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Work Among Working Girls.

Of late years much has been written and done in the interests of the working girl. In all our large cities thousands of young women are out at work from 8 o'clock in the morning until six or seven at night. Some of these girls have a no more inviting spot to represent home than a musty hall bedroom

in a cheap boarding house, or a corner in a wretched tenement flat ruled over by a drunken father or a scolding mother. Inevitably these young women are driven away from home to seek the recreation of body and mind they so sorely need. Recognizing this want Catholic women have set to work to meet it. To this end working girls' clubs have been formed, where young women can spend their evenings pleasantly and profitably. In these clubs a library and reading room are provided. Several nights in the week there are classes in dress-making, book-keeping, millinery, cooking, typewriting, stenography, literature, etc. For some of these lessons a small fee of five or ten cents is asked. A gymnasium and music room are part of the club, which is largely supported by a monthly fee of twenty-five cents from each member. There are numbers of such clubs in New York and other cities; the good accomplished and the harm prevented thereby are incalculable. The only trouble is, there are not half enough of such clubs to meet the great demand. A band of generous Catholic lay-

women some sixteen years ago established a home for girls where young women in ill-health, at work or out of employment, could find board according to their means. This home, St. Mary's Lodging House, has now sev. eral branches in New York and neighboring cities, and many similar homes have been established all over the country. These homes are partly self-supporting and partly kept up by donations Some are in the charge of religious and some are conducted by lav women. Connected with St. Mary's Lodging House, New York, is a night refuge. Here homeless women can obtain food, a bath, a night's lodging, and clean clothing free. Who shall say what misery and crime have been averted by this friendly helping hand

chose penitent women who so desire may spend the rest of their lives in good works, prayer, and penance. The women and girls are taught var- SCENES AT THE OPENING OF THE

ious trades and handicrafts in the industrial school, and are thus fitted to earn a livelihood.

Truly followers of the Good Shepherd are these holy nuns who labor much to "brink back the one sheep which was lost."

The Consumptives' Home.

One of the most remarkable organi zations of Catholic lay women is that of the Young Ladies' Charitable Association of Boston, Mass., which has established and supports a free home for consumptives Scarcely two years ago some charitable young Catholic women visiting among the poor of their parish came upon most pitiable cases of want and incurable disease. They made inquiry as to what institution would receive these helpless cases, and they learned that there was but one such in Boston-an institution conducted in a most bigoted and unchristian manner. In this home for consumptives a priest was not allowed to enter. Here many poor Catholics, suffering from want and weakened by disease, were enticed by tempting comforts to enter, and paid the price of these comforts with the privation of their faith. Seeing the crying need there was for a home where religious freedom was allowed, these energetic young women, under the able | last til well past noon. It was a cold direction of one of their number, set earnestly to work. The result is that have had but little sleep between whiles flourishing institution, the 'Free Home for Consumptives." In the plan of its organization the city is divided into about twenty districts. In each district, which has its distinct president and officers subordinate to those of the general association, about fifty young lady solicitors enlist each ten contributors who pay ten cents a month, making in all a monthly income of about \$1,000. Each district band cares for its

own poor and sick, and provides them with delicacies; besides it takes in its turn the care of the home for one week. They amuse and read to the patients. supply them with little delicacies, give them an afternoon's entertainment, as well as take charge of any burials that occur. The home is a fine, large, homelike establishment located on a hillside, and is in charge of a matron and professional nurses. All patients, regardless of creed or color, enjoy religious freedom and are visited by clergymen

THE MOUNT OF OLIVES ST. MARIA DE RABIDA. AN ANCIENT MONASTERY DUPLICA-

ANA

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

But One Day In the Year Have Catholics the Right of Public Worship In the Mosque Which Covers the Site of the Lord's Ascension

A correspondent of the London Tablet, writing from Jerusalem on the eve of the opening of the Eucharistic congress, says:

10) there has been a continual stream of people coming and going to and from the Mount of Olives. Pilgrims with their rosaries, the indefatigable French abbe, with his breviary under his arm, sandaled Franciscans, Arabs driving donkeys laden with tents and mats and church furniture and even food, for this is the only day in the year when Catholics have | search of food and shelter. He presentand compline. At 10 o'clock the Fran-

ciscans chanted matins and lands, and a little after midnight began the uninterrupted succession of hundreds of masses offered simultaneously on some score of rudely constructed altars, which will night, and the poor Franciscans must under the tent which is their only cover-

On Saturday, May 13, amid brilliant sunshine and amid a vast gathering of people, the papal legate made his state entry into Jerusalem. Ever since the previous Sunday the cardinal had rested quietly at Laffa, being a little indisposed. and it was only on Saturday last that a special train brought him to Jerusalem. It seems rather a disenchantment to talk | farreaching consequences. of a special train to Jerusalem, but our age is essentially a practical one, and if we lose in sentiment we at least gain in time and money, and the Jerusalem railway has brought considerable relief both to the weary and wayworn pilgrims.

The station lies in the valley of Hinnom, about half a mile to the southwest of the Jaffa gate. Here the cardinal was met by the French consul, surrounded by nearly all his colleagues, representing the different powers, who were was on one occasion chosen for the huof their own selection. The only qualifications for admission to this home are in due course presented to his eminence, poverty and consumption. The young and also by the representatives of the schismatical patriarchs, who sent their archimandrites to welcome his eminence to Jerusalem. After these salutations the cardinal, clad in scarlet and wearing his red hat trimmed with gold mounted a white mule and proceeded to the Jaffa gate, where he was met by the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Mgr. Pavia, and all the clergy secular and regular, pilgrims and residents alike. Here a carpet and cushion were quickly laid. and the cardinal knelt for a moment in prayer before entering the Holy City, and then quickly donning his pontifical robes, in cope and miter, and with the crozier in his hand, and beneath a rich canopy, escorted by the patriarch and his clergy and preceded by a crowd of Kawasses in the many colored and brilliant uniforms of their respective consulates, he entered the city hard by the tower of David. Slowly the procession wended its way toward the holv sepulcher, the cardinal giving his blessing right and left to the immense crowd. which pressed around him all the way from the station to the basilica, and which, composed as it was of men, women and children, Arabs and Jews in thousands, and comparatively few Christians, received him everywhere with respectful sympathy, not unmingled perhaps with curiosity. At the holy sepulcher all was tranguil, and as the cardinal entered the "Te Deum" broke forth from the assembled clergy and pilgrims. The cardinal mounted the throne prepared for him opposite the holy sepulcher itself. Then the strains of the "Te Deum" subsided, and the cardinal entered the sepulcher and knelt for a moment at the tomb of our Lord, and coming forth gave the papal blessing with plenary indulgence, and all was over. For 12 years the French pilgrims have visited the Holy Land in large caravans varying from 200 or 800 to 1,000. This year the happy thought inspired them to combine their annual pilgrimage of penance with the opening of the Eucharistic congress in Jerusalem. The holy father entered most warmly into the idea, and on April 15, on the occasion of the reception of the French pilgrims at the Vatican, he lauded their zeal and fidelity in their annual pilgrimages, addressing them as follows:

TED AT THE FAIR. Beminder of the Connection of the Cath-

olic Church With the Discovery of the New World-Costly Paintings and Mosaics-Legend of the Temple of Proscrpins.

There is one building at the Chicago fair that serves as an object lesson, reminding even the most thoughtless of the close connection between the Catho-

Ever since yesterday afternoon (May | lic church and the great discovery that revealed to Europe a new world. We refer to the exact duplicate of the monastery of Santa Maria de la Rabida. It was in this Franciscan monastery, situated about 14 miles from Palos, Spain, on a mountain half hidden in a thick forest of pines. that Columbus, penniless and half famished, directed his steps in

the right of public worship in the mosque | . d himself before its gates in the guise of which covers the traditional site of our, what in our days we would call a tramp. Lord's ascension into heaven. The feast | He came in search of a supper and a began yesterday evening with vespers | night's lodging for himself and his 12-



LA RABIDA MONASTERY. year-old boy, but he found in the person of the prior of the monastery the one

who under providence was the means of making it possible for him to plant the cross in the New World. The name of Father Juan Perez is indissolubly associated with that of Christopher Columbus. In his character of confessor to Queen Isabella he was of inestimable advantage in paving the way for the great discovery that was productive of such

The tradition is that the monastery of Santa Maria de Rabida (Holy Mary of the Frontier) was originally a temple of Proserpina. According to a legend that comes down to us through the centuries, yearly sacrifices of human beings were offered up in this temple to propitiate

the gods and to forecast what was in store for the people in the coming year. The victims were always chosen from the fairest young maidens of the land. The afflanced bride of a young soldier



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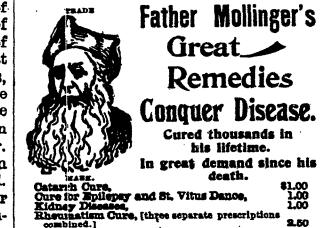
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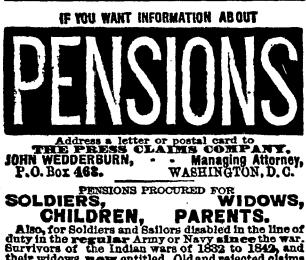
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one? As with the girls' clubs, so it is with these night refuges—a hundred are needed where but one exists.

Sisters of Divine Compassion. There is a benevolent society, the Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls, which is now the congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. Their work is the protection and reformation of girls from 2 to 18 years old. These girls, the chilwith dren very often of depravity and ignorance, are given an industrial education. The good sisters teach them to sew, wash, iron and cook, and when old enough the girls are returned to their families, or are placed in positions to earn for themselves. The home, under the direction of the kindhearted sisters, is made self-supporting by means of large orders received for laundry work and sewing.

Among the Lepers.

What shall we say of the marvelous heroism of those women who give their lives to work among the lepers?-those ardent followers of the Carpenter of this hath no man, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

out to the leper colonies, and there have erected schools, hospitals and asylums. With tenderest care the sisters minister to the afflicted people, and all the fact that they themselves, sooner or later, will inevitably fall victims to the loathsome disease. Above the harbor entrance to the leper islands might well be placed the inscription, "Who enters here leaves hope behind." The work is in itself a death in life.

Visiting the Hospitals.

There is beautiful work done by Catholic women, lay and religious, ir visiting hospitals, prisons, navy yards and asylums. The Sisters of Mercy include these and many others in their works of mercy. The sisters accomplish a great deal among the prisoners by their gentle tact and knowledge of human nature. Often, by a few words of sympathy and advice given just at the right moment, they are able to turn the despondent man's thoughts to higher things and so change the whole current of his after life. These highsouled women are untiring in their service of the Master to help poor struggling humanity. They succeed in collecting small libraries of sound, wholesome literature for navy yards and barracks, hospitals, asylums and jails and thus accomplish wonders for the moral elevation of the inmates.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The order known as the Sisters of

neld out to the unfortunate homeless lady visitors finding patients with other diseases, have them nursed in their homes or paid for in hospitals. The visitors also prepare the sick for the Blessed Sacrament. They carry on diet-kitchens, whence the sick poor are daily supplied with milk, beef-tea, eggs, etc. There is a children's library and a working-girls' club connected the home. In fact these devoted women are branching out all lines of charitable work. It is greatly to be desired that this beautiful work of the Young Ladies' Charitable Association, of Boston, should be imitated and repeated in every city of our land

Within the limited space of this sketch t has been impossible to mention more than a few of the beautiful works of Catholic women. Nothing has been

said of the splendid educational establishments conducted by sisters. In America alone there are more than twenty orders devoted exclusively to teaching. Space does not allow even a Nazareth, who said: "Greater love than mention of the work done by religious and lay organizations of Catholic women in the care of orphan asylums,

Taking up the work begun many of industrial schools, of hospitals, of years ago by the saintly Father Da- institutions for the blind, the deaf. and mien, the Franciscan Sisters have gone the dumb, of homes for emigrants, of sewing and cooking schools for the poor, of institutions for the insane, of day nurseries, of schools for the colored and Indian races, and of countless the while they are fully conscious of other good works. Volumes might be written on any one of these phases of labor among God's helpless and weaker children.

> It has been truly said that the charities of the Church are one of the greatest proofs of her divinity.

The world is learning what the Catholic Church and Catholic women have done and are doing for downtrodden humanity.

In the various congresses to be held at the World's Fair there will be addresses from prominent Catholics showing what the Catholic Church is doing along the lines of arts and sciences, education. industry, moral and social reform, philanthropy, temperance, etc., etc. At the earnest solicitation of the non-Catholic managers of the Woman's Congress Anxiliary of the World's ('olumbian Exposition, papers will be read by able women in the International Congress of Charities on the "nursing of the sick by Roman ('atholic Sisters;" in the Congress of Religions, on the work of women in the church; one in the Kindergarten Congress on Catholic Kindergartens: a paper in the Congress of Education on the Higher Education

of Catholic women; one on Industrial Training in Roman Catholic Schools for girls, in the Congress of Industry:

"We cannot but be deeply touched, beloved sons, by the noble sentiments of religion which you have just given expression to and which for 12 years past have inspired your pious pilgrimages to Rome and to Jerusalem. Yes, indeed, it first idea of initiating them. From the was in a different frame of mind from

nan offering. Her lover, to the horror of the orthodox pagans, rescued her, thus desecrating the temple. When a mob would tear him in pieces, a Catholic priest who had fled to Spain to escape the persecution so vigorously carried on under the Roman emperors rushed in between the people and the young soldier and told them of one God, whom he besought to give an evidence of his power. whereupon, as the legend runs, the roof was rent by a bolt of lightning. The people were converted, and the temple became the monastery made famous by Columbus' association with it.

Today the Santa Maria de Rabida, with its mediæval exterior, cells, chapels and interior courts, is reproduced in Chicago. Beneath the roof of the structure that recalls the past so vividly are exhibited some of the most interesting relics of Columbus. The Vatican and Spanish libraries have supplied documents of priceless value. Among others is the original contract between Columbus and the sovereign of Spain, under the provisions of which he made his first voyage, his correspondence with Isabella and Ferdinand covering a period of several years and many other papers relating to the new world that have been preserved for 400 years by the descendants of Columbus. So high a value did the Spanish government place on these precious relics that it expressly stipulated that the collection should be guarded by a United States officer and a detachment of the regular army. In accordance with this stipulation, Holy Mary of the Frontier is guarded by a score of United States soldiers.

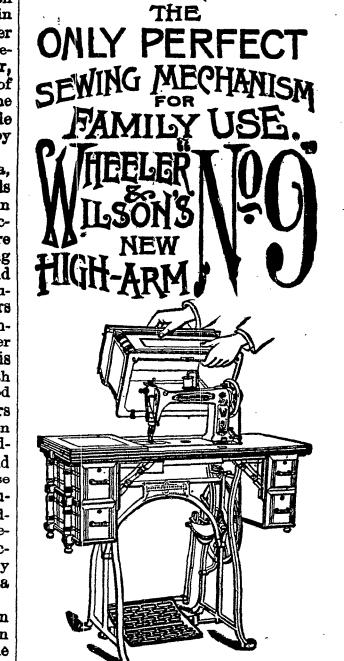
It was a happy thought to erect in Chicago a duplicate of the Franciscan monastery which was practically the starting point from which Columbus set

out on his memorable voyage of discovery. As we gaze upon its venerable walls we can picture Columbus and Father Perez exchanging views in one of the cells as to the feasibility of carrying out the plans that had been forming in Columbus' active brain. The good friar tells the latter how an old pilot named Pedro Velasco, who belonged to the neighboring port of Palos, had asserted that 40 years before the ship in which he sailed had been driven by the wind to the west of Cape Clear in Ireland. Ve-

lasco and his companions, much to their surprise, found that though the wind was high the sea was perfectly smooth, which they thought must result from some land sheltering them on the west. By such talk as this the hopes of Columbus were kept alive. When he bade is a great consolation to us to see with | Father Perez goodby and passed beneath what perseverance in face of so many ob- the portals of Holy Mary of the Frontier. stacles you continue them each year ever | well supplied with money and letters of stacles you continue them each year ever since we blessed with all our heart the introduction to influential persons, he

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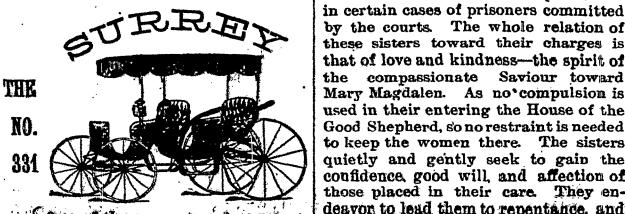
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Women.

in certain cases of prisoners committed tain. by the courts. The whole relation of

Eulalia to Visit Her Teachers.

that of love and kindness-the spirit of It appears that when the Infanta Enthe compassionate Saviour toward lalia was a little girl she attended the Mary Magdalen. As no compulsion is school of the mother house of the Order used in their entering the House of the lof the Ladies of the Sacred Heart in Good Shepherd, so no restraint is needed | Paris, France. Several of her teacherto keep the women there. The sisters are now nuns of the Order of the Ladies quietly and gently seek to gain the of the Sacred Heart at their magnifi confidence, good will, and affection of cent convent and well known academ, those placed in their care. They en- on Convent Hill, Manhattanville, N. Y. deavon to lead them to repentance, and Soon after the Infanta returns from to a true self-respect in the conscious- her visit to Chicago she will visit the ness that life is yet full of great possi- | convent and renew this acquaintance bilities for them in careers of purity' with her former teachers. The young and goodness. Attached to each house lady pupils will give an entertainment is a community of Magdalens, where in honor of the distinguished visitor.

and a paper on the organized work of first we promised ourselves the happiest women in the Catholic Church, in the results, and experience has not disap-World's Congress of Representative pointed our hope.

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your meetings, that we have deputed an eminent member of our sacred college to preside over them."

Such, then, was the mission intrusted to Cardinal Langenieux, and certainly if a singular tact and prudence and a most winning manner can move men's hearts Cardinal Langenieux will leave his mark in the Holy Land. It is said that when his vicar general called on the Greek

schismatic patriarch of Jerusalem he begged the vicar to assure the cardinal that he prayed always for the pope while the Armenian schismatic patriarch's reply was, "Are we not one al-ready in heart, in prayer and in the Eucharist?"

that in which he approached the monastery a few days before hungry and penniless. The future took on a brighter hue as he thought of the essential aid the

good monks had rendered him. And now, 400 years after that eventful jourtey to Madrid was begun, another Holy lary of the Frontier rises in the western world reminding us of the part the ous work.--Irish World.

A New England Catholic City. Biddeford, Me., is practically a Catholic city. Out of a population of 12,000

inhabitants more than 9,000 are Catholics. There are two beautiful Catholic churches and two new schoolhouses that will compare favorably with any in New England in point of beauty and comfort.

Little Bits.

little bit of patience often makes the sunshine come. And a little bit of love makes a very happy home: little bit of hope makes a rainy day look gay. And a little bit of charity makes glad a weary

