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OF WOMAN

The hand that rocks the craelle TALKS BY "TERESA"

The wonderful linguistic abilities of Cardinal Mezzofanti have probably never been equalled before or since his day. Cardinal Joseph Caspar Mezzofanti was born at Bologna, Sept 17, 1774 and was the son of a poor carponter. While sitting upon a bench at school listening idly to the lessons of the other children he astonished the mistress by reciting from memory all that had been dictat ed to the other scholars At this time he was barely three years cid. He soon learned all the old dame could teach and was then set to work in his father's

shop. His bench was beneath a room who an old pricest gave lessons in Greek and Latin. Hore, too, his memory enabled him to retain the sounds he heard and one day he surprised the padre by a recitation in pure Greek. This decided his parents to send him to school where his parents to send him to school where

his astonishing memory enabled him to make great progress.

A follo volume of St. Chriysstom, in Greek, being one day put into his hands, he read a page once over, and, closing the book, repeated it verbatim, without a single mistake.

At fifteen he was an elegant Latinist and master of Greek.

Before he had completed his nineteenth year he knew Hebrew, Arabic and Coptic, as well as French and German.

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His knowledge of these tengues was nis knowicząć of these tengues was not merely superficial; he understard almost intuitively the grammatical peculiarties of each.

A Swedish boy, son of Italian parents was sent to Bologna to be educated.
On his arrival, speaking only his vernacular, no one understood him; and Mozzofanti, then but twenty, was sent for.

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On his arrival he asked to see the books the lad had brought.

A short examination coabled him to determine the derman affinities of the language, as well as it own peculiarities; a few short trials with the boy sufficed to show him the system of pununciation, and in a very few days he could speak Swedish fluently, though before had not known a word of it. Mr. J. T. Headley relates that Mczzofanti was one day called to confess twe foreigners condemned for piracy, who were to be executed the next day. He found the criminals unable to speak any language bottom when the did not underwitten when the criminals compliance to acquire the language before morning, he sat up all nights, actually accomplished the task, and confessed them in the hospitals he acquired successively Magyar, Bohemian, Polish, the Cipy dialect, Hemish and Russian.

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He was blossed, as he himself says, with an incredible flexibility of the organs of speech, onabling him to pronounce the most batharous tougues with case and flency.

Lord Byron relates: "I tried him in every lauguage in which I knew a slighe oath, or adjuration to the gods against post boys, awayacs, Tartars, boatmen, pilots, sailors, gondoliers, mulcheers, posthouses, post overything, and, egadi to astounded me, even to my English!"

It is related, indeed, that when Byron of hinglish siang Mrzz-fanti quietly asked. "And is that all?"

"I can go no farther," said the poet, "mless I coin words for the purpose."

"Pardon me, my lord," said the priest; and proceeded to repeat to him a choice variety of the refinements of London slang, till then unknown to his aston-laked visitor.

ished visitor.

This wouderful man brought on an attack of brain fever in his attempts to learn Ohinese, which, perhaps shows the immense difficulty of this most signular and unique language. While delirious, be talked in an odd mixture of fifty large use.

nious, be talked in an odd mixture of fifty laeguages.
When in 1888, the Professor was made Cardinal, a party of fifty-three, comprising all languages and nationalities at that time represented in the Propaganda waited upon him to offer their polyglot congratulations,
He replied to each in bit own tougue. At his death on March 15th 1848, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, he was acquaisted with no less than one hundred and fourteen languages and dialects, of which he spoke thirty with absolute fluer cy 1 nd precision, the rest he used

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Dies in the Hands of Christian Scientists.

London, Oct. 20.—The remains of Harold Frederic, the newspaper correspondent and author, who died yesterday morning at Henloy, will be cremated at Woking Cometery. It has been learned that Mr. Frederic has been in the hands of Christian Scientists, and that a dector was only summened to attend him a few days ago.

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