

CATHOLICS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Quito, Ecuador, August 3. The following is a pen picture from a distant South American city explaining the status quo, the trials and persecutions of the Catholic Church in the Republic of Ecuador...

The Roman Apostolic Catholic Church is the official religion according to the Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador, but this paragraph of our Constitution is truly a dead letter...

It would be difficult for your readers to form an idea of the havoc played with the church in this country, the land once adorned by the virtuous, splendid type of Garcia Moreno...

When your readers note the personnel of the present government they will readily understand how well founded are the accusations which we make against the Freemason society.

A PLEA FOR RURAL LIFE

The rector of St. Paul's Seminary, Minnesota, in a recent article in which he urges with much force the advantages of rural life, makes the following statement: "There are no statistics available to show what becomes of the multitude that pushes itself into our large cities..."

you will, but have they great congregations to preach to? And as for other agencies of good, a lecturer will not draw when a vaudeville theatre, a prize fight or a variety show will play to standing room only.

The allurements that draw toward the city are for the most part deceptive. Bitter awakening and sad failure too often alas, follow, and what are the victims to do? They cannot or will not return to the country and the farm.

EARLY MARRIAGES.

The name of Ella Wheeler Wilcox has been for a great many years prominently before the American public as a writer upon social and general feminine questions.

qua non" of domestic-economical theorizing. Her last venture does not appear to us to be any more happy than have been many of her previous attempts at dictating to the world...

There may be cases, within the knowledge of the writer of the above, that carry out her contention to a certain degree; but the history of married life during the past century, in different countries, gives a flat contradiction to this theory.

To what do we owe the sterling, noble, health-inspiring, life-engendering quality of our parents if not to the early marriages? But, even this error on the part of the lady-writer would not command our attention...

We have heard this same theory advanced by others in a more guarded manner, but they all mean the same thing. It simply means that it is better for a man to have had some years of "bachelor life" before marriage...

THE PROHIBITED CITY.

Not a little interest in that country has been awakened in the world at large by the present conflict in China, and people who regarded the stories concerning the palaces and "sacred" places in that semi-barbaric land as mere fables...

The Tartar or Northern City consists of three inclosures, one within the other, each surrounded by its own wall. The innermost contains the imperial palace and surrounding buildings...

brilliantly. A gate on each side of this area gives access to its buildings, and the space and rooms appertaining to them furnish lodgment for the guards which defend the approach to the Dragon's Throne...

The southern gate, called the Meridian gate, leads into the middle division, in which are the imperial buildings; it is especially appropriated to the emperor, and wives the homages of his courtiers and gong, placed in the tower above, are struck; when his troops return in triumph...

"Beyond it are two halls, one called that of Perfect Peace, where His Majesty examines the implements used in the annual ploughing; the other, that of Secure Peace, where he banquets his foreign guests and other distinguished persons on new year's day."

EARLY CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN INDIA. From the Bombay Catholic Examiner. In the course of an article on the Roman Catholic mission in Mysore, a Bangalore paper observes: "It may interest some of our readers to know something of the history of the Roman Catholic mission in the Mysore Province centuries before British rule in this part of Southern India was known."

When you say your blood is impure and appetite poor you are admitting your need of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Begin taking it at once.

A GOOD STORY.

A prominent lawyer says that many years ago he went West, but as he got no clients, and stood a good chance of starving to death, he decided to go East again.

MAKING ORANGEMEN IN DERRY

Rarely has there been heard in a petty sessions court in England a case so curious as that which was heard in the petty sessions court in Derry, during the hearing of a complaint brought by a young man named James Warke against his employer, a farmer, named James McClelland...

Mr. George N. Proctor, solicitor, appeared for James Warke; and Mr. James E. Proctor, solicitor, represented Watt, McClelland, McGuggin, and Kearney.

Mr. G. N. Proctor—What did Mr. McClelland say to you? They tied my legs with a rope. What else? They put a cloth on my eyes.

What were you doing on that day? I was putting in a load of grass. What occurred to you then—tell it in your own words? James McClelland came over and took the grip from me, and then Wm. Watt took off my clothes in the barn.

Did they help you on with your clothes? Yes. Did anything else happen to you? No more happened to me that day. Cross-examined by Mr. J. E. Proctor—Were you anxious to become an Orangeman? I was not.

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the conductor into the smoker; the situation was explained. Mr. Editor said: "Oh, yes, I recognize him as one of the staff; it is all right."

Before leaving the train the lawyer again sought the editor. "Why did you say you recognized me? I'm not on your paper." "I'm not the editor, either, I'm travelling on his pass, and was scared to death that you should give me away."

NEW INVENTIONS.

For the benefit of our readers, we publish a complete list of Canadian patents recently procured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal.

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IRELAND

Last week first portion "In the Bye" which appears in the may have been given to the Irish blades my censure approval of every literature. I contribution approval already made in the manner of the method of the public with some and vulgar lect and lect these are I call Irish P. due. This appreciation thor has to sports, or a land. I purp to details o agh's station other like to the land; for call hurling and says:—

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The game of hurling is a national game of Ireland. It is a game of skill and strength, and is played by two teams of eleven players each. The ball is made of a hard, dried cow's udder, and is thrown between the hands of the players. The game is played on a field of about 150 yards long and 80 yards wide. The players are dressed in their national costumes, and the game is played with great enthusiasm and spirit.