the Romanization of the Japanese language will put the final touch of victory to the revolution begun 40 years ago. The exports of American Sugar to Hong Kong in 1907 were 457,000 barrels, and in 1908 1,258,383 barrels, an increase of 941,383 barrels. Owing to the Berlin hansom having made rubber tires, complaint was made of danger to the public, and they have now been supplied with bells. George Wharton of Repaun, N. J., has a swarm of bees under the eaves of his house that has produced a hundred pounds of honey this season. The wagon of the London fire company are to be supplied with bells so that the firemen will no longer be compelled to utter cries to clear the streets. The Yelloville Park project is another larger than Delaware and the adjoining government reserves make an area nearly equal to that of New Jersey.

FOR VAIN AND PLAIN.

THE INTERESTING PROCESS OF MAKING AN AMERICAN MIRROR. Foreign Competition Met—The Service of Export Workers Largely Required Through All of the Many Operations Selecting the Glass—Mirrors of the Ancients. When one stops to think that there is scarcely a family in this country so poor but that there is within the home a mirror, the importance of the industry of producing mirrors in the United States is at once apparent. In the average household much of the furniture is fitted with mirrors, from the dresser of the bedroom to the hat rack in the hall. To supply this demand for mirrors an army of skilled workmen find employment, and, as they produce these goods, it is all work in glass interesting.

BOUSA'S RAGTIME TALK.

Says Syncopation is Poetry to His Ed. "Ragtime will never die. As long as 'Fats' is in this country will be played," said Philip Sousa one day recently. He was standing in the lobby of the Auditorium Hotel. Near by, says the Chicago Chronicle was a group of women admiring his every gesture. "Ragtime a fad?" he asked, and there was surprise in his voice. "Ragtime will never die," the composer flicked a speck of dust from his coat and the women murmured: "How lovely!" "It is easier to express the feeling of the people in ragtime than in any form of music. What are the things most written about in music?" The composer stopped to knock the dust from his vest, and the women murmured: "Divine!" "Poets write of father, mother and sweetheart," he continued. "Ragtime must have been invented to tell that those words mean. Ragtime is not modern. Bach wrote ragtime." Mr. Sousa's right hand dropped to his side. Then it was gently raised until it rested in his trousers pocket. "Divinely graceful," said the women. "You know the origin of ragtime? No! Well, in the olden days when the lords invited the peasants to feasts in celebration of some great event there was always dancing. The musicians took their places and the master of ceremonies waived his insignia of authority. Then when the musicians struck up the music, the master of ceremonies shouted: 'Now rap!' and they ragged." They have been ragging since the beginning of time. The composer employed the free-arm movement in extracting a cigar from his pocket and the match did not sputter. "Magnificently graceful," the women said. "Ragtime will be played thousands of years from now. We made a hit in Europe by playing ragtime. We played 'Smoky Mountain' for King Edward." "Fine!" he said. Then he clapped his hands and asked for a repetition. "Extraordinary!" he said when he finished. That ought to keep the people over here from opposing it. The Emperor of Germany also thought ragtime very fine. The Car of Russia was just as pleased. In fact, they all liked it. The composer placed his right foot three inches in front of his left and placed his left hand over his hip. "Wonderful," echoed the women. "There is a possibility of ragtime being overdone at present," he continued. "One selection makes a hit. Composers immediately attempt to imitate it. The result is one good number and scores that are imitations. But after a while the bad will sink to the bottom and the good, clever hits will float on top to amuse people in the cotillions to come. You can say for me that I think ragtime is far from being overdone and will never die but will be more thought of by the generations that are to come."

THE CITY COUNCIL OF DUNDEE.

The City Council of Dundee, Scotland, has approved a resolution that the city should be the first in the world to have a municipal orchestra. The council has also decided to purchase a new set of bells for the city's clock tower. The council is also considering the purchase of a new set of street lamps for the city's main thoroughfares.

THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.

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