

The girl was about to reply, but at this moment an old dame thrust her head into the circle and said: "But, bless my soul! do you know how Jan-Grap did the job?"

"It might be a few thousand crowns. But how many thousand?" "I don't know exactly; I have not written it in any book."

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

THE EDUCATION QUESTION!

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS.

The reply of the Irish Hierarchy to Mr. Cardwell's letter of the 28th of November last has been printed in a Parliamentary Paper, and published in the Freeman's Journal of Monday last.

Catholic children are obliged to act as if they had no religion; thirdly, in all schools, not only the sign of the cross, and all external religious practices, but even an extraordinary stretch of authority, mental prayer have been prohibited by the Board.

tion, and in the 16th paragraph, they have extracted from Parliamentary reports, showing the danger arising from combined religious instruction, in the National School books.

No single case can be alleged in which Catholic Episcopal authority is recognised by the National Board. So far for the theoretical recognition of episcopal authority. Descending to details we may not ask in what instance are our rights practically admitted?