

of right, a freedom self-evident and unquestionable. "It must," he says, "be a freedom of fact, that the Pope may have a real exercise of it; of right, that no one can deprive him of it; self-evident, that the Catholic world may not suspect that the voice of the Sovereign Pontiff reached it, affected by any possible undue influence or falsification. No mode, therefore, of temporal sovereignty, failing to answer this triple requirement, could be accepted by any Pope whatsoever." The *Gazetta* then proceeds to deal with the various solutions of the Roman problem offered by the liberal pamphleteer. The proposal of a protectorate vested in the Pope being universally regarded as fantastic and impracticable, that of a Papal sovereignty over the city of Rome and a portion more or less extensive of adjacent territory and politically united either to Italy, consolidated under a monarchical form of government or to Italy divided into a number of federated republics, is reviewed. The *Gazetta* condemns both of these proposals for the reason that neither a monarchical or republican federation could result both from armed intervention. The only remaining practicable solution of the difficulty is that Italy, while preserving its present constitution and political unity, should restore to the Holy Father temporal sovereignty over the city of Rome. This is, in fact, the only solution of this grave political and social problem that can give the Sovereign Pontiff that real, rightful and self-evident freedom which his position absolutely requires. The discussion now going on in the continental and peninsular press on the subject, will, we firmly believe, serve to bring this point into full prominence, and prepare the public mind for the re-establishment of Papal sovereignty on a basis that will remove danger and uncertainty from the Italian public mind, while affording satisfaction to the friends of social order and stability not only in Italy but throughout the world.

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The plumber, unlike the water pipe on which he thrives, never busts up.

Hanlan claims to be of Russian extraction. He is certainly a Row-man-off.

Why are balloons in the air like vagabonds? Because they have no visible means of support.

It is bad luck for thirteen persons to sit down together at a table, especially if there is only dinner enough for twelve.