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The Slouchy Kneeler.

It makes no difference where you go
In churches o'er the land;
You'll find the slouchy kneeler who
Could use a reprimand.
It seems his knees can't stand the strain
When he's in church to pray;
But watch him playing basketball
Or in a mile relay.

He starts a chain reaction as
He bogs down in the pew;
And by this bad example tempts
The guys whose knees hurt too.
And then you'll see them one by one
Take up that shameful pose;
And more are added to the ranks
The further on Mass goes.

Now Christ while here on earth did show
Not long before he died;
The Chosen Twelve how they should pray,
So as to be our guide.
As Christ knelt in the garden with
The Twelve not far away;
They too could not withstand the test,
To kneel with Him and pray.
And when He found them sound asleep,
He did to Peter speak:
"The spirit is willing indeed,
But (yet) the flesh is weak."

We too are in the garden as
We kneel so near Our Lord;
But how we must displease Him when
His words we disregard.
Now for these last few weeks of Lent
Let all of us try hard;
To kneel upright while we're in church
And please Our Blessed Lord. (R.F.B.)

Statues Now Covered.

This last two-week period of Lent is called Passiontide. The statues and crucifixes are covered with purple cloth to draw our attention away from them and to help us center our thoughts on the Passion of our Blessed Saviour. The long Gospel of the Passion will be read next Sunday. But there is nothing against your reading it now to get the spirit of the season. The Sunday Missal contains the long Gospel.

PRAYERS: (deceased) sister of Frank Brögan (Wal); aunt of Bill Rogers (Dil); Alex Klempay, friend of Charlie Woods (Dil). (Ill) Mrs. Marie Sayer, friend of Paul Davis (BP); cousin of Jack Hilbrich (Dil); Sister M. Mateo, CSC; aunt of Jerry Spahn (Al); Charles Madick, uncle of Wendell Corcoran (Far); grandmother of Bob Knight (Morr).