

him into the trap and Mr. D— takes out the little captive; he puts an end to its existence with several smart blows from a stick on the pretty brown creature's head. Don't think us hard-hearted; we all turned away our heads, but we examine it afterwards—from a distance—as a minx has very sharp teeth, and it might not be quite dead. Such a soft furry little thing, and when Mrs. M— has told us that she has received a price list of minx capes, and that they are as valuable as those made of seal we think it even prettier and softer.

We go back to the landing place and the minx is placed on a log. "Bob," "Bob," shouts Mr. D— and "Bob," "Bob," the mountains throw derisively back, for Bob does not hear. "Bob," again, and now "halloo" comes distinctly across the water to us. "Here's a minx for you." "All right," and then we are stumbling along the dark path, the lantern just lighting it up sufficiently to show us when we have stepped into a little pool in a hollow of the path, or some other equally pleasant place, and now we are home, and soon in dream-land, climbing mountains, deer-stalking, trapping impossible animals and performing many other impossible things, nearly as much so as it has been to put into words the pleasure of our trip to the hunters' camp. KATHARINE.

SEEMS LIKE A MIRACLE.

MARVELOUS CURE OF A BOY AT ST. ANN'S SHRINE.

James Lannon, says the New York World, has made a votive offering of his spectacles to St. Ann, at whose shrine in East Seventy-sixth street he says he recovered his sight.

James is only 8 years old and lives with his parents at No. 522 West Fifty-sixth street. He is a bright, handsome lad and full of fun. Although his eyes were crossed and his vision so dim that he could scarcely see without glasses, he was never absent from any game gotten up by his playmates. It was while engaged in sport of this kind last August that a neighbor's son threw a stone which struck "Jimmy's" spectacles, shattering one of them and driving the splinters into his left eye.

Crying with pain and bleeding, the boy ran to his father, who carried him in his arms as fast as he could to Roosevelt Hospital, in West Fifty-ninth street. There, a few bits of glass were removed from the eye, but a third piece was lodged back of the pupil, and the child has taken to the Eye and Ear Hospital, on Park avenue, near Forty-first street, to have an operation performed for the removal of that. The operation, which was performed by Dr. Johnson, involved the cutting away of a portion of the iris, and disclosed the fact that the eye's anterior chamber was entirely destroyed.

THE SURGEON'S VERDICT.

For four weeks James remained at the hospital, receiving all the care that so serious a case demanded. But with all the applications and nursing and bandaging Dr. Johnson declared that nothing could save the sight unless another operation was performed, and then the result would be extremely doubtful. The wound itself was, indeed, healing nicely and nearly all the pain was gone when, on September 23, Dr. Johnson declared that the vision could be saved by nothing but an operation.

Mrs. Lannon, "Jimmy's" mother, was frantic with grief and dread. It happened that while in this plight she was visited by Mrs. Donovan, of Forty-eighth street, who lives near the southeast corner of Tenth avenue. "Why don't you take the boy to St. Ann's?" asked Mrs. Donovan. "I had neuralgia ever since I was a little girl and I was never a day without it until the relic of St. Ann was applied to my head. And I haven't had a moment's pain there since."

That settled it. Mrs. Lannon got leave to take her boy out of the hospital, promising to return him the following day. That was Sunday. Straight to St. Jean Baptiste's Church, in East Seventy-sixth street, they went, and there, at St. Ann's shrine, near the altar, the boy and his mother knelt and prayed, while the Rev. Father Tetreau touched the boy's wounded, sightless eye with the relic.

COULD SEE AGAIN.

"Mother, I can see again!" suddenly exclaimed "Jimmy." "I see better now than ever before."

Three days later, when Mrs. Lannon took her boy to the hospital, the physi-

cians were amazed and could scarcely understand, Mrs. Lannon says, how so sudden a change could have taken place. Not only was the vision restored, but the "squint" was also gone, and when Dr. Johnson asked "Jimmy" why he didn't continue to wear the spectacles that had been given him before he went from the hospital the boy said:

"Oh, I gave them to St. Ann because she made me see so well that I didn't need them any longer."

The relic at St. Jean Baptiste's French Church is a bone cut from St. Ann's wrist.

It is said to have wrought many miraculous cures, the most recent being, the nuns of the "congregation" who have charge of it say, the restoration of sight in the case of Emille Galvez, who came from Guatemala to have the relic applied, and the healing of nine-year-old Marguerita McManus, of No. 371 Hoyt street, Brooklyn, who had been scalded almost to death.

Dr. W. R. Thompson, who was in charge of the Eye and Ear Hospital, last night said that although the case was a remarkable one in many ways, the cure was probably due to natural causes and could be satisfactorily explained on scientific grounds. He admitted, however, that it was strange that the restoration of vision should have concurred with the removal of the "squint" and the sudden stopping of the flow of tears.

CONDEMNED.

THE ODDFELLOWS, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AND SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Three secret orders well known in this country—the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Temperance—have been placed under the ban by the Catholic Church.

This action on the part of the Church is the result of the council of the Archbishops of the United States, held in Chicago on September 12, 1893. There the relations between the Church and the secret societies was carefully discussed, and at the conclusion documents were forwarded to the Pope recommending the action against the three orders in question, whose principles were held to be of a decidedly anti-Christian tendency.

The Pope, upon receipt of these papers, laid them before a conference of the Cardinals, and the indorsement of the American prelate's action resulted and the Pope fixed his seal to a decree of condemnation.

This decree was forwarded to Mgr. Satolli for promulgation in this country, where the interdicted orders exist. It was in the form of a letter in Latin to the Archbishops and Bishops in the United States, who in turn were to notify the priests who would communicate it to their parishioners.

There has long been an unanimous opinion held by the prelates against the Masons, whose members the Catholic Church has long refused to retain or receive in her communion.

Vicar-General Farley, of New York, admitted the truth of the reports.

"The Odd Fellows, the Sons of Temperance and the Knights of Pythias have been interdicted," he said. "The decree of condemnation will at once be promulgated throughout the Church, both from the pulpits and by the press.

"As to the reasons for this action it is a delicate matter to talk upon, and it is sufficient to say that they were condemned because the Archbishops evidently held that they were antagonistic to the Church."

It forbids all Catholics for the future to join the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows or the Sons of Temperance, these being officially considered as coming under the decree against secret societies of Masonic origin or affiliations. Catholics who had, pending this decision, become members of these societies, were to be admonished to withdraw from them. If they refused they were to be denied the sacraments until they gave up their membership.

The edict was transmitted to the hierarchy of the United States through the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Satolli. They were admonished to promulgate the decree at once to the clergy and laity of their respective dioceses.

The condemnation of the three societies is universal, and applies with equal force to Catholics all over the world.

A dispatch from Washington states that the report of his communication on the subject of secret societies was shown

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to Mgr. Satolli there. He said that some of the statements therein were "inexact," he would decline to discuss the matter."

ROME'S MARTYRED NUN.

SAD TRAGEDY WILL HAVE A GOOD EFFECT ON THE UNREGENERATE ROMANS.

The famous hospital of Santo Spirito is to have continued infamous notoriety in these sad months of its existence. The assassin of Sister Agostina is to be brought to trial soon, her father being plaintiff. By means of the Syndic or Mayor of Pazzaglia, her native place, he has asked Barzilai to undertake the case. The trial promises, therefore, to be in every respect a proces celebre. Meantime the odor of her martyr sanctity remains to hallow the city. It is a strong power in the regeneration of those Romans who are now disillusioned after a wild career of State secularism and its consequent corruption.

Yesterday morning the committee of St. Peter's parish celebrated a Solemn Requiem in the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso. An inscription put up over the door ran thus:

TO SISTER AGOSTINA, of the Institute of St. Vincent de Paul, the Parochial Committee of St. Peter's on the Vatican offers Solemn Honors on the thirtieth day after her immolation as an Immaculate Victim of Charity.

The Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Degiovanni, canon of the church, and an oration by Father Rondina, S.J. The church was crowded with representatives of Catholic Rome, of its societies and of its social classes.—Philadelphia Catholic Times Correspondent.

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