the journal in question must have an clastic imagination, or at least be a dreamer of the Jules Verne class. The article contends that Ireland would be better off to-day were she annex-

ed to France, instead of forming a portion of Great Britain. He claims that the French would not come as conquerors, to crush out the life of the race and to reduce the country to a condition of slavery; but would bring arts, science, letters, culture. refinement, and would treat Ireland more as a friendly neighbor than a dopendent.

This is very beautiful and quite expressive of the sentiment of friendliness that survives between the Irish and the French. This feeling is very natural considering the many mutual attachments of these two peoples. many reciprocal favors rendered by each of them in their respective hours of need. But we must not forget that we are living in a hard, practical age that the days of romantic chivalry have been succeeded by times of commercial competition and mathematical calculation on the part of governments. It was not the English people, but the tyrants, the grasping parliaments, the robber administrators of English law, that reduced Irefand to her condition of almost chronic suffering and national misery. It would not be the French people who accorded Ireland in case she were Soined to their country; it would be Land.

the culture, letters, sciences, and oth- ties should Ireland's just rights not er accomplishments. Ireland possess- be soon effectively recognized.

N. J., had a memorable experience a

twas whether he could be of any ser-

er he could not administer any relig-

ious comfort. "Are you a Catholic?"

he asked. The man replied rather

name. "David Honnessy," was the

reply, "Well, you will pardon me,

Catholic you ought to he."

"La Patrie" published last week a | ed these "before the Frank kad crosspeculiar articlo from the columns of ed the Rhine, when Grecian cloquence an Irish contemporary. The editor of still flourished at Antioca." as Mecaulay said of the Church: It is only a visionary who could imagine that the Government of France, if once in possession of Ireland, would not make her pay tribute and tax her for the purposes of central revenue. And as far as the faith of St. Patrick is concerned the Irish-Catholics would have but scant recognition ing : from a Government that, at this age deliborately suppresses religious orders at home and prosecutes the Church in a manner worthy the worst foes that Catholicity ever had in Ireland. The infidel spirit of French government can have no sentiment in common with the conspicuous fidelity to the old religious principles of of immoral teaching which flows the Irish race.

But, it is almost useless to treat the subject seriously. The writer of the article which "La Patrie" translates would, evidently, he content to resign all Ireland's present advantages to France, and would gladly become the protege of that nation. This is not in accord with the spirit of independence characteristic of our people. Besides, his anticle might be prolonged to an indefinite dogree, and treat of what Ireland's condition might possibly be if annexed to Germany, or Austria, or Russia, or China, or any other country, That she would be better off in some cases than she is to-day it is quite possible; but it would dictate the treatment to be is certain, that in many cases she would be infinitely worse off. In fact this is all speculation, all dreaming. the unbelieving, anti-religious, and all building up imaginary castles, fanatical governments or administ upon the foundations of "what might trations that would rule the land of have been." We have but scam our ancestors. It is, therefore, very time, and life is too serious, to exproblematical whether frelynd would pend our energies in such profitless be more happy, or more prosperous system buildings; it would be of inunder a French regime than sho is finitely more practical utility were under the present system of consti- such writers to leave aside the specututional government that obtains in lative and the imaginary, and to Great Britain. One thing certain, she map out plans for the union of the awould never have the Home Rale, various elements in Ireland's represunder France, that she has every entative ranks. The Home Rule issue hope of some day winning from Peg-, with which we are dealing is a real, a tangible one, and, despite the pre-France as a sympathizing neighbor, dictions and assertions of Ireland's a kind-bearted friend is one thing : enomies that it is a dead issue, there France as proprietor of your estate, is force sufficient in it yet to shake as mistress of your destinies is a very the very pillars of Britain's Gaza different affair. The same of any oth- | temple, and to menace the Imperial er nation as well as France. As to Government with incalculable difficul-

ited States Navy, enlisting when all-

out eighteen years of age, and being

sacraments. Meanwhile the conductor

tal. Supported on one side by the

priest and on the other by a train-

man, the invalid was escorted from

ger's comfort till he placed him in

the care of the good Sisters. The pa-

lowing day, and a day later he peace-

ness may be found in the following words of that so-called reformer !

"A man who hesitates for the suke of the true religion, to come out with a good plump lie, is a poor stick, Here we have propounted, with cheerful shamelcosness, the principle: The advancement of Protestantism is the supreme moral good. A violation of truth and rectitude is a very great wickedness, but for the sake of Protestantism it is a holy and virtuous act. The sublimity of the end sanctifies the foulness of the means."

One of the most striking passages in the Starbuck letter is the follow-

"What if the Protestants could find such a thing in the life of Loyo. la? It would damn him, and damn his society. We would never hear the last of it, and we ought not. And, pray, why should we ever hear the last of this scandalous transaction of Luther's, and of the turbid current through the last twenty-five years of his life?"

The writer then continues with the following splendid tribute to Jesuits:

"Protestants often feel this and resort to expedients worthy of Luther himself to help themselves out of the mire. Thus, Charles Carleton Coffin, in his "Story of Liberty." sets down, as Loyola's, this proposition: Any action, however wieked in itself, becomes holy if done in the interest of the Church. He presents is as something original in Jesuitism. worthy of the stake. The utmost a mere matter of conjecture,

that learned research, on the part of enemies, can do is to bring forward from a few Jesuit writers, a number of generations luter, a sentence or two which it is contended may be interpreted in a sense somewhat approaching the reprobated one. indeed, one Jesuit writer says that auother, in his zeal for a sound principle, has, without knowing it, almost betrayed himself into this er-

"Such round-about tactics, however do not content Mr. Coffin. He boldly puts down Luther's maxim, in the blackest of black and the whitest of white, as being Loyola's. Each name begins with an L, so where is the difference? The two men were contemporaries. One was denounced, the other suspected, and twice imprisoned by the Inquisition. Each brought in a new order of things and a new spirit into the Church. If, then, we find it expedient to make over Luther's maxim to Loyola, who is to say, us nay? It is very awkward for shoulders have long been used to it. The Josuits profess universal benevolence, and often show a good deal of it. Then let them, for charity, take this bantling of Luther's off our hands. It is really unkind in them to refuse the adoption."

The first thing we may hear is, that Rov. Dr. Starbuck will find himself where Rev. Dr. De Costa is at this moment, and where such writers as W. H. Mallock should have long since been. We can only pray for the conversion of such a free and easy, constitutive, formally avowed and outspoken, unprejudiced, man. There established. True, no such thing ap- is a tide of conversion from the rank pears in the writings of Loyola, or of Protestantism, and especially of his colleagues. It is mentioned in from the Protestant ministry, which the Constitutions as something to be seems to rise and swell at our feet. abhorred, and is denounced by the To what extent exactly this tide great Jesuit cardinal as a heresy shall affect the Catholic cause is yet

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST IN BOSTON. ++++++++++++++++

city says the Boston "Republic." It may be admitted that Mr. Hart owes his election largely to the great reserve Republican vote which came out, but this vote could not elect him had the Democrats done their duty. Mr. Collins was beaten by Democratic treachery at the polls. With a voting list much larger than that of two years ago his vote fell 1300 below that of Mayor Quiney, while Mr. Hart's vote exceeded that of Cur-

It is particularly regrettable that a man of the character and eminent qualities of Mr. Collins should be the victim of this mean and contemptible erywhere felt confident of his success, net Republican gain of 6,121.

tis by 4,731.

The defeat of the Democratic cand- | They did not for a moment imagine idate, Hon. P. A. Collins, for Mayor that he would be stricken down by on Tuesday casts a serious reflection his own people. But defeat under upon the Democratic voters of the such circumstances cannot dull his prestige or lesson his national and international reputation. He stands to-day as he stood before the election, the foremost man of his race in America.

The vote was as follows:

Plurality for Quincy, 4,037.

The vote in the last Mayoralty contest two years ago was as fol-

Quincy, D. 39,984 Curtis, R. 35.947 Plurality for Quincy, 4,037.

It will thus be seen that Hart treachery. Democrats all over the gained 4,731 votes on the total cast country were expecting and hoping for Curtis, while Collins lost 1,390 for his election. Irish-Americans ev- from the Quincy vote. This shows a

A despatch from Paris, last week

"M. Lockroy, President of the Budget Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and formerly Minister of Marine, introduced a bill to-day providing for an appropriation of 500,-000,000 francs, for the purpose of placing France on a secure footing against foreign naval aggression. The money is to be used in strengthening the French Navy and the home defences and in fortifying coaling stations. The belief was expressed the lobbies that the Government would support the measure.

The Cabinet Council to-day discussed the proposal of M. Millerand, Minister of Commerce, in regard to the establishment of a network cables by which France can communicate with her colonies independent of the English cables.

GREENWAY'S DEFEAT.

ngive him youth, my father, it is The Manitoba School Question appears to have played no small part in defeating the Greenway Ministry up in Manitoba last week, and it will be interesting to watch and see how the Conservatives up that way will handle their issue when they comelinto power. Greenway and his followers probably wish now that they had treated the Manitoba Catholics more justly than they did when they took away from them their educational rights; and Premier Laurier is probably doing some prolonged thinking on that subject himself just now.—Boston Republic.

Mrs. Noah Brown, residing in Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, met with a peculiar accident last week. Mrs. Brown was waiting on her husband, who was in bed suffering with a sprained ankle. She had occasion to stoop down in front of an open grate fire, and as she did so a colinloid comb worn in her hair exploded with sufficient force to throw hor to the floor some distance away. Following the explosion the combignited Most of Mrs. Brown's hair. was burned off, her eyebrows and

DEFENCE FUND FOR FRANCE | lashes were scorched and she was severely burned about the face and Considerable effort was required to prevent the curpers and other furnishings from catching fire, as it was found impossible to extinguish the blazing comb after it had been pulled from her nair. The explosion was accompanied by a report similar to that of a blank cartridge discharged in a pistol, and was heard by several people. - commercial Tribune.

CURIOUS CUCKOOS.

The cuckoo is generally known only as a bird with a very monotonous note: a continuous cry of "cuckoo, cuckoo" over and over again. Among naturalists, however, the cuckoo is known as a bird that never builds a nest for itself, but takes advantage of one already built by

some more industrious bird. There is a good deal of the cuckoo about these advertisers who, instead of making a success of their own, seek to profit by the success which some one else has made with much effort and labor. It is so with those imitations of Dr. Pierce's methods, by which free medical advice is offered, although those who make the offer are without qualified medical ability or experience. And the cry raised in some cases of "woman, woman, woman write to woman" makes the resemblance to the cuckoo even

stronger. There is as far as known no qualified woman physician connected with any proprietary medicine establishment, and none therefore competent to give medi-cal advice. It is certain that there is no one, man or woman, who can offer free medical advice backed by such knowledge and experience as is possessed by Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. Y. For over thirty years Dr. Pierce has made a specialty of the treatment of diseases peculiar to women. In that time he has treated over half-a-million women, ninety-eight per cent. of whom have been perfectly cured. woman is invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter absolutely without charge or cost. Every letter is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential, and all answers are mailed securely sealed in perfectly plain envelopes bearing no printing whatever upon them.

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Vaseline Jars, mounted sterling silver, 40c, 60c, 75c, \$1 25.

Puff Jars, \$1.25, \$3.00, \$3.50,

Smelling Salts, 40c, \$1.50,

\$7.50, \$8.00, \$9 00.

Hair Combs, mounted sterling silver, 60c, \$1.00, \$1.35.

Thimbles, sterling silver, 250 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Manicure Sets, sterling silver,

in cases, \$7.00, \$8.50, \$12.00. Leather Purses, to carry on 2 fingers (!atest style), \$1.25,

Leather Purses, 75c, \$150 \$1.75 \$2.75, \$3.50, \$5.00.

\$2.76, \$3.50.

Leather Purses (silver mounted), 75c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50,

Leather Travelling Cases, containing eight pieces, \$4; con-Mirrors, sterling silver, \$6 00, taining 11 pieces, \$5; containing 15 pieces, 12.

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Hat Brush, mounted sterling! silver, \$2,50,

Clothes Brush, mounted sterling silver, \$3 50, \$4 00

Hair Brushes (Military), \$5 50

Cigar Cutters, sterling silver, \$1, \$2 75, **\$**3 50

Match Boxes, sterling silver. \$2, \$2 50, \$4 50.

Ebony Military Brushes (per pair), \$3, \$3 75. Ebony Military Brushes, in

leather case, \$5.

Silver Mounted Walking Sticks, \$1 50, \$2 25, \$3, \$4 50.

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Leather Cigarette Cases, \$1, 1 50, 1 75, 3, 4,

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A CATHOLIC'S SOUL SAVED.

The Rev. Thaddeus Hogan, rector en to a priest in twenty years. Pur-

of the Sacred Heart Church, Trenton, | ing that time he had been in the Un-

short time ago. While returning by finally advanced to the position of

train to that city from Philadelphia, boatswain. He had just recured an

a passenger was taken dangerously honorable discharge on account of

ill, and as no physician went to at- illness and was on his way home to

tend him, it occurred to Father Ho- Boston where a sister resided. He

gan, that possibly he might be of demurred at first to returning to the

some assistance to the sick man. His practice of his religion, but after sev-

first inquiry of the latter naturally eral protests agreed to receive the

vice. The man answered: "You can realizing the stranger's serious condi-

if you are a doctor." Father Hegan | tion, advised that he leave the train

admitted that he was not a doctor at Trenton for medical treatment.

of medicine but seeing the serious Father Hogan volunteered to take

state of the patient, he added pleas him to his home over night or see

antly that he might be called "a him safely to St. Francis' Hospital.

doctor of souls" and inquired wheth- Hennessy decided to go to the hospi-

energetically that he was not. His the car to a cab and thence to the

manner awakened the suspicion of hospital. Father Hogan accompanied

the priest, who asked the stranger's | him, kindly ministering to the stran-

I know," said Father Hogan in kind tient who was sinking rapidly from

ly tones, "but I think it safe to say lung trouble, received the last Sacra-

from that name that if you are not a monta of the Church devoutly the fol-

he had come of Irish Catholic per- | The remains of Mr. Hennessy were

ents and was a Catholic in his youth | forwarded to Boston in care of a re-

The stranger finally admitted that | fully breathed his last.

but had not been in church or spok- lative.-Boston Pilot.

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Strange as it may seem, the Sacred | the devil. Therefore every accusation Catholic-has a somewhat regular correspondent who is a minister. Rev.

intention of being governed by truth count allethings lawful to us." or by the rules of evidence. He es 'Throw mud enough and some of tablishes one sottled priori principle: it will stick."

Heart Roview-which is so intensely brought against him is ipso facto just. It expresses something that he has done or something that he means Dr. Starbuck, makes one of the most to do, or something equivalent to . remarkable statements concerning some wickedness that he has done Luther which has been our privilege or means to do. Therefore a verdict to ever read. He points out how Lu- of guilty is always in place, and a ther considered that "every zealous verdict of innocent is never in place. Papist is possessed of the davil." If at any time even such a presump-Our readers will peruse with pleasure tion halts, the only question to be the first part of the letter. It says: raised is: Will the condemnation of "We have seen how Martin Luther, this man mortify the Papists? If it in his relations to the Catholics, ex- will, then of course he is to be conpressly disavows all obligation or demned. "Against the Papacy we uc-

movery zealous Papist is possessed of A sample of Tuther's conscientions

A DANGEROUS COMB.