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Spurlos Versen6kt.

A relic of the War is this descriptive title, "Spurlos Versenckt." The term was used to describe what was to be done with enemy shipping, "Sunk without a trace." Whether the term was really of German origin or was a "plant" by allied secret service men who rifled the diplomatic pouches of the German Embassy in Buenos Aires, has been a matter of post War controversy; but there is no controversy about the aptness of the term as describing the academic fate of some 120 hopeful youths who were with us in September. "Spurlos versenckt" -- it is written on the wall in the offices of the Prefect of Discipline and the Director of Studies. Week after next is "Spurlos Versenckt Week;" if fact, it begins just two weeks from today.

Driven Back Inch by Inch.

The devil yields grudgingly, oh, so grudgingly: We are having a campaign for a return to the Faith, and its slow progress is revealed by the following figures, which show the number of Holy Communions in two chapels since school re-opened:

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Friday	32	114
Saturday	50	100
Monday	94	135
Tuesday	134	168
Wednesday	169	176
Thursday	198	187

During the Church Unity Octave next week we have one day dedicated to the intention, "The return to the Faith of all lapsed Catholics." The graces obtained through the prayers of the faithful on that day may avail the rest of you to your souls' salvation.

Rubbing Salt in the Wounds.

"Dear Father: Why the carbolic acid bath for the seniors? St. Francis de Sales said very wisely that you can catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. Why not try it? -'29."

Dear Twenty-niner: But didn't Ruskin say that if you would tickle a rhinoceros you must use a crowbar? (And if you want your spoonful of honey, go to confession.)

This Novena for Health.

It began Tuesday. Reports from over the country indicate that the epidemic is still serious, especially in the East. Particularly bad reports come from Cleveland. Some of these, of course, are exaggerated, but there is room for prayer if you and yours are to be spared. Edmund Hogan, by the way, is improving rapidly now. He and some others around here should stimulate your faith in prayer and get you on your knees for the Divine protection that will keep us from a death for the rest of this year. At least make the last five days of the Novena. There is power in united prayer.

Prayers.

Edward Doyle, of the Class of '21, and editor of the Dome of that year, died a few days ago at his home in Indianapolis. Otis Winchester asks prayer for three relatives who are ill. Five other sick persons and five special intentions are recommended to your prayers. There are also six acts of thanksgiving for preservation from serious auto accidents during the holidays. C. F. Waltman has been detained at home by a serious throat infection; Wm. Redmond by an appendicitis operation. The DeBaene brothers ask a continuance of prayers for their grandfather, who is worse.