

OLD ST. PETERS

AND THE GROUND AROUND THE VATICAN.

The Remains of St. Peter—The Deaths of Two Apostles—O Happy Rome Rose Purpled With such Blood.

St. Peter, although the most vast and magnificent church of the city and world, is second in rank to St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, and the Basilica of St. Peter, which was built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century.

The geological formation is yellow siliceous-sandstone, upon strata of bluish marne, full of fossil shells. Woods of ilex trees once covered the Vatican Hill.

The etymology of the word Vatican is thus derived, according to some authorities, from the word "Vates," which, however, is derived from the first cry of a newborn infant, Va, va; and the Romans built a temple on the hill to the Protector of Infancy, calling him Vagitanus.

It is uncertain how long the remains of Peter lay undisturbed in the garden tomb under the little chapel or oratory Anacletus built over them during one of those breathing times between one persecution and another.

Paul to Peter: "Vae tibi fundamentum ecclesiarum, et Pastor agnorum et ovium Christi." Peter, kissing him, replied: "Vade in pace Predicator honorum, mediator salutaris, et dux iustorum."

Some rich Greek converts of Paul's, visiting Rome while the fervor of their faith was still high, contrived to steal both the bodies, and carried them along the Appian Way to the cemetery, afterward called St. Sebastian.

The attention of all classes of people, residents and visitors, rich and poor alike, was attracted by the odd marking, and sorts of rumours were waited through the air.

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ing those of one apostle from the other. But Sylvester prayed fervently for a sign, and a voice was heard in the air saying: "The larger bones are of the Preacher; the smaller are the Fisherman."

THE HOLY SHEKEL.

Mr. H. Gottschalk, of New York, is the possessor of a coin of unusual interest. It is called the 'holy shekel,' and it is claimed that it was used in the temple of King Solomon more than 3,400 years ago.

Mr. Gottschalk tells the following interesting story as to how he came into possession of the coin: "About ten years ago I was travelling in Roumania. In the little town of Carolopolis I met and became well acquainted with an old rabbi whose family had possessed the 'holy shekel' for the preceding three centuries.

There are many silver shekels in existence. They are not of this type, but were the coins used in the market places and formed the general medium.

THE SCIENCE OF ADVERTISING.

Once upon a time a theatrical company visited a small town in Ireland. The manager of the company, who was also the leading character and the author of the drama about to be produced, took a stroll through the town shortly after his arrival.

Young Monroe started out for St. Peter's Mission on a hunting expedition. He had been told that there was a bear in the neighborhood, and he was determined to get it.

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EPITAPHS. He escaped away the mossy spray, And scratched amid the lichen green, Until he read—Kate Kelly, dead. Age twenty-seven. Kerosene.

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gather every Sunday around our hearth, and while waiting for Vesper time, my father used to relate some of the remarkable events of his life.

Among his remembrances, there was one which above all was fond of relating and that was when, on the battlefield after a victory Napoleon had just won, he was seen, very young, and placed upon his breast the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

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