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LORD BUTE'S WILL

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to the mediate ance of students at St. Andrews University. To the widow a bequesting £20,000 and £1000 a year to maintain by reachence and another annuity of £3000. The ridest son John, formerly known as Earl of Dundrines, has the estatic in the County of Bute, including leads in Cumbrae, for ille rent, and its redducry legatee. The lead of Meikle Cumbrae, and also property in £451 and the estatic in the control of Placearden and Westerton are to form part of the redducry estate. For simple lands and octates in A yestire, Wigtonshire, and Dumfriessaire are made over to the heir of entire who may next succeed this in entired lands and estates and estates in A yestire, Wigtonshire, and Dumfriessaire are made over to the heir of entire who may next succeed this in entired lands and estates time being, would be entitled to the percape of Crichion of Sanquhar Theorems of Crichion of Sanquhar Theorems on Lord Silatus, has Falking and the first of the county of Dundries of the first of the county of Dundries of the first of the Cogan, Sully, Lavornock, Penarth, and St. Andrews, Glamerganshire, The dungliter, Lady Margarot, is to be given to each of the household and colored yould who been upwards estated by £2000. Ay gen's salary is to be given to each of the household and results who have been upwards estated in the carties private eccretary's logacy is increased by could who have been upwards estated in the carties of the total of the dunth. On a county of the first county of the first county of the first county of the form of the dunth. On a form of the dunth of the du

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The story of a pussy cat is the work of Frederick Regars, D.C.L., Thinty College, Toronto, and is one of a series of animal tales written by this gifted author. It is supposed to have been written by a genius named Henuguo, or Old Man Ringtall. Two scenes of the story, which is told in four acts, are Itali in the wilds of Now Ontario, and in the land of the Grinalkins. Tac hand of the Grinalkins is reached by means of a subterraneon cavorn louding from the Northern shore of Lake Superior, and at the time of the story was densely populated. Les superior, and citize were Micauburg, Pussioburg, Carburg, etc., all being situated on the Citawau river. The story depicts Chandlan life and character during the first quarter of the

The Christman number of 'Squeeze', to be expect example of what may be to completed in magazine making in long the lines of refined art and helpful literature. The cover is certainly worth a pince in every net guitery. The three whomen are shown kneeling with their gifts in hand, in front of the Man ger of Bethickiem.

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Man with the Hoe." It is entitled "The
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torrus; while J. Honniker Heaton, M.
P. writes hopefully of the unwritten
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Cassell & Company, New York, have begun the publication in thirty semimonthly parts, of an cuttedy new edition of that well and favorably known standard work, Lewis Wright's linestructed Book of Poultry, For some years Mr. Wright's biss been engaged in rewriting his unique book. He kas made a constant study of British and Ameriquin poultry matters.

There is amagnificent series of 30 coplored pivtes, the postratis of prize birds, from original colored drawings by Mr. J. W. Ludlow, in which the points of birds if the been made the cardinal black. These colored plates are executed in the best style of modern colored putting.

which the Atlantic Monthly will offer to the renders during 1901 is a series of scholarly, unpartisan studies of the Reconstruction Period. The various authors represent both the South and the North, tude many shades of political opinion. Some of them were prom-inent actors in the Reconstruction daying, others are known throughout the country for their special studies

HEROIC PRIEST DEAD.

Micro than a passing comment is due to the life of a Lazarist pricest who died in New Orleans a week ago. Father Peter L. O Neill was one of stoses silent beroos whose deeds live after them, written in letters of light. He was a help to the hoplese, a salver to the amsteeped and the destitute.

Father O Neill worked in New Orleans for thirty one years. He was known to all the citizens, and loved and admired by all who honor goodness and sacrifice. To summarize the record of his life—he was born in Carlow Iroland, March 25 1843. In 1851 the family moved to New Orleans, and the lad received his early education from the Christian Brothens and the Josnitz University and Germandown, Pa., where to he was ordsized August 16, 1808. Ho was at once sent to New Orleans, spending four years at 8t. Siephons Christian Grony years at 8t. Siephons Christian in Grony cars at 8t. Siephons changed and the ladding four years at 8t. Siephons changed and the proper speaking on many different tengues. With a congregation made up of people speaking on many different tengues, it was necessary that the priest, to the second speak their languages. Father O'Neill was just the man for such a place. He was almost linguist, spraking all the European longues, and in addition having a fait knowledge of Chinere. How was thus enabled to reach many of the congregation who never would have received the ministrations of the conference of the man for the priest could not have addressed them in their own language.

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many hands. He was known and loved
whetever there was suffering to alleviate or sorrow to comfort, and he was
surrounded by an atmosphere of love.
He was a very large man, with a happy,
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The Priest's Vestments.

The Church makes use of five colors in the vestments worn by the priests at Mass; white, red, green, purple, and black. White is emblematic of innocesses and purity, and of the string blies to be sujoyed hereafter; red risk color of fire and blood, betokens love and martydrom. Green signifies hope, and violet or purple faith and penauce. Black is an emblem of death. White is the color need in the feasts Our Lord, of the Blessed Virgin, of the angels and to Blessers. Red is the angels and to Confessors. Red is the

our Lord, of the Blessed Virgio, of the angels and of confessors. Rad is the colour used at Pentecost and on the feasis of the martyrs. Green is used on the Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost, on which nothing special is commemorated. Pauple is used in Advent and Lucit, and upon vigits and smber days. Black is used on Good Friday and at Masses for the dead.

You Gluck's Rosary.

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