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THE STORY OF A FAMOUS PIC-

Ave Maria.

No doubt every reader of Our Lady's magazine has often seen and admired the picture of the Mother of God wherein she is represented sitting in an arbor, pressing the Child Jesus tenderly to her heart; whilst John the Baptist, also a child, presents a little cross to the Infant Jesus. This is Raphael's Madonna della Sedia. There is a simple and touching story connected with this picture, which may appropriately have place in The "Ave Maria."

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In a province of the States of the Church, amongst the woods at the foot of the Apennine Mountains, once dwelt a holy hermit, over whose head more than a hundred years had passed, and who, during his long life, had gathered rare treasures of experience and wisdom. At the foot of a wide-spreading oak he had built himself a little cell, and there he served God, making himself useful to the people of the surrounding country by his wise counsels and his pious prayers. The good old man was highly esteemed, and no one ever thought of going against his advice.

There was in the neighborhood a vine-tiller, who with his whole family showed special regard and devotedness towards the

tiller, who with his whole family showed special regard and devotedness towards the aged hermit. The vintner had one child, named Mary, who took special pleasure in sitting at the hermit's feet, and listening to the stories of the saints which he was fond of relating to her. The centenarian had a real affection for the eight-year-old child, for was not the holiness of the Queen of Heaven mirrored in this innocent soul, so eager to learn whatever related to her salvation? He kad also a special affection for the aged oak, at the foot of which his cell was built. In summer, when all cell was built. In summer, when all around was parched by the heat of the sun, he kept the earth near his favorite tree moist with fresh water from the spring; he fed the inhabitants of its widespreading he fed the inhabitants of its widespreading branches, who trustingly flew down to him; and whenever the owner of the domain spoke of felling the tree, his entreaties saved the ancient monarch of the forest. And the maiden and the hermit and the oak were destined to become associated in a world-wide fame.

The winter had been very severe. Huge masses of snow were piled up on the ridges of the Apennines. When spring came, and the warm rays of the sun began to best down upon the earth, the snow melted, and the little brooks were swollen into torrents, which rushed down upon the valley wherein the hermit's cell was built. Similar streams poured down from all sides, and the valley became a lake. Higher and higher rose the flood, till it reached the lower branches of the trees. Many who lived beyond the valley thought of the hermit, but no one could reach him, for the water cut off all access. The old man had first climbed up to the roof of his hermitage, to escape the increasing waters; and when the flood reached him there, he took refuge in the tree. Fixing himself as well as he could in the branches, he was kept prisoner there for three days and three nights, till at length the water retired. His cell was carried away. He came down from his painful position to the earth. His anxiety, the fatigue of keeping himself secure on his perch, hunger and sleeplessness, had completely exhausted his strength. himself as well as he could in the branches

to a workman on the opposite side of the valley, found him in this condition. Thinking that her good old friend was dead, she threw herself weeping on the ground beside him. "Perhaps he is not dead," she thought after a while; "per-haps he will come to himself again;" and she began to rub his hands and face as viporously as she was able.

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ceeded also in pouring some drops of wine into his mouth. Her efforts were at last crowned with success. The old man opened his eyes and looked wonderingly at his fittle savior. A few sups of wine, and some bread from Marry's basket, restord the hermit so far that the child could leave him to run home and make known what had happened. Her father, accompanied by several villages, went with her to the spot, and carried the holy man to a house in the village. There he remained till he had fully recovered, and the new hermitage which the plous people built for him was ready. When he went to take possession of his new abode, all the people turned out in procession to accompany him; men and women, young and old, took their places, praying and singing hymus and psalms. The hermit walked hand in hand with little Marry walked hand in hand as vigorously as she was able. She succeeded also in pouring some drops of wine into his mouth. Her efforts were at earth, who in the time of trial didst pre-pare for me a refuge in the branches of this tree, and didst save me from the jaws this tree, and didst save me from the jaws of death by means of a little child, praise be to Thee! Blessed be thou also, O hospitable cak! and thou, dear child! May the good deed which you have wrought for me be known to men, and kept

wroughtforme be known to men, and kept in remembrance upon the earth."

This blessing, through God's providence, was fulfilled. In course of time the holy old man entered through the gates of death into a better world. After a while the oak was cut down, and the wood sold to Mary's father, who made it into great casks for his wine. The hermit's cell was roofed with fresh green sods; young trees were planted around it, and for a long time it remained an object of veneration to the people.

Mary grew up to be a charming young woman, and she gave her hand in marri-

woman, and she gave her hand in marriage to an excellent young man of the same village, who succeeded to the business and property of her father. God blessed their union. A sprightly little boy played at her feet, and she held a child a year younger on her arm, pressing him to her bosom in motherly love. Just before the door of the house stood one of those great casks which her father had made out of casks which her father had made out of the oak. Here, under the spreading branches of a large tree, the young mother used to sit with her children.

used to sit with her children.

One day a young man tastefully dressed passed by. His countenance was noble; his long hair flowed in wavy ringlets on his shoulders, and on his head he wore a velvet cap. It was Raphael Sanzio, the greatest painter of his day. For a long time there had floated before his soul an image of the Mother of God and the Child Jesus, but he had not

been able to grasp the picture with sufficient distinctness, and to give to it that lofty expression which the subject demanded. He had started out on a walk, manded. He had started out on a walk, in order that his imagination might be the freer, and that he might study out his intended picture with fewer distractions. When he came near Mary's cottage, his head bowed in deep thought, she addressed him a friendly salutation. The young man looked up. When he saw the mother with her children, he beheld the realization of his dreams. This mother, from whose countenance beamed the purest and most blessed love; on her bosom a child, beautiful as a little angel, who gazed out at the world with his large, mild eyes; at her feet the elder boy, who, with joy beaming in his countenance, is offering his mother a stick on which he has fastened a cross,—what more could the painter demother a stick on which he has fastened a cross,—what more could the painter desire! Taking a bit of prepared charcoal from his pocket, he quickly sketched the charming group on the head of the cask, and carried it home in triumph. At his leisure, Raphael completed his picture from the rough sketch before him, and gave to the world the Madonna della Sedia

THE SLUMS OF LONDON.

PEN PICTURES OF A SATURDAY NIGHT'S HORRORS INDOORS AND OUT.

week. Enter the public houses and you will see them crammed. Here are women squandering money that would purchase food, for the lack of which their children are dying. One group rivets the eyes of an observer at once. It consists of an old gray-haired dame, a woman of 40 and a girl of about 19, with a baby in her old gray-haired dame, a woman of 40 and a girl of about 19, with a baby in her arms. All these are in a state best described as "maudlin." They have finished one lot of gin and the youngest woman is ordering another round. It is a great-grandmother, grandmother, and a mother and her baby—four generations together—and they are all dirty, dishevelled and drunk, except the baby, and even that poor little mite may have its first taste of alcohol presently. It is no uncommon sight in these places to see a mother wet a baby's lips with gin and water. The process is called "giving the young 'un a taste," and the baby's father will look on sometimes and enjoy the joke immensely. But the time to see the result of a Saturday night's heavy drinking in a low neighborhood is after the houses are closed. Then you meet dozens of poor wretches reeling home to their miserable dens. Some of them roll across the roadway and fall, cutting themselves till the blood flows. Every penny, in some instances, has gone in drink. One dilapidated, ragged wretch I met last Saturday night was gnawing a baked potato. By his side stood a thunly-clad woman, bearnight was gnawing a baked potato. By his side stood a thinly-clad woman, bearing a babe in her arms, and in hideous language she reproached him for his sel-fishness. She had fetched him out of a

public house with his last half penny in his pocket.

With the halfpenny he had bought the potato which he had refused to share with her. At every corner the police are ordering or coaxing men and women to "move on." Between 12 and 1 o'clock, it is a long procession of dynakra dynakra. er and sleeplessness, had completely exausted his strength.

Little Mary, who was carrying dinner to be workman on the opposite side of the alley, found him in this condition. Thinking that her good old friend was out of the main thoroughfare and into the dimly-lighted back streets, and you come upon scene after scene to the grim, grotesque horrors of which only the pen-cil of a Dore could do justice. Women, with hideous, distorted faces are rolling from side to side, shricking aloud snatches of popular songs, plentifully inter-larded with the vilest expressions. Men as drunk as themselves meet them.

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FARM AND LIVE STOCK NOTES.

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Fowls need fresh water daily.
Large herds make bare meadows.
Whatever you build, build substantial.
Clover pasture for lambs will cause

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Top-dress the meadows now, and you will not miss it.

Rarely, indeed, will a good wind-mill

not prove a paying instrument on the Feather eating in hens is catching; if any hens are addicted to the habit, remove or kill them before all the flock is

polluted. Don't over-work; don't allow others about you to over-work; better be without the gains, if any—a point we question—coming from it, at the cost of irritated nerves, ruffled dispositions, and shortened

lives.
Composting Muck.—Muck alone is of little use as a manure when applied to land. By composting it with manure in the proportion of one load of manure to Saturday night the public houses and gin-palaces take in one-fourth of the day's earnings of the denizens of the slums for a week. Enter the public houses and you week. Enter the public houses and you

turning.

Chicken Lice on Horses.—It is no strange thing, when fowls are kept in or near to the horse stable, that chicken lice will trouble the horses. As the vermin cannot easily be seen, the irritation they produce is not readily accounted for the produce is not readily accounted for; on close examination, however, the very min-

special prices as the writer knows by experience. At his home, away from water
conveniences, he adopted the following
plan, and has kept it up for many years:
The privy building was raised about two
feet higher than it used to stand, and the
door approached by steps. By cutting an
opening at the back of the house, below
the seat, this new level easily allowed of
running a wheelbarrow, the carrying part
of which was a box, undermeath. A
moveable cover was made to the opening,
to slant outwards and cover the handles
of the barrow. Then, inside of the structure, a bushel-box of dry earth or coal
ashes was constantly kept, and in it an
ash-shovel. Those ordinarily using the
closet were instructed to apply a shovelful
of earth on the contents each time. No
smell ever arose from the place, and once
a month the barrow was easily trundled
away, relieved of its load and returned.
Orchard and Garden.

Orchard and Garden. Top-dress the orchard.

Bone manures suit grapes. Clean up the asparagus bed. Carefully sort the market fruits. A temperature of 45° suits store roots

reputation of being a poor and unprofitable one.

Fall Planting.—Aside from the stone-fruited kinds, all the hardier orchard trees may be planted in the fall advantageously. A tree set out in the fall will start up better ordinarily than a spring-set one, because the roots are in position at the opening of the season to supply the tree with food at once. The drawback to fall-setting is that in very severe witters. tree with food at once. The drawback to fall-setting is that in very severe winters the trees suffer from the wood drying out and the roots becoming disturbed. To guard against this as much as possible, early planting should be resorted to in the north, October being the best month for the work. Then some strength can be accumulated before cold weather, to help carry the tree through. When everything is in readiness for planting, if the trees are still in leaf, the leaves should be stripned. The ends of the main shoots should ped. The ends of the main shoots should also be shortened a little. There will be no harm in ordering all trees and shrubs in the fall from the nurseries, and then the more tender ones may be safely kept over for spring planting by burying them completely with earth in a dry place.

Flowers and the Lawn. Lift violets. Pot some hyacinths.

Tea roses are improving. Smilax is raised from seed. Cyclamens need much light. A fan of flowers is a fancy affair.

Double dahlias are too formal for pres-

ent tastes. Keep a look-out for the hairy cater-pillars on chrysanthemums, and kill

condition, of not moving the grass early in the spring where they stand, is ob-

Ferneries .- These affairs, in their Ferneries.—These affairs, in their simplest form, consisting of a common glass shade, fitted with a zine or earthen receptacle for soil, are so delightful for plant growing in the house that we must wonder at their not being oftener in use. Perhaps the prevalent notion that they can only be rightly stocked from a hot-house collection of plants accounts for this. A greater misstocked from a hot-house collection of plants accounts for this. A greater mistake never existed. Many wild plants, which may be collected in the woods, are quite as suitable. The squaw, or partridge berry plant, with its ever-green leaves and showy fruit, is excellent for one, and then there are some low-growing evergreen ferns of value for the purpose. Such bulbs as crocuses and hyacinths are also admirably adapted to this means of culture.

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Keep a look-out for the hairy caterpillars on chrysanthemums, and kill them.

Don't bother to keep over old verbena plants. Propagate some new ones now from cuttings, which will winter better.

Bulbs in the Grass.—Pretty effects may be created by setting crocuses, snowdrops, eranthis and even narcissus in the grass. The flowers show to finer advantage on a green carpet than when shooting up from cultivated beds. Bulbs in the lawn will thrive for years, provided the one simple thrive for the years at 2 p.m. on Fridays. Rates of Postage on Letters between places at 32 p.m. on priciages. Rates of Postages on Letters between places at 32 p.m. on priciages. Rates of Postage on Letters between places at 32 p.m. on priciages. Rates of Postages on Letters between places at 32 p.m. on protages. Rates of Postages on Letters between places at 32 p.m. on priciages. Rates of Postages on Letters between places at