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## Notes.

THE cession of Heligoland to Germany has sharpened the appetite of other powers for the acquisition of outlying islands. Very few people have heard of Worm's Island, in the Baltic, which has belonged for many generations to the Barons of Stackelberg. Russia has long wished to form a coalition state there, but its owner once refused an offer of £1,000,000 sterling. The present proprietor has just parted with it to the Czar for a little over 1,000,000.

THE French papers appeal to the medical faculties to make preparations for the cholera, which has begun to show itself "at the gate of France," in Spain. *Les Annales Catholiques* says that the lesson taught by the carelessness with which the news of the breaking out of *la grippe* was received should be taken to heart. The French authorities on the Spanish frontier have made efforts to prevent the spread of the plague.

THE eminent Protestant authority on educational matters, Dr. Miner, speaks almost like a Catholic in the following: "It is one of the most remarkable phenomena of our perverted humanity that among a Christian people and in a Protestant land, such a question as whether the education of youth may not be secularized, should not seem as absurd as to inquire whether school-rooms should be located under water or in darksome caverns."

REFERRING to the reported Irish-American project of establishing factories, which Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly and Mr. O'Brien, of Boston, were stated to be promoting, the *Boston Pilot* says:—"So far as Mr. O'Reilly and ex-Mayor O'Brien, of Boston, are concerned, this project is all moonshine. Neither of them has ever heard of such a proposal or such an enterprise. Who started the story? And for what purpose?"

The procession of Italians on last Wednesday in New York city was not only an enthusiastic affair; it had also a political significance at the moment. Hereafter when Italians wish to honor God and His Blessed Mother by these public displays, they will have to come to America to do it. There are to be no more street religious processions in Italy. So Premier Crispi decreed a few weeks ago. He finds that they excite the hasty tempers and riotous dispositions of Garibaldians, and he cannot afford to protect them. Civic displays, masonic celebra-

tions, satanic parades and the like will continue to enjoy the protection of the law, but the religious procession will be confined to the church. Seeing the deep-rooted pleasure which Italians take in the *festas*, it looks as if Crispi had made another of those blunders in which Catholics delight. He is teaching the people effectively what manner of government they are under, and preparing them for another revolution against the powers of darkness this time. The Italian has hitherto known America as a place to which he must run to avoid the conscription, or to make money. He will know it now as a place where, though his religion may be despised by many, yet it is better treated than where it has a recognized place in the constitution.

THE New York *Catholic Review* says:—"The Toronto Orangeman who emigrated from Canada to the United States to edit the journal called *America*, is deeply concerned about his fellow-foreigners who have not as yet endeavoured to put a fence around the United States and claim it as their own. According to his statements about eighty thousand Huns have immigrated to this country since 1880, "who are indeed the lowest element under the sceptre of Francis Joseph, a class who can only be controlled by the club." If they are any worse than the Toronto Orangemen they must be indeed a pitiable set, but we should not like to accept their character as portrayed by the editor of *America*, who, in his life, has never yet been able to speak the truth concerning anything Irish or Catholic. With him, it is a constitutional impossibility to see a thing, connected with Catholicity, in its true light. It is unnecessary to argue with him, but we would point out for his benefit, that it was not the Catholic Church which brought the Huns here; in fact, she has never deported any nationality. They were brought here by American and English capitalists who thought to get a band of slaves to work in the mines, and instead found that they had caught Tartars. If the Huns are good Catholics, as *America* says, we would not be afraid to defend their character as good citizens; certainly they have shown themselves men in refusing to act as slaves of rascally, civilized, non-Catholic capitalists.

THE French-Canadians are another source of anxiety to this gentleman. Their recent victory over the Orange spirit leads him to believe that there will be a bitter struggle between Catholics and Protestants in the Dominion of Canada, and that it will end either in the disruption of the confederation or in the annexation of Canada to the United States. The wish in this case is father to the thought. The Orangemen would be glad to see Canada ruined, if ruin would be necessary to destroy Catholicity; that is, the Orangemen fashioned after the idea of the editor of *America*. Many of them have still some sense left. But there will be no trouble in Canada over religious issues. The Equal Rights party has been smashed. It never had any footing in Canada until Mr. Meredith thought to use it as a help to secure office. It didn't secure him an extra vote. On the contrary, it ruined him, and in his fall, down went the Equal Rights' Association to depths that the famous McGinty never reached. Hence, disruption and annexation, however pleasing to the mind of this gentleman, will not take place in Canada.