

The Shamrock.

Buy the shamrock, spruce, from the poor little girl; In the dawn of the morning I found it...

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Of course it is the ardent wish of every good parent to give his child a thorough education...

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Home training is very good, but in the peculiar state of affairs in this great city the home life seldom supplies an adequate amount of religious training to a child...

Hence, dear parents; do you wish your children to grow up to be an honor to you? Do you wish them to be good men and good women? Do you wish them to be a strong staff on which you might lean when your own step will grow unsteady?

Consumption Surely Cured. To THE EDITOR: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease...

LETTER TO BOYS AND GIRLS.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—It is some time since we wrote to you, but you have not been out of our mind...

Boys, you meet other boys when you are on the street and away from home, and you hear them speak of their father and mother...

Girls, we have a word for you too, and our very love for your welfare prompts us to pen it...

Girls who love their characters and desire to retain their good name, must not run out after night and frolic on night parties of dancing...

The good character of a girl is like the white lily, if it is smothered by the dirt about it, its purity is lost forever.

Now, boys and girls, we will tell you when to discover your shortcomings, in these and other like matters, and how to get rid of them.

Remember, too, that you must pray to God for grace to do His holy will, and there is no time for this like that when God is with us.

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ROME AND THE INQUISITION.

DISPASSIONATE ACCOUNT OF THE CAUSES AND DOINGS OF THE INSTITUTION. Alfred K. Glover in North American Review.

The average reader never ceases to connect the code and acts of the Roman with those of the Spanish Inquisition. It is, indeed, a very easy task to discover the collateral tie, but a very difficult one to conscientiously compare their histories in the light of one and the same institution.

Administered at first by the zealous Dominicans, the "Holy Office" was the means of instituting the most salutary reforms. It was not until it became identified with the state that its nature and purpose were corrupted into a tool of the unscrupulous monarch.

The church's creed evidently does not embody oppression among its articles, though such was the predominant spirit among the Spanish Inquisitors.

The Inquisition became virtually a handy instrument of the Spanish crown and the Pope continued in succession to wage a merciless warfare against its practices.

On the other hand, the penal code of the Inquisition was merciful and just when compared with the code of the kingdom as administered in the time of Charles V.

Whatever accusations may be hurled against the Roman Congregations in the exercise of their offices, it is a solemn historical fact that, during the long and varied careers of those powerful tribunals, no authentic case of capital punishment has ever occurred in the hands of the Pope, where they exercised their chief authority.

Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, and Hay Fever. A NEW TREATMENT. Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the lining membrane of the nose and eustachian tubes.

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