

tell what it will do for so "good" a Catholic politician as the leader of the opposition.

Where Washington Was Dubbed the "Father of his Country."

The American Catholic News says: "Philadelphia has an historic Catholic Church in St. Mary's, in Fourth street above Spruce street. It was founded in 1763 by Father Robert Harding, S. J. It was in this Church of St. Mary's on July 4, 1776, that Mass and a Te Deum were sung 'as fitting observances of the natal day of the United States of America by the grace of God free and independent.' After the surrender of Cornwallis a Mass of thanksgiving was offered in St. Mary's, and among those who attended the services were General Washington, General Comte de Rochambeau, General Marquis de Lafayette, General Baron Vonmoulin, the Rev. John Carroll, afterwards bishop and many other distinguished friends of liberty. It was also in this historic church that the first observance of the birthday of George Washington was held on Feb. 22, 1800, at which an eulogy of 'The Father of His Country' was delivered by the Rev. Matthew Carr, O. S. A. In the report of the Eulogy in the Pennsylvania Gazette of that week the editor says: 'Father Carr has given General George Washington a name which will live for ever, 'The Father of His Country.'" Certainly the Catholics of America have good reason to be proud of this venerable edifice."

Infalibility With a String.

From the N. Y. Freeman's Journal. "The Rev. Frank Spalding," says the Denver News, "created a sensation at the Deanery of Denver by declaring that the infalibility of the Pope, as explained by the Rev. J. A. Zahm, was virtually the same belief as held by the Episcopalians, and that was, that the Pope was infalible only as he represented the teachings of the Church."

A lively discussion ensued, says the News, the outcome of which was that Rev. Mr. Spalding asserted with emphasis that the Episcopalians and the Catholics were practically agreed on the doctrine of Papal infalibility.

Rev. Mr. Spalding evidently misrepresented Dr. Zahm. The flaw in his statement of Dr. Zahm's position is found in the inference he leaves to be drawn, that the individual private judgment is to determine when the Pope correctly represents the teaching of the infalible Church. Infalibility with such a string to it is no infalibility at all. To accept what the Pope officially declares, simply because it appears to us to represent the teaching of the Church, is to concede infalibility not to him, but to ourselves. It is equivalent to saying that the Pope is infalible when he teaches what we believe to be true. Here we make ourselves, not the Pope, the ultimate judge of what is revealed truth and what is not. This kind of infalibility can be attributed to any one, even to Huxley or Spencer. The evident error in this position is that it makes a man's infalibility depend on the fact that he teaches the truth, we being the judges; whereas the essence of infalibility consists in the inability to teach error. There is a vast difference between the ability to tell the truth and the inability to do otherwise. The man who tells the truth is truthful, not infalible, and the man who cannot do otherwise than tell the truth when he speaks is infalible, whether he speaks or not. Infalibility is not a positive power, like inspiration; it is rather a negative power, or limitation of power. It determines

not so much what one can do as what one cannot do. In reference to the Pope, it means that when he speaks in his official capacity as head of the Church of Christ he cannot enunciate a false doctrine; his liberty, his power, is limited to the affirmation of those truths that have been revealed and are in the deposit of faith, and by divine appointment under the guardianship of the infalible Church, whose official voice-bearer he is.

This determines the attitude of the Catholic after the Pope has spoken. He does not say with Rev. Mr. Spalding, "I believe the Pope because he has correctly represented the teachings of the Church," but, "I now know the teachings of the Church because the Pope has spoken." Thus it will be seen that the Catholics and the Episcopalians are neither practically nor theoretically agreed on the doctrine of Papal infalibility, and that Rev. Mr. Spalding misapprehended Dr. Zahm.

HOW A HOME WAS LOST.

THE BITTER EXPERIENCE OF MR. ELWOOD, SR., OF SIMCOE.

Attacked With Neuralgia of the Limbs he Became Helpless and Suffered Intense Agony—Spent His Home in Doctoring With Specialists Without Avail—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Come to the Rescue When Other Means Had Failed.

From the Simcoe Reformer.

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"WAS UNABLE TO WALK AROUND."

all to no purpose. So bad did he become, and so great were the pains that shot through his limbs, that at times Mr. Elwood had to be held down on his couch. His stomach and bowels were seriously affected and he was indeed in a deplorable condition. About a year ago he lost the use of his left foot and ankle and was unable to walk around his home without great difficulty. At one time Mr. Elwood was possessed of a good home, but so long was the ill that he spent all his property in the hope of regaining his health. Last fall Mr. Elwood commenced taking Pink Pills and shortly after he began to feel an improvement in his condition. He continued the use of the pills until he had taken thirteen boxes when he regained the use of his foot and ankle and thought he was about cured and discontinued their use. So long had he been a sufferer, however, that it was impossible for him to become convalescent in so short a time. An attack of the grip again brought on the disease, but not by any means so terrible as formerly. Mr. Elwood again commenced taking the pills and is fast regaining his former health and feels certain that the Pink Pills will exterminate all traces of disease from his system. He feels so gratified at what the pills have done for him that he gladly gave the information to the Reformer for publication in the hope that his experience may be of benefit to some other sufferer.

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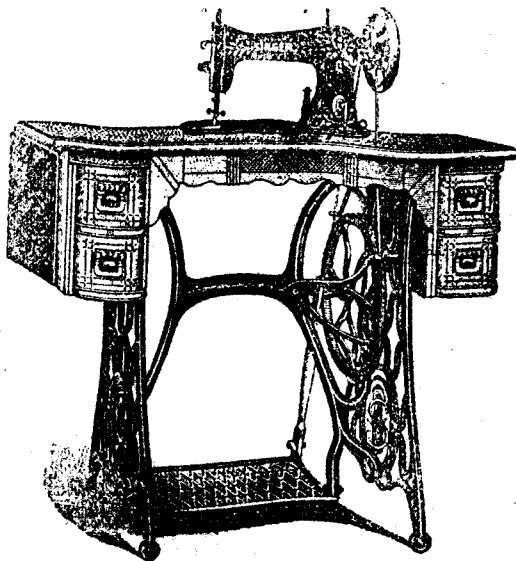
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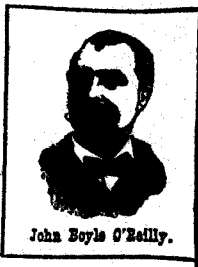
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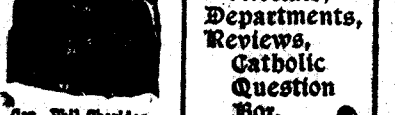
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