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To the editor of the Transcript.
Sir:

Out of all the utterances of great men of the past and present, including the eminent Babe Ruth, which have lately been dusted off and revealed to the American people as proving one side or the other of the politico-religious argument now in progress I have failed to note mention of a remarkable address delivered by Theodore Roosevelt, the elder, on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the late Cardinal Gibbons. The Fifth Regiment armory was crowded to capacity with citizens of all creeds as President Taft entered the building and took his seat on the spacious platform. Massed back of the President and the Cardinal, who had the seat of honor, were representative members of every branch of the Government. Outstanding Senators and members of the House of Representatives were there as were the principal members of the Cabinet. Uncle Joe Cannon and Champ Clark, with the Vice President, occupied front row seats and back of them sat members of the clergy of almost every Christian denomination, side by side with eminent Jewish rabbis. The 15,000 citizens in the audience and the great concourse of distinguished men on the platform were gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the entrance into the priesthood of the beloved Cardinal. It was probably one of the most inspiring gatherings ever held in this country because it represented a voluntary recognition on the part of Christian men and women of all creeds of the noble life and good works of a pastor and friend of all the people. I daresay the thought of his religion never entered the minds of the audience. I talked with many people there and heard not a word about Catholicism and Protestantism, words being very loosely and dangerously handled just now. The spirit of that assemblage was the spirit of peace and reconciliation and of good will. I considered myself fortunate to be there.

Following addresses by high Government officials, including the President and presiding officers of both Houses as well as by eminent clergymen of non-Catholic denominations, the former President was called upon and as he stepped to the front he raised his right arm and, with characteristic Rooseveltian grin, he shouted, "The time will come when a Catholic will be President of the United States." A wave of applause and the boom of flashlights interrupted him at that point and when he was allowed to continue he delivered an eloquent address on religious toleration with a sketch of the life of service lived by the guest of honor.

No bombshell was thrown into that vast audience by the opening remark of Mr. Roosevelt. Everybody seemed to take it for granted that what he said was perfectly reasonable and in fact newspaper men present said that with an intuition typical of his genius Roosevelt had really struck the keynote of the whole occasion.

Now if there ever was a one hundred per cent. American Theodore Roosevelt was that man. His whole social and political creed was built upon the policy of America for Americans in every sense of the word. But he also believed in the great principles of political and religious freedom upon which this nation was founded and hence his insistence, both on that occasion and at subsequent times, that religion should be no bar, in any way, to the elevation of any American citizen to the Presidency. He toyed with the idea and brought it out on numerous occasions. He seemed to like the prospect of a Catholic finally reaching that exalted office.

Sometime after that it was my duty to call upon a number of prominent citizens, some of whom happened to be present in the armory that day, in the interest of an important educational problem with which the Federal government was just then concerned. Those with whom I talked included a Methodist bishop, several distinguished Methodist clergymen, several Jewish rabbis, a Protestant Episcopal bishop, the Governor of Maryland and others, including the Cardinal.

Now if there was ever a chance for the head of the Catholic Church in America to try to exert his influence upon a public question involving an important educational policy of far reaching proportions that was the time. I had gone to seek his advice and aid. I was closeted with him for one hour and during that time his whole attitude was one of willing helpfulness with no thought of advancing any idea of his own but merely of answering questions and of providing whatever information might be needed in the solution of the problem. His demeanor was as simple as that of the average parish priest. I felt perfectly at home with him and came away delighted with his lovable qualities as well as with the quality of his mind. He invited me to come to see him at any time I thought he might be helpful and he placed at our disposal not only his own services but all the available data he had at hand and which might be useful to us.

In view of this and other experiences with this great priest who, because of his many humane attributes of mind and heart, was beloved by all his neighbors regardless of race or creed and who was Primate of the Catholic Church in America, it would be difficult to persuade me, Mr. Editor, entirely aside from my own sense of values, that the Catholic Church has designs on our Government in any way, shape or form. The whole idea is shot through with absurdity and should be laughed out of court. No one who has had any contact at all with the Catholic hierarchy in this country believes it. For myself I would rather take the broad, Christian—like view espoused by Theodore Roosevelt on that memorable occasion that a Catholic has as much right to be President, both legal and moral right, as anyone else, including a Quaker.

Sincerely,
W. R. MOODY.

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FAIR EXHIBITS BOOST MAPLE SUGAR INDUSTRY

The fact that Maryland has a substantial industry built upon the production of maple sugar and syrup has been brought home to hundreds of people of the State this year by interesting exhibits staged by the State Department of Forestry at some of the leading fairs.

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With the closing date for the Maryland State Egg Laying contest at the University of Maryland Experiment Station but a few weeks away, with but twenty eggs separating the records of the leading pen and the one next in line and with but a single egg between the two hens contending for high individual honors, the interest of those who have entries in the contest as well as of poultrymen generally is centered in the results for the remainder of October.

For individual honors, the competition at the end of the forty-ninth week was between two white Leghorn hens with a record of 282 and 281 eggs respectively. It is possible for both these hens to reach the three hundred egg mark before the end of the contest, it is pointed out by Roy H. Waite, contest supervisor, though steady production will be necessary.

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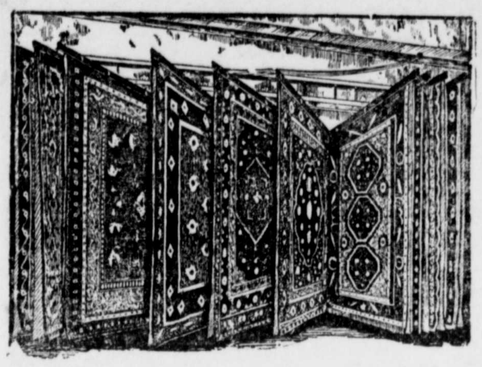

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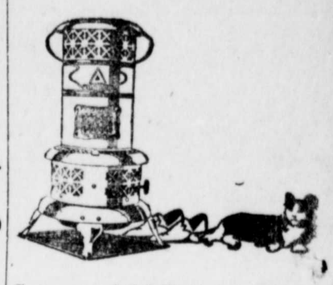

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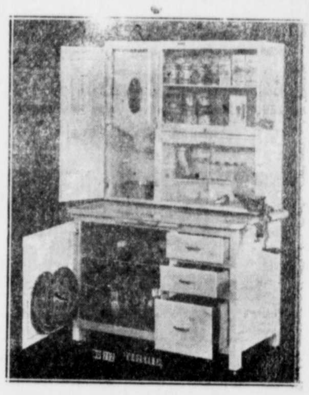

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