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St. Peter was without doubt a fisher-

fish in the lake were anxious to be caught. Such a wonderful haul was made that St. Peter and all the other fishermen were dumfounded with astonishment. How mightily they were all pleased may well be imagined.

Now, I think there is in our day something going on very like St. Peter's fishing all night and catching no fish. The Catholic Church is the ship of Peter, and he who exercises the authority of master in that ship, together with his mates and other officers, are holding the place which St. Peter was exalted to when our Lord made him the master fisherman of men. That is, the Holy Father, the Pope, the Bishops and priests are fishing for men, and our Lord promised that they should catch them, too.

In a certain degree, also, every one on board Peter's ship-all Catholicshave to do with this great work—the spreading out the nets and drawing souls into the true Church.

For some time there have been some efforts made to catch a certain kind of fish known as Protestants, and there is another sort, also becoming common in these waters of ours, called Infidels. And it seemed to me that there has been a good deal of fishing all night long, and not half the haul made that was hoped for. We feel like repeating St. Peter's complaint—"Lord, we have labored all the night and taken nothing.

The fishermen know their business and they have worked hard. No trouble on that score. When may we hope that the promise of our Lord will be fulfilled and labor shall be crowned with success? I'll tell you. It will be after Christ has taught His divine doctrine from the ship, and when He can say to us, "Now let down your

If there is anything both true and astonishing it is the prevailing ignor-ance of their own or of any other religion among Protestants and infidels. You would think that, among so many learned and well-to-do people who have every advantage of education and general information at hand, they would not only know what they believed, but also the reasons why. They make a great boast of knowing, some of them, all the good that there is in the Bible, and others all of what they call absurdities and contradictions in the holy volume. You need not be afraid of all this supposed knowledge. In fact, some read the Bible very little, and great numbers of them don't hear half of what the majority of us Cath-olics hear in church. Catechize them, and it will soon appear that they are densely ignorant of all religion. How can we hope that such people will admire all the beauties of our faith,

religion? I meet such people frequently, who are, nevertheless, regular hearers and worshippers of the best preachers of task this week to discover it, "answered our day, or who pick up here and there her mother, busily putting the sitting-

when you and I so live up to our faith the others at their gay sports. that when they hear us they hear a Christ speak, and when what we speak is for their instruction and suited to their great ignorance of divine things. We must be simple and plain in our instructions when directed to them.

Moreover, we must thrust this instruction of the first things every Christian (be he child or man) ought to know upon them in all charity; and be quick about it, for without it they will be in imminent peril of losing their souls. They are good enough according to what they know. They, like the best of us, love truth, and are really hungering for what is unquestionably for their greater happiness. Oh! if we Catholics would only live like Christ and speak like Christ, then it would be high time to let down the Protestants and Infidels would rush in crowds to be taken. Priests would not know where to find room for the converts.

Enter into the work of spreading Christian doctrine, then. Buy Catholic books of instruction. Buy a good many and give away a good many. It may set them thinking. And the reading of good, plain instruction, like the simple words of our Lord, will set them to praying as well. When a Protestant or an Infidel once begins to pray to know the truth, it will be sure to lead him into the net that is let down from Peter's ship, only too happy to be numbered among those taken by the divinely appointed fishers of men.

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But after he had taken our Lord on board his ship it seemed as if all the fat in the lake was a successful to stand the ship it seemed as if all the lake was a successful to stand the ship it seemed as if all the lake was a successful to stand the successful to stand the successful to stand the successful to stand the stand to successful the standard a boy was hired to work these valve levers; although this was not hard work, yet it required his constant attention. As he was working these levers, he saw that parts of the engine moved in the right direction, and at the exact time that he had to open or close the valves. He procured a strong cord and made one end fast to the proper part of the machine, and the other end to the valve lever; the boy had the satisfaction of seeing the engine move off with perfect regularity of motion. A short time after the foreman came around and found the boy playing marbles at the door. Looking at the engine he soon saw the ingenuity of the boy, and also the advantages of so great an invention. Mr. Watts then carried out the boy's inventive genius in a practical form, and made the steam engine a perfect automatic working machine.

The power loom is the invention of

a farmer boy who had never seen or heard of such a thing. He whittled one out with his jack-knife, and after he had got it all done he, with great enthusiasm, showed it to his father, who at once kicked it all to pieces, say ing that he would have no boy abou him that would spend his time on such foolish things. The boy gathered up the pieces and laid them away. Soon after his father bound him out as an apprentice to a blacksmith, about twelve miles from home. The boy was delighted at the idea of learning a trade, and he soon found that his new master was kind and took a lively in terest in him. He had made a loom of what was left of the one his father had broken up, which he showed to his master. The blacksmith saw that he had no common boy for an apprentice, and that the invention was a very valuable one. He immediately had a loom constructed under the supervision of the boy; it worked to their perfect satisfaction, and the blacksmith furnished the means to manufacture the looms the boy to receive one-half the profits. In about a year the blacksmith wrote to the father that he should be at his bring with him a wealthy gentleman, who was the inventor of the celebrated power loom. You may be able to judge of the astonishment at the old home when his son was presented to him as the inventor, who told him that the loom was the same as the model that he had kicked to pieces but a year

Lily Blake's Charm.

"What is it that makes everybody love Lily Blake so?" said Agnes Conlon, half petulantly, as she turned away from the window after having seen the elegant Mrs. Dayton, with her little daughter by her side, gracefully and appreciate all the powerful and logical arguments in favor of this or that truth, who are so lacking in information about the very rudiments of

pose?"
"I think I know the charm. Per-

so when He can say of us, "Whoso heareth you, heareth me"—that is, stood quite alone, looking wistfully at went over and made her acquaintance and, after a little urging, the girl joined the merry group, and was soon running like a deer, and laughing

with the rest.

When school was called, Lily laid a rose on the teacher's desk as she passed, and smiled a cherry "good morning," and received an apprecia-tive smile in return.

About an hour later, while busily studying, a smothered sob caught her ear. Looking about she saw the new ear. Looking about she saw the new scholar sitting with her head bent forward, regarding her slate with a hopeless expression. Up went Lily's hand for permission to leave her seat, which was granted, as were all like requests for they were never of a trifling

nature. "What is the matter, Alice?" asked Lily, sitting down beside her.
"I can't do one of these examples,"

she replied dashing away a tear. Lily took the slate, read over an example, and soon had it down correctly. With a little help at the right place, the others were conquered; and the girl lifted a grateful face to hers as she thanked her.

On their way home, a troop of girls were working off their animal spirits in a wild game of tag. Lily, in whirling, suddenly came in collision with a gentleman, knocking his cane

from his hand.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir!" said
Lily, covered with confusion, as she
returned the cane to him. "I'm afraid I have hurt you, sir." And she looked up with trank solicitude in her eyes.

"Not at all, my dear," he responded heartily, pleased by her courteous manner. "Go on with your play and he hearty. Leep proof of the learn what

be happy. I am proud to doff my hat to so polite a young lady," which he did with a stately bow, and passed on. "How did you dare? I should have been too much frightened to have said such a thing!" exclaimed one of the

"So should I!" chorused the others.

There was a social at a friend's house

from her. As they sat turning the leaves of a book, a lady paused to speak to them. Lily instantly arose and proffered her chair, which was accepted with a pleased smile after Lily

He set to work determined to win for himself a name, but aside from his professional and profess

room where the young people were down. In vain he sighed for neglected preparing for games. Just then Lily opportunities. espied a solitary figure sitting in a corner. This was an old lady, who was somewhat deaf. After a handshake, and a sentence through the earthrown on his own resources. He

"You have been a great comfort to me, my bonnie lass," said the old lady, patting the hand that held the trumpet. "Now go and play with the rest. I thank you, my dear, for your thoughtfulness to an old woman like me." And Lily went away quite happy. As soon as she appeared, several voices exclaimed:

"Oh, here comes Lily Blake! Let her be Ruth. Come, Lily and be blind-

Lily laughingly submitted, and a Lify laughingly submitted, and a moment later was giving "Jacob" a lively chase around the ring. She always put her whole heart into everything she did.
"I think I have found out Lily's

Will's report card hidden, as he came in from school in a half-ashamed way. Mamma held out her hand, and Will

"It makes no difference about the marks now, mother, There's plenty of time. By and by I'll show you what

I can do. "No difference! Suppose a man, intending to build a house, thought the foundation of no consequence, what would you think of him? Your future success depends largely upon

your knowledge of arithmetic and grammar and—"
Will silenced any further "preaching," as he called it, by an emphathic

"Oh, yes, ma; I know it all! You'll be proud of your boy yet: just wait and see." hug and kiss. With a rush and a whoop he was off

for the pantry, from which he soon emerged with bulging pockets. Mrs. McKenna watched him fondly as he ran down the street to join his

friends, but we think a little more care on his part would have smoothed the wrinkles gathering on her forehead. At the end of the school year Will found he was not to be promoted with his class. Another year in the primary

osopher of the hour.

Christ must teach this multitude from the ship of Peter, and he will do so when He can say of us, "Whoso heareth you, heareth was," "Whoso heareth you, hea time to your Latin," said the master one day. "You haven't had a fair reci-

tation this week. You have good abilities. With study there is no reason why you should not excel. Haven't you any ambition at all?" "Why, yes, sir; but there are so many things to attend to now, and I can't see that my standing here makes

much difference. When I go to college I expect to lead my class. The master's reply was all unheeded, for though Will appeared to attend, and said "Yes, sir," now and then, he was really planning for the ball match

of the morrow. Four years at the academy, and Will was admitted to college. We cannot say that he was prepared for college,

but he was admitted.
"Now you'll see what I can do," he
"ther at parting. "I've told his mother at parting. "I've fooled around long enough. Now I

shall begin to study in earnest."

To his surprise he found that his this week. Agnes still hovered near record was known at the college. The Lily, learning as weet lesson every day best students avoided or treated him

had insisted upon it.

The two girls started for the other habits were like chains to bind him

rumpet.

Lily crossed the room to her; and Another friend spoke of a position in taking the trumpet in her hand, being the bank, but his old teachers would careful to articulate so as not to make not recommend him as quick or accur her affliction more conspicuous, she sat and chatted half an hour away, amusing the dear old lady by repeat minds as well as honest purposes in our ing pleasantries and jokes that were offices," said the business men of the flying from lip to lip of those around place. At last he accepted a position as porter in a furniture store. The work was hard, the pay small, but it

was employment.
"Don't tell me it makes no difference," he often says to careless boys who are neglecting studies. "I tell you it does make a vast difference.

A PROTESTANT REPELS SLANDER.

Professor Charles C. Starbuck, of Andover, writing of the misrepresen-"The worst thing is, not that false

charm," said Agnes to her mother the next morning. "It is because she is so good to everybody."

"Yes, that is it," answered her disproved. For instance, Dr. Addison P. Foster wrote some years ago to the Advance that Judge Fallon might be, accusations should be brought, but that "She is thoughtful, kind, polite, and obliging. I think she must carry the Golden Rule very near to her heart."

Advance that Judge Fallon might be, as he declared, a good patriot, but that he is bound to believe that Leo XIII. ean shut him out of heaven. Of course, the inference is plain. If the will of another man can decide his Under the corner of his jacket was Vill's report card hidden, as he came showing the falsity of this charge, as attributing to a Papal sentence an anti-sacramental working utterly contrary sacramental working acety to the fundamental doctrines and fundamental?

"What! poor marks again this month? O Will, why don't you study?"

"Ut welces no difference about the Deus Coronabit eum. I have only had it rejected by three Protestant papers as get, but expect to have a goodly list of rejections to publish with it yet in a secular paper. And that is the way we go on. Some organs of ecclesiastical Protestantism refuse to correct such calumnies from a wicked delight in them; some from cowardice before those that have a wicked delight in them some from a contemptuous indifference to the whole matter. Boston is the focus of religious malignity, and Toledo or Denver, or Cincinnati of religious malignity against the Roman Catholic Church, the two playing into each other's hands."

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