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A SERMON BY A STRAM ENGINE ON CAPITAL AND LABOR. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." That is what I said to the great, hot, panting engine as I passed by it on leaving the railway station, after a jour-ney of two hundred miles, travelling at lightning speed, and arriving "on time," and as sate as if I had been rocked in a cradle. "Yes, old fellow," said I, "you did your work (I was going to add "like a man," but I corrected myself and said) like an engine, and "the laborer is like an engine, and 'the laborer is worthy of his hire.' You look dirty and smoke-begrimed, as all laborers do, and more organized, as an later to, and as I hear you panting for breath, it is evident that you are quite heated and exhausted. You are an honest engine, and you deserve all the water you can black with the contact and and rink, all the coal you can eat, and a you thick coat of sheet-iron, to keep pur blood, I mean your steam, warm, withe laborer is worthy of his hire."

The great engine gave a snort, and turning his single two-foot-and-a-half Cyclops eye in the front of his head upon

turning his single two-foot-and-a-half Cyclopa sye in the front of his head upon me, growled forth— "That is twice you have quoted Scrip-ture to me, Mr. Clergyman, and I have no doubt I'll get the water, coal, and sheet iron coat. Those who need me to run forty miles and more an hour, and, with my hard steel arms, drag a long train of cars filled with passengers and baggage after me, will see that I get all these things. It is your business to expound Scripture, and, if I heard aright, you expounded only water, coal, and a sheet-iron coat as being all the hire I am worthy of as an honest laboring engine," and he opened his big fiery mouth and glared savagely. I was rather taken aback to hear an engine, a mere machine, speak up for himself, but being in the humor, I asked it :

hat are you growling about ? Are you not getting your hire ? Capital always has that against the laborer, that he is not satisfied even with his hire."

The engine gave a tremendous puff, as if hearing a giant sigh, and replied. "And is that all I am worthy of, and is that enough to satisfy me, you ungrateful passenger ? Haven't I a heart as well as ou, and can water quench the thirst of beart, and coal satisfy the hunger of a a heart, and coal satisfy the hunger of a heart, and a sheet-iron coat warm a heart, even if it is the heart of an engine, a mere machine ? Do you think I pour out my life-steam, and speed along the track at forty miles an hour, through all weather, by night and day, and through weather, by night and day, and through dangers you never see nor dream of, only for the hire of water, coal and a sheet-iron coat? Do you think I take no joy out of being an honest and mighty engine that can do honest and mighty work? Do you think I glow only with the heat of coal, when on a dark and stormy night I drive through the rain and sleet and blinding snow, and defy the raging tempeet? Do you think I do not seek happiness as you do in doing my work well, in knowing that I am bringing you safe and quickly to your journey's end, and that when it is well done, and I come thundering into my journey's end, and that when it is well done, and I come thundering into my station all safe and 'on time,' my piercing shriek is not as good a sign of my con-tentment as your song and laughter and 'Ah ! ha ! that is good !' is of yours?" "Do oblige me by continuing," said I, deeply interested in the engine's talk. "Oblige you!" said the engine, with considerable show of warmth; "that is a text for whet I was just coming to. You

considerable show of warmin; "that is a text for what I was just coming to. You moderns seem to have forgotten the old Catholic Christian maxim, Noblesse oblige —Nobility is under obligation. The employer, be he a rich man or a poor

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will end." The engine gave a snort and a puff, as much as to say, "Ab, ah ! that is good," and backed out of the station. Where-upon 1 came and wrote his sermon. will end."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A Child of Mary. A Jesuit Father, who for many years was a prefect in a certain college, relates that one night he went to the dormitory to see if the students were in bed; he to see if the students were in bed; he discovered a boy dressed and kneeling by his bedside. Surprised at this, he inquired why he had not retired with the others. "Please, Father," the young student answered, "I gave my scapular to the tailor to be mended, and I hate to go to bed without it for fear of dying in the night." "On, don't be afraid, my boy," the Father said, kindly; "go to bed and sleep soundly. You will get your scapular to morrow."

daily behold in our minds.

to morrow." 'Oh, Father, I can't go to sleep with-out my scapular; I might die." And he began to weep. To pacify the boy, the Father went at once to the tailor, who lived in the col-lege, produced the scapular, and the boy put it on and went to bed. The last words he heard him say were the names of Leave and Marg.

Next morning, when the prefect went around to see if all the boys were up, he found his young friend still in bed. He called him, but there was no answer; he shook him, but he did not move. He was cold in death. One hand rested on his beloved scapular, the prayers of which were probably his last earthly

occupations. No doubt our Blessed Mother took her child to heaven before his innocence

could be tarnished by a sinful world.

A Beautiful Legend. One of Hawthorne's "Twice Told Tales" is that of "The Great Stone Face." On

One of Hawthorne's "Twice Told Tales" is that of "The Great Stone Face." On the straight side of a mountain were some immense rocks thrown together in such a position as, when viewed from a proper distance, to precisely resemble the features of a human face. There is a legend concerning it which runs this way : The people of the village around about this stone believed that at come tuture day a child should be born who was destined to become a great and noble personage, and whose countenance should in manhood bear an eract resem-blance to the stone face. In this village there lived a lad named Ernest, whose mother had told him the tradition, and who used to watch with wonder and awe the great face. He never forgot the story, but in the evening, after his work was done, he used to sit and look up to the mountain side and wonder how long it would be before the great and good man would come. Scon it began to be rumored that he had appeared in the country. A shopkeeper, Mr. (dithergold who hed cained corest pepsia,

Soon it began to be rumored that he had appeared in the country. A shopkeeper, Mr. Gathergold, who had gained great riches by his shrewd dealing, had pur-chased ground and built a magnificent palace in the valley, and the people were expecting that when he came to take pos-session of it he would be no other than the One whom they expected. The boy longed for his arrival, and at last the day came. Attended by servants, and riding in a splendid carriage, he drove down the road through the crowd of people assembled to meet him, and all took up the cry: "It is he ! the man of the great stone face!" But when Ernest could get a glimpes of his face through the crowd, he saw only a his face through the crowd, he saw only a little, wrinkled old man, with no likeness to the noble face on the rocks. He was disappointed, but when he went home his mother encouraged him, saying : "He will come, never fear." So he continued to

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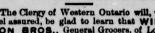
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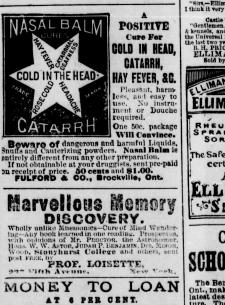
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Years passed by ; Gathergold lost his Years passed by ; Gathergold lost his money, and finally died, and it was decided by the people that they had been mistaken in him.

by the people that they had been minister in him. Then came the news that a great gen-eral had returned from the ware, covered with glory, who had been born in that valley, and was to return to it, and that in old Blood and Thunder, as he was called, the prediction was to be realized. On the day of his return the people gath-ered to welcome and proclaim him the man of destiny. Ernest was with the crowd, anxious to see the face that should be the counterpart of his old friend. The general came with military pomp and spleudor. The people threw their hats in the air and again shouted : "It is he ! it is he !" But when Ernest could see his face, though there were some resemblance, he was disappointed, for the sun bronzed and stern visage of the war-rior was not the grand, kind face of the mountain.

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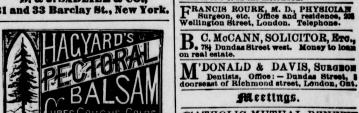
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