

Men and Things.

John Boyle O'Reilly was more fortunate than many deserving Irish literary workers in the good cause as he owned a fourth of the *Boston Pilot* which he so capably edited. He got his first lift in the United States from the late Horace Greely, who published a poem of his "The Amber Witch," and paid him well for it.

In his speech at the closing of the Coblenz Congress, Dr. Windthorst prefaced work with a greeting like that of Boaz to his reapers. It was impossible to hear without a thrill, says a witness the multitudinous shout of response to the aged voice. The veteran spoke with all his unspent fire, making points, and rousing his audience by mere force of intention. At noon he interrupted himself in mid speech to say the *Angelus*.

Facing actualities with a singular courage, Monseigneur Fallieres, Bishop of Saint-Briene, in France, and a cousin it is said of the French Minister of Justice, has published as one of the first acts of his episcopate a letter to the seminarists who now come under the operations of the new law of conscription. The law, he contends, is to be made an occasion of good. No longer shall the clergy be taunted with their privileges. No longer shall the servants of the poor be envied for any immunity. The Bishop expresses gladness that these things should be at an end.

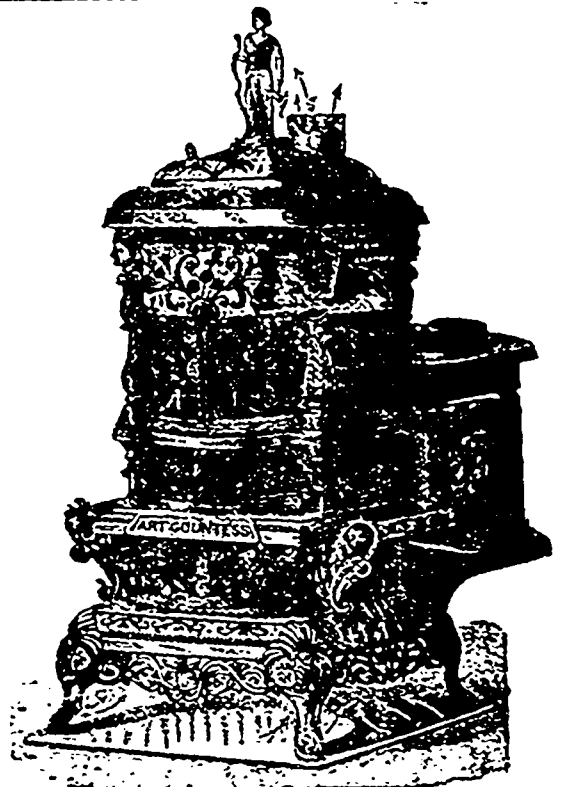
The conversion of Mr. C. Kegan Paul to Cardinal Newman's creed at the moment that a certain class of journals were proclaiming the dead Cardinal's influence to have gone for ever and gone long since, seems, as we said last week, to possess a special significance. The author of "Obiter Dicta" reminded those weighers out of post-humous power that a Roman Cardinal was at least as influential as an Anglican Bishop, and Mr. Kegan Paul now comes to proclaim that the Newman philosophy has not lost its force. In the current number of the *New Review* he concludes a sympathetic estimate of Newman's work by a reference to that assertion of the critics.

It is acknowledged by the best qualified critics that Cardinal Newman was the greatest master of English prose which this century has produced. "This means a great deal," says a London letter, "when one calls to mind some of the other great prose writers--Macaulay, Carlyle, Thackeray, Hallam, Ruskin, Lowell, Bancroft, Motley, Prescott. He excels them all in limpidity. There is no apparent effort in his style: no straining for effect. The language flows right on, a clear, steady, irresistible stream, which carries the reader with it, overcomes all his prejudices, and lands him a willing and devoted captive in the master's hand. His command of language was inexhaustible; he was never at loss for a word, and he always used the right word in the right place. But he not only had language, but vivid imagination,--that sublime faculty which lights up language and renders it as dazzling and brilliant as the noonday sun."

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