

Selected Articles.

THE MITHERLESS BAI RN.

When a'ther bairnies are hushed to their hame, by auntie, or cousin, or frecky grand-dane, Wha stands last and lonely, and sadly forlorn? 'Tis the pair do' the liddle—the mitherless bairn!

ROMANISM AND ITS DOINGS.

In order to show in what intolerant and uncompromising manner, and with what reckless, unscrupulous, inconsiderate, and violent means the Roman Catholic Church was determined to carry on her side of the battle in Ireland, we quote a startling case from the Herald, March first.

and after appealing to every feeling of the human heart, first to the women present, and then to the priest, after protesting against the outrage committed—reminding the priest this was her private room, that her husband was dying in the Protestant faith, and imploring him and his friends to withdraw and let her husband die in peace—to no purpose, she left the room, and fainted on a chair in an adjoining apartment."

GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

Writing from Berlin on Saturday last, the Prussian correspondent of the Times says:—It cannot be denied that there is a dramatic climax in the sayings and doings of the Pope. He began by suffering the priests to be instructed to agitate against the unity and solidity of the Empire; he has now proceeded to attack Prince Bismarck personally.

wheat is sifted from the chaff, and all lukewarmness scattered to the winds. Wait quietly for the decrees of God Almighty. Respect and obey the government as long as it does not command any thing contrary to the behests of God and Holy Mother Church.

Is it possible that a Pope, inflexible is transcendental mysteries, should be so utterly mistaken about the manifest occurrences of this work-a-day world? Is it creditable that His Holiness should be so completely ignorant of what has occurred in this country as to venture the assertion that the war raging between him and Germany is one of Germany's seeking?

IMPORTUNITY.

Dr. Ormiston, commenting on the prayer of Abraham in behalf of Sodom, says: "We find, moreover, in this intercession, earnest importunity. Again and again did he present his cause. Six times did he marshal his arguments, and each time was heard, and it was the supplicants' faith, and not the Sovereign's grace, which failed even then."

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

A destructive fire in Philadelphia, is reported to have had its origin among some "greasy cotton waste." The "paint shop" of the New York Central Railroad, at Albany, was destroyed by fire, together with a large number of loaded freight cars, and nine costly passenger coaches, the total loss being \$225,000.

PRICES FIFTY YEARS AGO.

In the July number of the New Dominion Monthly, the pleasant chapters on "Early scenes in Canadian Life," by the Rev. Thomas Webster, of Newbury, are continued. We clip the following interesting item:

When the Townships of London and Nissouri were settled, the nearest place where inhabitants could purchase dry-goods or groceries was Dundas. It may be consequently supposed that their supply of these conveniences was not very frequently replenished.

About 1829 the late Hon. G. J. Goodhue, then a young man just beginning life, brought a small stock of goods into Westminster, and opened a general store in a log house on Westminster street (Brick street). Various articles for household use, of which for some time there had been rather a dearth among the settlers, were there obtained in exchange for black salts, grain, maple sugar, or whatever else they had to spare.

But this agreeable change was found, ere long, to have its disagreeable side. Almost every article they required to buy was held at a high price, while everything they had to sell brought only a low price.

Such prices for absolute necessities may seem exorbitant, and doubtless they afforded the dealer a high percentage on the capital invested, but, perhaps, not so very high as may be supposed. In the first place the dealer had to buy at wholesale at much higher rates than in subsequent years.

The customer who did not keep a very exact account himself, knowing that during the year he had taken a number of articles to the store, of which he had purchased but a few small parcels, naturally deluded himself with the idea that his account must be nearly, if not quite balanced.

HOW TO MAKE RAISINS.

In the regions around the Mediterranean where the grape is extensively cultivated, the fruit is plucked from the vine after ripening, and dried in the sun or in an oven made something like a Dutch oven.

The best raisins are the Malaga, Muscatel, or sun raisins. They are dried on the vine, the stem being partly separated and the leaves plucked away so as to admit the sun freely.

It is hard work to teach people who can learn nothing without being taught.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE JEWS.

If the Jews have in past ages been a prescribed people, they have had their revenge in their rise to the leadership of finance in Europe. In the United States they are noted for their thrift, which, supplemented by their economy, carries them upward with great rapidity.

THE GARDEN FOR WOMEN.

There is nothing better for wives and daughters physically than to have the care of a garden; a flower-pot if nothing more. What is pleasanter than to pass a portion of every passing day in working among plants and watching the growth of shrubs, trees, and flowers, and to observe the opening of plants, from week to week, as the season advances?

TRUE HOSPITALITY.

Many a wife might read the following paragraph from Emerson, and be wiser therefor: "O excellent wife! I encumber not yourself and me to get a curiously rich dinner for this man or woman who has alighted at our gate, nor a bedchamber made at too great a cost.

I do not speak of theology in controversy, but I speak of pure religion, the great principle for moulding the heart and mind. To banish this element would be a ruinous experiment, both as regards the pupil no less than the master.