A WAVE OF SOCIALISM.

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Janet Ranger came from a large city, where her husband had been a mill hand from childhood up. When the doctor told her that unless Joh. could get better air than was to be had either in the mill where he worked, or either in the mill where he worked, or in the tenement house, where he lived, he could not get better. That was why they took up their abede in a small town, where he got work in a small but well ventilated mill. There they had a cottage to themselves. It was a oor cottage on a poor street; but was a big garden and Janet the three children throve mightly. But it seemed as if the change was made too late to benefit John, who died in about a year. Then Janet ha to face the double problem of support-ing a d bringing up three children.

She went bravely from house to house asking for work, and so willing was she to do anything, that she managed to eke out a living. One of her strong principles was, never go into debt for that reason there was many a time in the winter when the fire burned low, and there was little to eat in the

A poor winter had been followed by a summer that was a little better, so that when November came round the financial affairs of Janet were not in very promising condition. Work had not been plentiful, and by the time the rent was paid, and a little fuel got, the treasury was depleted. In this way she found herself within three days of

Thanksgiving, and only chance to de-pend on for a dinner.

On Monday afternoon she had to go out to make a few purchases and a-she walked the length of the principle street it gave her a queer feeling to see the quantities of plump, seductive looking turkeys and other kinds of poultry that hung in front of the and meat shops. The sight of all this abundance only sent her mind back with a shock to her own lean pantry and her three hungry children

Oh, mamma, did you buy our tur-?" askea Nelly, aged eight, as she her m ther at the door of the cot

No darling, I didn't have enough money to buy it to day," replied the mother as she looked pityingly at the three wistful faces turned up to her. Oh, mamma," piped Annie, aged "Smiths 've got theirs, an' it's so big I can't lift it, an' Greens 've got

"Never mind," interrupted the it's just as well not to get it too soon, and maybe I'll get some

After she had put the children to bed, she sat there pondering. Of late a little spark of rebellion had begun to show itself in her soul, and her thoughts were farming it into a flame thoughts were land and willingly. Why should they be hungry in a Just as the flame was burning good and bright there was a knock at the door. Mrs. Gorman had messenger to see if Janet could come and help with the work for the next days, as her cook had met with an accident and had to be sent to the hos pital. Why of course she could. what she had been praying for, and the rebellious flame began to smoulder low, as prospects brightened.

Mrs. Gorman was the banker's wife, and lived on an aristocratic street that rat parallel with her own, and only a

That Il be \$200," she informed the children next morning, "and i li be able to get Neily a pair of shoes, so she can go to school again, and still have a dollar left to pay for a nice

Thanksgiving dinner."
She worked faithfully, the two days, and when Mrs. Gorman went to pay her she asked if Janet could come again the next day, as she had not yet been able to replace her cook. For a moment she hesitated. She had planned to have a nice little dinner with her children; and they would be dissappointed; but when she thought much the dollar meant, she

promised to come.
"I'll buy Neliy's shoes, and that'll
make her happy, then I'll buy the
dinner and cook it myself to-night, so it can be warmed ever to morrow, and they'll do very well," she thought as she started down the street. She had bought the shoes, and was just start ing for the meat shop, when she was stopped by a neighbor.
"I was just awatchin' for you Mrs

Ranger," she began, "your little boy want you to pay for it." "But my little boy has no ball,"

objected Janet. ... That makes no difference; he had one to day, and broke my window, and I want you to pay for it," maintained the neighbor. Very well," returned Janet, "I'll

inquire into the matter, and if my boy broke your window, I'll pay for it."
"You'll pay for it now," bullied the other, "do you suppose I'm sgoin to put up with a broken window, while

you go round inquirin'?"

The woman was known to have a bad tongue, and victous boys, so Janet de-cided that the easiest and safest way out of the trouble was to pay the bill; so, instead of the meat shop, she went to the hardware and paid 85 cents for a

pane of glass.

She walked home with heavy feet, dreading to face the disappointment of When she got there, she the children. When she glound them already in found them already in tears. The woman had been there, and threatened, and frightened them, till they told her where to find their method.

where to find their mother.
"Never mind my poor darlings," con soled the mother, "you just get along to morrow with vegetables, and remem ber that as sure as your mother loves you, so sure will she buy a nice dinner for us all with the collar she earns on

this Thanksgiving day."
"And mamma, I didn't break the window," protested the boy, "the ball dropped near me, an Ross asked me to ow it to him, an' I did, an when h hit it with the bat, it flew back an' his window, then he told his mother I threw the ball that did the harm."
Well dearie," soothed the mother, soothed the mother,

"never mind. It can't be helped now, only keep away from them ; 'tis better to neither play, nor quarrel with naughty, untruthful boys."

In the early morning, she did what she could to make the day easy for them, then kissed their sleeping faces, and went sturdily to her work. were two large turkeys to roast, a huge chicken pie to make, besides all the ther accessaries that go to make the omplete Thanksgiving dinner. She tried hard to keep her mind on her work; but in spite of all she could do, the picture of the home she had left be hind her would persist in forcing itself before her mental vision, and the spark of rebellion began to flame up again.

As the hours passed by, the smell of the cooking dinner seemed to fairly go to her head and cause her to feel an inreasoning rage against everything The Gormans had four children, about

the ages of her own, besides, there were two little visitors. They were racing two little visitors. They w merrily all over the house; ever they came in sight of Janet she would glare at them so angrily that would glare at them so angrity that they would flee to a more congenial atmosphere. At last it was time for dinner, and Mrs. Gorman sent two of the children to ask how soon it would be ready. In a few minutes they re-turned looking frightened, "why mamma," they whimpered, "she was mamma," they whimpered, "she was so cross, she just jumped at us, so we

ran a ay without asking her."

Then the lady excused herself to her grown up guests, and went to the kitshen to find out what the trouble way. "Why Janet, what have the children done or said to offend you,"

Janet was on her knees in front of the oven, basting the turkeys and without raising her head, answered 'nothing."
"The why are you so cross with

them ?" was the next question. The fire had been gathering force for several hours, and now it burst.

Pitching all consideration of policy to the winds, the temporary cook towered above her employer in indignant wrath. "Because," she blazed out,

have children as well as you and while yours are healthy and happy, nine are pinched and sad with hunge and want; because, I saw in your attie, piles of good clothing that had been discarded by your children, while mine are so thinly clad that the cold winds can pierce the marrow in their bares Because, you have a nurse to mind your children, while I must go out t ork, and leave mine alone in the house, not knowing what may happen to them while I m away. Because, I ve cooked enough to feed three times the number of people that are in this ho while in mine there are only a fee vegetables to eat. Because, I'm cook in a dinner for your children, while my little girl, no older than yours, is try ing to cook a few vegetables for her self and those younger. Because, work all I can, while you do nothing but enjoy yourself, and yet you hav all the good things while I—have—" But the wave of socialism had swep ver the soul of the woman, and lef her wilted and miserable, so that, as the last words died away, she covered her face with her gingham apron, and her strong frame shook with silent sob-

At first Mrs. Gorman was simply indignant that a menial should so speak to her. But, as the other went on the woman and the mother in her gradually rose superior to all conven tionality, and when the poor woman began to sob, she swallowed hard a ent, then in a husky voice asked, 'where do you live ?"

"Directly opposite, on the back street," was the answer.
"Then go at once, and bring your

children here," commanded the lady "Oh, if I might have them here in the kitchen, and give them a little son ething good to eat," hesitated Janet. " Go and fetch them, and I'll watch

the dinner while you're gone. Without another word Janet took her shawl from the peg where it hung, and putting it over head, hurried across to the cottage where the children were just beginning to eat their unsavory as their mother entered.

'Oh, Mamma I'm so glad you came, cried Nelly. "I can't get the things to tasté nice. Teddy got at the milk and drank some before I saw him, so I could use only the tiniest bit to make the gravy.'

Never mind, dearie," interrupted the mother, "you're all going over to have dinner at Mrs. Gorman's big

Before the children fairly realized what was in store for them they were made as presentable as time and cirnumstances permitted, and hurried off o their destination.

Now you just go over to that corer, and sit still, and you'll soon get omething good to eat," ordered the other as she ushered them into the big warm kitchen.

Bat Mrs. Gorman came forward smiling. "No," she corrected. "they shall have dinner with the rest of the children," and she took the three up-stairs, talking pleasantly all the time, so as to make them forget their shy ness. A wave of pity shot over her heart as she noted how thinly clad they all were, and how the elbows of Nelly dress were patched; but they were all neat and clean.

She left them alone while she went to

and the other children.

"Now children," she began, "I found out that the reason why Mrs.
Ranger was so cross was because she his under the control of the c

By the time the little folks were introduced, dinner was announced and they all filed into the dining room. There were so many not old enough to cut their own meat that they had to be distributed around among the grown-ups, who were performing that office for them.

and saw her children being room waited on the same as the other g the world seemed tuned in a different key. As the gay chatter rose above the tinkle of knives and forks and spoons she could sometimes distinguish the shrill voices of her own little ones. raised in happy laughter, and it cause her face, that was fast becoming hard,

to soiten into smiles.

All that afternoon her work seemed like play to Janet. The children raced merrily all over the house, even in ading the kitchen, without let or hinderance, whenever the fancy took

At night, when all the guests were At night, when all the guests were gone, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman sat alone in their pleasant room where a bright fire was burning in a grate stove. "What a lovely Thanksgiving this

has been," murmured the wife.
"Yes," agreed the husband, "It cer "I didn't mean that. We have a good dinner every d.y, but to day we had the privilege of giving one to a family that doesn't often fare so well."

"A privilege that I should think you could easily get as long as your supplies hold out," remarked the man.
"Yes, and one I might oftener take advantage of without any great hurt to

"By the way, that was quite a socialistic harangue that she treated you to," observed Mr. Gorman, as he packed the tobacco into his pipe. 'Yes; but it was a good thing all around that I heard it; because if I hadn't I would never think of their

being so hard up, or that I could get her for a cook."
"Get her for a cook? Why what'll

she do with her children?" "The little girls 'll go to school, and Teddy is now old enough for the kindergarten, and I'll arrange for the janitor's wife to give them a lunch at noon, and Janet can go over and get their supper before it is time to get

our dinner Now, that's something like busi ness," approved the man, "so many provide a dinner for Christmas and Thanks giving and ignore the fact that there are three hundred and sixty three other days in the year. It always seemed to me that real charity consists in giving the poor a chance to earn dinners."

NAPOLEON'S CHRISTMAS

Translated from the French of Francois Coppee by Count N. Ledochowski.) It is Christmas eve in the year 1811 Oa that evening, ever since 10 o'clock Napoleon has been alone, basy at work his study, at the Tuilleries palace The specious room is almost in darkness Here and there, in the shadow, a few gilt ornaments are seen : the frame of a invisible painting, the bronze lion heads on the arms of a chair, a heavy tassel hanging from a drapery. Unde their metallic shades the wax candle of two candelabra shed their light upon the large table covered with maps thick registers bound in green moroc and stamped with the letter N. and the Imperial crown. It is now nearly nours that the master has been engrossed in his work, bending over his naps and the lists of his armies, dable forehead crossed by a lock of black hair, his brow heavy with thoughts, as the world he dreams to

onq er. The map of Asia is now before his eyes; and the Emperor's hand, nervous, charming, almost feminine, follows with its forefinger yonder across Persia, the road that leads to Hindoostan.

The Indies! Yes, and by land? Why not? Since his navy has been defeated and destroyed the conqueror has no other way to reach the palm trees and the fabulous forests of Asia, followed by his golden eagles, sparkling among the steel bayonets. strike at the very heart of England; her colonial empire, her treasury. He has already attained the magnitude of Caesar and Charlemagne; he now longs for that of Alexander. And his the East; he has left behind him an immortal legend. The Nile has seen him, a slender young general with long hair, mounted upon a camel. Now, on banks of the Ganges the elephant of Pozus will be required to bear the heavy emperor on his gray coat. He knows how to draw near him the nations, fanaticize them. Then he will command soldiers whose bronze faces are surmounted by turbans of white mus-lin; on his staff he will number rajahs dazzling with their jewels, and he will interrogate the monstrous idols which their ten arms above their dia Long ago, in Egypt, resting his hands upon the hilt of hi stood before the flat-nosed Sphinx, but the monster did not reveal its secret! Emperor of Europe! Suitan of Asia!

These are the only titles to be carved n the marble of his mausoleum.

An obstacle! that immense Russia But, as he has not been able to hold the fleeting friendship of Alexandris, he must conquer him. And the small imperial hand turns feverishly the leaves of the green registers, the lists which tell him, to a man, the effective force of the enormous army which aiready, forming its masses toward the Niemen. Yes, he will vanquish the autocrat of the North and drag him, a vassal czar, followed by the hordes of his wild herserien, to the conquest of

Emperor of Jurope! Sultan of Asia! found out that the reason why Mrs.

Ranger was so cross was because she had to leave her little ones alone in the house, with no one to get dinner for them. I had her bring them all over not run the risk of being, some day, a little dearer, the light proportion and proportion here, and I want you all to be very nice to them, and see that they enjoy themselves. You must remember that those dear little ones have no father to buy nice things for them like you have " beautiful smile at the thought of the child who sleeps near him in the silent palace.

Suddenly he raises his head in surprise. In this study so tightly closed, with its heavy curtains drawn, whence arises this strange murmur? It seems as if the large golden bees embroidered on the silk hangings had all at once be-When Janet looked into the dining gun to ham. The emperor listens more

attentively and now in that strange recognizes the vibrations of midnight Mass!" It was, in truth, the bells of all the churches in Paris, celebrating the birth of Jesus; the same bells that Bonaparte had restored

their towers and steeples, when as con sul and pacificator he had brought conciliation in France between tile brothers. How many times have these bells been set in motion in his these bells been set in motion in dis-bonor, announcing a glorious Te Deumi Only a few months ago they rang a full peal for the birth of the king of Rome, and on that memorable day when Heaven granted a son to the hero, they seemed to be in compact with him to acknowledge the legitimacy of his work and to

promise its duration.

To day, however, just as joyfully and triumphantly as on the day when they raised their voices for Austerlitz and Wagram, they ring in the cold, clear night for the humble Child, the foster son of the carpenter, born so very long ago on the straw in a stable, while mys terious voices sang in the spaces of the starry firmament: "Glory to God and peace to men!"

The emperor listens to the Christman bells. He thinks of his humble child hood; he remembers the midnight Mass of his uncle, the archdeacon in the Cathedral of Ajaccie, followed after Mass by the return of the numerous family to the old home, witness of a poverty so proudly borne; and the matronly beauty of his mother, presid ing at a frugal collation of chestnuts This son, the son of the victorious emperor and of the Austrian archduchess will never know such dire poverty; he will be the master of the world.

Outside, in the icy night, the bells are still ringing for Christmas. At the gates of the Tuilleries the veteran oldier, under his bearskin, takes furiously long steps before his sentry box trying to keep his feet warm.

Perhaps he remembers at this moment

a prayer, a canticle which be once learned in his village, kneeling at his mot er's side; and he smiles tenderly under his rough moustache at the thought of the Child Jesus lying in His manger.

The emperor, however, does not hear now the pious appeal of the bells. He thinks only of his son and is suddenly

seized with a desire to see him.

He arises and clasps his hands. Im
mediately a secret door, hidden by a heavy portiere, is opened and Ronstan, his body ward, appears. At sign from the master, he takes one o the candelabra from the table, and the emperor, lighted by the faithful mame luke through the deserted corridors, enters the little king's apartments. With a gesture, he dismisses the nurs and the other women suddenly aroused from their sleep; and he remains alone standing before the cradle of the infant prodigy.

The king of Rome slumbers fully on the white linen and laces crossed by the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor, his delicate little face with its closed eyes rests on his pillow, and his little hand, dainty, plump, adorable, forms a pretty spot on the cover-let. Across this figure of candor and purity the so riet ribbon passes like the stream of blood which will one day be shed in the hope that this fragile head may bear the heaviest of crowns and that this little hand, now sweet as a flower may later clutch a cluster of Napoleon contemplates his cepters. son. He dreams-and never hid mortal pride caress more deliciously the hear f man. He sees the high dignitaries of his court, his generals, more illustri-ous than even the heroes of Homer, his ministers, his senators in their goldaced uniforms bowing before eradle with trembling respect; the renegade Jacobins themselves, the old

egicides who now wear the imperia livery, scarcely daring to covet the favor of kissing that little hand. He dreams, and, in the indistinct clamor of the bells ringing for the midnight Mass, he thinks he hears the footsteps of troops and the roll of cannon far away upon the frezen reads of Geroland. In the intoxication of his paternal ambition, he thinks more than ever of the grand army, of the conquest of Russia, of the Indies. He has decided that his son shall inherit all the thrones of the old world For his first toy has he not already given him the city of St. Peter? and soon he will add to it other holy cities Emir of Mecca! Rajah of Benares Those are titles worthy of the king of Why do the women of France not bear more sons? Why has he not at his command-he the invincible captain -one million, two millions of sol diers? The whole universe, the globe of the world, he could then place in

that tiny hand.
He dreams, deaf to the song of the sacred bells. He thinks not of Him Who reigns in Heaven, who looks down upon the mightiest empires as if they were mole-hills. He dreams-and he sees not in the future his en rmous army buried under the snows of Russia, swallowed under the ice of Berezina He sees not the last trophies of his agles, and the scored battalion of Waterloo mown down by the English oullets. He sees not in the middle of the ocean a rock upon which are pre-pared for him the tortures of Prome heus. He sees not under an autumn sky in the park of Schoenbruan this pale and sad young man wearing upon his white uniform the star of an Austrian order, who coughs while he walks over

And while the emperor, pursuing his monstrous chimera, dreams of the reign of his son, of the heirs of his son over the whole universe, and sees himself at the end of the centuries a fabulous hero, a myth, a new Mars, a Sun-God resplendent in the Zodiac, surrounded by his twelve marshals, the bells still ring joyously, triumphantly, frantically, in honor of the poor little One born in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago, Who truly conquered the world, not through blood and victories, bu because He brought with Him the word of pesce and love. And He shall reign over souls " in sæcula sæculorum !

Be assured you have done a great dea , if you have acquired patience.

THEIR SIMPLE LIVES.

THEY LIVE IN A MODEST HOUSE IN ROME AND TAKE NO PART IN GREAT AFFAIRS

GREAT AFFAIRS

"There go the Sorelle Sarto," said a Roman Monsigner to a group of waiting Americans in one of the Vatican antechambers the other day.

"They are going into the garden, and when the Holy Father has finished his work for the affarmoun he will join

his work 'or the afternoon he will join them and they will walk together them and they will wank together and chat and eat some of the peaches and grapes. Sometimes they sing the old Venetian songs—the gondolier's ballads—for the Holy Father loves those old melodies, and now he hears them only when he and his sisters are together."

Three elderly Italian women passed

by, black robed as nuns and wearing the inevitable veil partially concealing their features. They had been to make their features. They had been that their week-day visit to their brother but affairs of state had kept him chained in the office. By and by he would join them in the garden.

So they passed through the inner court, well known to all suppliants for Papal audiences, and went down the stairs which lead into the vast inclo e called the Vatican gardens Presently the Americans were p higher, and after going through numerous chambers gorgeous in crim son silk they came to the small audi-ence chamber where the supreme Pon tiff receives special visitors.

He is a benign and gentle Pontiff

this Pope, who is the two hundred and sizty fourth successor of St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ on earth and the bearer of many other titles of tremendous significance in spiritual and temporal

But in the midst of the awe which veryone must feel in the presence of so august a personage came the vision of an old man sitting in the garden with his sisters and singing the songs of his exiled home. That is the picture of Plus X. which must appeal most forcibly to those who study the personal side of great men.

Somehow Roman Pontiffs have always seemed so aloof from all human ties One could hardly imagine them in One could hardly imagine them in a domestic environment. Pope Pius X is the glorious exception. Visitors to Rome, and especially Americans, feel as interested in the sisters as they do in queens or women associated with courts and the government of nations. Needless to say, they are not per pitted to satisfy this curiosity, unless

they have personal introduction THEIR MODEST HOME.

The Sorelle Sarto, which is Italian or "the Sarto sisters," in their for "the Sarto sisters," in their modest suite of apartments in the Plazz. Rusticcucci, just at the foot of the grand colonnade of Bernini, guard their privacy as carefully as the Queen in her palace on the Quirinal Hill. They have as attendants two faithfu lay sisters from a nearby convent, and no unauthorized visitor can hope to evade their vigilance. These lay tual attire and are robed like the general Italian house servant.

Twice a week the three old ladies go to the Vatican-always on Sunday, to near the Mass which the Pontiff says in his private chapel, and at s me appointed time during the week. They appointed time during the webs.

avoid publicity in every manner pos sible, going and coming without the slightest ceremony and shrinking from strangers with the timidity of country

One can understand the depth of character in the Pontiff by a very slight knowledge of his sisters. All the world knows how they begged that the title of "countess in accordance with Papal tradition, be conferred on them, and how they love to be known simply as the sisters of

the Holy Father.

Their door plate bears the simple inscription "The Sorel's Sarto," and within reigns the simplicity which their illustrious brother has evolved for his living rooms out of the magnificent apartments in the Vatican. Teir sitting room is an imposing apartment, with the pale green walls and ceiling, and a somewhat protentious suite of furniture, relies of the former grandeur

of the historic palace.

But the sisters, like all Italian women of the humbler classes, divide their time into three parts—one for labor, one for prayer and one for

The sisters never think of such a thing as sitting down with their hands to ded. They invariably carry scissors at their side and wear working aprons In their first Roman days they begged to be allowed to mend their brother' linen and to perform those little offices for the man they love which make up the happiness of all good women. They had always attended to those things since the brother had one by one taken the sisters from their humble nome in Riese to act as his home

But the Vatican etiquette is strict and the honor of doing such august s rvice as mending the Pontiff's apparel is one of the perquisites of owerful religious order. So Pius X. ollowed the rule of his predecessors to the deep sorrow of his sisters. But they find abundant other things to do, and they delight in mending the vest ments or sewing for the poor.

THE PONTIFF'S NIECE.

Rosa is the eldest of the Pontiff's hree unmarried sisters, and is a personage of much importance in thousehold. She is very fond of h young niece, E mingilda Parolin, the daugnter of the oldest of the six sisters, Theresa, who married the grocer of Riese. Erminglida spends much time

Rome and gowns herself very modishly, and is learning French and music at the Sacred Heart Convent. Doubtless her good aunts hope that she will marry suitably, a man who can give her more than they or their great brother knew.

"He gave us all our marriage portions," said one of the sisters, Luisa, who still resides at Salzano, in talking tions," said one of the sisters, Luisa, who still resides at Salzano, in talking of the Roman court, and he observed of the rother shortly after his election, and when it became apparent that Rosa and Arna and Maria did not have after three days he was forced to ask

POPE PIUS' TRREE SISTERS AND the vocation to marry he brought them to his home and has cared for them

tenderly ever since.

To his sisters the Pontiff is only Beppi, the name he loves best, for so his mother used to call him. He is still the devoted brother to these old women, to whom he seems almost divine. He tells them all the things divine. about his visitors which he thinks will personal pre-ents given him that will be appropriate in their humble home.

A Bishop from the Rocky Mountains A Bishop from the Rocky Mountains recently presented the Pontiff with a magnificent bearskin rug, and this handsome gift occupies the place of honor in the sitting room of his sisters. He gave them also his most cherished ossession, which they show reveren ly and on special occasion—the jeweled and gorgeously illuminated album which contains all the signatures f the Venetians, sent after the elec-

Over the mantel in the sitting-room is a portrait done in oils of the little peasant mother—she who worked at ressmaking in order to make the extra money required to keep her talented boy at school. A similar picture hangs in the Pontiff's bed-

chamber. The Sorello Sarto use bright red handkerchiefs, and their ways of living are as plain as when they ived in They have a horror of any kind of extravaga ce, and only their brother's command induced them to keep the lay sisters to attend to their housework.

They should have preferred to do it all themselves, "for," explained. Maria, the youngest and most modernlooking of the sisters, "our brother has less to give us now, for has he not the poor of the entire world to think Refore it was only Venice.

IN THE POPES STUDY. If one is so privileged as to see the ruler of the Cathelic world in his private apartments in the Vatican many traits of his sisters are apparent. On his deak lie a pair of steel rimmed

spectacles. Dozens of personages have offered him gold-rimmed glasses, but he clings to his steel spectacles, the friends of his early manhood. He has had the lenses renewed several times to meet exigencies, but he refuses such an extravagance as gold affairs.

His snuffbox is not the gold and jeweled affair which historic descriptions of such articles would lead or to expect. It is a battered affair of tortoise she'l, the gift of a dead friend, and he used it for twenty years. On the Pontiff's desk, a wide, plain

affair of dark wood, stands a bottle of sand, for in this primitive way does he dry his ink. His pens are quills and his ink-well, of crystal, is quite within the reach of the modest clerk. Just in front of the Pope stands a

status to of the Cure d'Ares, that venerable French parish priest whom the head of the Church reveres above some more pretentious saints and doc-tors of the faith. He never fails to speak of his admiration for the good cure if he sees the eye of his visitor wandering to this ornament. the parish priest highest in his estimate of the working body of clerics.

Just behind the desks in the Pope's office are some cabinets, and in these he keeps little gifts, which he makes specially favored guests. Iuvariably wnen he wants these souvenirs he walks briskly around his desk and

swings open the doors for himself.
The habit of waiting on himself is rather disconcerting to the Vatican officials, who are always on hand to perform those little offices. His gifts are modest, always being mosaics from the Vatican manufactories, medals, pictures and rosaries which he has lessed. In making a gift he invariably requires the recipient's promise to say a daily prayer for him. He is quite insistent about these prayers.

A well-known Sulpician priest, recently a resident in Rome, purchased five hundred small photographs of the Holy Father, which he took with him to have blessed at his farewell aud-The Pontiff was quite intere ed in the fact that the priest intended these gifts for his countless students and friends in every part of the

country.

" fell your friends to whom you give these pictures," he admonished,
" to put them in their prayer books, and when they see my face to say a little prayer for me—to say a prayer every time they look upon my pictured face—for I need prayers always, and many of them."

HIS TINY PRIVATE CHAPEL. Just as simple as the office—eminen-ently a working office piled high with letters and neatly folded papers—is the tiny chapel where the Pope says his daily Mass.

In the office there are no decorations and few pic ures. The chapel is so tiny that four persons feel themselves uncomfortably crowded and the chamberlains rarely allow more than half that number the privilege of attending the Holy Father's Mass. The room is lighted by one window, curtained in cream lace and red silk brocade hangings, like all the others in the suite.

On week days only the chaplain at-tends the Mass, but on Sunday there is more ceremony. The secretaries and others close to the person of the Pontiff assist at the service. At the conclusion of the Mass Pius seats him self on the left of the altar and hears a Mass of thanksgiving, said by his chap-lain. After this he has his frugal breakfast.
It is often said in Rome that his sis-

ters share this meal with him, but this is not the fact. Frequently the Sorelle Sarto have the simple Italian breakfast served them in a small dining room with the chaplain. They have never taken a meal with their august brother since his elevation to the Papal throne, a feature of his rank which is not an unmixed joy for them.

At the Vatican it is current gossip

that the Holy Father on his elevation tried not to shock the susceptibilities

concessions. He enjoy a mouthful. retaries, Venetians friendship—Mgrs. friendship-Mgrs. I -sit with him, and laugh like school The sisters, in sit down to their di hour when the Pont at least they can iauly tell him the quently they inquis mark in cooking t used to like in Ven The second siste

ok, and many a d prepared across th ooms in Palazzo I brother is seldom is good sister fi she asks about his the dish and reman does, that it was a it were prepared in TELEPHONE A

The Pontiff is the phone, and without a little ch Riese and with Venice. It is hi eeing his beloved voice of his people Last year a Ven dolier songs, ord structed music b But, like all those

this arrangement Pope's artistic songs, in this form, canned fruit-goo procurable. He preferred n music box, howev Sorelle Sarto and part in the en friends. But the chief ,f rooms is their c

photographs and brother—their there was a youn much time wi grounds of the the hanging gard A beautiful tin senting the Pon gondola when he omentous journ gorgeous frame sitting room. A
Pope giving his
public, hangs in ldest sister.

tion, each being and each having will descend to nephews and cor vish of the Pene All his gifts t tined for his ne gone conclusion to the poor all pare from the atican cannot to his family.

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Anna is prop which her brot Martua and w another when This watch, wit Pontiff is guilt eldest nephew. The sisters us own tongue-t though they ha

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even in Rome.

are as the ways One of the them speaks Fr English. But Pope's sisters, heir country, sess that eleg manner which s Those who familiarly say prehend the gr that he is th

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altimore Sun " THE NA Speaking reform in Napl W. D. Gogga

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scribe writte eans,' and teaching, at eople have oad, any me eyes, a moral ood, and the bad, then, t conscience, t "But you

Catholics ac commit crime boy was cry