My Wee Cripple Wean.

Hel leggie was broken when her mither lay dyin' And death took our new-born bairnie awa'; There was naething but poortith and sabbin' an sighin'

kon it seemed as if heaven had forsaken as a. Ereber soul sunward soured, that a townson had dattered

For freedom, to busk in Omnipotence' sheen; My heart maintly rent when her last words were

Wille be good to fur wee stipple ween! Years ha'e rolled on sin' the sodhapp'd her mither

Whiles we've been dowie, an' whiles we've been be whites when we're cautionn' escortin' tegither

A the ngor micht tak's for a lass an' a lad. It the wolrd wintry time, when lang wark made me weary, Fra chanticlear's matin to vesper at e'en,

The click o' her staff on the stanes made meckeer) When, smiling, she met me-my wee cripple

a cauld cabin, cors, for 'twas rotten' an' fa'in, Sometimes we had fire an' sometimes we had

ha' we cudna help shiverin' when Boreas was

The 'beautiful snow" thro' the auld crackit

The or bits o' bed trappin' were no unco cozy, We cuddled the closer and stockit oor een, An' I felt mair than happy, when sleepin' sae rosy, She dream'd in my oxter-my wee cripple wean.

she grew grave at her prayers, an she learned her carritch. An' sang hymns o' heaven wi' an organ like

an'at nicht when the dear thing had suppit her i wash'd wi' a will tor bit duddles mysel'.

aweli:

Oor gear bein' scant, unbefriended, unaided, I mendit her stockin's and clootit her shoen; in blithe beat my breast as the broon curls I

That kissed the broad brow o' my wee cripple

she's a little Minerva in wisdom, the Kitty-16'd wonder hoe words came sae glib to her tongue;

Her funny remarkin', sao wise-like an' witty, Amuses the auld and dumfoonders the young, A Venus in beauty, as modest's a gowan, A scraph in mind, a Madonna in mion, Wi's heartie sae tender, sae lovin', sae lowin', She's a' body's body-my wee cripple wean.

The clouds that sae lang has been hovering o'en

us, Hope's balmiest breezes are driving away; An' I'll live yet to sing ye a cheerier chorus While Tibbuck's the love an' the lick o' my lay. I dootna some day she'll astonish the w rl'. I'An' the warl' mayhap hail her Poetry's Queen, Wi' a ha' o' her ain, an' a garland o' laurel Be wreath'd round the broo o' my wee cripple

-Prize poem of Dundee People's Journal.

Electing a Pope.

The election takes place in the Pauline Chapel, in the Vatican. Here the Cardin-

assemble every morning and afternoon during the interregnum, living the rest of the time in rooms of the Palace, called for the moment "cells," and give their votes until some one person has received twothirds of all the votes present, and unless he has voted for himself, which is forbidden, becomes Pope. There are two other methods of election, by compromise and by acclamation, but both may be consider-ed set saide in modern times in favor of the ballot. Each Cardinal, sitting at his table under a canopy, writes in the middle of a prepared sheet of paper the name of his sandidate—who may, of course, be anybody, ar at all events any male baptized per-son whatsoever, but who is in modern times invariably a Cardinal—and at the bottom of the paper his own name. This paper is folded, so sealed that the name of the writer is hidden, and carried to the al-tar by the Cardinal himself, who, kneeling, pronounces in Latin the following solemn oath: "I call to witness Christ our Lord, who will he my judge, that I am electing him whom before God I think ought to be elected." He then places the vote in the chalice or urn on the altar, where the coru-tator, always an eminent Cardinal, either the Cardinal Camerlengo (Secretary of State), or head of one of the Monastic orders, mixes them up together, and counts hem. If there is any mistake, and the balloting papers are not equal in number to the number of Cardinals present, the total are burned; but this rarely happens. The scrutators then, sitting in front of the diar so that they may be seen, read out each vote, without, however, reading the coter's name which is left sealed up, and hen the total numbers are recorded and tad aloud. If any Cardinal's name is on we thirds of the voting papers, the cere monial ends, for he is Pope; but this, it may be said, never happens until many allots have been taken, and each scruting s always as a matter of course followed by an "accessit." This is, in fact, a second toting, in which each Cardinal "accedes" some name or other for which a vote has en recorded, and differs from the first oling only in this, that the choice is no onger unlimited. The Cardinal acceding an only accede to a name already propos-If the "accessit" is successful, ⁻the tes are verified, care being taken to asertain that the Pope Elect has not voted or himself, as that invalidates an election, and the election is complete; but if not, the antil the vacancy is filled. It will be perived that, removed as they are from the Iternal world, certain that no vote given fill be published till the election is comte, and in full sight of the whole prodings, the Cardinals are made as independent as they can be, and are placed uite beyond the risk of any trickery, falfication of votes, or incorrect returns. Their election may be made from bad mo-ives, but it must be their election. Of ourse, they discuss, and count, and plan, and influence each other by all manner of reguments in the intervals between the rotings, and of course waverers are greatly moved by the gradual rise of a candidate lowards the required number; but the in-

up the legal majority, for there is this peculiarity in Papal election, that there is no provision against its lasting for ever, or rather until the minority resisting has been thinned down by death. As long as one-third plus one, resist, or write "For Nobody" on their voting-prpers, no Pope can be elected, and an interregnum might

easily last many months.

In the next election, on the decease of Pio Nono, the struggle may be herce among parties in the church, but some of the old influences will be almost entirely wanting. The election will not be serious-ly affected by the differences caused by different creations, for owing to the length of this Pope's reign, nearly the whole electing body will consist of his "creatures," as ing body will consist of his "creatures," as they are called—that is, of Cardinals to whom he has given the hat. Then no Cardinal has any cecular roward to expect for himself, for the Pope elected will have neither provinces, nor treasures, nor great places to give away to those who have proposed him, or by judicious "accessits have turned the scale against a dangerous rival. And finally no Cardinal has now to fear And finally, no Cardinal has now to fear electing a daugerous sovereign, a fear which seems to have weighed at some previous elections with excessive weight. In 1670, for example, Cardinal Albani, when pressed during a protracted conclave to throw his influence in favor of a particular candidate, and terminate the long interregnum, is said to have replied: "These genflemen from France (the French Cardinals) are always in a hurry. They want the work (of the Concleve) done as soon as ever they arrive. When the Pope is elected, they remain here a few weeks to an use themselves; they are feted by everyhody, and made much of by the new Pope. Then they go home, and hear no more of the Pope, except from a distance, for the rest of their lives. But I have to remain under the rod! He is my sovereign. He can put me in prison, if he pleases. Messicurs the foreign Cardinals must be good enough to allow me to take sufficient time ir deciding on my choice to take care of my own interests." There can be no doubt that to the Italian Cardinals the acceptability of the Pope as King was a matter of the greatest moment, and this influence will in the next election be almost entirely wanting, probably to the serious increase of the adium theologicum.—London Svectator.

How a Pig Became a Horse.

A lady, who had several grown sons and daughters, told me that when her first born boy was a very young baby, a gentleman gave him half a dollar. She told her husband that she would, with that, provide

the little fellow a horse to ride by the time he should be twenty-one years of age.

With the half-dollar she bought a pig. She fed the pig with such soraps, etc., from the kitchen, as would otherwise have been thrown away for the kitchen the state of the best determined that thrown away, for she had determined that her husband should not incur any expense in the plan which she had adopted to get the horse. In about twelve months, when the pig had become large enough to be fat-ted for pork, she bought eight bushels of corn, promising the neighbor of whom she bought it that the would pay him when she had killed and sold the hog. So in a few months the animal had reached such a

size that he brought fourteen dollars. With this fourteen dollars she bought a calf, using the balance of the money to pay her husband all expense of keeping the calf, except the grass which it ate in the fields.

In the course of two or three years the calf had grown so well that it brought thirty-five dollars.

This amount, after paying all expense not before paid, was quite sufficient for the purchase of a colt, almost ready to be put under the saddle; and by the time her little boy was six years old, his horse was ready for him; but he was not quite large enough to take a ride.—Children's Friend.

Public Houses Without the Drink.

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long shall it be the reproach of Scotland, that localities which have no shop for bread or butcher-most must have tw whiskey, or that a stranger finds no change for innocent amusement, unless he con-sents to become a spirit bibber bine-elf, or to help others in the perform men?

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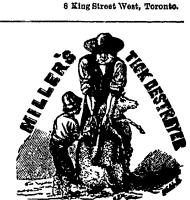
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