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My mother church ! it may not be, My mother church I it may not be, But I must over cling to thee With feelings of a trusting child, To friend affectionate and mild: While men misguided start away, And proudly spure thy grails sway, More simply to thy fold I'd turn, Mora humbly from thy lips I'u learn

They say that on the brow appears The winkies of declining years. That weary is thy honored head, And all thy pristine vigor fled. But no i the youthful engle's flight is glorious in the noontide light, Yes passing years behold her soar, With eyo undersied as before.

That mocking laugh some love to raise, To point the fluger of dispraise. From blemishes to tear the veil, And jowful tell tha well conned talo, But will they dare to lift a hand. Against the glory of our land, Our church, whose noble army stood, And scaled their winess with their blood?

No f though the cry is echoing round—"Down with her, oven to the ground!"
Though thunders from apostate Rome,
In mulled might against her come,
Our hearts. O Church most precious i move
With the quick bound of grateful love,
Wo circle round thee to defend,
Our father's pride, our country's friend.

We tremble not-our cause is high-We tremble not—our cause is high—
To God we lift the prayerful ere:
Calmly we mark the rushing foe,
The standard of our Lord we know;
We see his banner o'er us wave,
We feel that he is strong to save,
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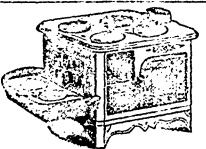
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