

## MEDICAL.



## POPE LEO XIII. AT HOME.

## THE PONTIFF'S SELF-DENYING AND LABORIOUS LIFE.

Division of the Day and the Faculty  
Duties of the Head of the Church—A Hard Worker—The Finances of the Vatican in Round Numbers.

In summer, as in winter, Leo XIII. is awakened at 6 by his private servant, Francesco Costa, from Cappuccino. He rises, takes a bath, dresses, and then, after a customary salute to his master, and then at once retires.

The Pope gets up from bed unaided, except as regards shaving. This operation is performed by the faithful Centro. The bed room is not the usual one used by the pontiff, it is a small and rather low cell in the oratorium or oratory, to which he repaired many years ago in the course of some restorations to the old room, and where he has remained ever since.

At 7 o'clock he says his mass, accompanied by two capuchin secretaries who have been specially admitted to the same attendance, who act also as private secretaries. It sometimes happens that the Pope, having been troubled with sleeplessness, gets up with a piece of Latin or Italian poetry composed during the wakeful hours. The verses are generally dictated to one of the secretaries before he goes to bed.

The breakfast of the Pope consists of coffee, milk and bread without butter. Soon after the official reception begins. The first one, as a rule, is given to the Pope, who is exceedingly frugal in his table expenses, which never exceed the sum of \$50 per month. It was quite different under Pius IX., not that he was more fond of the luxuries of the table, but in his stockinged feet looks like a sturdy English gentleman peacock of the older times. Marcus wears the flocks and herds, and in enterprising a deadly hazard for bears.

It was over a fortnight ago that he found a pig maiming whose legs had been broken by the old farmer who had been sleeping in the jars, and who enraged him most, a favorite apple tree was scratched up and down the trunk, the limbs were broken, and the tree was absolutely dead of apples. Bears had been there, old Marcus well knew. Summer being now over, Young Verner, a lad only 16, had nothing to do anything from a woodpecker to a white Rocky mountain goat, he put the boy on the trail to diagnose the situation.

Young Bennett sought the neighboring village on the Wall-Paupack river, and found three trading salient hunters who had trailed the pigstealing bear all the way from within three miles of Binghamton, N. Y., across the river and in among the big hemlocks and oaks of Palmyra township. The New York sportsmen were driven by the most determined stamp of 10 miles, and had lost track of the bear. Young Verner was cut off enough while "pumping" the foreign bear hunters not to say anything about old Ephraim's fondness for raw apples and his Uncle Kilian's uncooked shoots.

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Kilian soon had the fire ready, too, and the boy, Verner, lay down in an hour with a dozen delicious trout, which wrapped in a moist newspaper, after being washed and cleaned, made a supper fit for the gods on high Olympus, and the old man produced a flask of generous wine from the side pocket of his hunting coat, but whether it contained buttermilk or the spirit—"Oh, it's a wonderful Volpi did you discover." The hunters had tramped 15 miles in a hot August day, and they slept without dreaming, and only Gabriel's final "horn" or a catamount's yell could have wakened them.

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when we have overestimated misery during the day or when there are sudden changes in the weather.

Leo XIII. is very patient, even when he holds his familiar receptions in the library or the large Raphael room. He is modest at the time of affairs, and his words may be misinterpreted, believing that "speech is of silver and silence of gold."

In case of a fall, the silence is broken by a number of noisy little birds caged in the library itself; their singing and twittering being somewhat strong enough to annoy everyone and make the speech lose the thread of his discourse, but on the Pope it has no effect whatever.

So many strange reports are circulated about the finances of the Vatican and the sums of money which the Pope has at his disposal that it seems best to give a glance at the state of affairs. I do not intend to give, and could not give if willing, an account of every franc and cent, the estimate below, in round figures, representing the average annual expense of the last few years:

	Lire.	Dollars.
1. At the personal disposal of the Pope.	\$200,000	\$40,000
2. For the cardinal.	700,000	\$140,000
3. For the papal family.	400,000	\$80,000
4. Administration of apostolic palaces.	1,000,000	\$200,000
5. Secretaries of state, diplomatic corps, etc.	1,000,000	\$200,000
6. Embassy.	500,000	\$100,000
7. Schools and charitable institutions.	500,000	\$100,000
Total.	7,100,000	\$1,420,000

The half million lire (\$100,000) at the disposal of the Pope is spent for his own household, residence, and other expenses of a personal character.

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Then follows a drive in the Beldereys, through which avenue many a mile long has lately been opened, affording many lovely points of view over the city and its suburbs. The Holy Father, attended by a cameriere segreto and an officer of the Guardia Nobile, stops often in the enclosure of a vineyard planted six years ago under his supervision.

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