

A STRANGE EXPEDITION.

Mrs. Brennan to go in Search of Millions Hidden on Cocos Island—The Motives which Urge Her to Embark on the perilous Undertaking.

The Journal of New York, says: Mrs. James Brennan, of North Sydney, Nova Scotia, has been for the past ten days in Oakland, Cal., where she is superintending the fitting out of the schooner Meridian, which had been chartered for her by a San Francisco agent before she left her home in the province.

And yet Mrs. Brennan is going to try to effect a landing on Cocos Island, a little shell of volcanic rock about five hundred miles south west of Panama, an island inhabited only by herds of goats and known only as having been at one time a watering place for South Sea whalers.

Mrs. Brennan is going there to find some treasure, which she knows was there some fifty-four years ago and which she has every reason to believe has not since been removed.

Most expeditions in search of treasure are organized by mere dreamers, and not by men of business and skillful swindlers.

Mrs. Brennan was married for the first time in 1848 to John Keating, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, a seafaring man, who died in 1882.

When the Rose Blanche reached St. Johns, Thompson said he would like to find board in some quiet place where he could regain his strength before going to sea again.

The story as Thompson told it begins with the voyage of the schooner Mary Dear, commanded by Capt. Wm. Thompson, which sailed from Lima on the 23rd of November, 1820, bound for the Gallapagos Islands.

On the 7th of December the Mary Dear anchored off Cocos Island. Why she went to Cocos Island instead of the Gallapagos Islands and how the Spanish officer and the 12 marines disappeared from the narrative Mrs. Brennan says she does not know.

In the course of the long continued struggle between the Spanish and the Peruvian colonists any record of documents bearing on the case would undoubtedly have been lost, and it is impossible now to say whether the gold belonged to the Spanish government or to some private citizen who had procured a naval guard to superintend its transportation to the Gallapagos Islands

and its concealment there. In either case it would now be impossible for the original owners to prove their property and the present government will not, Mrs. Brennan thinks, give her any trouble. It is a strange undertaking for a respectable little old lady with side combs and gray curls and gold bowed spectacles to search for buried gold.

TRIBUTE TO SERVANT GIRLS.

HOW CATHOLIC HELP IN A PITTSBURG HOTEL SAVED LIFE. "The fact that several of the servant girls at the hotel were devout Roman Catholics prevented an awful loss of life. There were 25 servant girls employed in the hotel, and they all slept in one wing of the house. The fire broke out at 5 o'clock and at that time seven of the girls were up dressing, making ready to attend Mass. They rushed to the rooms of their fellow working girls and pulled the sleepers from their beds, but before one of them could get out the stairway was on fire."

The above is the concluding portion of a despatch describing a fire in a Pittsburg hotel on Sunday morning. Seven of the girls were up dressing "making ready to attend Mass." What a splendid example these poor servant girls give to so many so-called Catholics who deem it a hardship to arise and go to Mass even as late as 10 o'clock.

THE RICHEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD.

Twenty-six millions is the colossal fortune which Lucienne Fremelic Hirsch, granddaughter of the late Baron Hirsch, will eventually inherit, and it will make her the richest woman in the world. Though the Baroness Hirsch is named in her late husband's testament as his sole legatee, it is stated upon unquestionable authority that, acting under private instructions, which the baron gave her not many months before his death, she will only hold this vast wealth in trust for the daughter of the Baron's much-loved and only son.

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NERVE AND PLUCK.

HOW AN ENGINEER OF THE CAPE EXPRESS SAVED THE TRAIN. When one of the connecting rods of a locomotive running a mile a minute breaks, there is serious trouble. Engineer John H. Abbott of the Old Colony road was in a mix-up of this kind last week, near Bridgewater, and gave an exhibition of nerve and pluck seldom equalled.

The Cape express, drawn by locomotive No. 857, was speeding "down the hill," about a mile outside of Bridgewater. Abbott was on his seat and the fireman on the opposite perch. The train was making up four minutes' lost time at a mile-a-minute rate.

A terrible crash against the cab in front of the engineer led him to jump instinctively to the open space in front of the firebox. Immediately there was a terrible roar of escaping steam, and the cab went to pieces under powerful blows. In all this confusion and danger Abbott stuck to the throttle, shut off the steam and jammed the air-brake lever around to the last notch.

The break had come sharp and sudden half way between the drivers. The two heavy pieces of steel each long enough to reach the sleepers, had been whirled around at a terrific rate, both making a line of dents in the roadbed, and the fragments nearest the cab thumping that shaker box to pieces, on the engineer's side.

DIVORCE IN SWITZERLAND.

The divorce statistics of Switzerland for 1895, just published, furnish us with some interesting comparisons highly favorable to the Catholic cantons. There were 879 divorces granted and 22,910 marriages contracted during the year that is to say, about four divorces for every 100 marriages. If we come to the analysis of this general proportion we find the Protestant cantons give the following results: Berne, one divorce to very twenty-three marriages; Schaffhouse, one to twenty; Zurich, one to eighteen; Neuchatel, one to fourteen; Geneva, one to thirteen; whilst at the Rhodé Extérieure, we have the following figures of one divorce to every eleven marriages.

FADING AWAY.

The A. P. A. organization of Massachusetts is philosophically considered in its decadence by Mr. Bridgman in his Boston letter to the New York Evening Post. Bridgman thinks the end of the activity of this secret institution is about over. It was really a fading away from its predecessors in this state from the beginning. The first prescriptive movement of this kind here took place in 1841-5, and elected a mayor of Boston; the second came in 1853, and chose a Governor and Legislature of Massachusetts; the third is just now ending, having accomplished nothing of which the public generally knows, except the retirement of a highly competent clerk from the House of Representatives.

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ENDOWING CATHOLIC COLLEGES.

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DEATH OF CAPT. W. M. KELLY—A WORTHY SON OF A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.

Captain William Moore Kelly, 4th Batt., Incorporated Militia, one of the veterans of 1857, passed away on Saturday, the 18th instant, at his residence in Penetanguishene, Ont. Captain Kelly was appointed by Lord Sydenham Collector of Customs at Toronto, after the duties of that office for several years. Some irregularity in allowing imported goods to enter was reported by the late Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Inspector of Ports at that time, but though Mr. Kelly's honor in the discharge of his duties was stainless and unimpeachable, he was nevertheless retired from office. Mr. Kelly was shortly afterwards appointed resident Superintendent of the Penetanguishene Reformatory, which office he was the first to hold, and discharged its duties for eighteen years, as has been most satisfactorily recognized by Sir Oliver Mowat. Mr. Kelly was succeeded by Mr. McCrosson, the present Warden.

A VETERAN GONE.

Mr. Kelly was a nephew of the late Right Rev. Dr. Oliver Kelly, Archbishop of the ancient See of St. Jarlath's, and was educated by his uncle at the Diocesan College, Tinnahilly, County Galway, Ireland. Captain Kelly emigrated to Canada in 1832. He was descended from the warlike tribe of O'Kellys, who distinguished themselves at the famous battle of Clontarf, A.D. 1014, where the pagan power of the Danes in Ireland was forever overthrown. And on his maternal grandfather's side, he was a lineal descendant of Roger O'Moore, Chief of Leix and Osory, (now King's and Queen's Counties), who gave his life, tempus (Queen Elizabeth), contending against Carew, one of that gracious lady's exterminating Generals.

DROPPED LETTER.

The omission of an initial letter sometimes completely alters the sense of a sentence. A paper recently announced in a scorching "Great Laughter in Armenia." Another paper says that owing to numerous accidents occasioned by skating on a certain pond "measures are to be taken to put a top to it." The following is from an English paper and took place in London—not in the Fiji

THE CANADIAN HORSE.

The London Morning Post says: "The extensive shipments of Canadian horses to this country have for some time past seriously hampered the markets for the produce of British studs. For light street work the cheap imported animals appear to answer fairly well and withstand the exigencies of the climate much better than was expected. According to the Canadian Gazette the London General Omnibus Company have entered into a contract for the delivery of 5,000 Canadian horses to be used in their buses on the London streets at the average price of \$40 per head, the contract extending over five years. This extensive order may be accepted as high testimony to the utility of the Canadian horse, and, in consequence, will give rise to no little anxiety among horse breeders in this country."

GINGER PUDDING.

Put one-half pound of flour, one-quarter pound of suet, one dessert-spoonful ginger, one-half of sugar, in a basin. Mix three table-spoonfuls of syrup in a basin and mix with the other ingredients. Beat in two eggs. Pour into a greased basin and steam for two and one-half hours.

FOLLOWED COPY.

An instance of faithful effort to "follow copy" occurred recently in a New York newspaper office. The reporter, who wrote a very bold, vertical hand, put it down to a zig-zag flash of lightning played among the clouds, and on the proof it came out "zig-zag flashes" played among the clouds.

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THE CATHOLIC WORLD FOR AUGUST. A temperate and thoughtful paper on the forthcoming "Convention of the Irish Race" is the first article in the August number of The Catholic World Magazine. An interesting series of "Reminiscences of Constantinople after the Crimean War," by "A Member of the Embassy," follow as an illustrated paper. A touching story of the Bavarian Alps, by S. M. H. G. is given under the title "Mary of the Blessed Sunshine." Mr. John Paul MacCorry discusses the question of woman's claims in an article entitled "The War of the Sexes." Mr. W. B. McCormick treats of "Fifty Years of American Literature" in a comprehensive paper. The interesting subject "Pilgrimages in the Tyrol" is treated in an illustrated article by Charlotte H. Courten. One of the bright series of Irish sketches by Dorothy Gresham appears, headed "Where the Turf Fires Burn." Rev. L. W. Mulharg gives a vivid picture of "The Church in the Sandwich Islands," with some views and portraits. "Some Great Women of the Old Regime," an unsigned article, draws some pathetic pictures of the sufferings of Madame Lafayette and her sisters under the Reign of Terror. Amarrilli Etrusca and the Roman Reading Circle Movement," by Marie Roche, treats of a singularly gifted woman and her times, and some illustrations are given in the article. The burning question "Are Anglican Orders Valid?" is lucidly discussed by Rev. Charles J. Powers. John J. O'Shea furnishes a suggestive article on Greater New York, under the heading "The Evolution of a Great City," which is embellished with many fine plates. The reviews of new books are allotted a large space, and the proceedings of the Columbian Reading Union are also given at length.

Not long ago a parson robed in white was instructing his flock, and took for his text, "Woe to the man who loves riches." Paddy, in the porch, listening, cries out, "No, but woe to the man who wears his shirt outside his breeches." There are some hair oils, powders, etc., which positively destroy the hair and cause it to become diseased, by the deleterious nature of the ingredients composing them. Luby's Parisian Hair Renewer is perhaps the only article in the world which completely cures the scalp and restores grey hair to its original color, black brown or auburn. So do all by chemists.