

THE BITE OF THE SNAKE

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"To my mind," said Robert, with the fresh, frank manner, and upward, earnest look... "The Church is not a profession, in the ordinary sense of the word," replied Angela...

rolled her head round as Angela upbraided her, and uttered a few incoherent sentences, tried to stagger to her feet... "My dear, of course, I know all that. But it comes to people in different ways..."

they redoubled their prayers, begging that God would not only cure her of this terrible vice of intemperance, but that He would touch her heart, and send her truly penitent and humble to confession and Communion... "Your devotion will surely be rewarded, dear children," the priest told them...

A GREEN BAY TREE

You would never believe unless you had seen the garden of Celeste how many flowers could be grown in so small a space... "I think," said the father to himself, as he walked down the village street, "that horse-chestnut is more like the green bay tree of the wicked..."

HOME LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

How Young Women Were Trained—The Choice of a Wife—Well-Behaved Children... "In our glancing from pre-reformation sources concerning home-life in England and on the Continent we may suitably commence with the companion tract 'How the Good Wife Taught Her Daughter' and 'How the Wise Man Taught His Son.'"

QUESTIONS

Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times... "No numerous weeks the questions placed in the box at the Assumption this week that Father Doyle was compelled to defer a number of the replies until later..."

NOVELS GOOD AND BAD

This is the age of cheap novels—some good, some very bad, and all eagerly devoured by the young... "The insatiable novel-reader must beware lest, in his love for fiction, he loses the power to realize and to differentiate great truths: lest passive impressions, by being repeated, grow weaker, as the Bishop Butler says they do, and the heart is made harder, not softer, by the repeated luxury of theoretical sympathy separated from action..."

God will forgive? truly penitent? One dying in penitence will go to heaven... "I am not a Catholic, but I am a Christian... I believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in the Church of Christ..."