Out of the Way Hiding Places In Which the Persecuted Priests Eluded Their Pursuers - Secret Rooms and Chapels Where Mass Was Said.

There lived long ago in the old troublous times in England a Jesuit named Nicholas Owen, who devoted the greater part of his life to constructing hiding places for persecuted priests.

No precedents were allowed to bias the choice of hiding holes in those who designed them, for the more remarkable the place the less likelihood there was of its being discovered. One house would have its secret room in a chimney, entered from the hearthstone, though cases are recorded in which a cown upon them the anger of the chimney pot unsullied by smoke has led to the detection of the prey; another would utilize a sliding or swinging picture, like that one in Lyme Hall. Cheshire; an innocent looking "settle" would prove the entrance to a hole or a false floor which would accommodate refugees.

bles close to the ceiling. It is triangusounded there is no hollow sound from mixed tribunal the cavity behind, where no doubt the . crucifix and sacred vessels were se-

hiding place in the thickness of the | the government announces that a spewall large enough to contain a man standing upright: Like the other, the the case, and that this deputy will be door or entrance forms part of the instructed not to be lenient should plaster wall Again, in one of the pas- | the defendants be found guilty | Evisages of this curious old mansion are further evidences of the hardships to which Catholic priests were subjected | mere form All of which goes to show -a trap in the floor, which can only be opened by pulling up what exteriorly appears to be the head of one of he who incurs the wrath of the the nails of the flooring. By raising | nese law is the most unenviable of this a spring is released and a trap | culprits-Indianapolis Journal door opened revealing a large hole with a narrow ladder leading down into it. When this hiding place was discovered in 1830 its contents were significant - viz. a crucifix and two an cient petronels

celebrated in these secret chapels it politics with the same energy she was customary to inform the neighbor- used to display in society. She was hood by some such understood signs the chief figure in the socialist conas the hanging out of linen to dry on , ference in Northampton recently and the hedges hard by

The narrow escape of some of the ideals captured her audience persecuted priests would fill several When Lad. Warwick came on the volumes, and for fhrilling excitement platform she vas met with a strum that of Father Blount at Scotneo cas- of cheers S'e was superbly dre tie, the old house of the Darralis on in brown velvet with a large pic the borders of Kent and Sussex, is a hat good example.

operations. In the inner quadrangle case of socialism of the mission was a very remarkable "In spite of harsh criticisms of my fect an entrance to the hiding place strict adherence to principle within. Upon the approach of the enemy Father Blount and his servant hastunktely for the fugitives, some one in the secret in passing the spot happened the secret in passing the this telltale fragment sonal note. When the was ride and called gently to those within to endeavor to puil it in, which they succooded in doing.

-- At this moment the pursuers were at work in another part of the castle, but, hearing the voice in the courtyard, reshed into it and commenced battering the walls and at times upon the very door of the hiding place, which would have given way had not those within put their combined weight against it to keep it from yielding. It was a pitchy dark night, and it was pelting with rain, so after a time, discouraged at finding nothing and wet to the skin, the soldiers put off further search until the following morning.

Few hiding places are associated with so tragic a story as that at Moyles Court, Hants, where the venerable Lady Alice Lisie in pure charity hid partisens of Monmouth, John Hicks and Bichard Nelthorpe, after the battle of Bedgemoor, for which humane action she was bondenned to be burned allve by Judge Jeffreys, a sentence commuted afterward to beheading. It is difficult to associate this peaceful old Jacobean mansion and the simple tomb in the churchyard hard by with so terrible a history. A dark hole in the wall of the kitchen is traditionally said to be the place of concealment of the fuactives who threw themselves on Lady Alice's mercy, but a dungeon-like celfar looks a much more likely place.-Benziger's Magazine.

The Blessed Virgin. No one can possess even a limited acquaintance with the writings of the fathers of the early Church without acquiring the conviction that the Catholic Church has always believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary was absolutely tons of steel rails over the corresinless. Everywhere in the great Christian writings of the first six centuries we find her spoken of as "all holy," "undefiled," "most pure," and never under the power of the demon.

THE CHINESE EDITOR.

Siant-Eyed Journalists.

In Germany the position of a newspaper editor is a precarious one. He must be very careful not to criticise the emperor, or otherwise to incur the wrath of the press censor, or he will be thrown into jail and his paper will be suspended. But in China it is even worse. The offending editor who expresses opinions contrary to merciful guise.

Several months ago a preacher of reform in Pekin was beaten to death with bamboo rods. Later the editors of the publication called "Supao" were charged with sedition. Ther sedition consisted in advocating more modern methods in the administration of the government. This brought dowager empress, who ordered their instant apprehension. It appears, however, that the editors had realized the enormity of their offense, for they tought refuge in the foreign reservation, where they came under the protection of the consulates.

The question whether the daring newspaper men should be surrendered At Upton Court a curious place for | to the native authorities was referred concealment exists in one of the ga- to the legations. It was certain that if this should be done cruel and barlar in shape and is opened by a spring barous punishments would follow bolt that can be unlatched by pulling | The British consul stoutly opposed a string which runs through a tiny giving the fugifives up, but, for some hole pierced in the framework of the reason or other. United States Minis door of the adjoining room The door | ter Conger sided with the Russ'en of the hiding place swings upon a 17010 centative who wished to accede pivot and externally is thickly covered to the Chinese demand. An agreewith plaster, so as to resemble the rest | ment was finally reached to detain of the wall, and is so solid that when the newspaper men for trial by a

The trial has not yet taken place On nothing more than an accusation the men have been kept in prison, all Not far off in an upper garret is a hail having been refused. And now cial deputy will be appointed to ear dently the penalty has already been decided upon, and the trial will be a that the life of the Chinese editer is now one grand sweet song. and

Charming Socialistic Countess.

The countess of Warwick, who was the Lady Brooke of the Tanby Croft scaudal of a decade ago, is becoming a winning speaker and worker in the On the occasion that Mass was to be cause of socialism. She has entered her charming talk on communistic

. Lady Warwick was not given any One Christmas night toward the close special pride of place either at the of Elizabeth's reign the custle was meeting or in the advertisen ts. meized by a party of priest hunters. This is do not a due to the ct who, with their usual mode of proce- that social on I nows no distinctions dure locked up the members of the of class in it speech she declared family securely before starting on their her whole he ted devotion to the

and ingenious device. A large stone of humble self and some of them have the solid wall could be pushed aside, been very harsh " she said, "I feel Though of immense weight, it was so no apology is needed for joining an balanced and adjusted that it required organization which, whatever its only a slight pressure on one side to ef- faults, has always been known for

"Loyalty to noble principle has made German socialism strong, and tened to the courtyard and entered the | will emancipate labor in England if vanit, but in their barry to close the equal unity is preserved. The re weighty door a small portion of one of I go about the country the stranger their girdles got jammed in, so that a hecomes my conviction that in socialpart was gisible from the outside, For- lam is the only true salvation of the workers."

Then Lady Warwick touched a perimagination of her detractors. So did her red motor car. "Nevertheless." she went on, "it remains in color and service the true alley of the socialist party, and is at the service of any genuine socialist candidate

"I am always being taunted," she went on again, "with being the owner of land. I happen to own 3,000 acres in this county, but I cannot help that. The remedy lies with the people to alter the law of entail."

County Ravaged by Cancer.

It is estimated that before long, if the present rate of increase continues there will be one case of cancer in every third Somerset household, Ingland.

The last available returns show thet among the half million inhabitants of Somerset there were 458 cancer deaths in one year, being about per cent of the deaths from all causes. In 20 years the rate has risen from 20 to 34 deaths in the Taunton Union, from 9 to 17 in the Langport Union, 14 to 18 at Chard, 14 to 29 at Yeovil, 6 to 10 at Wincanton, and 8 to 21 at Frome.

Dr. H. Page, medical officer of Yeovil, said that he believed that he increase was real, and not due merely to more accurate diagnosis. No spe cial reason could be assigned for the remarkable increase.

Mexico bought 137 locomotives and 23.308 tons of steel rails from the United States in eleven months of 1904 calendar year. This was an increase of 70 locomotives and 21.000 sponding period of 1903.

While Germany has 6,500,000 women who earn their own living, Italy, with only one-half the population, has 5,-

THE CHORUS GIRL'S GRIN.

Death Penalty Eternally Hangs Over it Prevents Her from Singing Even

When She Knows How, in detcase of the chorus girl and for her renabilitation in the eyes-or, to be more literal, in the ears-of Lose who would admire her if they could, a local musician comes forward with a scientific explanation of why she cannot sing, says the Philadephia Record.

ments than at other times.

"If you are anything of a singer can do in that line while giving that peculiar, inviting kind of a smile in which the girl in the front row of the never be accused of ability to sing air of people who do not wish to lose line, or could once, but that grin prevents it because of the way it causes the muscles of the throat and mouth to work."

Spectacle Wearing in Germany. Discussing the short-sightedness of recruits, which is beginning to cause grave anxiety to the German war office, the Pall Mall says that "the causes assigned are too much literature, the cramped horizon of towns, and, in a great many instances, the failure to appreciate a Weltpolitik." But, after all, the main cause of space tacle-wearing in the members of both sexes is German type, which is much greater strain on the eyes than Roman letters Bismarck himself, who had to take to glasses long before he was out of office, was strongly of this opinion, though, from mogress the abolition of the Gothic type, and ground, and several newspapers and numerous scientific works are printed! in Roman type which the emperor himself is said to faror

Artificial and Natural Silk.;

form of reads by the aid of an acid.

siles are seen to differ from natural silks by possessing thicker threads. The artificial silks are also distended by water, the threads increasing from . one-third to one-half in thickness. men hair -- Exchange

A Lake of Soft Soap.

soda and sulphate of magnesia. It is of the high rates travel was conone of those few stretches of water fined mainly to merchants and lawcutside of works of fiction which are yers. The passenger, with an allowactually lashed to form by the action | ance of 50 pounds of baggage, paid of the elements. It is in reality a at the rate of 10 cents a mile. It is lake of soft soap. When rubbed on poted that Clay and Lincoln were any greasy object a fine rich lather among the frequent passengers. is instantly formed.

The natives take it externally and internally, besides using it for a corn cure and a hair wash. They are not Mecca has reached Maan, on the pilblind, either, to the commercial possibilities of their lake, for last year Damascus, and not fan from the head they exported four demijohns of the of the Gulf of Akaba, and a celebra-

Timber in India.

There is a growing demand in India for timber other than teak, owing to the increase of factories and of coal mines, while there is also a large export. The oldest form of cultivation practiced by the forest tribes of India was to burn a good patch of wood land, leaving all the trunks bare and black, and then to sow among the fertilizing ashes a miserable crop of grain. This was done for two years, by which time the jungle plants grew up and choked everything. In this way perhaps \$2,000 worth of timber was killed to grow \$20 worth of grain. As some of these tribes to this day know no other way to grow corn, they resent being interfered with and revenge themselves by arson and more forests are destroyed.

Auctions in Japan. puts up the object to be sold and asks for bids. Each bidder then caper and deposits it in a box. The over to the one who has offered the Health.

Chinese Cotton Mills. Thirteen hours and a half constitute the working day of a Chinese mill hand in the cotton factories.

most for it.

though in some of the mills there is a night shift working but ten hours. In spite of the long hours the pay is very small, the best workers receiving but 12 cents a day.

The number of bodies burned in the eight crematories of Germany last Year Was 1.074.

DUTCH GREATEST SMOKERS.

Humidity of the Climate and Gheapness of Tobacco.

The Hollanders are, perhaps, of all the northern peoples, those who smoke the most. The humidity of their climate makes it almost a necessity, and the very moderate cost of tobacco renders it accessible to all. To show how deeply rooted is the habit, it is enough to say that the "The chorus girl," says this expert, boatmen of the trekschuit, the aquatthose of the administraton is liable "is required above all things else to ic diligence of Holland, measure dissmile. It is not merely a pleasing and tarce by smoke. From here, they pleased expression that is demanded, so to such and such a place, it is, but a broad grin, which must be con- no. so many miles, but so many stant and broader at the critical mo- pipes. When you enter a house, after the first salutations, your host offers you a cigar; when you take; yourself and will try to see what you leave he hands you another, and often insists upon filling your cigar case.

In the streets you see persons lighting a fresh cigar with the burning chorus is an adept, you will see the stump of the last one, without pauspoint. Most chorus girls who would ing in their walk, and with the busy can nevertheless do a little in that a moment of time or a mouthful of smok Many go to sleep with pipe in mouth, relight it if they wake in the night, and again in the morning before they step out of bed. It really does appear that smoking is for the Dutchman a necessary vital function. Many people think that so much smoke dull the intelligence. Nevertheless, if there be a people, as Esquiroz justly observes, whose intellect is of the clearest and highest precision, it is the Dutch people.

"Smoke," said a Hollander, "is our second breath." Another defined the c. tir as the sixth finger of the hunds. -Pearson's Weekly

Ceiminal Bronce Busting. here are several ways of breaking a bronco to the saddle, of which the L st rational and less used is to beof patriotism, he would not hear of gin with the young colt and sceusto him by slow degrees to halter, blanket bridle and saddle. The usual invariably refused the gift of any book practice of the Indian is to choke the the anti-Gothic party is now gaining pony into temporary submission and n'ride and beat him until his spirit

is - okens, Sarving the pony into good behavior is an even more brutal method of subjugation, which, although occasionally employed with especially mean, audiented in the control of the control o Several processes are now employed popular, and a cowboy would adopt it in Germany, Switzerland and France at the cost of his reputation among for the manufacture of artificial his fellows. In this process the pony effk, and one of the German associatis is tied to a stake and starved, until tions is said to be negotiating for the from sheer weakness he accepts food establishment of a factory in the without lashing out with his heels. United States In one of the latest While yet feeble from starvation he is processes cellulose dissolved in am gradually trained with a sack to bear more ated oxide of copper is directl. burdens, and familiarized with saddle sepreted from this solution in the and bridle until, when his strength returns, he forgets that he has never I'n fer the microscope all artificial been regularly broken, Co ntry Life in America.

The Old National Road. When the panic of 1837 swept over whin GARTEN while natural elles do not perceptibly barely half-way through Illinois. No distend when wet Artificial silk is work was done on it after 1841. Two used instead of straw for making years before, however, a line of stages hate It serves well for passement and post routes had been started te es and embroideries and produces from Cumberland, in Maryland to an excellent quality of imitation hu- Terre Haute, in Indiana, from which latter place there was a tri-weekly service for passengers and mail to Springfield, Ill. This marked the first Nicaragua contains a lake distir. overland travel from east to west. guished above other similar bodies Passengers and mail bags were joited Its waters hold a strong solution of along in cumbersome coaches, each hicarbonate of potash, bicarbonate of with four strong horses. On account

The Railroad to Mecca.

The railroad from Damascus to grim route, nearly 300 miles wouth of water to neighboring Gautemala.— thon was necessity held at that point, Boston Transcript. In which a deputation from Medina, where Mohammed's body rests, took

The primary purpose of this railroad is announced to be the assistance of pilgrims on their way to and from Mecca: But it will also possess strategic value for the Turkish gove ernment, which is pushing it, and for, the world at large it is of importance because it cannot fall to let the infiu ences of civilized life into a region's sadly in need of them. Mecce has lorg been notorious as a breeding place of cholera and other epidemic diseases, which spread over the globe -Youth's Companion.

Your Bedroom Atmosphere. On the tombstone of tens of thous sands of those who have died from, tuberculosis might appropriately be instribed, "Disease and death were invited, and seacouraged by a death-dealing bearoom climate."

To show that this is no exaggera-They have a queer way of holding tion, it is only necessary to call at auctions in Japan. The auctioneer tention to the fact that fully half the tubercular pati ints placed in outdoor consumptive hospitals make a satiswrites the highest price on a bit of factory recovery. If fresh are will not cure the disease, it is certainly box is opened and the object handed wonderful preventive of . ft.—Good

Pennsylvania Tunnel.

Among the interesting facts about the new Pennsylvania railroad tunnel and terminal in New York are theses Total cost, \$60,000,000, in addition to the \$10,000,000 for the station site, on which were about 300 dwelfings; daily train capacity 900; passenger accommodation daily, 200,000; men at work, about 10,000; time required for trip under the Hudson, two minutes.

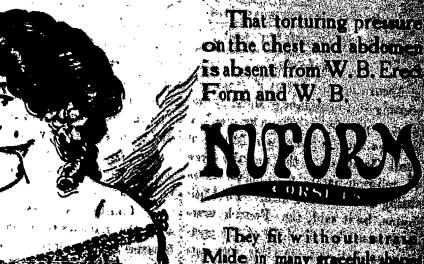
Japan persists in its refusal to allow foreigners to secure any property, mines, mortgages or railways.





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