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[Continued from page 3.] though I valued it more than gold and jewels. It is now time that I make it over to thee.

With trembling hands she draw from her neck the golden chain which hung round it, and for the first time her son saw that it supported a small bag or purse richly embroidered with pearls. She opened it, and draw from it a sponge, dry indeed, but deaply stained.

This, too, is thy father's blood Pancratius, she said, with faltering voice and streaming eyes. 'I gathered it myself from his death-wound, as disguised. I stood by his side, and saw him die for Christ."

She gazed upon it fondly, and kissed it fercently; and her gushing tears fell on it, and moistened it once more. And thus liquefled again, its color glowed bright and warm, as if it had only just left the martyr's heart

The hely matron put it to her son's quivering lips, and they were empurpled with its sanctifying touch. He venerated the sacred relic with the deepest emotions of a Christian and a son; and felt as if his father's spirit had decended into him and stirred to its depths the full vessel of his heart, that its waters might be ready freely to flow. The whole family thus seemed to him once more united. Lucina replaced her treasure in its shrine, and hung it round the neck of her son, saying: 'When next it is maistened, may it be from a nobler stream thant hat which gushes from a weak woman's eyes! But heaven thought not so; and the future combatant was annointed, and the future martyr consecrated, by the blood of his father mingled with his mother's tears.

CHAPTER IV. THE HEATHEN HOUSEHOLD.

While the scenes described in th last three chapters were taking place a very different one presented itself in another house, situated in the valley between the Quirinal and Esquiline hills. It was that of Fabius, a man of the equestrian order, whose family; by farming the revenues of Asiatio provinces, had amassed immense wealth. His house was larger and more splendid than the one we have already visited. It contained a third large peristyle, or court, surrounded by immense apartments; and besides possessing many treasures of European art, it abounded with the rarest productions of the East. Carpets from Persia were laid on the ground, silks from China, manycolored stuffs from Babylon, and gold embroidery from India and Phrygia covered the furniture, while curious works in ivory and in metals. scattered about, were attributed to the inhabitants of islands beyond the

Indian ocean, of monstrous form and

fabulous descent.

Fabius himself, the owner of al this treasure and of large estates, was a true specimen of an easy going Ro man, who was determined thorough ly to enjoy this life. Believing in nothing, yet worshipping, as a mat ter of course, on all proper occasions whatever deity happened to have its turn, he passed for a man as good as his neighbors; and no one had a right to exact more. The greater part of his day was passed at one or other of the great baths, which, besides the purposes implied in their name, comprised in their many adjuncts the equivalents of clubs, reading-rooms gambling houses, tennis-courts, and gymnasiums. There he took his bath, gossiped, read, and whiled away his hours; or sauntered for a time into the Forum to hear some orator speaking, or some advocate pleading, or into one of the many public gardens, whither the fashionable world of Rome repaired. He returned home to an elegant supper, not later than our dinner; where he had daily guests. either previously invited, or picked un during the day among the many parasites on the look-out for good

At home he was a kind and indulgent master. His house was well kept for him by an abundance of slaves; and, as trouble was what most he dreaded, so long as every thing was comfortable, handsome. and well-served about him, he let things go on quietly, under the direction of his freedmen.

Itis not however, so much to him that we wish to introduce our reader. as to snother inmate of his house, the sharer of its eplendid luxury, and the sole heiress of his wealth. This is his daughter, who, according to Roman usage, bears the father's name, softened, however, into the diminutive Pabiols. As we have done before we will conduct the reader at onse late her spartment. A martia

repast is approaching, and we disto appear with becoming splender.

silver, in a room of Cyricene form; that is, having glass windows to the ground, and so opening on to the flowery terrace. Against the wall opposite to her hangs a mirror of polished silver, sufficient to reflect a whole standing figure; ou a perphyrytable beside it is a collection of the innumerable rare cosmetic and perfunes, of which the Roman ladies had become so fond, and on which they lavished immense sums. On another, of Irdian sandal-wood, was a rich display of jowels and trinkets in their precious caskets, from which to scleet for the day's use.

It is by no means our interation, nor our gift, to describe persons or features; we wish more to deal with minds. We will, therefore, content ourselves with saying, that Fabiole, now at the age of twenty, was not considered interior in appearance to other ladies of her rank, age, and fortune, and had many aspirants for her hand. But she was contrast to her father in temper and in character. Proud, haughty, imperious, and irritable, she rulded like an empress all that surrounded her, with one or two exceptions, and exacted humble homage from all that approached her. An only child, whose mother had died in giving her birth, she had been nursed and brought up in indulgence by her careless, good-natured father: she had been provided with the best masters, had been adorned with every accomplishment, and allowed to gratify every extravagant wish. She had never known what it was to deny herself a desire.

Having been left so much to herself, she had read much, and especially in profounder books. She had thus become a complete philosopher of the refined, that is, the infidel and the sensual, epicureanism, which had been iong fashionable in Rome. She knewnothing of Christianity, except, that she understood it to be something very low, material, and vulgar. She despised it, in fact, too much to think of inquiring into it. And as to paganism, with its gods, its vices, its tables, and its idolatry, she merely scorned it, though outwardly she followed it. In fact, she believed in nothing beyond the present life, and thought of nothing except its refined enjoyment. But her very pride threw a shield over her virtue; she loathed the wickedness of heather society, as she despised the frivolous youths who paid her jealous attention, though she found amusement in their follies. She was considered cold and selfish. but she was morally irreproachable.

If at the begining we seem to indulge in long descriptions, we trust that our reader will believe that they are requisite, to put him in possession of the state of material and social Rome at the period of our marrative; and will make this the more intelligible. And should he be tempted to think that we describe things as over splendid and refined for an age of decline in arts and good taste. we beg to remind him, that the year we are supposed to visit Rome is not as remote from the better periods of Roman art, for example, that of the Fatonines, as our age is from that of Ceilini, Raffaele, or Donatello; yet in how many Italian palaces are still preserved works by them, fully prized, though no longer imitated? So, no doubt, it was with the houses belonging to the old and wealthy families of Rome.

We find, then, Fabiola reclining on her couch, holding in her left hand a silver mirror with a handle, and in the other a strange instrument for so fair a hand. It is a sharp pointed stiletto, with a delicately carved ivory handle, and a gold ring, to hold it by. This was the favorite weapon with which Roman ladies punished their siaves, or vented their passion on them, upon suffering the eastannovance, or when irritated by pottish anger. Three female slaves are now engaged about their mistress. They belong to different races. and have been fourthased at high prices, not merely on account of their appearance, but for some rare accom-

plinhmen; they are supposed to mi

court, over the sides of which ex- sees. One is a black; not of the detends a suite of rooms, opening upon graded negro stock, but from one of a terrace, refreshed and adorned by those races, such as the Abyssinians a graceful fountain, and covered with and Numidians, in whom the features a profusion of the carestex of ioplants. Are as regular as in the Asiatic peo-In these chambers is concentrated ple. She is supposed to have great whatever is most exquisite and cur- skill in herbs, and their cosmetic and ious, in native and foreign art. A bealing properties, perhaps wise in refined tasts disecting ample means, more dangrous uses—in compoundand peculiar opportunities, has ing philtres, charms, and possibly evidently presided over the collection poisions. She is merely known by and arrangement of all around. At her national designation as Afra. A this moment the hour of the evening Greek comes next, selected for her taste in dress, and for the elegance cover the mistress of this dainty and purity of her accent; she is there. good Bishop Belzunce has been abode engaged in preparing herself fore called Grain. The name which She is reclining on a couch of she comes from Asia; and she is dis-Athenian workmanship, infaid with tinguished for her exquisite em. the people to the prelate after the broidering, and for her assiduous dil. plague in 1720, during which Monthey address the most extravagant gone. flattery to their young mistress, or . It is stared that word has been them.

To be continued.

OATHOLICNEWS NOTES

Short Items of Interest From all Parts of the Catholic World.

Religious Happenings Presented in a Condensed Form.

The most beautiful volume in the Congressional Library at Washington is a Bible which was transcribed by a monk in the sixteenth century. The general lettering is in German text, which could not be matched in perfection of type in the best equipped printing office. The purchment is in perfect preservation. There are two columns on a page and nowhere is truceable the slightest irregularity of line, space or formation of letters. Even under a magnifying glass it seems Cambes.

keeping with the history of the health, delivered an time when the dogma of the Immac. to the Patriarchate of Antioch. ulate Conception was proclaimed by Knights,' and the efficy, of the Marie, all converted on Lafayetto avenue, thirty- new director-general. one other churches in the diocese are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the various titles by which she is venerated by the faithful. Every day brings new recruits to the pilgrim band.

At a discussion of the Swize Federal Chamber on the subject of workmen in match factories, Mr. Jovo, a Radical, a Protestant, and one of the most fervid defenders of the 'Old Catholics,' astonished the assembly by holding up a copy of the encyclical De Conditione Opificum and terminating his address with these words: This Encyclical merits reading, and I invite all my colleagues to peruse it with the most careful attention.' This was a supreme homage to the Pontiff from an unhoped-from quarter.

national Journal of Ethics demoi- Joseph Tettemer, Herman Adrian. the writer of a previous paper had advanced in the same magazine. Monsignor Satolli shows himself thoroughly at home on Italian issues and his masterly argumentative abilities are well displayed in the trenchant manner in which he disposes of his antagonist's sophisms and misleading statements.

It is pitiable to hear, or the authority of the Verite, a decent Catholic journal of Paris, that the news of the rehabilitation of the monks of Solesmes in their abbey is exaggerated. The gendarmes are still doing sentinel in the sacred building, and the monks fulfil their offices in the parish Church. The Government has simply placed a certain number of workmen to effect necessary renairs in the edifice, the more purdeclariy in that part of it which contains the famous group of statues.

saints of Solesmes.

The tide of conversion is still teadily setting towards the Church in England. We had a notable instance in illustration when Mr. Algar Thoreld, the Catholic son of the Bishop of Winchester, was married to a daughter of a Protestant elergyman of Dorcetshire in the Broughton Oratory. The peremony was celebrated by the Rev. Father Cator at the altar of St. Philip Neri.

The jewelled pectoral cross of the stelen from the Musee Borly at the third bears, Syra, tells us that Marseilles, France The cross, which is of great value, was presented by igence. She is quiet, silent, but signor lielzunce devotedly cared for completely engaged with the duties the patients, aided by a batch of which now devolve upon her. . The Sister of Charity. The guardian other two are garrulous, light, and unfortunately left the key in the make great pretense about every case containing the treasure, and little thing they do. Every moment when he returned the cross was

try to promote the suit of one or sent to home from Berlin that other of the proflicate candidates for while the Bundearsth, the upper her hand, who has best or last bribed chamber of the Prussian Government. may reject the measure re-admitting Jezuita to the realm, which the Reichning has passed, its vote will not be considered as binding the authorities to take any exclusive messures toward the mambers of the order who may return to the fatherland, where the disciples of St. Ignatius are at present largely represented deapite the legislation simed at them in the days of the Kulturkampf.

The Franciscan Fathers connected with the Charub of SS. Peter and Paul, Camden, N. J., have made arrangements for the building of a misnion chapel at Elmer. The congrega--massos sevels readmin tueses sommu-

The secret Consistory at Rome on May 18th, orested the following pre-Intes Cardinals; Mar. Sancha y Perwas, Archbishop of Valencia, Spain; Mgr. Ferrari, the new Archbichop of Milan; Mgr. Doampi, the new Archbishou of Bologua, Mgr. Bogna, Assessor of the Holy Office, and a cousin of the Pope; Father Steinhuber, the celebrated German member That Bracklyn should lead in the of the Society of Jeans. The Pope, pilgrimage to Lourdes is quite in who seemed to be enjoying good diocece. It was established in the firming the election of Benham Bound

Several converts received the sacthe late Pene Pius IX. Bishop rement of Confirmation from Arch-Loughlin took the Virgin of the Int- bishop Corrigen in the chapel of the maculate Conception as a patroness Convent of the Sacred Heart. Among of his enisconal charge and gave the those confirmed were Mr. and great cathedral that he planned Mrs. Channey W. Floyd-Jones, Mrs. should rise on the crest of the hill Benvenidas, Mrs. Anna S. Arnold, that name also. Bishop McDonnell, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Furlows. Mrs. following in his footsteps. also W. M. Holley. Miss Frances Holley. avowed himself one of 'Our Lady's Miss Huberman, Miss Roobs and Mrs.

Virgin of the Grotto is to be found | Rev. Thomas P. Brown, G. 88. R. in the quarterings of episcopal es- has returned from Rome, where he cutcheon. Beside the new cathedral had gone to attend the election of the

> The corner-stone of the new St. Malsohi's Church at Manchester, Mo., was laid with impressive caremony by Very Rev. Henry Muchlspiel.

A telegram which comes from Bome through Dalxiel's agency states that news has been circulated for some days at the Vations that Princece Frederick Charles of Prussia has shows a desire to esthence the Cotholic Fulth, and that the German Emperor through political motives will oppose this step.

Archbishop Kain of St. Louis rdained three young men to the priesthood at Kenrick Diocesan Seminary. They were the Rev. John Driscoll of the Alton diocess, Rev. William Randall of the St. Louis diosese and Rev. William Bulger of the Davenport Diocese. The minor Monsignor Satolii, in an article orders of exordet and acolyte water which he contributes to the Inter-conferred on Massrs. Cornelius Kans. ishes very effectively the statements Patrick Bradley, Daniel Clark. Marderogatory to the Holy See which Min Delaney, Frederick Exact, John. Gisse, Joseph Kronger and Whiteen Shee of the St. Louis Diocese, John Moroney of the Alton discess, and Bernard McNames of Kaneas City,

> A tract of land, 571 scree in extent. has been secural as the site of the Catholic college at Woodland, Suckane, Washington. Temporary buildiags will probably be erected in time to open school in the Fall of the present year. The college is under the jurisdiction of the Benedicting Order of St. John's Abbey, the Lone of which is in Missesois, shoul swelve miles from Minnespolis.

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