A Review of the Venomous Anti-Catholic Book of which United States Secretary of State Is the Author.

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It may not be amiss to review the present time the book bearing the foregoing title, by Mr. John Hay, our Secretary of State. Advers of late, but they have not been comurate with the gravity of

Mr. Hay was secretary to the Am rican legation at Madrid for a year 1869-1870. His "Castilian Days" purports to be a study of the coun try and its people made personally and not derived from guide books, and was first published in 1871. In his preface to the revised edition of he says : "I have therefore nothing to add to this little book. Reading it again after a lapse many years, I find much that might have been advantageously modifior omitted. But as its merits, if it has any, are merely those of youth so also are its faults, and they are immanent and structural; they cannot be amended without tearing the book to pieces."

Mr. Hay was born in 1838. If the matter was written while secretary of the legation, he must have been at least 31 years old, a rather remarkable "youth," surely. By "tearing the book to pieces" he must have meant eliminating the anti-Catholic portions, for in that event there would not have been enough pages left for a penny pamphlet. But he chose rather to renew his slanders of the Church than to be present at the obsequies of this "youthful" progeny of his. In view of the contents o the book, here is another fine from the preface: "I trust I have not too often spoken amiss of a people whose art, whose literature whose language and whose character compelled my highest admiration and with whom I enjoyed friendships which are among the dearest recollections of my life."

Now, as to the book proper. His first sentence is. "Madrid is a capital with malice aforethought." Not only Madrid, but everything Spa nish is so, "with malice thought." or rather Mr Hay began his work "with malice aforethought and never for a moment forgot his animus. Madrid is not like Vienna or Paris: the plays and music are bad, the language he does not like the food does not suit him, and ever the river is "bankrupt." have had a bad taste in his mouth when he wrote "Castilian Days." It is my purpose to confine myself chiefly to his strictures on the Catholic Church, and I shall give numbers of the pages in parentheses to show

(10) "The flirting of intelligent fans, the flashing of those quick smiles, where eyes, teeth and lips did all their dazzling duty, and the satin itwinkling of those neat boots in the waltz are harder to forget than things better worth remembering."

giddy and impressionabl F'youth of thirty-one" should have been provided with a chaperon, for he got into all kinds of bad pany, as the quotation will show.
(23) Speaking of the Plaza Mayor

of Madrid, he says : "The mind instinctively revolts at the contem plation of those orgies of priestly brutality which have made the ver name of the place redolent with fragrance of scorched Christians,' etc At was not political brutality, but f'priestly." and the victims were not ers? heretics, criminals, etc., but "Chris-

(24) * * * "And the august pre ace of the chief priests and their idol in the form of wine and wafer As all Catholics have the same worship, we are all idolators, according to Mr. Hay.

(25) Speaking of the bill for civil parriages and the secularization of education, he says: "There is much coiling and hissing, but the fangs of the serpent are much less prompt and afficient than of old." The serpent is the Catholic Church.

(26) "I think we may be permitted to hope that the long reign of savag faith and repression is broken at Wonder how John Hay escaped that "savage faith?" the Church represses just such as he for calumniating their neighbors.

(34) Speaking of Spanish girls all swear like troopers." Just

fancy the kind of company kept by this unsophisticated "youth of 31." (35) "She is a firm believer in re-lies also " " When Bactochi lay ob) She is a firm behave. In to y also * * When Baciochi lay ar his death, the Empress told the etors with great mystery that she add cure him. After a few pre-

liminary Masses, she came into his room and hung on his bedpost a little gold-embroidered sachet containing (if the evidence of holy men is to be believed) a few threads of the swaddling clothes of John the Baptist. Her child-like faith wrung the last grim smile from the tortuned lips of the dying courtier." O course, John Hay was there, and must have in his possession a snap-shot of that eventful scene, taken on the spot by John Hay before he wa

(37) "The piety of the Spanish romen does not prevent them from eing some things clearly enough with their bright eyes. One of ly said : 'I hesitate to let my child go to confession. The priests that my cheeks burn when I think of them, after all these years. vorting around the world at a wonderful rate. She appears in pages of "Maria Monk" and every kindred work at home and abroad since. The old lady must be getting weary of uttering this infamous calumny so persistently and so identities, they are as intangible as his knowledge of Catholicity.

(37) "I stood one Christmas ev in the cold midnight wind waiting for the church doors to open for th midnight Mass, the famous gallo." On the steps beside me say a decent old woman with her two daughters. At last she rose said: 'Girls, it is no use waiting any longer. The priests—' But I shall forbear to quote further from passage. The vile inuendo here give to the world by our cultured Secretary of State is not fit to appear in any reputable publication.
(38) "The respect shown the priest

hood as a body is marvelous, in view of the profligate lives of many." There you are again, Mr. Hav. mix ing up with "profligate" priests. No wonder you left Spain in a year. On of those "profligates" must have furnished you with the following des-

cription of a sick call by a priest:
(43) "His labor of exhortation and confession was rarely wasted. There were few sufferers who recovered from the shock of that solemn ceremony

They knew you were gullible, as gave you a fine account of an Indian war dance, which you were not shrewd enough to recognize. Mr. Hay, the administration of the last rites to the sick is indeed 'solemn ceremony." I have had th experience myself. I shall never forget that event. Although mind was perfectly clear, each hear throb threatened to be my last, and gladly did I welcome the three priests who responded to the summons. The sacraments were administered. the indulgences to the dying were granted, and with saint-like fervor and fatherly solicitude they prayed more earnestly than I that God have mercy upon me should He call me to His presence. My recovery dated from that solemn ceremony, and my heart goes out to thos priests and to all their fellow-minis ters of grace, who are constantly called to the bedside of the dying and who are never known to fail to reach them, if it is physically possi ble, and to give them the sweet consolations of their religion. There is no ceremony more soul-satisfying than this, yet Mr. Hay sees fit to savageiy attack even the sacred and

to civilized people, the most mo-mentous event in the career of man cets, those multifarious drugs, when the object in view could be so much more easily obtained by the judicious application of Masses and pray-

(45) "Cardinal de Retz saw with his eyes a man whose wooden legs were turned to capering flesh blood by the image of the Pillar of Saragossa." As no authority quoted, and as the Cardinal died in 1679, Mr. Hay feels comfortably safe in his statement, for anonymous ac cusations are the chief stock in trade of anti-Catholic bigots of all types Catholics believe in miracles, b would tax their credulity to believ

important and expensive incident of the funeral. They cost from two hundred to one thousand dollars; according to the strength and fervor of the orisons employed."

And so he continues through book of 414 pages. Lest the reade may become weary. I shall skip many pages in order to show that there is no Catholic ceremony or practice, or institutions that does ot furnish an opportunity for

ville alone there were for tish officials have never be to tell a lie about their e must accept his word as infal

(72) * * "So the formula

(101) Speaking of St. Isidor: process of years this lazy lout has become a great saint, and his bone have done more extensive and markable miracle work than equal amount of phosphate in exis-

was. St. Leander, the brother of St. Isidor, established a cathedral fied the curriculum to include Latin Greek, and Hebrew, and all the libe His work, entitled "Origines." was composed of many parts, treating of grammar, rhetoric, philosophy, dia lectics, music, geometry, mechanics, astronomy, jurisprudence, chronology and history; the sixth book treate of the Holy Scriptures; the seventh and eighth on God and the angels; the ninth of various nations and languages, and the remaining books treat of etymology. He presided over the Council of Toledo, at which all the Bishops of Spain were present, and he required them to establish seminaries in their ca thedral cities similar to the one in Seville. And he saw that this was carried into effect. These schools were public schools, too. These and many more things were done by this saint, who is brutally characterized by Mr. Hay as a "lazy lout." died in 637, and was declared a doc tor of the Church in 1828.

(190) The apparition of the Virgin to St. Ildefonso is an "idle fancy of cunning or dreaming priest," and the veil attributed to St. Leocadia is a "rag" (191).

(206) San Christo's Church brings forth this: * * * "The Saviour is merely a saint, and reduced to the level of the rest." "San Christo" means Holy Christ, and no Catholiwould ever think of calling Chris saint in the sense that canonized me and women are so called. Holy Goo does not lower God, nor does Holy Saviour. They why Holy Christ?

(278) So simple a thing as a Spa nish proverb is made to do, "stunts" for Mr. Hay. "The widespread error wickedness of parsons boys has extended into Spain. 'Padro santo, hijo diablo' they say-'father saint and son devil. * * *' Or does this refer to the supernatural or in franatural sources from which the celibate clergy derive their heirs?'

"Widespread error" is good. No one who knows the Spanish language could distort it to refer to the tholic clergy. It simply means that a saintly father may have a wicked son. This may not be compliment ary to certain sons, but it is som

(350) Spanish politics: "It is no so much dishonesty as it is a total absence of conscience in political matters. It is the morality of Loyola improved by Machiavel. Not only does the end justify the means, bu it also justifies itself * * *"

Another great saint is vilified, but as he was a Jesuit, of course Mr Hay must beslime him. standing offer of \$500 for anyon who can show that a Jesuit ever taught that "the end justifies means." Mr. Hay can earn that in very simple manner, but he.

be pinned down to facts when fancies are so liberally rewarded. As to Machiavel, if he were alive, he would foregoing quotations amply show.

Perhaps Mr. Hay is only prejudice man" he must possess broad, views so I shall give a few extracts show the correctness of his knowledge in other respects.

(103) St. Isidor's feast day nea Madrid: "The Celt is here lord of the land. These large-mouthed, short-nosed, rosy-cheeked peasant girls are called Dolores and Catalin but they might be called Bridget and Kathleen. These strapping fellows, with long simian upper lips, with brown leggings and patched, mud-colored overcoats who are leaping and swinging their cudgels in that Pyrric round, are as good Tipperary boys as ever mobbed an agent or pounded, twenty to one, a landlord

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As Mr. Hay's knowledge of Catho licity is taken from the "Maria Monk" variety, so his knowledge o the Celtic race is taken from the

He pretends, in his preface, that h always had a lingering, longing feeling to revisit Spain, but, wisely, did not satisfy this desire. He how the Spaniards treat their vilers, and he naively remarks that he has no castles in Spain to requir his attention

The edition of "Castilian Days" from which I have quoted was issu ed in 1890, when Mr. Hav was 52 years of age. The poisonous com pound of his "youth" is again offer ed as a wholesome draught to the American people.

THE SUNDAY COLORED SUP-PLEMENT.

Mr. Bok, editor of the Ladies Home Journal, has been ridiculed by the professional funny men of th country for the goody-goody tone of his publication, yet it cannot denied that Mr. Bok has correct ideas on many problems that puzzle thinking men in this country to-day. We certainly agree heartily with him when in a recent issue of his magazine he writes as follows about one

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The truth is, the grown ups like this colored rat poison of the mind, and watch for it more 'eagerly' than the children. Its effect upon the 'artis tic conceptions of the young' is, of Mother of Five Priests Dead course, not good; but, art aside for teaches the language and the manners of the streets, and it begets a mough and to spare in these United 109 Graham apenue, Williams publishers. This is a century greed, and people are not too partiular as to how they gain money. The remedy rests with the public. Let it 'stop the papers,' and the publishers will soon stop the car-

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appointment of French riter says: within these last years se and the French Governme ing the appointment of Bi dispute is no new one, bu has reached such an act

that seven Bishoprics are cant without any prospectifiled in the near future. The plained if we quote Article Five of the Concordat, w late the appointments o Article Four states the three months after the pub His Holiness's bull the Ch shall nominate to the A rics and Bishoprics of the sion. His Holiness shall nonical institution accord forms established for Fran the change of Government. Five-"The nomination to oprics which become vacant shall also be made by th Consul, and canonical i shall be given by the Holy formably to the preceding Now, the point of the dispu easily understood. Which i ential factor in the appoin a Bishop; the nomination by ernment or the canonical in nominate a Bishop so that is bound to give the canon tution, or does it only nomi in the sense that the Pope refuse if he have good grow his refusal, and the nomine Government remain only pointed suitor? The prese Minister of France seems to that the right of nomine braces more than the simple tation of a suitable candida Pope; that in fact it gives ernment the power of a Bishops upon whom the Ho nust confer canonical ins and that once the President Republic has officially select man, the appointment may ted, without any consultat The content the Pope, on the other hand the President only presents didate whose qualifications be carefully reported on by l do in Paris; and if, after du nation, he is found to be a man, the Holy See grants e tical jurisdiction, but if four unworthy the Holy See ma o confer such jurisdiction. he objects to the official pul of the Government nomin shops until his approval ha sought and obtained. In ou distorical facts.

Fortunately for us this ver oint was raised a few mont he Concordat between the ve ties who had drawn it up an proved of it—between Napoleon VII, and Cardinal Consalvi ther. In filling up the new rics,/Napoleon nominated son had taken the oath of the Civ tution of the Clergy during wolution. Pius VII, refu dive the canonical institution et from the Holy See on the stical affairs of France. rwarded a note to Re ich he pointed out the of the First Consul, e in full the reply

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