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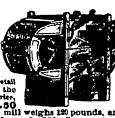
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A HOLY MISSION.

Ella May Clemmons, the Devout Convert Will Assist Father Gomrardy as a Nurse and Teacher Among the Lepers of Central

Blood may be thicker than water, but there are two sisters with the width of this continent between them who are as strangers to each other. Sc far apart, indeed, are they that the continent might be the world itself and yet not make their separation more opeless in its completeness.

The sisters are Mrs. Howard Gould and Mrs. Overacker.

One of them is known throughout America and pretty thoroughly hroughout the European continent as the beautiful Katherine Clemmons, actress, for whom, as everybody remembers, young Gould was willing to 'orfeit \$5,000,000 of good Gould gold hat he might marry her.

The other is known to a few people aere and there in California as Ella May Clemmons, who has recently resumed her girlhood name and gone into the depths of San Francisco's Chinatown to teach Christianity to the Chi-392 Clinton Ave. S

Never did fate draw sharper lines of contrast between the destinies of two sisters than now divide the California women. Never were lines so directly

intipodal as these. One is the richest of the rich.

One is the poorest of the poor. In New York city Mrs. Gould has passed the Lenten season in the most luxurious retirement, amid surroundngs that a princess of royal wealth night envy. She has youth, talent, love, money, health and the happiness that sometimes comes with the possession of this rare combination of bless-

In San Francisco the sister of Mrs. Gould dwelt during the days of Lent n direct poverty, unrelieved by anyhing more cheering than met her gaze in a small, bare, comfortless attic room, in the heart of the Chinese quarter, to which no breath of pure air could come over blocks of rickety buildings swarming with Asiatic humanity. The blessings of life are not hers to enjoy. Her time has been divided, when away from the four walls of this Chinatown tenement, between worship at church and teaching God's word to the pagans around her.

Katherine Clemmons is a society. queen

Ella May Clemmons is a religious to a hospital?"

ey can provide. She is courted and feet- not always thicker than water. ed as only the wife of an American multi-millionaire can be, and her jewels are the envious despair of women less fortunate.

all in the Chinatown attic. Sometimes, picturesque settings of tropical foliage and we advise that for the Purest knew her. Her jewels have gone to in which its tens of thousands of and at the most reasonable prices the pawnshops, and her sole ornament wretched inhabitants give themselves Rev. J. M. Hayes, R. C., Dallas, Caliis a small silver crucifix.

> belle. Her home in Niles, after her members this is the lot which Mrs. marriage to Charles Overacker, was a Howard Gould's sister has chosen. social center, and herself the best gowned, best groomed woman in that part of Alameda county. She was extravagant in her expenditures, and led life that knew no ambition beyond the ephemeral pleasures of society. After some years there was whispering

mons. Mrs. Overacker of Niles had burned her bridges. Journal" representative found her the the Holy Cross in 1862. other day. It was a strange place in |

which to seek for the sister-in-law of a

money king. on a candle box a coal oil burner: a guns, which are of the Parrott type of chair, a small table, an inkwell, pens, a ten-inch calibre, were placed in the defew worn books, a curtainless window. fense of Fort Charles. They were two On the walls and about the room were of the heaviest pieces of Confederate articles of religious significance; 18ws- ordnance, and they were christened paper portraits of Catholic dignitaries, with some ceremony in honor of Mrs. and colored lithographs of Mrs. How-

ard Gould. "My work among Chinese women," said Miss Clemmons in answer to an summer of 1862 Fort Charles was atinquiry, "must of necessity be gradual, tacked in force, Col. Fitch in Indiana, Owing to my inability to secure apart- leading the land forces and Commoments suitable for school purposes I have not been established as I wished cended the White river under the to be. What teaching I do is done at the homes of my pupils with the aid of Polk." books of the gospels simple in text, which they can comprehend. These I interpret for them into their own lan- Spaniards at Santiago de Cuba at the guage. I have been studying Chinese for some time with a view of fitting tering expedition in 1873. myself for this work. Pictures I find of great help, and I use them profusely."

Miss Clemmons then exhibited some fine specimens of religious art, purchased at her own expense. ned, "and I find these little brown sis-

"I give them the best," she continters of ours very bright. They take of James G. Blaine and was born in kindly to Catholicism, their ideas of the same house. Her other relatives religion in this country having been were the Shermans and the Ewings of derived from the most part from the Ohio. Her family name was Gillespie. Salvation Army, Holiness Bands and such organizations as have appeared in

their quarter. "I became a convert to the Catholic faith when I felt that all outside it was dross and delusion. I knew that to take this step was to separate myself because of religious differences, from my family, but I was convinced that I must become of practical value to others, so I set to work in a systematic way to train myself for teaching." "And you are maintained by teach-

ing?" "No. I have not received one cent as yet. However, I have consecrated my life to the work, and some means of maintenance will be given me. You see, if I belong to one of our religious the Jesuits throughout Portugal, is orders the matter of support would be now studying in England under the fed slightly, but every cashmers shared

must be entirely undependent and selfsustaining."

"Meanwhile you have had to live?" "Yes, and to do so I have parted with every article of value which I possessd. Plate, furs, draperies, pictures, vehicles, furniture, jewelry, all have been sold, little by little. My only ornament now is the crucifix of gray metal."

"And do you not regret them?" "Not for a moment," was the eager enswer, "since by such small sacrifices have gained eternal life." "Now that the plate, the pictures.

he jewels are gone, what then?" "I have offered my services to Father Conrardy of Oregon as nurse and teacher, to accompany him to a colony of Lepers situated in the central part of China, where 50,000 souls suffer from that dre-d disease. Father Con-

rardy has acc ited my offer and arrangements a the journey will be completed in a few days." "But do you realize what is in store for you in choosing such a lot? You

cannot hope to escape the disease. Renember Father Damien's lot." "No, and it is in his footsteps that I wish to follow. Father Concardy was Father Damien's assistant during his

last years at Molokal." "Your sister-Mrs. Gould-does she sanction this plan,"

At mention of that name the eyes of the missionary filled. "My dear sister does not communicate with me, nor will she permit my came to be spoken in her presence."

"Have you offended her?"

"Yes, grievously, by adopting my religious faith. She used to call me her dear little sister, and oh, how kind she was! How I worshipped her! Whenever I now read in the newspapers of her charities I say: "That is just like my noble sister." She can never be anything to me but great and good. 1 am so glad she is rich. I pray God she may always be happy. You see, she does not understand that the church cannot care for the physical needs of all its converts. Once, when I was ill and behind in my rent, and nearly starving, as I had eaten almost nothing for two days, I wrote to my sister explaining the situation and begging her to help me just a little for the sake of old times when we were children. My letter had to be forwarded, as Katherine was away from her home with her husband. When she received it she did not wait to write and send her answer by the slow mails, but

cabled immediately. "And she cabled money enough to drive all the hungry wolves from your

"No. Here is the message: " 'If you are sick, why don't you go

From the leper colony in central The one sister dines at the Holland China to the palace of the Gould's in House on the daintiest food that mon. New York is a far cry. And blood is

The leper colony in Asia to which the most unspeakably horrible place on earth. The leper colony of Hawail, The other dines frequently not at where Father Damien died, had the though, there is a loaf of bread, with and was swept by the cooling health, no butter on the rough board table. of the sea and mountain breezes. But She is alone always, and well-nigh for- this Asiatic colony is in a desert region which is essentially alike to every sysgotten by the small world that once with wretched huts of mud and straw. up to slow death.

Ella May Clemmons was once a Yet for Christ and his suffering

CIVIL WAR RELICS.

Two Big Guns Are to Be Cast Into a Statue of Our Lady of Peace.

The romantic history of the two of a mutual arrangement whereby two nuge cannon that ornament the campus lives that began at the altar were to of St. Mary's academy, Notre Dame, diverge. And eventually it was an- Ind., is to have a new chapter added. nounced that Chinatown had a new The ponderous and rusty old gunk missionary, a most, realous convert to that have long since served their use-Catholicism, who had been received in- fulness as engines of death are to ba to the church by the Paulist Fathers. melted and cast into a colossal statue She was known as Ella May Ciem- of Our Lady of Peace. They have been resting on grassy mounds in front of the main building of the academy since In Chinatown it was that a "Sunday they were presented to the Sisters of

At the outbreak of the civil war the cannon were among the artillery and other armament that fell into the On the floor in a corner was a pallet; hands of the Confederates. These two Jefferson Davis and Mrs. James K: Polk. One was called "Lady Polk" and the other "Lady Davis." In the dore Davis the gunboat flotilla that asnoses of "Lady Eavis" and "Lady The commandant of Fort Charles was Col. Fry, who, with Gen. W. A. C. Ryan, was executed by the end of the disastrous Virginius filibus-

When the fort was dismantled, the two big guns, which Col. Fry had spiked before surrendering, were given to Mother Mary Angela for the campus at St. Mary's academy. Mother Mary Angela was superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. She was first cousin

The exact proportions of the statue will not be ascertained until the guns have been measured for their cubical contents of metal. The statue will be placed on a mound commanding a view of the campus and on the bluffs overlooking the St. Joseph's river, which winds along the academy grounds.

His Holiness Leo XIII. has sent to the little King of Spain, his godson, as a present a fine mesale representing the piazza of St. Peter's and with it an autograph letter expressive of his good will for his youthful Majesty.

The grandson of the Marquis Pombal, remembered for his suppression of red from being a nun, hence my work school in Havestock Hill, London. ... adapted from vegetable life.

HERE AND THERE

A London bath-house last summer paid \$125 a week for a million gallons of filtered Thames water.

It costs a girl \$400 to go to Vassar College, \$400 to go to Smith, \$420 for a year at Wellesley, and between \$450 and \$750 to spend a year at Radeliffe.

Fewer deaths are caused by mining accidents now than in 1855, although at the present time there are two and a half times as many people employed underground. In a dark corner near the west en-

trance of Winchester Cathedral is a

kind in England. King Otto of Bavaria has been insane since his accession to the throne ten years ago and sometimes his mania

is homicidal. He is a giant in strength 11:35. and size and has killed three of his attendants in fits of rage. Lady Violet Grayville says that "pinmoney, pin-money, and plenty of it

is the key to conjugal harmony, the road to dignity and courage." From Cape Hatteras to Sandy Hook an inventor proposes to stretch a wire cable off shore; anchored at intervals, so that endangered craft, instead of

drifting upon the beach, may bring up against the rope and be held in safety. petitioned the Mayor to have a free ica water drinking fountain in front of his store removed on the plea that it is ruining his soda water trade. He says it is "not fair," and many of his townsmen are actively supporting him in this

contention. It is said that France has the most complete system of State aid to agriculture of any country in the old world or the new. She has four agricultural colleges, eight intermediate schools, 79 agricultural schools et lower grade. and in addition to all tais, every primary school must give instruction in ag.:iculture. There are 79,000 such schools in France. The annual cost to the country is \$9,000,000.

NOTED SAYINGS

No Unity.—In the world to-day there are many systems of religion, each pretending to be the most perfect manifestation of the will of Christ, and each teaching a different doctrine. Outside of the Catholic Church there is absoutely no unity,—Dr. Adams, Methodist,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Churches.—Churches must be flexible and meet their environments, and this is just exactly what the Catholic Church does. It is flexible and meets all classes and conditions, and any organization that refuses to do this must Gro. H. Danizia.

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has unique claims upon the individ- Niagara Falls, Claveland, Detroit, Chicago ual. The genius of Christianity is man St. Louis, and all points wast, west, worth making and man mending. Christian and south, as follows: ity is the science of right living-tne art of character building .- It teaches man to make the most of himself.-Rev N. D. Hillis, Independent, Chicago, Ill.

The Advancement of God's Fingdom. -Taking all the facts into consideration, it looks from our point of view as if, under the providence of God, the year had come when the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in Spanish. colonies no longer could be retarded by Spain.—Rev. Dr. Townsend, Methodist, Washington, D. C. Great Ideas.—Great ideas are in the

souls of the best men, and the public has to be educated up to them. The English language is gradually becoming the speech of the vast majority of the human race, and through it the most beautiful ideas on the gift of God and the destiny of man will gain almost universal currency.—Rev. R. Thomas, Congregationalist, , Boston Mass.

Christian Scientists.—As Christian of the great Demonstrator of Truth, while we remember also the birth of the impersonal Christ, called the Holy Ghost, and named in these latter days Christian Science.-Dr. Alfred Farlow. Christian Scientist, Kansas City, Mo.

We can touch the hearts of those we love when our hearts have been touched by Christ.

Religion is the dest armor, but the worst cloak.

FREAKS OF NATURE.

brows. In Java the flowers are used for blacking shoes.

The emission of light from a complete the property of the property of

phorescence, mentions in the control of the control

water of the former is impregnated is with iron, that of the latter with gallic acid. When the two mingle, the acid with the iron, forming a true ink.

Remarkably pleasing patterns which foot of the Himalaya Mountains are copied directly from the leaves of the begonia. Sometimes the design is varsettled; but being married I am bar- care of the Dominican Fathers at their that is genuine represents a design

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WEST BY MAIN LINE.

A. M.—"1:10, "9:20, "4:05, "5:35, "6:55, "7:45, ac., "9:52, to:55, P. M.—"2:25, †8:40, ac., 3:25, †5:15 ac., "5.35,9:27, 9.50, Trains Arrive from the West.

A. M.—*13:56, *3:13, *5:10, 6:37, †8:10 against the rope and be held in safety.

A druggist in Cambridge, Mass., has *8.40, *9 45, *10:25.

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