

A Tap at the Door. A hand tapped at my door, low down, low down; I opened it and saw two eyes of brown.

INTERESTING MISCELLANY.

A STORY OF THE CHARTREUSE.

Brother Anselm, night porter at the Grande Chartreuse Monastery, has just died. It was under this humble name that M. de Brecourt, who once played such a brilliant part in the highest Parisian society, finished his days.

DESERVES THE PRAISE OF EVERY PROTESTANT.

Dr. Leech of the San Francisco Methodist Episcopal Church, said recently: "Some of the newspapers have severely criticized Father Sherman for officiating at General Sherman's funeral, he being the General's son. Did not the Rev. John Wesley deliver the discourse at the burial of his illustrious mother, Susanna Wesley? I think Father Sherman's filial devotion in suppressing his natural emotions of grief and tenderly reciting the ritual for the dead at the funeral and grave of his distinguished father is worthy of the highest commendation."

IS A MAN OR WOMAN THE BRAVER?

The editor of a Belgian paper, the Patriote, of Brussels, conceived the curious idea of appealing to his readers for answers to the question: "Whether men in full possession of their senses, and certain that death is at hand, resign themselves to their fate more courageously than women placed in the same circumstances?"

ORIGIN OF VESPERS.

The word "Vespers" is from the Latin Vespera, which signifies the evening star. The Church commands Catholics to attend Mass, but attendance at Vespers is voluntary. It is by its nature an expression of gratitude to God.

It is a recognition of the command of God to Moses to "praise Him in the evening," and to Solomon to "offer sacrifices in the evening." In the evening the Lord called His disciples together. In the evening He was taken from the cross and buried. These are the reasons for, and the origin of, the service of Vespers.

At the beginning of the service the priest comes to the front of the altar and recites the words of Jesus wherein He taught His disciples how to pray, and follows with the prayer known as the Hail Mary. He then utters the prayer, "O Lord, come to my assistance." "O Lord, make haste to help me." The first Psalm recites how "The Lord said unto my Lord sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

THE OLD SOLDIER'S TRIAL.

During an expedition of the French into Kabylia, a desperate charge of the Arabian cavalry forced a company of Zouaves into a narrow defile, where they held out against the enemy until reinforced from the main body. It was a fierce encounter, and was attended with great loss on both sides.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

BOY CHARACTER.

It is the greatest delusion in the world for a boy to get the idea that his life is of no consequence, and that the character of it will not be noticed. A manly, truthful boy will shine like a star in any company.

WHAT A BOY DOES.

A boy comes out of the front door bright-faced and happy. He comes out for no particular reason, save that he wants to be moving about. He is full of physical action and must get some of it out of him before bed time, or he doesn't fit to sleep.

RED WATER IN A TUNNEL.

When workmen were engaged in the Daniel Webster mine at Virginia City, Nev., at the depth of three hundred feet beneath the surface they struck a "flow" of water of very strange character.

A PREACHER'S CONFESSION.

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A FATHER'S KISS.

A father was seeing his son off on the cars for some distant point. There was a moment of quiet conversation between the two, perhaps a few words of such advice as a father should give a son, and then the train came thundering into the station.

"Tired All the Time."

So many poor men and women who seem overworked, or are debilitated by change of season, climate or life. If you could read the hundreds of letters praising Hood's Sarsaparilla which come from people whom it has restored to health, you would be convinced of its merits.

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The great bell cast during the reign of...

Moscow apparently leads the world in the number and size of its bells. It had at one time over one thousand seven hundred large bells, and as many as five thousand of all sizes.

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Otherine has been consecrated as a chapel, the door being an aperture six feet high by seven wide at the base, which broke and fell out during the fire of 1737, when water came in contact with the heated metal.

BOYS ON THE FARM.

The decadence of farming of late years is largely due to the undeniable fact that city life has offered greater attractions as well as greater profits to the young.

THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL.

Buffalo Union and Times. The Italian difficulty will open the eyes of some Americans to the position of the Holy Father more effectually than any number of resolutions at a Catholic Congress.

PROTESTANT TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH.

Rev. Cunningham Galke, D. D., in an article, "Revering the Masses," says: "The monks, who, in their purity and zeal, won land after land for Christ, were as poor as the apostles or as their Lord."

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