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Nor false Greek accent which is lurking nigh; applied.

These are his prey, and many a fault When the great statesman's ardent speech, which rings

And stirs the blood of commoners and

Comes to the proofroom, filled with errors thick He sets it right before the types

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The setting of the jewel, it is his' When punctuation its victims wild He who reads proof alone is calm and

He knows the use of every dash and dot. He takes the proofs and conquers on the

Well is he named "corrector of the press" Through him alone the author finds dress. Though types may pi, compositors rehel,

With him to make the copy all is well Yes the proof reader's art shall still be Alert intent the power behind the throne:

Nor think his hidden fame or fortune For him the doing is its reward' Eleanor W. F. Bates, in the Proofsheet,

"So you won't marry Hawkins Jesformed an ominous arch on his forehead, and nearly frightened his daigh-

bravely to her guns "No, father," said she "Oh, how can you ask me when you know I don't love him and never can?

"Never is a long word" "Yes, ather, I know it is, but indeed indeed I mean it"

'Oh, you do" said the squire in slow and measured tones. "Now let me tell you this It isn't that you don't limb Jossup, but that you've been goosey it, Miss Pepper?" enough to fall in love with that young idiot, George Lakel* Mary reddened.

"Papa" "There's no use mineing matters," said the irate squire. "An artist, in- the squire. deed! Why doesn't he go into whitewashing and kalsomining and earn his living?"

"But, father-" "Don't try to argue with me, miss" Lake comes into my house, he'll be put senting parents

out of it pretty quick! And so you may tell him' So saying the squire strode out of

the house in a rage. Mary looked after him with soft sorstraight features, as unlike the rotund and positive squire as possible. But as she laid down the iron with which she was "doing up" her father - shirts - the squire would have thought it a sin to employ a launiress while his daughter enjoyed her ordinary health she leaned against the window where the arrowy sunbrighs came in through the tremulous vell of heart shaped morning-glory leaves and drew from her pocket a note written in a strong

"My Dearest Mary, I love you Will you promise to be my wife despite all opposition? Will you tell me so with your own lips? Yours till death "GEORGE"

masculine hand:

How her eyes glittered as she read and re-read the simple 'mes, pressing them finally to her red .lps.

"I do love him, and I will be him wife!" she murmured. "And I will tell him so the first opportunity I get Only papa!" A momentary cloud stole over her serene brow at this, but it was transient. "I don't believe in elopements," fixing her eyes on the paper inher hand. "I never did. But if my father persists in opposing our marriage, I will go out into the world with

George." Just as this revolutionary thought passed through her mind the door creaked on its hinges. A heavy, well known footstep sounded on the thresh-

"It's father!" cried Mary

In her fright our poor little heroine could not find her pocket in the multitudinous folds of her dress. For a second she was in imminent danger of detection; then she hurriedly trust the incendiary document into the yawning mouth of a paper-bag of seed-corn which hung by the window. The next minute Squire Bergamot was in the

"Mary," said he, "go up-stairs to the left hand corner of my middle bureau drawer and get me a clean handker-

Mary went out with a dubious glance at the nail on which hung the bag of corn. When she returned the room was empty, and her father was just climbing up into his lumb r-box wagon near the picket fence.

"Bring it out here," said the squire, "I'm going over to Miss Polly Pepper's to get my empty cider cask. She might have had the sense to return it!" He stowed the handkerchief into his pocket, and was just seizing the reins

when Mary ran out.

"Father, that bag of corn-" "It's all right-I promised some to Miss Pepper, and this is already shelled," said the squire. "But, father!" gasped poor Mary, "let me tie it up first."

"Nonsense!" said the squire, "I jest folded over the top, and it'll go as snua as a thief in a mill, right a top of my bags of meal." Away he rattled over the stony road as he spoke, and poor Mary ran back into the kitchen, to cry herself into s

second Niobe. 'Oh, my letter, my letter," sobbed she; "why was I such an idiot as te put it in there!" Miss Polly Pupper, a gainst spinster

of a very uncertain age, and a very certain infirmity of temper, opened the bag of seed corn as the squire drove

"Might a-brought it before," said she "It was promised to me last fall I do despise these folks that are always putting off things. Mercy upon us What is this?" and she drew out the note "Some recipe that that shiftless Mary's tucked away here, to get it out of the way No it ain't. It's a love letter and to me! 'My dearest Mary! and signed 'George'-George Washing ton Bergamot, that's his name Well I do declare! Ain't he far gone? 'All opposition.' I s'pose he means Mary and my two brothers-in-law, that think a woman over forty hain't no business to marry' But I'll see them further afore I'll let them overturn my matrimonial prospects—see if I don't' 'Tell him with my own lips' Of course I will! I'll go right over there at once Delays is dangerous—and if he really

is in such a hurry---' Miss Polly's fingers trembled as she took her little cork-screwy curls out of their papers and pinned on a fresh collar, tled by a blue ribbon

"Blue's the color of love," said she to herself, with a simper, "and it was so romanth of my dear George to think of proposing in a bag of seed corn!" The squire was at his supper when Miss Pepper walked in flushed with her long expedition on foot

"Set down and have a bite, won" you?" said the squire "Mary, fetch Miss Pepper a clean plate."

Miss Pepper took advantage of the momentary absence of her step-daughter-elect to proceed directly to busi-"George," cried she almost hysteri-

cally, "I am yours!" "Eh?" said the squire "For ever and ever!" said Miss Pep-

per, flinging herself on the collar of his "Are you crazy?" said the squire, jumping up from the table "You asked me to be your wife," said Miss Polly, meltingly

"I didn't!" said the squire. "Then what does this letter mean. sup?' said Squire Bergamot, knitt'ng eh?" demanded Miss Polly. "It's as his black brows together until they clear a declaration of love as ever was writ And good ground to sue on The squire stared at the sheet of pa-

> phantly over his head "But I didn't write it," gasped he "Then who did?" demanded Miss

> Pepper Just at this moment, Mary entering with fresh tea and a olean plate. caught sight of the letter "It's mine!" she cried, with a sudden

eyes. "My letter! How dared you read Question at me "I got it out of the bag of seed corn," protested the spinster

"And I put it there for safe keeping," blushingly acknowledged Mary "Who wrote it?" sternly demanded

And Mary confessed

"George Lake, papa" appointed expectations. And the squire just so much creek to me. Sporting a copy of "Seven Lectures" and dis-"I'll have came to the conclusion that true love news is pretty dull just now, so they none of it, and so I tell you! If George would have its way in spite of all dis- sent me out on this."

"Papa," said Mary, "may I have George? "I don't care," said the squire And that, in his case, passed for any affirmation. But the squire remains a rowful eyes. She was a delicate, oval- widower still, and Miss Pepper's

b. autifully less"

Great Men Wear Armor. From 1885 to the time of his death, the late czar of Russia, Alexander III never appeared outside his to droom in d clothes and uniform, but the czar's unwillingness to go even to a cabinet council without it was an open secret

in all the courts of Europe.

the last arrests of Nihilists students at irae." Odessa he has worn a shirt of nickel chamber stands a Cossack guard day a missal if he saw one. and night, and from every dish that is watcher in the court kitchen must ea ical matter they go astray and a mounthful before it is served, to prevent any chance of poisoning.-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Well-Paid European Rulers.

Italy can have 10,000 men slaughteres

in Abyssinia and still pay her king

\$2,600,000 a year, while the price of macaroni is going steadily down. The civil list of the German emperor h to the royal family. The czar of al the Russias owns in fee simple 1,000, is of a saving disposition, will be one of the richest sovereigns in Europi when he comes of age. The state al lows him \$1,400,000 a year, with an ad ditional \$600,000 for family expenses We are said to be the richest nation on earth, yet our president's salary i only \$50,000 a year. It was only \$25,00 from 1789 to 1873-Grant's second term Of course, there are some president not worth to the country anything lik \$50,000 a year. The services of other are of incalculable value.-New York Press

CATHOLIC NEWS.

MATTERS ARE REPORTED.

By Young Scribes of the Securar

says R. C. Gleaner, in Columbian.

would select men for such duties who not elapsed. were qualified for the work by reason "The watch tower" is the appropriate of being members of the Church

of information as to enable them to York caty, a council called Dongan approach their assignment with the council, after the famous Catholic Govspirit of intelligence. The reverse ernor of New York colony in the sevseems, however, to be the rule." The enteenth century, whose duty is to priest then details a roent experience correct errors concerning the Church

in these words formation, and, seeing me there, asked in time scribes and "cads" of reporters me to tell him in advance just what would learn to be more careful. was going to be done. I sat down and he pulled out his pad of paper and began to take notes. In my description of the ceremonies I mentioned the One Fortunate Old Lady Who Did acolytes. He stopped his writing and looked up at me with a puzzied ex-

pression. "'How do you spell that?' he asked. "I told him and he put it down. Then he looked up again and asked.

'bay, what are acolytes, anyhow?' "Briefly, I told him what accelytes eer out of her senses. But Mary stood per as Miss Pepper waved it trium- are, and then went on with my de scription of the ceremonies. In doing so I mentioned that the Brothers were of the questions proved that there was to take a certain part. Again the re. a considerable number of fallenaway porter looked up and asked:

"Say, what Brothers?" "I gave him a brief explanation of the Brothers, and he took it all in. pews. dycing of the cheek and glipter of the When I had concluded he fired another

> Say, what's the difference between the Brothers and the priests" "It was now my turn to ask questions and I did so. What is this any and there, but as soon as Benediction

paper, young man? Horse races. "'Mostly sporting, he answered, not ed in the blood of Ohrdst and i am Miss Pepper went home, crying in the least abashed 'I never tack ed saved now!" Before the missionary heartily with mortified pride and dis- a proposition like this before, and it is could find his breath she had grabbed

"He was so frank about the matter and realized his own limitations so capable of further sin. It might have well that I couldn't feel angry with surprized her to be told that we behim, and actually had to laugh at the bewildered air with which he approached the whole matter I haed faced girl with light brown hair and chances grow "smaller by degrees and him up as well as I could, but never

> that his paper printed" Chicago reporters are not the only ones who make a fearful mess in trying to describe ordinary Catholic services. A Columbus reporter, years study without a fine steel suit of mail, ago, had a pricet singing pontifical which would protect his body, back high mass of requiem at 3 o'clock in and front, between his colear bon, and the afternoon of a Good Friday, and his loins, from the dagger of the ts- he was told by a friend the next time able and stole for the pickage and sassin. Excepting his valet and his the attempted to write up a Catholic wife, nobody had seen his suit of mail. Church service it would be wise for as it was worn between the under- him to learn the difference between a

> bishop and an altar. A New York reporter once had Arch. Bismarck at one time wore such a thurbble on his head and giving the coat, as did also, Stambouloff and blessing with his richly ornamented Crispi. The Italian premier, indeed, chasubuel. The London, Ontario, Cath. as we have before noted, still wears, ohe Record, as quoted by The Tele, God was their lowly service that, as for protection from the assassin's bul- graph, says: "The famous Ohicago re- St. Bernard was preaching on the Feast let or knife, a light shirt of mail of porter who spoke of Cardinal Satolli of the Assumption, angels brought double thickness over the heart. None as wearing a tonsure on his shoulder him tidings of the humble layof these men, however, resorted to and carrying a thurifer on his head brother who in a lonely farm was resuch precaution until repeated attmpts is just now in Rome. His liest liem peating the Ave Maria with extraordiat assassination had been made. True it is that "uneasy lies the head that formance of church ceremonies Cardimary devotion. Nicholas II. of Russia has waited for nai Parocchi sits beneath the valdano such attempt on his life. Ever since whin, stiff and motionless as a dies-

> Wonderful as this piece of news is and steel, onerous as the garment must the Chicago Record-Herald of Holy Into the Catholic Church at St. John's be to a man of his inferior physique Saturday printed this piece of exclu-church, Tharteenth and Chestnut and lethargic habits. Still stranger sive information-no doubt for the edistories of his fear and caution have fication (?) of its Catholic readers: penetrated the walls of the imperial "The ceremonial of Maundy Thursday palace and gained credence among the the day following Good Friday dutes people of his capital. Although no dag-ger has been laid on his pillow to unnerve him, and no warning of death Thursday following Friday is unusual birth and is a member of a distinguishhas been put under his dinner plate even in Chicago latitude, and the wise to plague him, the czar never visite scribe adds that the Pope washes the his dinner table or bed without the feet of twelve beggars that day. "by company of a trusted attendant. At command of the missal." One wonevery door of the dining-room and bed ders if the journalistic lad would know ing, was one of the most prominent

> No wonder, when such scribes come served at the imperial table a special to dabble in any theological or histortheir readers the same route. bulk of information people have these phia, where he devoted his time to the days on every subject comes from the study of Catholic doctrines. daily paper and it is so, say they, because they saw it in the paper. Too often the paper will not correcerror when attention is politely called

to it. Not so long ago a prominent daily about \$4,000,000 a year, besides large paper of Ohio answered a correstanrevenues from vast estates belonging dent, who asked the quesidon: "Can' parties be married without a license; provided the banns of such marriage 000 square miles of cultivated land are published in due form in a church and enjoys an income of \$12,000,000. The three times?" by saying: "No. Every king of Spain, little Alfonso XIII, if he one must first procure a permit or license from the Probate Court." When their attention was called to the statute law of Ohio on the subject which provides for publication of the the Pope during jubilee year. banns, the editor ignored entirely the banns, th ceditor ignored entirely the communication, and Catholic parties claimed the editor was correct until eyes. Section 6389 of the Revised Statutes of Obio reads:

"Previous to persons, being joined marriage, notice phereof which by on May M.

published (in the presence of the congregation) on two different days of public worship; the first publication to be at least ten days previous to such THE AMUSING WAY CHURCH marriage, within the county where the female resides; or, a liceuse shall be obtained for that purpose from the Probate Judge in the county where

such female may reside." This is very plain; publication of Newspapers-A Society in New the banns or a license, provided ten York City to Correct the Errors of days elapse between the first publica-Incompetent Reporters of Catholic tion and the marriage; no license is needed, the officiating clergyman in that case making a due return of the The manner in which reporters on marriage to the Probate Court.

he daily journals describe Catholic The case might happen that parties services and celebrations is often most were published on Sunday, then on a amusing, in fact, frequently ludicrous, boly day of obligation occurring during the week and the third time on the A priest in Chicago told a reporter following Sunday and the marriage to the other day that it was amazing the take place on the next Menday or absolute ignorance the average repor- Tuesday. then, notwithstanding the ter had in church matters, and added. publication of the banns the law de-"One would suppose that the papers mands a license because ten days have

name given to a committee of a counwho at least had such a general store cil of Knights of Columbus in New appearing in the daily papers. Each "There was an imposing church ser- member of the council, no matter in vice to take place in which I was to what paper he sees an error or caltake part with many other priests. A uniny against the Church, informs this short time before the services were committee and it acts promptly. Such to begin a reporter for one of the pa. a communities might well be formed in pers came to the parish house for in every important centre and city and

SAVED ALREADY.

Not Need a Mission. mission for non-Catholics was given at Our adLy of oLurdes church, Cleveland, O. The weather was unfavorable to the last degree. Flerce wind storms, rain, show and cold was the combination evolved by the weather-man to check a too-enthusiastic attendance. In spite of all many non-Catholics were present and the nature Catholics in the audiences. A striking feature of the mission was the predominance of youthful faces in the

Speaking on purgatory, the missionary asked if there was anyone in the church who felt that he was perfect enough to enter at once into God's presence. There was no response then how? A theological class?' I inquired, was over an elderly lady made her What kind of work do you do for your way to the Communion rating and said in emphatic tones. "I was wash-'sancufied" contingents of the Methedist church who believe they are inheve no one is saved except through the blood of Christ, just as much, as to learn that the real saints have all worked out their salvation in fear and had the courage to look at the report trembling, fearing with St. Paul that, after all their graces and good leeds,

> they should still become castaways. BREAD OF INDOLENCE. In the Cistercian abbeys nothing was

allowed to interfere with the allotted portion of manual labor. The priest on finishing mass exchanged his chasuspade. St. Bernard broke off all of hi sermons on the Canticles because the monks must go to work. The choirmonks cultivated the lands near the church, and the lay-brothers the disbishop Corrigan wearing a going tant farms. When the bell rang for the office, the latter knelt down in the fields, and said such vocal prayers as they knew by heart. So acceptable to

> "NOTHER MINISTER CONVERT. Rev. John B. Elwing, an Episcopal clergyman formerly connected with the Diocese of Vermont, was received streets. Philadelphia a few weeks ago. by Rev. Nevin S. Fisher. Shortly afterward he was privately confirmed at the Cathedral by Archbishop Ryan, Mr. Ewing is a Philladelphian by ed colonial family. He was born in 1871. He is by no means the first of the Ewings to accept the Catholic faith, for his grandfather, Rofert Ew-Catholics of Philadelphia, Mr. Ewing's mother was an Episcopalian and meared him in that church. In Decomber he resigned his pastorate at Woodstock, Vt., and went to Philadel-

The New York Paulist Fathers collected in 35 donations the sum of \$420 for a new organ for the chapel of their Washington house of studies. The sum of \$890 was collected for the Pope, This church was as essed \$1,000 for this special collection in the archdio-

W. Bourke Cockren was one of the passengers on the Kaiserin Maria Theresa sailing for Gibraltar. Naples and Genoa recently. It is understood that Mr. Cockran is one of the American Catholics visiting Rome to see

Mrs. Donnelly, the mother of the Rev. Eugene J. Donnelly, rector of St. Michael's church in Mushing, has givthe law was placed under their very en \$10,000 to the church for the erection of a marble alter, in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of her some codination, which to so be colebrate