OLD ST. PETERS

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

St. Peters, although the most vast and magnificent church "of the city and the world," is second in rank to St. John word, the Cathedral of Rome, and hody of Peter was taken by ingrition, hody of Peter was taken by ingrition, the place of his crucifixion on the Janithe place of his crucifixion on the Janithe Place of his crucifixion on the Janithe Vesperone, commemorates both; "Oh, happy Rome, rosc-purpled with such blood."—Catholic Fireside. commercial Basilissa and Anastasia, assistof by Linus, Cletus, Apuleius, and Mar-cellinus, it was wrapped in linen cloths with spices, according to the Jewish mode of burial practiced by the Roman Jews of Trastevere, and it was secretly hid in a grotto of the Vatican gardens from the double motive that they had been the scene already of Christian martyrdom and torture, and the pious wish to imitate the circumstances of our Lord's burial. Both these ladies were put to a cruel death during the persecuput to a cruel death during the persention of Nero, their tongues being cut out because they refused to tell where they had buried Peter. They are recorded further the Greek and Latin martyrologies on April 15. The renowned Vatican Hill is one of the range rising from the course courts of Rome, up to the Hill is one of the range rising from Campagna, south of Rome, up to the Janiculum, extending in graceful undulation along the right bank of the Tiber, reaching its highest northern point at Monte Mario, and gradually sinking toward Ponte Molle (Milvian Bridge). This little chain of hills formed the houndary separating Francis from boundary separating Etruria from

Latium. The geological formation is yellow siliconscalearious sandstone, upon strata of bluish marne, full of fossil shells. Woodsn of ilex trees once covered the Vatica Hill. One tree of great age bad on its trunk bronze inscriptions in Etruscan, and under its thick, widespreading branches the Vates, or prophets, pro-nounced the oracles of the Sun-God when their advice was sought in critical times

THE ETRUSCAN CHIEFS.

The etymology of the word Vatican is thus derived, according to some authorities. Varro, "wisest of Romans," says, however, it is derived from the first ery of a new-born infant, Va, va; and the Romans built a temple on the hill to the Protector of Infancy, calling him Vagitano. Accustoried to the ways of Roman dialects, it is not difficult for me to hear a Trasteverino quickly transpose this word into Vaticano, just as they say drento for dentro (within). Or, as I once heard a Roman washerwoman pronounce laberinto (labyrinth) l'albero dipinto-the painted tree! The little ery-baby statues one sees sometimes in collections of sculpture represented this helpless divinity.

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 per-secution and another. Paul, who suffered martyrdom the same day, had been buried in the garden of a widow, Theona, near the left bank of the Tiber, on the spot where now stands the high altar of st. Paul's outside the walls.

above the Jews' quarters in Trastevere. To Paul, being a Roman citizen of Tarsus, in Cilicia, decapitation without the city was conceded. They were led from prison together and taken through either the old Ardeatine or Trigemina Gate, since called St. Paul's. At the spot where, according to tradition they congrated Peter to be compensate for the difference. I was subsequently offered \$500 for a cast in of plaster paris, but I have refused all such propositions. The coin is nor for sale.

The Science of Advertising. the spot where, according to tradi-tion, they separated—Peter to be taken across the river—there has stood for ages a small chapel, in memory of their last parting. The last words be-tween them, recorded in an epistle from Dionysius the Areopagite to Timothy, and quoted by St. John Chrysostom, were as follows:

PAUL TO PETER:

"Pax tibi fundamentum ecclesiarium, et Pastor agnorum et ovium Christi." Peter, kissing him, replied: "Vade in pace Predicator bonorum, mediator salutis, et dux justorum." As far as the heathen Romans were concerned the two chief Apostles might have rested quietly enough afterward in their tombs, and all the confusion about their identity would never have happened had it not been for the passionate zeal and probable rivalry of the Christians themselves.

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, after wind called a way. Some rich Greek converts of Paul's, the Appian Way to the cemetery, afterward called St. Sebastian. Here they were hidden until the Greeks were ready with their preparations for taking their precions theft to the East. But Gregory the Great relates that the Roman Christook the Greeks the night they went out with the chest they had prepared to put the bodies into. A portentous thurderstorm came on, during which they rescued the sacred relies, but were only able to have them there is the control of the properties. The pigs were then tarred with the word 'Rent' and the delighted with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the pig-buyer; and the with the word 'Rent' and the with the word 'Rent' and the with the w tians discovered the 10bbery and overto bury them hurriedly in a dry well near at hand, afterward erecting an altar over them to mark the place. The strictness of the Roman laws and customs as to the respect due to place or slike, was attracted by the odd marking. over them to mark the place. The strictness of the Roman laws and customs as to the respect due to places of sepulture necessitated all this secrecy and caution; it was not even generally known to the whole Christian colony that the graves were rilled, and they continued to resort to the first shrines as usual. In the dry well then, tradition says, lay the two Apostles for 252 years, until the Peace of the Church, when Sylvester, who succeeded Melchiades as Bishop of Rome, disinterred them, and solemnly replaced the skaladow and solemnly replaced the skaladow and solemnly replaced to the pig-marking was no longer a secret.

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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 AND THE GROUND AROUND THE "The larger bones are of the Preacher; the smaller are the Fisherman." Only Peter's skull was there; the head of Paul having been left probably by the thieving Greeks in their haste and hurry in Theona's garden. Anyway the place where it lay was marked and known to the Christians. Pope Sylvester divided the bones then and there on a marble table or slab still preserved in the crypt of St. Peter. Half were placed in the Vatican grotto, and half in Paul's first grave, beside the Ostian Way. From the earliest age of Christianity both the Apostles have been commemorated to-Apostes have been commemorated to-gether. Their day is the same, June 29. They are mentioned together daily at Mass, Matins and Vespeis. The hymn of the Empress Endoxia, composed in lateran, the Cathedral of Rolle, and grew up about the little chapel built by grew up about the little chapel built by Anacletus, third Bishop of Rome, over the grave of the apostle. Pauciroli, in this Tesori Nuscosti, mentions that the holy of Peter was taken by night from body of Peter was taken by night from the later of his crucifixion on the Jani-

(To be Continued.)

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. There is little doubt as to the genuineness of the coin, as it has been examined both by experts and ministers, and it tallies identically with the description of the 'holy shekel.'

On one side its inscription reads 'Holy Shekel, and on the reverse side is 'Jerusalem' in Hebrew characters. How the coin was preserved through so many centuries is a mystery. One of its strongest features is that in the centre of the side on which 'Holy Shekel' is inscribed is a six-cornered star, believed to he emblematic of the faith the Jews had in the coming of the Messiah, and is called the Star of Bethlehem by them. The Hebrew letters and the Star are nearly pure gold, though the coin as a whole is only 30 per cent pure. It is said the star in the star are nearly pure gold, though the coin as a whole is only 30 per cent pure. It is said the star in the st to be intrinsically worth \$1.70 in United

States money.

Mr. Gottschalk tells the following interesting story as to how he came into pessession of the coin: "About ten years ago I was travelling in Roumania. In the little town of Caraloestepo I met and became well acquainted with an old rabbi whose family had possessed the 'holy shekel' for the preceding three centuries. I was then employed assisting the persecuted Hebrews of that country to escape to America. As I was about to leave that country the old rabbi presented me with the coin as a token of gratitude. Along with it he gave me parchment documents showing the un-broken train of possession by some mem-ber of his family since A.D. 1620. As near as I can learn from the traditions of the past the coin was used in Solomon's

Temple about 3,400 years ago. There has been no use for such coins since, and it is genuine beyond any doubt. The 'holy shekel' was not used by the Jews as a circulating medium, but as an offer-ing for certain prayers and religious ceremonies as it was customary to pay fora custom that yet exists.

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. In the ancient days only very rich people could afford to give holy shekels, hence so few

have been preserved.

'There is but one other such coin in existence so far as I have been able to learn and that is in the British Museum. It is a holy shekel, but is not nearly so death passed upon the Apostles Peter and Paul, Peter being a Jew was condemned to be crucified on the Janiculum above the Jews' quarters in Trastevere. To Paul, being a Roman critical of the second compensate for the difference of the compensate for the co

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. It was "fair" day, and the streets were througed with buyers and sellers of cattle, pigs and sheep. In one of the principal streets the manager saw a group, the members of which were in a high state of excitement-evidently discussing some knotty point in connection with the disposal of a drove of pigs then grunting on the roadway.

Forcing his way into the centre of the disputants, the manager quickly ascertained the cause of the excitement. There had been a mistake of thirty shillings made in reckoning up the price of the pigs, and neither seller or buyer could or would come to terms. "Split-

Then, turning to the man who had been negociating for the purchase of the porkers, he said "Look here! I'll pay that thirty shillings myself if you will consent to my marking the animals with

every dead wall; and then the secret of the pig-marking was no longer a secret. "It was the best and cheapest adver-tisement I ever had," said Mr. M. A. Manning. "I had crowdel houses for a week; my original Irish drama, 'Rent,'

EPITAPHS.

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

He sauntered on a rod or two. And there he found another one— Moses Melchizidek MeGlue Here lies below. Blew in his gun."

He turned the corner with a moan, By thirst for knowledge goaded, And found upon another stone-" Didn't know 'twas loaded."

There lie the remains of poor Christopher Type
The rest of him couldn't be found;

He sat on a powder cask smoking his pipe, While the wind blew the ashes around.

-English Churchyard.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

Roberval.

The earliest European attempt at colonization in North America has its romance in the story of Margaret Roberval. It does not appear in the accounts of Cartier's voyage, but has been preserved by the chatty old priest, Andrew Thevel, who knew most of them that in his day went down to the sea in ships.

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Anaong the nobles of the court of Francis I. was one whose overbearing temper and haughty mich won him frem the galant king the title of Petit Roi de Vimeux. Caught by the idea of a vast domain in the New World, Roberval obtained one of those grants that European monarchs gave with such a lavish hand, ceding by a stroke of the pen thousands of miles of territory, untroden and unexplored, and creating a viceroy with powers unlimited.

A fleet was soon fitted out and Roberval salled forth, bearing a colony to people his kingdom. Among those who bore him company went reluctantly his niece, Margaret Roberval, whom he honed to separate, it would seem, from a Prench sultor, but before she salled Margaret, aided by her duenna. Bastlenne, was married to the man of her choice, and when that nobleman boldly offered himself as acolonist even the petity King of Vimeux durst not refuse. But his anger burned within, and when, after reaching the Gulf of St. Lawrence, he discovered that his niece was actually a wife, he became a very manifac. Her he could punish; she was his ward, married without his consent, and now within his realm, where he was absolute ruler.

Near them was an island, whose wooded slopes imagination had peopled with demons. Here, with a few seasty supplies, he secretly landed Margaret and her old attendant. But the husband, learning this landed from his own vessel with abundant supplies, risking his own life in thus braving the anger of Roberval.

Carry her back to France he durst not, but he could and would share her fut till friends could come to their relief.

He took ashore all that in the brief moment allowed him for deliberation he could think of, and his love prompted attention to her wants and conforts.

No time was lost in preparing a log hut, well sheltcred from the winds. The hird's nests were next sought for food, and a supply obtained, not after the heart was the hi

Though soon to become a mother, she took her husband's arquebuse, and, ere long, was an intrepid hunter. The polar bear more than once fell under her unerring shot, and, while her ammanution lasted she felt no fears. Even the sickness of her nurse, involving her cares, and the trial of maternity which come upon her, giving a new object to her love and duty, failed to paralyze the courage of this brave woman. man.
Seventeen months rolled away, and she was called on to commit to earth the form of her old nurse. The child of her love and sorrow followed its father, and Margaret knelt alone by the triple grove.

ed its father, and Margaret knelt alone by the triple grave.
For eighteen months she was utterly alone; no human voice fell on her ear, and she saw aught human but the speetral forms conjured up by her imagination.

At last her fire, kept burning so long and so steadily, caught the eyes of the sallors on a Breton ship, and approaching, with no little fear, the humnted isle, they rescued Margaret, who, when all was ready, hestated between the graves of those she loved and that Europe to which she had grown estranged.

Returning to her own hand, she retired to Perigord; and Roberval died on the streets of Paris, still unrelenting, still unmoved by the fearful sufferings of his nicee.

A Jumping Bean.

One of the curious products of Mexico 1s the jumping bean, a vegetable curiosity, whose teats of aerobatle agility have never been fully explained by the scientists. They grow in soda each pod containing three beans. Each segment is rounded on one side and A-shaped on the other, greenish yellow in color, and in circumterence about the size of a large lead penelt. When placed on a table they roll over and skip about, sometimes actually jumping a good two inches. When held between the thumb and foreinger they are felt to beat as strongly as the throbbing of a strong man's pulse. The Agricultural Department at Washington has been acquainted with the rarity since 1854. ment is rounded on one side and A-shaped on

A Brave Boy.

A story of an encounter between five bears and a boy, in which the latter came out victorious, will be found of interest. The hero of the adventure is Bert Monroe, is about 19 or 20 dead shot. Last fall he killed the largest bear that had ever been killed in his section of itatrial. county, Helena, Nebraska, and he refused \$75 for the hide. Although this latest adventure in

county, Helena, Nebraska, and he refused \$75 for the hide. Although this latest adventure in which he is said to have figured so prominently sounds considerably like a bear story, his friends are inclined to think he would not hesitate to tackle one bear or a dozen if he came across them together.

Young Monroe started out for St. Peter's Mission on a hunting expedition. He was after bear, and he found more than he had bargained for. His journey took him up toward the head of Milk River and while not expecting it he came face to face with a bear which emerged from what afterward proved to be a bears' den or lair. He had no sooner killed the bear with his irrasty rifle than another one appeared. He killed this one in the same way and the third appeared. He killed this one in the same way and the third appeared. He killed this one from the had time to realize that he was getting about all the bear he cared for in one day bear number four appeared. This fellow was also killed and there was only one cartridge left in his magazine. He needed this cartridge, too, for a fifth bear and larger than any of the other four came out of his den and made for him. He fired his last shot, and though it probably hit Bruin it did not do the business, for he came straight at him. Monroe did not have time to get another eartridge in his gua before the infuriated heast was on him. The animal made a slap at him, which sent the useless gun flying out of his grasp and he just had time to draw his hunting-kalle and give bruin an ugly cut in the throat. In doing this he received a severe squeeze from the monster and a fearful bite on the shoulder. Then he lost consciousness. It must have been only for a few moments, however, for when he came to again his horse was between him and the bear. The latter was evidently hurt, for he was making a feeble attack upon the lorse and was bleeding profusely from the wound in the throat. When the horse turned tail to his adversary and began to kick, the bear made off to the brush, leaving a trail of b

The Cross of Honor.

It was in the year 1871. I was then a boy twelve years old. I was living alone with my gether overy Sunday around our hearth, and while waiting for Vesper time, my father used to relate some of the remarkable events of his

while waiting for Vesper time, my inther used to relate some of the remarkable events of his life.

I should tell you my father had been a soldler. He fought on many a battlefield. He was in the Crimen, and at Sebastopol, and fought at the side of Napoleon in the Mexican war. He had seen the imperial eagles in their glory as well as in their defeat.

Among his remembrances, there was one which above all he was fond of relating and thot was when, on the battlefield after a victory Napoleon Ht kissed him publicly in presence of the whole atrny, and placed upon his breast the Cross of the Legion of Honor. After each recital of this event, he took from the wall a reliquary, in which could be seen the cross, and showing it proudly to his triends, he exclaimed:—This is it—ye, this is it, "and then before replacing it above his bed, he kissed it with devotion.

It was on a Sanday as usual, that my lather's guests all locked sad and mournful, and upon their faces, usually bright, were seen traces of sorrow. On that evening they no longer talked about the dumiliating treaty which was then being made. Yes, and it was sure, very sure, Lorraine and Alvace were not to be French any longer. The conqueror was about to greedily take them. We were to be Prussians for the future, and my father's friends were greatly grieved, and so was also my poor father.

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A few days after Bavarian soldiers made their entry into a small vialige of Sierek, where they set everything on fire. My poor father, not desirons of surviving such desolution and ruin, made up his mind to leave immediately, and we set out on foot with our light baggage. We were already on the frontiers of France when he said to me in a faltering voice:—

"Oh, my dear son; my cross of honor, which I have left behind. They will get it."

The unhappy old man in his precipitation, had forgotten his only treasure. He must go back. I tried to prevent him, but in vain; I could not succeed. Understanding them how sincere and great was the sorrow of the old man, I entrusted him to the care of a respectable int-keeper, and then I took the road leading back to the village. I was at time very small, and feared to lose my way. Reaching sierek, however, I found the whole village deserted. Not a man was to be found; not even an animal. Here and there could be seen heaps of smoking ashes, the only traces remaining of destroyed habitations. The enemies had despoiled and plundered everything. At that sight, the thought came to my mind: Hove they burned my father's house? Have they stolen my father's cross?

If so, he would be driven to despair, and might do something desperate. The barking of a dog saluted my ears. It was our faithful dog I had brought up, fed with my own hand, and which, in my extreme hurry. I had forgotten to bring with me. The sight of him relieved my aching heart. I carressed him for some time, then I advanced slowly ambet the rubblesh, and turned the augle which hid the paternal roof.
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yel. I went into the house; it had been sacked, but I went into the house; it had been sacked, but I to cross was there in its own place above the cruciffx, and the blessed palm. To take it and little it under my vest was the work of an instant. Then, leaving that dear house which had been the witness of my childhood's joys and griefs, and of the death of a beloved mother. I threw in it a lighted brand, "At least" I exclaimed "Prussian; you shall not have my house."—Hoston Houquet.

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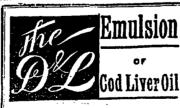
"The Blind Boy," a tragedy in three acts was next presented. M. Golden in the role of "Molino" and P. Moran as "Kallz" were well received. The following actors acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, P. McCattrey, T. and R. Conway, S. Roach, H. McGrady, T. Raymond and W. Ward. The acts were interspersed with many pleasing selections from the Band and College Choir.

A recitation rendered by M. Skelly, entitled "An introduction to Mr. Bruin," fully brought down the house, also P. Muson in a spe ch "Brutus on the death of Cosar" was received with hearty applause, M. Golden also pleased the audience with his many vocat selectio. S. The entertainment terminated with a very laughable farce entitled "A Close Shave" L. Preville as "Zeb" showed himself in excellent style, also M. Skelly, S. Roach, H. Ladoucour, E Monard and Jos. Bollena deserve particular mention.

The audience dispersed highly pleased and fully convinced that this entertainment was far superior to any given in former years and hoped that they would be able to be present, with their friends at the next especie to March I'th, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Rev. C. E. Durocher C.S. V. Prefect, is to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.—Com.

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