A Woman's Prayer.

BY MARY A. HARDYMAN,

I ask Thee not, O Lord, for wealth or sanctity at court." Nor care 1 aught for riches or for

fame. I only ask for strength to bear life's burdens.

Jesus' Name. For courage too, that I my cross can

Without complaint, though heavy be the load; I ask that Thou wilt guide my foot-

steps ever, That they may follow Thee down Calvary's road.

protect me

my way; child is pleading; For this alone I pray.

-S. H. Review.

London's Tower.

(An Occasional Contributor in True Witness.)

Every nation of Europe has monuments more or less ancient, and of them some date back to the twilight of fable. For example the mystic Round Towers in Ireland are of pre-nistoric origin. England does not possess relies and monumental piles of such antiquity; but she has many olden structures compared to which her palaces and pris ors, as well as those of Europe in general are but of yesterday. Of these the Tower of London is one. and possibly the most noted. It would be very interesting to establish a comparison between it and some of the oldest structures on the continent. This is admirably done by Hepworth Dixon in his history of the Tower. Glancing over his pages we find some interesting data.

The west front of the Burg in Vienna, is the oldest piece of a palace on the continent-it dates from the time of Henry VIII. The Kremlin in Moscow, that was destroyed while Napoleon I. was occu-Russia, and the Palace of the Doge, in Venice, both belong to the four-Vatican is the Borgia palace, which bears the name of its builder. The old Louvie was commenced in the reign of Henry VIII.; and the Tul leries in that of Oueen Elizabeth. In the days of the civil war what is now the gorgeous palace of Versail les was a v.st swamp, devoid of all structures. The Escurial dates from the sixteenth century. The Serail of Jerusalem is a Turkish edifice. prisons of Europe. With the sole the great prison of Rome, compared with that one from which Ralph the year of the first crusade.

The contents of the Tower of London are as wonderful as its antiquity, Three million pounds worth of jewcls are therein stored; and, with the exception of the Koh-i-Nor, all the State regalia is there. A buge crys tal represents the Koh-i Nor, for the present Queen wears the original as one of her personal jewels. The jawel house was built there when the Royal Mint was constructed therein.

There are no end of anecdotes cor nected with the tower of London One attempt had been made to steal the treasures therefrom. It was the notorious Col. Blood who made that attempt. The story of Blood's daring is thus told :

"He had ingratiated himself with the deputy keeper of the jewels, had gone so far as to propose a match between his ward and the daughter of the official. All went smoothly: The bogus swain turned up to be inspected; with him three others and the colonel. They beat and gagged the old man, secured the crown, orb, and scep're, and were just making off, when, by the strangest coincidence, the son of the jewel keeper arrived from Elanders. to hide it from yourself.

"The scene which followed would Others see it, you won't. do credit to the dramatist. The colonel, disguised as a clergyman, had deceive yourself any longer. the crown concealed beneath his Begin with the first thought cassock, and added his voice to the to take Scott's Emulsion. If hue and cry. 'Stop the villain,' it isn't really consumption so he loared. He had reached his much the better; you will soon horse before the imposture was dis forget it and be better for the covered. When they made for him treatment. If it is consumphe turned and fired in the face of tion you can't expect to be the men nearest him. The pistol cured at once, but if you will then, in accordance with the law, missed fire, and the crown was saved, but not uninjured. Trampled in the rigidly regular in your treatmud, its jewels were all knocked ment you will win. out, and many of them lost. An apprentice found the great pearl, a rest all you can, eat all you the large towns and in many of scavenger the biggest diamond. can, that's the treatment and the villages the contest was on 'Well, it was a gallant deed; it was that's the best treatment. to gain a crowr,' was all Blood had to say as they carried him a prisoner to the dungeon. But no ill befell him for this and other treason. He had played for higher stakes before. had attempted to surprise Dublin Castle and capture the Duke of Ormonde, and, that failing, had cooly laid his plans to seize and hang him

eign's life, he was granted a pension and lived and died in the odor of

Like all olden castles and prisons there are parts of the Tower of London which are said to be haunted. There is Martin Tower, for example, where they say the ghost of Harry Percy, ninth Earl of Nocthumberland walks. He had spent fourteen years of his life a prisoner in the Tower He was called the "Wizard Earl." In his imprisonment he had for companions Sir Walter Raleigh, who there worked on the mystic preparations whereby he hoped to discover and produce the Elixir of Life, and the three Magi, as they I ask that Thou wilt guard me and were called, Heriot, Allen and Tor-

perley. These men discovered the As down lite's rugged path I wend spots on the sun before the eye of Galileo had! detected them; From out the depths, O Lord, Thy and they were the first to discover the satellites of Jupiter. When the Earl returned home he founded a library from which balf the learning of following years had been drawn. Of all that remains now to tell of these men who did so much for science, there is only a sundial, fixed by Heriot's own bands and standing

> as it stood in his day. If any person were anxious to study closely the history of Eugland, the terrible fate that befell rulers and princes, the effects of religious persecution, the ravages made by the so-called Reformation, and the ordeals through which Catholicity had to pass in that land for centuries, he could not do better than go to the Tower of London and there read the tory in the solid stone.

An Example of English Superstition.

Superstition dies hard, and some quaint beliefs are still held to in rural districts in all parts of the world. Of course an old country as England is, is not exempt from this human failing, and in some parts of that land the credulity of some of the peasantry is almost pathetic. The Eastern counties of England persistency with which the inhabipying it, on his famous march into fathers, but the report that the London Daily Express gives as to hapteenth century. The Seraglio in penings in Cambridge recently, al-Stamboul was erected by Moham most passes credence. Cambridge, med II. The oldest part of the the seat of one of the most renowned going an epidemic of smallpox. The diagnosis of the disease has presented some difficulties, and many wellknown physicians have given their opinion on the matter, and the most modern methods have been put into force in order to stamp out the disease. There are, however, within Cambridge itself, despite its colleges and learned men, a goodly number The polaces of Athens, Cairo, and of citizons who have no faith in "new-Teheran are all of more modern date. fangled views on medicine," and The same story he te is of the great who follow with admirable doggedness the old-time methods of treatexception of the Castle of St. Angelo, ment handed down to them by their forefathers. Thus the Cambridge correspondent of the Daily Express Flambard escaped in the year 1,100, writes, "It is practically a set-down rule in the New-market Road district of Cambridge, known as Barnwell, that where a goat goes smallpox will not follow, and almost every householder is fully in sympathy with the idea. A good Samaritan of the locality keeps a goat. After daily

work is completed in the evening,

one of the men takes the goat out on

a chain, and, followed by a large

congregation of children, goes from

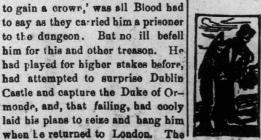
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ould be set down to the discredit stamping out the goat superstition. -S. H. Review.

Elections in Belgium. cational, professional and property

There is perhaps no country in he world where parochial, or, as it the country. No Government can improved their positions. ecken without it. This was plaindaily life of its people than its central government, which was, until 1830, a government of strangers. The esprit du clocher is very strong n Belgium. A person of foreign birth long resident in some particuar locality of the country is not seldom regarded by its people as ess an alien than a new comer from some parish or commune only a few miles distant. A man of Ghent Jas. McKee, Linnwood, Ont. s lookod upon as quite as much a stranger among the people of Burges as one who comes from across the C. B. Billing, Markham, Ont.

Then again the power exercised by he communal authorities is one that omes home to the life of every innabitant of the commune, that is seen and felt in each one's life. The Burgomaster who is the mouthpiece and the executive organ of each comnune has, in the district over which he presides, it is hardly paradoxical to say, more power than the Kinc. The large numbers of his subjects the King is a sort of personification of ower, almost an abstract idea that simple minds cannot grasp. Many have never looked upon him, or if they have, the image stamped upon their minds is that of an individual n brilliant uniform, driven in a State carriage with servants in scarlet coats, and surrounded by a dashing escort of cavalry soldiers. But the Burgomaster is a real man of easily destroyed while young; town hall of the cities or in the hum flesh and bones. In the splendid bler communal-houes of the villages, the Burgomaster is the chlef figure. He is the channel of all favors shown to a commune by the central govern ment. He is the head of the police Order, cleanliness, paving, lighting and above all education and the rates, are largely under his control. If flames ravage or floods overwhelm or epidemic decimate a commune it tion is when you begin trying is to the Burgomaster the people look to help them in their sorrow And if happily there be occasions for public rejoicings, they expect him to

the French frontier.

share in their joys. These considerations will show how great an importance was atached to the communal elections held the Sunday before last through out Belgium. Half the members of every communal council were subject to re-election. Vacancies caused by death or retirement among the other half of each council had also to be filled up. In all strictly party lines. In these the Catholics of the country were oppos Right up this aisle. Bargains from ed to Liberals and Socialists, the twenty five cents up. two latter parties not seldom ally. ing themselves against the Cleri-Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

Ing themselves against the Clericals, as their opponents nickname the Catholics. In a few places the Catholies. In a few places madam. Down the next aisle SCOTT & BOWNE, the Catholics were likewise opposed please. Bargains from \$25 up. by false brethren who have taken to themselves the high-sounding

and man are tired. When in a 1 1 mg ly fulled at the polls Heart Calpitated. house the goat is dered with great where they secured a ridiculously kindness- in fact, it is regarded al- small number of votes. In some most as a doctor. It is led into of the villages where neither Liberevery room, and after circling it sie nor Socialiste, there were conseveral times, passes on to the next, tests fought out on matters of several times, passes on to the next, tests fought out on matters of and the house is henceforward re- purely local interest. One village FELT WEAK AND NERVOUS. garded as clean, and its occupants commune is cited where the conontinue their duties in the fixed be- test was fought out between two lief that they will never have small contending lists of candidates, the sole question in debate being as to We take the above from the Med where seven street lamps should cal Record. If such superstition be placed! The electors for the pravailed in a Catholic country, it communal councils are not exactly the same as those in the Parlis that the Record does not b'ame the inhabitant of a commune, a Belgian Anglican Establishment for not by birth or naturalization, and thirty years of age, has a vote. He may obtain as many as four votes, if he can show certain edu-

qualifications.

Tae communal elections last Sun officially called, communal life is day were carried on with great calmmore intense than in Belgium. Ex. ness and much earnestness. There cept in the large towns where a were no disorders worth recording exnumber of parishes are grouped cept at Quareguon, near Mons, where ogether to form a commune, and a broil occurred between Liberals and in the country where some parishes Socialists in which a man was stabbed are so small that two are linked to death. The general results of ogether to form a commune, the these elections have been most satisparish and the commune are cover- factory for the Catholic cause. It tible terms. The affairs of each the Catholics have been beaten in commune are entrusted to a com- some places, they have won largely munal council presided over by a in others, and in nearly all the con-Burgomaster and a certain number tests they have held their ground, of echevins or aldermen, all mem- and not seldom improved their posi bers of the Council. This organiz- tions. To name only some of the ation undoubtedly works well in towns of Belgium, we may note at Belgium. Controlled and curbed Namur, Enghien, Tongret, Rochefort, to a limited extent by the central Blankenberghe, Heyst, the Liberals Government and by the Provincial and Socialists have had to give place laughing at the idea; but early next Councils, the power of the com- to Catholic majorities. At Bruges, munes is nevertheless extensive, Mechlin, Bourtray, Grammont room, looking very serious, and said, and it is a power that can make Boom, and in some half dozen small "Yes, it is chicken-pox, papa, I itself felt in the general politics of towns, the Catholics have held and found a feather in the bed.

At Bruges, for instance, the Cath ly seen a quarter of a century ago, olic vote was seven hundred heavier when a Liberal Government tried to on this than on previous occasions. thrust on Belgium a system of God. Not a single Liberal was returned less education, and did its worst to yet the Liberals made desperate destroy religion in the country. It efforts to reinforce the small party of was the resistance of the communes four which represents them in the in no smell degree that prevented Town Council of the old Flemisb the country from being tyrannized city. The Catholic candidates all said she. over by the Freemasons, and saved polled over six thousand one hundred Bolgium from falling into the pre- and fifty votes each; the Liberal sent sad condition to which France candidates only a little over half is now reduced. The communal that number. This overwhelming over and wondering who it is from." system of Belgium too satisfies the vote is only one of confidence in the historical traditions of the people. Town Council of the city and in the All through its history the local Comte Visart, the able Burgomaster, and has been one of the greatest proengineering works of our times, the sea-port and ship-canal of Bruges now rapidly nearing completion.

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