whose real name it will be more dis- what it is you want-you wish to creet not to disclose, but whom I be a widower and live over again shall call Morales, had just complet- your bachelor life. Ah, I am dying! ed a superb picture for the convent of the Escurial. He had received a large sum of money for his work, and by way of a little relaxation after the long continued toil bestowed upon it, he had assembled around a well spread table a few choice spirits from among his fellow artists. It was a bachelor entertainment. Not a lady was to sit down with them. Even the mistress of the house herself, Dona Casilda, had been excluded. Morales had sent her off with her maid to pass the day with one of her cousins.

But Dona Casilda, having a little curiosity in her composition, was very anxious to know what was to take place in her absence, and had a strong desire to find out what so Instead, therefore, of remaining at the house of her cousin, she quickly returned bringing the latter with her. and the two were presently ensconced in a little closet adjoining the studio, where, with eye and ear closely applied to the key-hole, they remained eagerly listening to all that pass-

"But tell us, my friend," said one of the pleasure of Senora Morales' company. Surely her beauty and wit would not have diminished the charm of the delightful meeting."

"There!" whispered the lady to her cousin. "That is the first sensible speech I have heard."

"Bosh!" replied the husband, pouring out a glass of golden sherry. "Women know nothing of the poetry

"That is true," added another. "Women are mere matter of fact beings-common-place, essentially prosaic. What do they know about the

arts or the enjoyments of artists?"
"Fools!" exclaimed Casilda.
"Yes," continued Morales. "Take from women love, intrigues and household affairs and they absolutely have nothing that they can think or talls about.

comment of the listeners.

a woman plays us a trick it is almost in my house they would establish ways at the expense of our honor."

"Wretch!" This word escaped the He began to make a closer examin-

two cousins at the same instant and ation, passing his hand over the door, was uttered in a loud tone, but the but could not find the knocker. us to play you a trick without learn the cause of this mysterious touching your honor, do you? By transformation, he began to thump our Lady of Atocha, I vow that be-fore Lent is over I will have my re-to rouse the whole neighborhood. venge!"

Casilda set her wits to work, and not to hear him, you shall hear what came of it. On He knocked still more loudly. the following Thursday she engaged At length, after he had stood a procure from the tomed to sell fragments of old build- an old handkerchief, opened the winings, a door of the same dimensions dow above, as their own which fronted on the "Hallo, m she had conveyed to her house with ing.

"But I wish to enter my own until the favorable moment. She had house.' communicated her design to her brother and a few friends in the neigh-borhood on whose aid she relied in hour." carrying out her plot. On a certain home at a late hour from a convent, paid a round sum for it with his where he had just completed the own deniers." painting of a chapel, which themonks owere to have opened at Easter, Casand a greater profusion of caresses they retired to rest for Morales must first have his supper.

The night was cold and stormy Towards midnight Morales' wife began to utter deep groans, intermingled with piercing cries, as if suffering from intense pain.

"Holy Mother!" exclaimed she. "I am dying! My dear husband, my last hour has come!"

"I can bear it no longer!" cried. "Get me a confessor-the Sacraments! It is almost over with

At these cries the domestic hastened to her assistance, but nothing relieved the sufferer. Poor Morales.

though sore against his will, was forced to leave his bed. "I know what it is that ails you, mistress," said the girl. "It is that

had vinegar you mixed with the saand. You know, it served you the same way last time. Mother Castinoia cured you then.

The painter at this began to scold his wife because experience had not made her more careful, and she only sobbed out in half suffocated words: ''Al hecho no ay remedio' (What is done cannot be undone). For mercy's sake go for Mother Castinoja. She is the only one who can give me relief. Bring her quickly, or there will be nothing left for you but to open my grave."

"My little wife," replied her husband, in a dismal tone, "my dearest wife, Mother Castinoja has moved to the other end of the city. The night is very cold, and the rain is pouring in torrents. Even if I could find Mother Castinoja, do you think she would come to see you through this terrible storm, my dear. Compose yourself, my dear, and do not force me to tale such a long walk, which

I am sure will be of no use.' At this Casilda began to sob anew. "See what a husband God has given me! I only ask him to go' for a

nurse at the risk of wetting his UMORS, boils, pimples and al! cruptions are due to impure blood,

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by purifying the blood with

A celebrated painter of Madrid. | shoes, and he refuses. But I know A priest! I'm poisoned!"

Morales, really believing that his wife was at the last extremity, and fearing that if she died the accusation she had thrown out against him might have serious consequences, endeavored to soothe her by caresses, and prepared to light a lantern. He then drew on a pair of stout boots, threw a cloak over his shoulders, and manfully set out on his nocturnal expedition in search of Mother Casti-

noja. But while he is groping along the streets, let us return to the sick lady. No sooner did she see her husband fairly off on his expedition than she summoned her brother and a few chosen friends who were lying in the cellar. In a twinkling they many men could have to talk about had the old street door off its hinges when there were no women present. And its place supplied by one bought for the occasion. Above it they placed a huge white sign, on which was displayed in large letters the fol-lowing inscription: "The Hotel of the Cid. Good Entertainment for Man and Beast." This done, a large party of friends from the neighborhood, who had been let into the secret, were speedily assembled. Castanets and guitars were put into requisition. A

of the guests, "why we are deprived repast was prepared, and the merry guests began to eat, drink and dance by way of celebrating the dismal expedition of the poor husband who had gone in search of Mother Castinojo.

Meanwhile, having proceeded from street to street, knocked at more than fifty doors and roused and angered the whole neighborhood, our good painter was at length obliged to return without the nurse. He was drenched to the skin and his patience was completely exhausted. On approaching his house the sounds of musical instruments, singing and peals of laughter burst upon his asit, he became completely bewildered, believe.

cannot comprehend a rich joke or one then weeping and groaning with of those capital pieces of humor Pain, and now they are singing and which the air of the studio inspires. dancing. I have never noticed a tav-They cannot appreciate them. When ern in this street, and surely it is

noise of the guests and the rattling At last, determining to make himof glasses prevented its being heard, self heard, in hopes that as soon as The merrymakers within pretended

long time under the dripping of Place Cabeda, where they are accus- roof, a man, with head covered with

"Hallo, my good man, what the

"My friend, it is not our custom to

"Morbleu! but I tell you this is my evening, when Morales had returned house, and my father, Diego Morales,

"Hark ye, my fine fellow, I know not if the wine which disturbs your lirevocable bond. ilda_received him with much warmth noddle was Val de Pequas or Logroquo, but I'll be sworn it was capithan usual. It was very late when tal, and the water from the gutters or in the balance, "whether you could will not hurt you. So go on, or I'll let loose a mastiff. Good night."

Thus saying, he closed the window. The singing and laughter were renewed within. Morales commenced knocking again when presently he

heard someone call out: "Antonio, unloose the dogs." At this the door was thrown open

and forth came a man with two huge dogs, which might have made the joke a rather serious one had they not been held back by their "You cursed fellow," he said,

'what do you mean by making this clamor? Were you not told there was no room for you here?" "But, my good friend, this is my

it into a tavern." "My good man, you are certainly

under a strange delusion. There are means, and a partner of his labor. neither Morales nor mulberries in this neighborhood.' I am a painter, well known

this city, and of some celebrity in this quarter. Call my wife, Casilda. If she is not transformed into a landlady, she will doubtless extricate me from this labyrinth."

"The landlady is Maria Perez. For more than six years this has been one of the most frequented hotels in Madrid. Its master is Piedro Carasco and I am his valet. And now, take vourself off.'

The poor painter made the best of his way by groping along through the darkness to the house of a friend From the lamentable voice in which Morales asked admittance the friend thought some serious calamity had befallen him and hastened to let him in. Morales related his adventure, but his friend listened with incredulity. However, he prepared him a bed and advised him to go to sleep for he doubted not that Morales had

the "jocund grape." In the morning the painter still persisted in maintaining the truth of the story, and his friend, curious to behold the enchanted mansion; accompanied him home.

But to the utter astonishment

been making a little too free with

dream. The marvellous sign had dis- cruel wrong? appeared, the house was secured by

peaceful appearance. "Come, Morales," said his friend, slapping him on the shoulder, "confess that you had taken a drop too much last night and were afraid to of helping them not to enter "lightly return home."

"On my honor as a man and as an artist," replied Morales, "I have told happiness or misery of a woman's you nothing but the truth." destiny. Morales rapped sharply at the

door. The maidservant hastened to

windows. "You have an angel for a

'Ah, indeed! And where have you abominable thing a man is who plays excess its effects are not good.

the bachelor." bachelor parties! But you did not reckon on the kind services of the neighbors."

"My dear wife," said Morales, soothingly, "if you will only listen to me, you will find that I am much more to be pitied than blamed." And here the poor artist began to

relate what happened to him. But his story was received

shouts of laughter. whom you have passed the night both mind and body. drinking and carousing. Tell the

parties.

"Ah, Master Simple, and so you defy he effected an entrance he would it when I require to oil my hair. Try adjunct to the dessert, or as somet and see for yourself. 50c a bottle.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

MARRIED LIFE. - For every conceivable avocation, profession, or even graceful accomplishment, youthstreet. She charged him to get one devil do you want at this time of ful aspirants are schooled, says a of an antique pattern, covered with hight? There is no room for you well known writer of a leading secuironwork and heavy mouldings. This she had conveyed to her house with all secrecy and kept closely concealed "But I wish to enter my own all secrecy and kept closely concealed" "But I wish to enter my own each possible chance of defeat and wined off out the same garden. disaster; but when young girls and men approach the time when they may naturally expect and hope to marry, it is a rare thing to find for either sex that the slightest preparatory teaching has been a tempted regarding those things which are to mar or make the joy or wretchedness of two human lives, bound with an

"It is not," said a wise weman to a daughter who was weighing a suitbe happy happy with this man, but whether you could be happy without him?" It was like an electric light thrown upon a picture; life could be very tolerable to the young, joyous girl, even if her pleasant partner in many a merry

dance was to fade out of sight. Position, income, personal attractiveness, are also discussed as debutantes, and possible "eligible parties," pass in the great processions of May Fair, but rarely does a mother out of the deep experiences of her own life show to her children that the marriage vow means self-abnegation, mutual patience which has no limit, suppression of temper, resistance of irritable influences, the adapthouse, and I cannot comprehend ing of individual habits, and the prewhat piece of sorcery has converted ference of mutual benefit. Seldom is a girl taught that she is responsible for a righteous use of her husband's How many girls have been warned that to adorn themselves with dress

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"Some day, in your own home, dear ive preamble to a mother's helpful words. And to her sons, surely every joy and every disappointment of her own life ought to furnish her a means or unadvisedly" into that vowed responsibility which is to control the

ABOUT DIET .- The young lady who wishes to obtain a very beautiopen it. who wishes to obtain a very beauti"Oh, Senor Morales!" cried she in ful, soft and white skin, says a cortones of well feigned astonishment. respondent, should subsist constantly How could you have the heart to on milk and eggs, and the individual, stay out all night carousing with whether male or female, who desires your friends and your poor wife ly- to brighten the intellect and preserve ing here at death's door? And to go it fresh and vigorous, should eat not always be done the things should off under the pretence of finding Molargely of eggs. Butter has the effect be placed in a big dish-pan full of ther Castinoja! Shame on you!"

of making us sleek, pacific and lazy, water as soon as they have been "Shame on you!" cried a dozen if taken in quantities daily; the per-empticd of their contents. Pans should shrill voices from the neighboring son who thus indulges in this oleag- never be allowed to stand, or be put wife, and leave her in this cruel fatigued that he will be unfit for any way to die without assistance!"

Strong cheese is recommended in been all night? In some filthy tavern, moderation; it is suitable to those I guess, drinking with your good- who suffer from "nerves," for it for-nothing companions. What an acts as a sedutive. But if eaten to

> it unimpaired as long as you live you between the rushes of work. mus. eat plenty of mustard.

"Tell that to others! Do you take face of the globe. The humble po- that the area windows are all blockus for idiots. Morales, to whom you tato, too, comes in for condemnation, ed up with muslin, closely pleated, are telling some of your humbug stor- it being the conviction of this corres- and covered with a thick and often ies of the studio? Confess the truth, pondent, strange as it may appear, dark pattern. man. You have fallen in with some that a constant diet of this popular of your scapegrace companions, with tuber causes emmi and fatigue of

A diet consisting entirely of vegeta mistake, he raised his lantern, and truth and beg pardon for your fault. ables—using the word vegetables in gists. Apples, for instance, are recommended as a brain food instead of tish; they contain a proportion of Price 25 cents. phosphorous, and the malic acid is of As if by magic, after a few applica- beneficial effect. Those who eat abuntions, every gray hair iny head was dantly of this fruit-which does not changed to its natural color by using mean immoderately—will not be slow to observe the advantages from LUBY'S Parisian Hair Re- a hygienic point of view. The apple as an article of food rather than an thing to be munched between meals, has gained considerably in public favor in the last few years.

The proportion of fruit which may be eaten varies with the temperament: many people might subsist on a diet of which one-half was fruit.

THE REFRIGERATOR. — Housekeepers are learning that the cleaning of the ice box, like the cleaning of the house, should be constant rather than occasional; in other words, the refrigerator should be carefully looked over every morning, all spoilflushed out, unnecessary moisture wiped off, and the same care given that is expended at the weekly renovating. The ice chamber should have nothing in it but the ice, unless bottles of water or other drinks are put there. It is the opening and shutting of this chamber that wastes the ice, particularly where a refrigerator is built in, in a passage with a door opening directly in front of a range, as is often the case.

For the better preservation of the ice it should be covered with a newspaper when the chest is filled in the morning. The lower chamber is cooler for all food, as cold air falls, but it is difficult to convince the average cook that this is the case. A small dish of charcoal is necessary in each chamber, and the waste pipe should have very hot, strong washing soda water poured through often. A trick of many kitchen maids is to chop ice in the refrigerator; it is necessary sometimes to split a piece, but this should be done with an ice pick with a movable weight, which forces the point of the pick through without any risk of its chipping the zinc lining of the chest.

THE KITCHEN. - No room in the house is so important as the kitchen, and yet this is often the very one which is most neglected. It is just here where the test comes in as to whether the cook is capable and the mistress personally interested in the welfare of her house.

Many kitchens are thrown into a state of hopeless confusion should there be any extra work on hand, such as baking or jam-making. The table is strewn from "end to side" with a mass of articles, many of them having absolutely nothing to do with the work in hand. Pots and pans lie on every available chair, while knives and forks, cups and saucers, and other utensils are piled on the dresser.

Regular days should be kept for cleaning certain things, and these days should be strictly adhered to. The flues ought to be cleaned out two or three times a week; if this be done regularly, there will seldom be any trouble with the oven when it is wanted hot. The stove should be perfectly cool when cleaned, and a very little black-lead is required to keep it in good condition. A dirty sink should never be allowed. Everything adhering to it should be carefully scraped off, and, if an open-wire dish be placed over the strainer, it will be found a great help in keeping out crumbs, &c. Every night boiling water in which a little soda had been dissolved, should be poured down it this will remove any mate

the mystified artist another change and ornament, which become burden- rial from the sink, and prevent the had come over the spirit of his some to their husband's purses, is a pipes getting clogged with grease. If it be rough, it should be rubbed with pumice, emery, or sand-paper, and it its accustomed portal and everything daughter, you will need to remember should often be oiled, to keep it had resumed its former quiet and this," ought to be an easily attractvery dirty, dissolve a piece of washing soda, about the size of an egg, in half a pailful of hot water, and, taking a coarse brush, use half the water to give it a good scrubbing. and then wash it out again with the remaining half; sinks are better for

this treatment once a week. Dish cloths should also be carefully attended to, and spread out to dry when not in use, and dish towels should be rinsed after using, and hung in front of the fire.

A rule should be made, and adhered to as far as possible, to wash every article, and put it in its place after it has been used. If this caninous ailment will so soon become on a stove without first being filled with water.

A tall stool or chair is a very great convenience in a kitchen. A cook or kitchenmaid has to stand very often for a long time preparing fruits or vegetables, beating a cake, and on numberless other occasions. It is a matter of common belief This is bad for her, as well as most "But it is with me he has the ac- that mustard, taken internally, is a tiring, and she would keenly apprecount to settle," cried Casilda, who preventive of rheumatism. Our cor- clate a scat high enough to allow now came up, looking wan and pale, respondent does not, unfortunately, her the same freedom as if she were as was natural, after a night of dissipation. "And so you believed I was something else in connection with supplied with a low; comfortable dead, and you thought to come back this condiment which is of great im- wicker chair. It is considered a great and squander my dower on your portance-namely, that mustard and boon, for servants have more standmemory go together. If you wish to ing about than many of us realize, have a good memory and to preserve and many are thankful for a rest in

> A kitchen should never be allowed The old idea that fish is good for to become stuffy. The doors and winbrain workers is scouted, those who dows should be open as much as poslive exclusively on a fish diet will in sible, so as to admit the fresh air and time and themselves on a level with sunshine, while the curtains to the the fish eating inhabitants of North- windows should be thin, not to obern Siberia, who rank as some of struct the light. How often we nothe least intellectual people on the tice, as we pass down the city streets

A RECORD IN BLOOD.

The record of Hood's Sarsaparilla instead of standing there telling these the purely cookery sense-is consider- is literally written in the blood of own, with the sign of a hotel over cock and bull stories that no one will ed injurious, whereas fruit is highly millions of people to whom it has extelled. Fruit of all kinds is highly given ggod health. It is all the time And, in truth, Morales had to come beneficial, as it produces an exhil- curing diseases of the stomach; "Impertinent fellow!" was the signs of the cross, "this indeed must be my house. It is but an hour and be my house. It is "Why," added the painter, "they a half since I left it. My wife was to sue humbly for pardon, which was ject of fruit as an article of food who are taking it for poor appetite, only granted him on the condition there is now a consensus of favor-tired feeling and general debility. It that he would give no more bachelor able opinion among modern physiolo- is the best medicine money can buy.

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CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CHINA.

Father Wynne, the editor of the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart," has prepared a statement, in which he answers the charges made anonymously by a member of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, that the imperial decree giving special privileges to Roman Catholic missionaries in China was responsible for the present troubles in the Empire. Father Wynne's statement reviews the conditions in China from 1895 down to the present time, and gives a full history of the Roman Catholic missionary work.

The imperial decree of 1895, he says, was secured through the diplomatic influence of the French Government, and gave to the Roman Catholic missionaries the privilege of appealing directly to the Chinese public authorities for the redress of any wrongs or the granting of special indulgences. A copy of the decree was sent to the various viceroys and mandarins throughout the Empire, and they were ordered, on pain of the imperial displeasure, to respect its various articles. Under this decree Roman Catholics did not have to place their grievances before a consul of their country, but went direct to the viceroy or the mandarin and demanded redress. A bishop only could appeal to a viceroy, because of the equality of rank, and a priest could only go before a mandarin.

Father Wynne says further that this imperial decree was of very little practical benefit to the Roman Catholic missionaries for the reason that it was not respected. The sufferings of the missionaries were not relieved and the raids of the bandits and looting of the robbers among the Roman Catholic missionaries went on



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unchecked by the mandarins, whose laxity failed to provoke the imperial frown, and since the year 1897, 1wo years after the issuing of the decree, six Roman Catholic missionaries were murdered in different provinces of the empire. Two of the murdered wissionaries were German, three were French and one was an American

The charge made by the member of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, that the Roman Catholic missionaries were abusing the privileges given them by the decree, in that they sought converts with offers to secure them amenity from the police power of the mandarins when they were apprehended for wrong do-ing. Father Wynne says, is absurd. There are enough law-abiding people in the empire to convert, he says without seeking them among the criminal classes.

That the decree giving special privileges to the Roman Catholic taissionaries may have intensified the anti-foreign spirit in China the editor of the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" admits, but that it could be assigned as the cause of the present trouble he says is absurd, and not worth consideration. The Jesuit missionaries to tona,

many of whom have been chosen from this country, are distributed through out the two provinces of Kiang-Namand East Pe-Tschi-Li, which are both within a short distance of Peker Father Wynne says that he has record many letters from missionary in those provinces in the last few and but in none of them, not each the late ones received this year. - any mention of the "Boxers" made missionaries, however, often had occasion to mention the bands of robbers and bandits who sacked and looted their mission houses and destroyed their humble places of worship, crying, "Extermination to relegion and death to the for igners"-Sunday Democrat.

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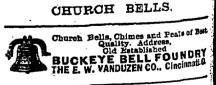
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