

at Elba, on the following day. On the 5th of May, 1821, Napoleon I., died at St. Helena. On the 16th of May, 1830, under the Polignac Administration, the Chamber of Deputies was dissolved, the dissolution leading to that crisis which cost Charles X., his crown. The 20th of May, 1834, is the date of the death of Lafayette. On the 8th of May, 1837, the amnesty for political offences was declared. On the 20th of May, 1838, Talleyrand died. On the 12th of May, 1839, Paris was enlivened by the insurrection of Barbes and Blanqui. On the 12th of May, 1840, the Chambers decreed the removal of the remains of Napoleon I., from St. Helena to France. On the 25th of May, 1846, Louis Napoleon escaped from Ham. On the 7th of May, 1848, the Provisional Government formed after the abdication of Louis Philippe resigned to an Executive Commission elected by the National Assembly—the attack on the Assembly being suppressed on the 15th, and the perpetual banishment of the Orleans family being decreed on the 26th of the same month. On the 15th of May, 1855, the Industrial Exhibition was opened at Paris, and universal peace would no doubt have reigned in the world, fostered by arts and commerce, but that unfortunately France declared war with Austria, and his Majesty Napoleon III., arrived at Genoa, on the 12th of May, 1859. On the 8th of May, 1863, the Chambers were dissolved and in the same month M. de Persigny issued some rather arbitrary advice to electors. On the 6th of May, 1866, the late Emperor expressed his “detestation” of the treaties of 1815, and on the 16th of May, 1871, the good people of Paris showed their detestation of the Column of the Place Vendome by knocking it down. Such are a few of the events which have made the month of May a peculiarly merry one for the French. It is, however, only fair on the other months of the year, to observe that they have none of them been backward in contributing to the fun of France.

When we observe any tendency to treat religion or morals with disrespect and levity, let us hold it to be a sure indication of a perverted understanding, or a depraved heart.

## THE BATTLE OF LIMERICK.

“Oh hurrah! for the men who when danger  
is nigh,  
Are found in the front, looking death in the  
eye!  
Hurrah! for the men who kept Limerick's  
wall,  
And hurrah! for bold Sarsfield, the bravest of  
all!  
Then fiercer grew the Irish yell,  
And madly on the foe they fell,  
Till the breach grew like the jaws of  
hell—  
Not the city of *Luinneach linn ghlas*.  
The women fought before the men,  
Each man became a match for ten,  
So back they pushed the villains then,  
From the city of *Luinneach linn ghlas*.  
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The battle of Limerick was fought on August 27th, 1690. On that famous day Sarsfield conquered Dutch William and his Saxon legions; and our lovely countrywomen won for themselves laurels that can never fade from their brows. It is an important piece of history; let us tell it briefly.

After his defeat at the Boyne, James lost no time in making his escape to France. He left the command of his army in Ireland to Tyrconnell, who gave orders that it should march on Limerick. The cities of Drogheda, Kilkenny and Waterford having capitulated, their garrisons joined the defenders of the staunch old city of the Shannon, determined to do for the honor of their country what their worthless king would not do for the preservation of his crown—defend it to the last extremity. Half the French troops had marched towards Cork on their route to France, and the rest followed De Lausan to Limerick. This worthy, however, being tired of the war, no sooner inspected the condition of the defenses than he pronounced the city untenable, and sneeringly declared that “his master could take the city with roasted apples.” But the governor of the city, De Boisselau, Berwick and Sarsfield thought differently, and set vigorously to work at strengthening the fortifications. Thereupon De Lausan withdrew his forces from the city and encamped at the Clare side of the river, whence he subsequently retreated to Galway, and thence embarked for