

RARE ART TREASURES

Old Ecclesiastical Vestments of a Harlem Congregation.

Were Once the Property of Italian Priest in the Fifteenth Century—Modern History of the Vestments.

Tucked away in a plain wooden cabinet in the little church of St. Edward the Martyr, in Harlem, are probably the most costly and certainly the oldest ecclesiastical vestments in this country. Back in the fifteenth century, before Columbus ever set his foot on this western continent, these superbly embroidered garments were the property of an Italian priest, who was also a priest of the church of Rome. It was one day, feeling of awe to think of the deft fingers long since cold in death that hundreds of years ago set in silver and gold the dainty stitches that gleam under living hands in imperishable brilliance. The vestments have a modern history, too. They were purchased in Rome by J. Pierpont Morgan and by him presented to Elbridge T. Gerry, whose penchant for the collection of ecclesiastical art treasures Mr. Morgan well knew. Mr. Gerry in turn gave the vestments to his rector, Rev. Edward Wallace-Neal, of the Church of St. Edward the Martyr.

MANY WEAR OLD CLOTHES.

London Women Buy Costumes from Dealers in Second-Hand Goods.

Why are second-hand clothes shops multiplying so rapidly in London, and how is it that even smart Bond street is not exempt from the incursions of the rag-trade, once held in such disrespect among well-dressed women?

ROYAL FLUSH CAUSES DEATH.

Gambler, Risking Last Dollar, Draws Winning Hand and Drops Dead from Excitement.

Joseph Muratto drew a royal flush in a game of poker at Hazleton, Pa., recently and immediately dropped dead from excitement.

"JERRY" SIMPSON OUTDONE.

Kansas Statesman Blazes New Record and Adopts Red Hair as a Campaign Issue.

Representative Victor Murdock, the ready extemporizer of Kansas, from "Slick" Jerry Simpson's district in Kansas, is attracting much attention at Washington, D. C.

WATTERSON SCORES THE "400"

In a Recent Lecture He Says "Silly Women and Impudent Johnnie" Are No Society.

In a lecture on "Society" in Carnegie hall, in Pittsburg, recently, Henry Watterson called the "400" of New York and Newport cattle and "impudent Johnnie" in other cities. He said silly women and "impudent Johnnie" did not make or even represent society.

INDIA'S OUTRUM BEYOND.

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FACTS ABOUT RADIUM

Chicago Professor Tells of the Wonderful Metal.

Keeps a Single Grain Has a Life of Activity Approximating 30,000 Years—Velocity and Energy of the Rays.

"All radio-active substances are continually disintegrating and must eventually disappear." This statement, made by Prof. Robert A. Millikan at the University of Chicago the other day, need cause no alarm in the metal market.

Although Prof. Millikan had to stop short in his prophesying, he managed to deduce some other bewildering facts regarding radium. For one thing, he calculated mathematically the number of atoms there are in a gram of radium. The result may be comprehended easily by simply putting down 200 on a piece of paper and adding to it 20 ciphers.

WORKED WITH BROKEN BACK.

Cincinnati Man Presents Remarkable Case to Physicians—Trouble Discovered with X-Rays.

James Russell, a machinist living in Cincinnati, O., has walked the streets and attended to his work for more than a year without knowing that his back was broken.

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BLIND TIGERS IN INDIANA.

Temperance People of the Hoosier State Have Found No Adequate Way to Cope with Them.

The temperance people of southern Indiana, who have succeeded in driving the saloons out of several of the most important county seats and nearly all the smaller towns, are worried by the appearance of blind tigers and by the fact that they can find no way to suppress them.

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