#### AN AMERICAN GIRL

With strong, clear eyes and dauntless With firm-poised figure free and bold, Mettled in mind for any race, Proud of her right to dare and hold. I watch her on her leyous way-This girl with an imperial sway.

Gentle? Ah! yes, I've seen her so, Gentle as any mating dove, And full at heart of tender glow That brightens to a siren's love. While all her blossoming soul is rife With the sweet fellowship of life.

Tet dignity and will are hers, And fearlessness in bitter hours; What wonder that her worshippers Swear by her words, her smiles, her

flowers? Tet I, who feel her radiant youth, Swear by her virtue and her truth. -George Edgar Montgomery.

# REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE.

Although undoubtedly I had been very ill, I am by no means certain of my facts about this time; so whether I was the victim of a little too much indulgence in the flowing bowl, or of a hyponotic trance, I really cannot say: any way, one morning I seemed to be conscious that I was talking with a demon, who sat by my bedside. He was a very pleasant sort of fellow and not bad-looking, but somehow I knew

he was a demon. Would you like to hear what they are saying about you, and go to your own funeral?" he asked pleasantly. People generally do attend that cer emony personally," I suggested; then after a moment's reflection, I asked "Am I dead, then?"

"Of course. Did you not know it?" My friend then dematerialized himself into thin air, and the next moment I was gliding noiselessly down rily, and remarked:

I should explain to you that I am an orphan; without parents, but a member of a large family; sisters, brothers cousins, and all the rest of it. I happer to have more money than any of the others. My eldest sister, Priscilla, has been keeping house for me.

I easily passed through the closed parlor door without opening it, which relatives from different parts of the not yet made his appearance. I was seat at the foot of the table, but of course no one saw me

I had forgotten for the moment that I was a dematerialized spirit. Soon however the door opened and an imment. It was my elded brother Tom politicians!"

Now I began to understand. He was representer me, the late ('rawley Slow- ered into the open grave. quicker, Esq. deceased, hence all the court and deference paid to him. This

Well, he made straight for my chair and sat down where I was sitting! This place occupied by my disembodied snirit Tom was a hulky fellow and l

quickly and sat behind my chair. Two things especially attracted my attention, and somewhat shocked me In the first place, Priscilla's providing seemed much more lavish than under my regime, and in the second I was struck by the happiness and galety of the whole company. This was calculated to take my fatulty down a few to woo, and, by and by wed her. pegs, for I had fondly imagined that my death would plunge my entire fam aly in the uttermost depths of desppair

But it hadn't! "I never like going into black." Priscilla was saying, in her even tones, to Aunt Gwen; "it's so very unlucky."

"I don't mind the change at all," said Aunt Gwen; "the color just suits me, you know. But I really can't tel! what orders to give, not knowing how I am provided for."

"That's as good as asking," said Tom, with one of his horrible laughs. which I used to consider so hearty. "A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse. I suppose the regular thong is to read the will after the funeral; but as it's all among ourselves it does not matter, and I'll read it to all directly after breakfast."

Then they started talking about their late relation, Crawley Slowquicker, and "Saxon ('hronicles" is found a clue to the things I heard about myself positively astonished me.

They were all sadly deficient in the bump of reverence, and I found that not one of them entertained that respect and affection for me-of which I had imagined they were all possessed

"Well, of course," my Cousin Vernon said, responding to some remark, in a virtuously deprecatory tone. "Of course, de mortuis nil nisi bonum, and all that sort of thing, you know; but I can't help saying that Crawley was always mean-horribly mean!"

Confound the fellow! And this was a man to whom I had left five hundred pounds, forgiving him all the money he owed me, which was as good as doubling the legacy!

"No. no: not mean." Tom answered and I blessed him for those words, but he spoiled it all by adding, "A bit careful, you know."

'Ah. I should think so," says Prisit's a fact, he never allowed me mone; feetly understood and commonly used: enough to keep house decently.'

These three were my principal legatees. If I had only known sooner! Bu how was that possible? When next I turned toward by ami-

able and disinterested family circle, 1 6 pence. perceived that the breakfast things had been removed, and Tom Slowquicker sat in the armchair with my will spread out before him.

'There's some one missing." he said looking around him magisterially who is it?"

"Only my sister Minnie," Vernon remarked casually. "I went to her this morning, but she's so upset about his death that she feels quite ill, and could not come down to breakfast."

"why, she never gave him so much as man. a civil word." Then, sotto voice to her "What if there is?" said the publishbrother: "And that's what has upset or of the religious weekly. "Our sub- increased to one shilling a day, and her. I expect. She is afraid she has scribers never go to variety shows." spoiled her chances of a legacy." \_\_\_\_\_ Indianapolis Journal.

Oh, that spiteful Priscilla, If I could only alter my will!

But these precious words about Minnie had sent baim into my tortured spirit so that my imcorporate heart throbbed shaking the venetians and Tom asked where the draught came from. I would so to her at once so I traversed the closed door again passing them all as the sigh of a summer breeze.

Thus I went up stairs and into Minnie's room, where I found the poor girl still in bed, her cheeks pale, her eyes red with weeping, all the signs upon her of a sleepless night of sorrow, and pressed close to her soft bosom she held a likeness of my unworthy self, which I had given her once long ago. And this was the girl who never spoke save to ridicule and poke fun at me, whose dislike for me was almost proverbial in the family; and yet the girl whose love-with usual human perversity-I would have given all the

world to win. Ah, this knowledge of her heart's secret was sweet to me! It gave me courage. I would comfort her. I would pour forth my love. I would tell-stay! what could I tell her?

Alas! was this the realization of a hereafter? To see things just as they are, and yet to be so miserably impotent to alter them; to see, too, what might have been.

My funeral was appointed to tat place the next day. It was a very grand the guests upon this festive occasion had I been burying a relation but somehow it hurt me to see my best sherry being out away.

As I accompained the mourners down the steps, I suddenly perceived my friend the demon by my side. Vainly I sought a coach, but could find no room. I turned to him somewhat ang-

"I say, you promised I should go to ments at all."

"You forget that corporeally you can get in here. There's only the doctor and the clergyman."

"Between the doctor and the parson' was very convenient, and found my. Really, my dear demon, you are reself, unseen by them, in the midst of markable for a most sardonic humor." Well the men of medicine and recountry They were waiting breakfast ligion talked politics all the way, which for some important person who had I thought inappropriate; but as they were both conservatives they did not foolish enough to think it might be disagree I am a liberal myself, and myself, and sat down to my customary began vociferously expounding Mr. Gladstone's policy, quite oblivious that and it was several minutes before she often and so variously disposed of this my gesticulations were unseen, my could commence her lecture. "In this powerful prelate, however, that it is

words unheard by them. "Good job for yourself you are dead," said the demon. "You're just the sort portant individual entered the apart to get into a jolly row with red-hot

The cemetery was soon reached, and my executor and residuary legatee. He I looked down and saw my coffin low-

"Earth to earth—"

was stepping into my shoes with a ven. ed, cheerily. "Well, how do you do now, principal battles in which Irishmen St. Vincent's Orphanage, Washington, the sacraments; they take charge of gence—actually usurping the same old fellow?" But I turned from him—and Frenchmen had fought alde by D. C., was dedicated last week, Card—orphan asylums, hospitals, industrial for I could not help thinking of him as side against a common enemy, from anal Gibbons officiating. I had seen him last reading my will the Boyne to Fountenoy, and from felt affronted. Besides, wishing better down in the parlor—turned away and Fountenoy to Castlebar. In allusion American Falls, Idaho, will have a the room, and I felt, oh! so grateful and happy at seeing her there. I felt land to realize what would have been now under way. then that it was not all a dream.

I have used feigned names in this veracious tale, because I think she would not like to know the strange experience which led me to take courage to realize what would be their lot ev. By the will of Katherine McGonigle to realize what would be their lot ev. By the will of Katherine McGonigle to realize what would be their lot ev. perience which led me to take courage

# In Nosh's Ark

Hundreds of ancient gleaners of miscellaneous curios, legends, myths, and traditions give us to understand that Cush was born on the ark. Others claim that there was a child born on the sacred vessel, but that it was sacrificed to one of the wild beasts, Noah would have faith in themselves, notdeclaring that no person should leave books, as well as the scores of biblical encyclopaedias, hand books of ancient history, etc., are silent on the sub-

In a reprint of one of the rare old the mystery, and another slight hint in an explanatory note in Herbert's "Nimrod." In the "Saxon Chronicles" the following occurs: "Bedwig was the and he, Bedwig, was born on the ark." in the ark, he speaks of him in several places as "Cush, the ark-born." The and of their will. Talmudic writers discredit the Bedwig story, but declare that Cush was born on the day that "God's covenant," (the rainbow) first appeared.—St. Louis Re-

English Money Slang.

A joey is equal to 4 pence. A tanner is equal to 6 pence. A bob is equal to 1 shilling. A bull is equal to 5 shillings.

Half a bull is equal to 2 shillings and A quid is equal to £1. A pony is equal to £25.

A monkey is equal to £500. A kite means an accommodation bill. ally is designated tin, dust or blunt.

New to Them. "There's a joke in your paper this week that I heard at a variety show "Don't be absurd," said Priscilla: two seasons ago," said the disagreeable

## NAUDE GONNE.

THE IRISH JOAN OF ARC IN THE CITY OF PARIS.

A Rousing Reception Tendered the Patriotic Young Women in French Capital-AnAble Address on Cruel Eglish Laws.

A magnificent anti-British and pro-Boer demonstration took place in the ireland since her arrival in France, characteristic anecdote the scene that affair altogether, and cake and winc He recalled to the minds of his hear- followed baffes any description that had been laid in the parlor to entertain ers how the great Irishwoman, then I could give. The audience cheered only a girl of twenty, had voluntarily and applauded until it seemed as if sil-I dare say I should have done the same renounced the pleasures and luxuries ence could never again be restored. to which her social position entitled From time to time there was a full, her country all that the average wo with redoubled enthusiasm the next man finds attractive in life. He add- minute. Even Maud Gonne, acousted, turning to Miss Gonne, who sat on omed as she is to applause, could his right hand, "But, Madame, how- hardly conceal how touched and movever great the sacrifices that you have ed she was by the spontaneous and made for your suffering race, I vent- generous outburst of affection and adure to say that the affection and en- miration that greeted her description my own funeral, but I don't seem to thusiasm with which, as we well know of the hasty capitulation of Britain's have been considered in the arrange- in France, you are invariably received officials before the will of that staryeverywhere by the irish people more ing shivering crowd, hitherto scorned than repays you for those sacrifices." and famine-doomed. hold the place of honor at the head of The president went on to say that, as the procession, but in the spirit you he felt that the name of Maud Gonne needed no introduction in France, he ed her life.

ples, the oppressed are always sure of Vive l'Irelande. Vive la lied flags. I awoke with a start, and my eyes France.") Miss Gonne then made a their own lot had they tamely accepted the advice of the pacifics who counen now if, abandoned by all the world, tate is left to St. Agatha's parochial exhausted and their ranks thinned by school of that city. their unparalled struggle, they were withstanding that they are now an' her sovereignty in Ireland, and, if she in the Transvaal, as the appaling tragedies that take place daily in the Concentration Camps only too plainly the fact of Cush being actually born they suffered, might become, as it were the expression of their thought

"I selected the district of Erris for my experiment, as it was far from any railway and consequently could no be placed in a state of defence by he English at a moment's notice; it would take two days to bring the necessary troops. I then went to the Among certain classes of persons in different stations where the so-called cilla. "You will hardly belive it, but London the following terms are per-relief works were established and I made a rendezvous with the starving people for the morrow at the chief town of Erris, Belmullet, where two English officials watched over the famine. Never in my life did I see so sad and miserable a crowd as that rain, at Belmullet; haggard, gaunt, barefooted, scarcely clothed, mournful and silent. Accompanied by the priest Copper or bronze coins are familiarly I went to the courthouse where the known as browns, while money gener- magistrate and two English officials sat. I told them that I had come to speak in the people's name and to present their just claims, namely, that by contributions from the councils to thous required, to share in the school there should, firstly and at once, be a defray the expenses of a college moneys as certain schools of religious free distribution of seed potatoes in order to guarantee the next harvest: secondly. I demanded that the wager given at the relief works should be lastly that any woman engaged upon the works should be free to send if

the wished, a man to work in her stead. The officials answered that what I anked was absolutely impossible. 'Since that is so,' I answered, "I will now return to the crowd that is waiting me outside. They have assembled in answer to my call, in spite of the threats and orders of the overseers of your works. I have seen enough die of hunger. I will now say to the crowd-and they are ready to do whatever I advize—to begin at once by sacking this town, and to take all they want for themselves and their families. I will myself accompany them. It will take you two days to Salle Wagram, M. Maurice Berteaux, bring your troops here. In two days depute de Seine-et-Oise, presiding. The these poor people will be dispersed subject of the conference was "L Oeu among the mountains . I know you vre de L'Angleterre en Irlande aux can arrest me then and a certain num-Indes et au Transvaal." The salle, ber of these unfortunates as well, and which is one of the largest in Paris, may, perhaps, even shoot some of was crowded to the doors by an enthem. But you will regain a sorry rethusiastic audience. The president in nown for yourselves by shooting the opening the seance said that he would starving! When I had ceased the mabegin by thanking his listeners for gistrate and his assistants held a five their presence there that night, testi- minutes' hurried consultation. Then fying as it did their sympathy with the he told me that I might tell the peoinnumerable victims of England's ple to return quietly, for that, on the brutal work in Ireland, in India and whole, there was nothing exaggerated in the Transvaal. The eloquent dep- in their demands, and that they, the uty then gave a brief but glowing officials, had the welfare of the people description of the unselfish and ad- at heart as much as I had it myself." mirable work done by Miss Gonne for When Miss Gonne had finished this her, and sacrificed upon the altar of but the applause broke forth again

### CATHOLIC NOTES.

would let the words they would pres- In the first of the month the memently hear from her own lips speak bership of the Catholic Order of Forfor the cause to which she had devot- esters aggregated 95,307. There are more than 1,200 courts.

When the applause that greeted the president's speech had subsided, Miss There is a persistent rumor in the Gonne rose to address the assembly, daily press that Cardinal Ledachonski, But her appearance at the table was prefect of the Propaganda, has rethe signal for an outburst of cheering signed. The Associated Press has so great and generous France," she be- unwise to credit any new story withgan at length, "the country of all peo- out the most indubitable confirmation.

a sympathetic reception. For us Irish Rev. Elias P. Younan, C. S. P., de-France is in a two-fold manner our li red the lectures for non-Catholics second country. Celts and Gauls, we in Epiphany church, Second avenue, are of the same race, and a thousand near 22d street, New York, during the historical souvenirs unite us, time week. Fathers O'Cailaghan, Burke, Joseph is a laborious one and the can-A few lumps were thrown, and fell after time our blood has flown on the Ouimet and Devine completed a two didates must not expect to be entirely was absurd, you know, for a bigger foo upon the lid with a grewsome raute, same battlefield and beneath our al- weeks' mission in this church last free from trials and crosses. In addi-

met those of my brother Tom who ask- brief and stirring mention of the The Holtzman Chapel at the new

to watch the proceedings, I got up encountered my darling Minnie, who to the gallant stand made by the Boers Catholic Church within the next three sat unobserved in a remote corner of of the Transvaal, she said that those months. Two acres of ground have brave men had only to turn to ire- teen donated and subscriptions are

By the will of Katherine McGonigle

forced to surrender. But she was Rev. Father Hendricks of American glad to say that the gallant Boers re- Falls, Idaho, was called to Gentile fused to allow themselves to be, as it Valley the other day in answer to a were, hypnotised by the vaunted pow- petition signed by seventeen non-Caer of England, and she wished from tholic families in that place, who her heart that the Irish people, too, desired to be received into the church.

The congregation of All Saints' the ark who had not gone on board in unarmed population. But, alas! one the regulation manner. The weight of of the terrible results of famine is church, New York, will build a parthe evidence as it is given by the Tal- that at the same time that it deprives ochial school to cost \$100 000. The mudic writers to the effect that Cush its victims of bodily strength, it weak. new building will be a brick edifice is the person referred to by the old- ens his will and saps his energy. En- on the southeast corner of Madison of the "ark-born" man. The sacred ently, counts on her infamous famine stories high and erected on a plot 110 policy to guard her empire in India, feet by 110 feet. W. W. Renwick is her sovereignty in Ireland and if the architect. The congregation has could, would make it her auxiliary, too, a church and rectory that cost \$150,-

For the first time in the history of prove. "During the Irish famine of St. Paul the Apostle, Columbus ave-1897. I visited several of the cabins of nue and 60th street, New York, the 40 the poor," continued Miss Gonne, "and hours' devotion was observed this son of Shem, who was the son of Noah. I was the eye-witness of many a heart year in its strict and literal sense. The rending sight, and knowing only too Bissed Sacrament was exposed for Herbert's note in "Nimrod," volume II., well, as I did, how utterly useless any veneration from last Sunday, March page 37, says: "Kybelc is the ark, and, appeals to the justice of England 9, after the solemn High Mass, until as Cush was begotten in the ark, his would be, it occurred to me, as I look- Tuesday's solemn High Mass. Men posterity were, in a peculiar sense, de- ed upon these poor starving creatures formed special bands to keep watch scended from that ship." Although that I, who did not know what hung- before the Blessed Sacrament Sunday Herbert made no direct reference to er was, I who had never suffered as and Monday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Rev. J. L. O'Neil, O. P., who is so well known to so many congregations throughout the country, is again resting to preserve his health. As the Rosary Magazine editor several years ago he preached in many churches.introducing the New York magazine. Illness compelled his retirement, Recently he established a magazine in San Francisco, Dominicana, but as n illness forces a rest. He will spend three months in the Hawaiian islands.

Thirteen Catholic young men will be given a college education free by pear before the Board of Education the Knights of Columbus of Michigen, and make suplication for their share which assembled next morning in the This was decided upon at a meeting of of the school moneys at a rate of the the Michigan Council, K. of C., heid a year for such pupil, provided that recently in the Hotes Cadillac, Detroit. the teachers employed in the institu-The educational plan is that each tion shall meet the approval of the council in the State will select some Board of School Superintendents. The worthy young tien, who, on recom- bill, according to Senstor Martin, will mendation to the general committee, permit parochial achools and sectarian will be furnished with money raised

> The Catholics of the Archdocese of New York are starting a movement it organise a plierimage to Rome it

BEEKING BUBJECTS

The Sisters of St. Joseph, of La Grange, Illinois, Invitation to Pious Young Girls to Join Their Order. The following communication ra cently received from the Mother Buperior of Nazareth Academy. Grange, Cook county, Ill., will explain itself:

"The humble congregation of St Joseph, in our day so flourishing, was founded in Le Puy, France, in the year 1650, by the Rev. Father Medallle, a saintly missionary of the illustrious Society of Jesus, for the purpose of filling the place left vacant by the plous sisters of the Visitation. when they embraced enclosure. The nembers live by the rule of the mentie Saint Francis de Saies and are governed by the constitutions of the apostolic and sealous Saint Ignatius Loyola.

A Mother House, Novitiate and House of Studies of this Sisterhood has yeen canonically erected in connection with the Boarding School for young ladies and little girls at La-Grange, Illinois, a charming suburban village, located on the Burlington Route fourteen miles from Chicago. This community was established by the Reverend Mother Stanislaus Leary of saintly memory, who also founded the Congregation in the Dioceses of Hochester and Concordia. The Most Reverend Archbishop Feehan is the Superior General of the Sisters of La-Grange and His Grace most heartly approves of their good works, which are solely undertaken for God's greater honor and glory.

The Reverend Regular and Diocesan Clerry and members of the various orders of religious women are earnestly requested to recommend some good vocations to Saint Joseph's Sisterhood. The community is composed of but one grade of members-the workers rank with the teachers and no class distinction exists between them. The Bisters naturally prefer to receive thoroughly educated subjects, but no holy soul, fulfilling the required conditions, and who has a true vocation for the religious life will be rejected. Moreover, it is the custom in the Congregation to educate those young girls whose instruction has been neglected, provided they evince talent, are mentally capable of making the prescribed course of studies, and are sincerely

desirous of persevering in the order. Subjects for this Community must be solidly plous, meek and humble of heart, devoted, obedient and submissive, of an agreeable disposition, possess good bodily health, and be ever ready to go at the call of duty to any part of the United States or Canada: The mission of the Sisters of Saint members visit the sick and dying and prepare them for a proper reception of schools, homes for working girls, night refuges for homeless women-in a word, they direct works of mercy in general.

The Sisterhood does not exact a dowry from its members, but aspirante Louis, and all points east, west are expected to bring whatever money they can, also a supply of the necessary clothing.

All young girls are not intended by our Lord to instruct in the class room the little children whom He so dearly loves; but they can save their immortal souls, assist in extending Christ's Kingdom on earth, and serve poor suffering humanity in other ways; therefore, those who understand the following sciences, arts, or industries, wilk he received into the community and places suited to their individual capabilities will be found for them in the various estallishments; stenography. printing, bookbinding, dressmaking, millinery, lacemaking, embroidery,

dering, nursing, etc., etc.

It is the earnest prayer of the Six other trains derived to the start in God's time their other trains delivered to the start in God's time their other trains delivered to the start in God's time their other trains delivered to the start of the star with the gentle spirit of Christ who are comes Cometans willing to work, suffer and be despised for His sweet sake. With such members only does the Sisterhood hope to accomplish untold good in our dear Lord's vineyard.

If any pious young girl or widow feels in her heart that she is called: by God to give up all that the human heart holds most dear and become His spouse forevermore, she is respectfully Trains leave West Ave. station in instructed to consult her Spiritual 7.45 A M. Week Days. Pitter Director and should be approve of her Express for a Roy, Wares, Silver entrance into the poor, lowly and un- Silver Springs, Perry, Heren ostentatious Congregation of Saint Jo- Salamanaca Brackord Butter and P. seph, she is cordially invited to write

MOTHER SUPERIOR Nazareth Academy, LaGrange, Cook Co., Illinois. PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate of the New York Legislature 1.45 A.M. Deny & by Senator Martin which is designed 11.50 A.M. West to extend to all incorporated schools 7-50 P. M. Daily from P in New York city the privilege of participating in the distribution of school moneys. The bill provides that the representatives of all legally incorporated schools of New York city may apschools, by complying with the condidenominations now do.

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