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But now they're in dread of "The Plan of The landlords were happy, away from the

soil, me the poor, outraged tenants did labor From morning till night, without clothing To fill up the pockets of this alien brood. No more shall they toll in the snow and the

For justice they'll have in "The Plan of Campaign."

Evictions. outrages, robbery and death Is Ireland's portion,-the fairest land upon

earth; Her hills and her valleys, so lovely to view, Are changed into graveyards by this alien crew, Making her a charnel-house of misery and

But, like the Phcenix, she'll rise, the "Plan of Campaign."

Oh! long have we struggled and fought the good fight, good fight, For God, for country, justice and right, Against English oppression, deceit and mis-

rule, For a glorious victory our issues we'll pool, And fighting united, we shan't fight in valu: In union there is strength in "The Plan of Campsiga."

May God bless our country, and may His

With spiendor, on Dillon, Davitt and O'Brien! And every child who by word or by deed is willing to aid her in her hour of need; And may we be loyal till our freedom we'll

gain, A united people in this "Pian of Campaign." -John Collon in Connecticut Catholic.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

How the Christmas Tree was Chosen for the Festival.

How the Christmas Tree was Chosen for the Festival. On that holy night whereon our Saviour was born in Bethlehem, it was not men alone that rejoiced at His birth— the shepherds in the fields, to whom the angels announced the coming of the Redeemer; the three Wise Men of the East, who were led by the star, but also the flowers of the field, the trees that grow in the neighborhood of the stable where the child Jesus lay, watched over by the angels. They all wished to look at Him and greet Him, and they stretched them-selves and tried to reach out their branches, to try to get at least a peep into the poor stable which had become a glorious temple of God, and at the Holy Child. There was a movement through the grass and on the leaves of the trees, and a whispering which sounded like the prayers of men, and which expressed joy at the heavenly wonder, and thanks to the Creator of all thing. There were three trees growing side by sheet chance to take a good look at the sleeping Child. These were a stately paim, a sweet-smelling olive tree and a that they expressed themselves in words. "Come," said the plan to the olive tree, "let us slore the infant Jesus and offer Him our gifts." "Let us join you," whispered the modest fir tree. The two proud trees looked down with

surrounded by a soft light. But one of the angels that were watching over the Child heard the conversation of the trees

WONDERS OF THE VATICAN DESCRIBED BY A NON CATHOLIC.

WONDERS OF THE VATICAN DESCRIBED BT A NON CATHOLIC. A newspaper correspondent declares that the Vatican is not so much a place as a group of places, and its gardens are many and as gorgeous and as highly culti-vated as shill and money can effect. From the irregularity of the plue of buildings composing the Vatican it is difficult to obtain a correct estimate of the area of ground it covers. One writer ventures the assertion that it comprehends an area equal to that of ancient Turin, the capital of Piedmont, and cyclopedists, taking this one, compare it in size to the Turin of two decades ago, when the population was 130,000. So we have no more satisfactory conclusion on this point—beyond the guess work of the guide books—than that the Vatican covers as much ground as a eity. To the student of architecture, the Vatican affords endless opportunity. Its form is irregular, and there is an entire absence of any symmetry in its design, for it is the heterogeneous mark of all the schools of all known masters. Each per-iod of art has here its impress. There is deterous elegance of Lyons, the amazing intricacies of Fontana, the classical group-neys of Baramanto, the bold lines of Raph-ael, the drawings of Carlo Moderno and the fanciful grotesque of Cernini. The palaces have flights of apartments and whole categories of ailes. There are dozens of temples, hun,redes of corridors and 11,000 rooms, and this was called by the Catholic press the prison of Pius IX. As a mere matter of record, it may be of interest to note a few facts about the Vat-ican. It has 25 chief courts, 8 principal sturways, 200 minor sturways and 30,000

Interest to note a few facts about the Vat-ican. It has 25 chief courts, 8 principal stairways, 200 minor stairways and 30 000 windows in its 11,000 chambers. The temple of St. Peter is the greatest monu-ment left by the Popes AND BY FAR THE LARGEST and most imposing basilies in the world.

thing foredo and to be abortive than nothing at al'. As for the Lick, as I said last week, they are defiantly confilent that, what-ever might be the case with a genuinely strong government, it is no Hicks Beach who will terrify them as a ruler, no little Hugbie Holmes who will puzzle and trap them as a lawyer. They feel themselves to be both bolder and shrewder than the men opposed to them at the Castle, and have no fear as to the outcome of the game with them. There is less clearness of opinion regarding Irish legislation. At the commencement of the session here the unionist, who have locked their minds on this subject and thrown the key away, can AND BY FAR THE LARGEST and most imposing basilica in the world. Measured from the pavement, its height is given as 187 meters. It compares as follows with the other large religious edifices of the world: St. Paul's, London, U.S. meters 60 continuetors: Santa Maria edifices of the world: St. Paul's, London, 158 meters, 60 centimeters; Santa Maria de Flori, Florence, 149,50; the Cathedral of Milan, 135 40; St. Petronio, Bologna, 132 90; St. Paul's, Rome, 127 80; St. Sophia, Constantinople, 109 90 St. Peter's Church is united to the Vatican by wide, handsome corridors, on which the art of the world has been expended. The Vati-can is a town in itself, separated from Rome by the river Tiber. It has even its special climate and temperature. At one period it is over filled by travellers and pilgrims, beggars, inquisitors, tourlats and ecclesiastics. At the time of the jubiles, some years ago, there came about 500,000 unions's, who have locked their minds on this subject and thrown the key away, can exert a malignant influence far beyond their proportionate numbers and weight, and there is no telling what this may not. accomplish—that is to say, assuming that the prophets are right in believing Ire-land to be the chief and sole topic of dis-cussion during the coming session. cussion during the coming session. It is good to read of a brave deed well and wisely done when intelligent skill reinforces manly courage. Such a deed was the rescue of 24 men from two wrecked propellers off the port of Mar-quette, on Lake Superior, a few days ago. The wrecks were discovered in the early morning. Hundreds of willing hands were ready to go to the rescue of the men, who were seen clinging to the rigging, but there was no boat in Mar-quette fit to brave the terrible seas, and the nearest life-saving station was at Portage City, 110 miles away. Courage was there in abundance, but the quick-ness of wit and the power to use it were not, until the President of the Marquette, Onondaga & Portage City R. R. appeared at the last moment. He ran to the Telegraph Office and notified Portage City to clear the track of all trains. Then he called for the superintendent of the life saving station at that point. eccleanatics. At the time of the jubiles, some years ago, there came about 500,000 pilgrims, and just as many arrived at the death of Pius IX. The vestibule of the entrance was constructed by the architect, Simonetti, under Pius VI, who comple-ted St. Peter's and founded the wonder-ful museums of the Vatican. Taking the evenue to the right one error the disc

ful nusceums of the Vatican. Taking the avenue to the right, one enters the Gar-den of the Pines-memorable and histori-cal. Here is the bronze first placed on the summit of the mausoleum of Adrian, or upon the spire of the rotunda. The Gar-den of the Pines was commenced by Nicholas V., and was enlarged and em-beliabed by Julias II., under the direction of Bramanto Leszari. Afterward was added another garden, in which Pins V. built

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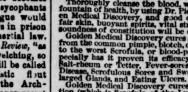
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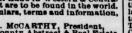
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little branches dropped down the sweet scented oil, so that the whole stable was filled with the pleasant odor. The poor fir saw all this very sadly, but felt no jealousy at the splendid gifts offered by its sisters to the Child Jesus. "They are right," said the fir to itself, "I am too poor and do not deserve even to be seen near the sweet Child." Then the angel said : "I have pity on you and as in your indesty you humble yourself I will raise you and adorn you more beautifully than your sisters." Thereupon the angel looked toward the blue sky, where countless little golden stars were twinkling. He made a sign and behold one little star after another came down towards the earth, and they rested on the green branches of the fir, which now with thousands of lights shin-ing on it, was far more beautiful than the ing on it, was far more beautiful than the

which now with thousands of light shin-ing on it, was far more beautiful than the other trees. Now the Child Jesus awoke, but he took no notice of the palm leaf fan that lay at His feet nor of the delicious odor that filled the stable. His little eyes turned to the seautiful, shining fir tree. Then the smiled and reached out his tiny arms towards it. The fir tree was here-upon very glad and happy, but not the least bit proud, it even tried to shed as much light as it could on the other two trees, which stood there ashamed in the dark, and it returned good for evil. Then the angel said : "You shall be rewarded for this simple green tree ! Henceforth you shall be employed to adorn the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus with your evergreen branches, which men will light up year after year in memory of this holy and blessed night. You shall repoice the hearts of the little once; and the parents, too, who are pure of heart,

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