

On the Mount Sinai, in the midst of lightnings and thunders, God Almighty wrote on the stone with his own fingers:—

"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

"Thou shalt not have other gods before me.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,"* * Exodus xx.

God has never proffered any words more plain, simple, and clear than these. The young schoolboy, as well as the most profound philosopher, understands that by these words God Almighty for ever forbade to make a god of a thing which is created, even if that created thing dwells in "heaven above."

Now what does the Right Rev. Cardinal Gibbons and all the priests of Rome, do every morning? Do they not take a "created thing," a wafer, in their hands, and do they not change that wafer into God? Do they not adore that wafer, when turned into God? Do they not command their people to adore that wafer after they have changed it into the Supreme Creator of the Universe and Saviour of the World?

What was the crime of Aaron and the people in the desert when they made the golden calf? Was it not Idolatry? But where is the difference between the crime of Aaron and the iniquity of Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, and all the priests of Rome? The only difference is that the first one made a god of the melted gold bracelets and earrings of the Israelites; while the latter make their gods of a little dough baked between two well-polished heated irons. Aaron said to the people, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, 'These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt.'" Exodus xxxiii. Now the Roman Catholic Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, with all the priests, every day, say to their servants, "I want to make new good gods, and new Christs; I have no more in the tabernacle. Bring some flour of wheat, mix it with a little water, and bake the dough between this heated graving tool." And the servants of the cardinal and the priests bring some wheat flour, mix it with a little water, and bake the dough between that heated graving tool. And, a moment after, the bishop and the priests, holding in their hands those wafers baked in that heated graving tool, say, "This is Jesus Christ the