A FALSE CRY.

"EDUCATED ABOVE THEIR STATION?"

A Wise Refutation of a Common Fallacy. -The Difference Between True and False Education.

It seems strangely incongruous in this day of almost phenomenal intellectual activity to hear the complaint raised every now and then that our efforts to extend educational advantages to their farthest limit is doing harm, not to single individuals merely, but to a whole class—and that one of the largest. Yet the fact is we do hear it charged, both in private discourse and in public print, that our Catholic schools are educating the daughters of poor parents above the station intended for them, thereby leading them into discontent and unhappiness, and unfitting them to become the some of them do unwittingly compass as wives of poor, uneducated Catholic men. full a measure of mischief as lies in their The inference is not boldly stated, but the one we are ovidently expected to decoy many a daughter of poor parents draw is that, therefore, we are not doing out of the station of her childhood with ever cause.

Sudden chill. Dr. Fow.er's Wild Straw- Durent is an infallible and prempt cure for all bewel complaints from what- ever cause. a good thing for these girls. Such an idea is antiquated and unprogressive enough to be startling. Its enunciation at once fills the bolder advocates of unrestricted education with indignation, while the more timid ones simply trem-ble as they foresee new versions of old slanders against the church, holstered up, for proof,

BY QUOTATIONS

of such expressions from the mouths of Catholic men and women. Yet those who auggest that less or perhaps no education would be a better thing for the daughters of the illiterate poor, deserve to be enlightened rather than condenined. In a blind way they have stumbled upon a really great evil, for which they have assigned a wrong cause. For, after all, facts in abundance can certainly be quotmost every Catholic who reads this paper will readily call to mind at least one case in point : some young girl who has been given an education at the cost of much surroundings has seemed to grow in in direct proportion to her advancement in science, literature, and art; who delast that her chances for usefulness and happiness are lessened, or even destroyed, reemingly by the sole fact of her education. The picture is

PITIABLE ENGUGH

and unfortunately represents a state of things so common as to fill every thoughtful mind with anxiety. No wonder, then, that even among the learned and wise some have been tempted to deprecate any educational movement which seems to threaten an increase of so serious a difficulty. Let us be glad that even in a blundering way our attention has been called to the matter, in some one of those numerous untrod-though happily certain that the concluadduced is not a true one.

whom they would call to account have of strong character, and firm religious failed to grasp the true meaning of the convictions our poor girl will still feel, word education; for, in spite of much as she fells now, an uncontrollable distalking and writing to the contrary, force content, but it will be a faithful, not a ing into growing minds a great conglo- paralyzing discontent-that sort of dismeration of facts, and, in the case of content which is peculiarly an American girls, in giving additionally an outward virtue, and which has inspired noble vencering of "elegant and useful accomplishments." This misconception of the thing for which the term education stands is the explanation of the very desployable fact that many of our cirl grad. plorable fact that many of our girl gradinave in our schools wide-awake women unter seem, from their discontented and who had a constant inger on the pulse unfruitful lives, to have no reason for of American life, who study drily, with being, and is at the same time the excuse scientific impartialisy and accuracy, the for those who ask, "Would it not have needs of American women, and who are been as well for them if these girls had able to discover such matter for teach-not been educated? Certainly, if that ing and such methods of teaching it as which they have acquired is education, will fit Catholic American girls to meet it would be better if they had not been the requirements of their day. Some of educated. But they

ARE NOT EDUCATED.

Some attainments they have, such as or less skill in putting in points and commus, and in sewing embroidery silks into velvet, and, crowning all, a great many rules in etiquette. But this may not be education. It is often mental, and sometimes even moral, chaos, but it is not necessarily education; for education. as every work on pedagogy tells us, is a development of the unfolded powers, and has for its highest and tina! aim the production of a strong and noble character in its subject. Failing in this, it has failed in everything. And that school which sends out a girl graduate filled with a knowledge no matter how extensive, yet unimbued with a strong sense , of the duty of cheerfulness and contentment: full of aroused activities, yet helpless to make or find for them a legideserves to bear the blame of her failure and of her happiness. If the number of such girls is notably large, our conclusion should be not that columnts. should be, not that education is bad for them, but that the methods pursued in them already are. It is time that they

A COUNTERFEIT ARTICLE,

capable of doing active harm. But those | for people who talk about educating a poor girl above her station have not only, Heaven never gave us our God-like pow along with many others, misapplied the ers to die in the bud. But let us trankly term education. They labor under still acknowledge the true state of the case another misapprehension when they and let us all strive that the education speak of a poor girl's "station." What our schools at present offer the daughcratic land and age of ours? Is there a to their needs, so that it may be truly nineteenth-century. American who accalled education, and not become a dis-

Her father's station is not necessarily hers, and she has yet to attain the one which, by right of ability and force of circumstances, will properly belong her. Now, if a girl's station depends upon her own abilities, native and acquired, and if true education means simply the full development of all her powers, how can there possibly be such a thing as educat-

ABOVE HER STATION ?

Her teachers will do well if they educate her up to her station. They can never hope to do more, and, unfortunately, as our schools go, they seldom do that much. But while our schools cannot. from the nature of things, commit the impossibility of educating a girl (be she poor or otherwise) above her station, some of them do unwittingly compass as out showing her the way to any other: or, if we permit ourselves the use of the word education in the false sense so often assigned it, we may say that these girls are educated below the station of their parents; for only too often a girl of this class seems after an extended school career incapable of even perceiving, much less of performing, the duties pe-culiar to her difficult situation. She gets an "education" which gives her taste enough to discern the defects of her home surroundings, but not acknowledge sufficient to remedy them; which awakens desires for better things, but confers no skill to accomplish their fulfilment. No wonder that now and then some one

IMPELLED TO QUESTION the wisdom of that "educating" process ed by the pastor of every parish of any which is the undeniable cause of such considerable size which might seem at results. Those who undertake to train the daughters of poor and illiterate parfirst glance to justify such a very dis-couraging conclusion as the one given ents assume a task as great as it is deli-above. Indeed, not only pastors but al-cate. For, if she be truly educated, such a girl must be to that rude, humble, and probably unwisely-administered household a bringer of light and a prophet of better things, both material and spiritual. self-denial on the part of her poor and illiterate but ambitious parents, and whose peevish discontent in her home ways of making the meagre income of the poor home compass more of the com-forts of life; her taste in literature must in science, literature, and art; who de-spises the occupations and aims of her reading from the domestic circle and of parents, yet strives in vain to find offer introducing in its place that of a more ones for herself, and who discovers at wholesome character; her knowledge of wholesome character; her knowledge of right, brave Michael Hourigan has gone artistic principles must help her to beautify the home, simply and humbly, yet and leaves no more earnest son of the truly : and above all must her ethical and religious training, by teaching her gentlements, cheerfulness, and lovingness, and ready to meet. R.I.F.—Universe, above all, resignation to the Divine Will. do more than all else to mitigate the rudeness of the uncultured family life while, outside, a trained judgment and a power of alert observation must help her to find her own proper place, either in the ways already trodden by so many

lagging, careless feet, or. BETTER -TUJ.,

cion we are asked to base upon the facts catching surer glimpses. True, in spite Pyrences. dduced is not a true one.

Both our objectors and the teachers make her a woman of cheerful action. our schools are at present too closely bontel to toreign and antiquated tradisome places sufficiently well suited to train an American girl of to-day to discharge her obligations as a wage-carning woman of the people. The practice of such schools is in direct opposition to the custom of the church since the very beginning. The Church has in every age most truly and delicately gauged the needs of the time, and wisely and surely devised means for supplying them. For this reason the Catholic schools of the hast were great and glorious successes. They kept up with the march of progress, or rather they led the van. They carried on the world's work. The accomplished the mission they set themselves to do. But the needs of those begone time- are not our needs. We have a different work to do. Why, then, cling to the antiquated instructions which,

awake to these facts, as very many of the schools from which they come demand improvement. The thing such institions offer as education is absurd generalization as that education, in the true sense of the word, can be bad

ANY HUMAN BEING.

decides any girl's station in this demotiers of our illiterate poor shall be suited knowledges any law that says the daugh- | turbing element in their lives rather ter of a hod-carrier must, for the sake of than a promoter of either material or the eternal fitness of things, become the wife of a hod-carrier and the mother and grandmother of hod-carriers? Would the social editice be in any danger if at this mement all the daughters of hod-carriers in America were resolved to become the wives of bricklayers and the mothers of architects? It is rapidly coming to pass that a girl's sta-

station have undoubtedly been a very great mortification to those of us who take so much pride in calling ourselves progressive; but, nevertheless, like many other blunt people, they have done us good if, in trying to answer them, we have been led to seek the truth of the matter.

Let us, then study to give our poor

What's The Reason !

The cause of summer complaints, diarrhoa, dysentery, cholera morbus, etc.. [are the excessive heat, eating green fruit, over exertion, impure water and sudden chill. Dr. Fowler's Wild Straw-

As Usual.

zen says Andrew Carnegic has been in privately) informs the public that his specting the saleable estates at Parraspecting the saleable estates at Parta-death has caused the Queen "much grief." line, Royeri and Invergloy and, it is be-

Mining News.

Mining experts note that holera never attacks the bowels of the earth, but humanity in general find it necessary to use Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry for bowel complaints of many other things, good and bad. The Germans, the Poles, and the Spanibut humanity in general find it necessary

Holy Father, accompanied only by two: secret chamberlains on service, his master of the chamber and almoner, descend-by the secret passage into the Vatican to the tomb of the Apostles, there to recite the Office and engage in devotion according to custem.

A Faithful Servant Gone.

was conspicuous in the sacred building faith behind him. He was sixty-four

Guiding a Young King.

To the Pope was assigned the delicate duty of selecting a confessor to the little King of Spain. The Holy Father has chosen for the responsible position one of his own prelates, Mgr. Merry, son to the Spanish Ambassador in

English and Canadian Behring sea commissioners, arrived here to-day and left at 5 p.m. on the steamer Danube for the Pribyloof islands, where they will begin the annoncement that Canadian resselowners would be compensated for any losses sustained.

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girls, and all our other grils as well, not cause to dread the result. Ireland, less education but infinitely more; but Wales and North Scotland were greatly let us endeavor to give them the true thing and not a base and useless substitute. B. N. Taylor. in Catholic World. be to the advantage of the Conservatives.

BAGPIPES.

of William Rose, Piper to the Queen.

gallantly in the Black Watch regiment, same neighborhood, and for thirty-seven he piped it to her. Always, if possib-majesty. Royalty has not forgotten him vigorous as possible in the "Court Circular," where a "touch-Glascow, July 15.-The Weekly Citi- ing notice" of Wully (as he was named lieved. Mr. carnegie intends to settle notice, not touching, but informational, to poor fare. We know of a case where down as a Highland laird.

This is a little essay by a London journal—a faturer who was planting beans in a set on bagpine playing. It is an interest—a field got out of seed when he had only a other parts of the habitable and floating use in a rich spot of the garden. All other backs of the habitable and floating use in a rich spot of the garden. All other bears to this authority the through the season these garden beans ands were also pipers, and of old the Ita- get poorer every year. If he grows his lians used to descend from their moun- own seed grain it cannot produce as On the evening of the 29th of June, the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, the gates of the Basilica being closed, the Holy Father, accompanied only by two to have been the softest and most melodious of all such pipes, and for the playing of which instruction books were at one time published. The Scotch Highlander, however, stands pre-eminent as the piper; and perhaps, pace the Greeks, it was an ancestor of Wully Ross who could have boasted of being "the piper that played before Moses." Many stories Visitors to the London Oratory harch of the Scotch bagpipe exist. Generally will in future miss the Irish verger, who they relate of incidents of war. At the battle of Quebec, in 1760, the strains of or the last nineteen years. Honest up-right, brave Michael Honrigan has gone—the wavering Highland soldiers. The to reap the reward of his well-spent life, pipes that played "The Campbells are 'oming," we all have heard, gave the Highlanders courage to hold out until the relief of Lucknow was effected. Doubt has been thrown on this story; but for this neither the pipes nor Jessie Brown can be blamed. The best anedote of bagpipes is that told concerning the instinct of two

ANNY NORTH BRITISH ARCHITECTS These gentlemen had employed Highland masons and bricklayers to build certain dwelling houses in London. After the Spanish Administration of the Spanish Administration of the American Spanish Am Baden Powell and Dr. G. M. Dawson, the and completed the building. The latterday historian of the Highland bagpipes describes the instrument as a simple musica; apparatus, consisting of a leather bag blown out like a football, and stop their investigations into the send gives (p. I by a valve, with three pipes or time. An address was presented to the flutes, one called the chanter and the their investigations and the time that it is a solution. An address was presented to the flutes, one called the chanter and the commissioners by the owners of the two others the drones. While the Low-sealing fleet of Vancouver. In reply Sir hander wise man't blow his pines with a George said he felt at liberty to make hellows, the Highlander keeps up the social steam by blowing through his mouth. The often-pazzling, wild-like march up and down of the Highland typer while performing is explained by the news-sity of walking to gather wind Lossions, July 15.—Lord Salislary to his large, and to permit of the occapionality at the United club to-day said sional use of his arm as a pump handle he believed the danger of church disestable to strengthen the stream of air force relishment was considerably removed and quired to inflate the pipe bag. The if it was to be an electoral reform, the Queen is the first British sovereign who tions. Methods and aims which were Conservatives did not dread it. The des has maintained a piper as a permanent adequate to fit a daughter of the French mand of a one man vote was more asons attache of the royal household. Whether undigested facts in science; second, notifity one or two hundred years ago, able, but the question of women voting succeeding British Sovereigns will conthird, or fourth-hand opinions concerning; to staine in a salon are still thought in [demanded consideration. The abolition time the pibroch musician is another] to have sufficiently well so tool to the consideration of the pibroch musician is another.

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it had been supported in the past by
American gold and was now backed by
a clerical conspiracy.

Lord Salisbury also said he could not
African, has had the more to do with
the father's station is not necessarily of the illiterate voter might be necessary. matter. The author of the "skerelling Lord Salisbury also said he could not African, has had the more to do with tell when the next general election the success of battles won by Scotch with political meteorology beyond say-discovered where the charm of the ing he had no fear of the future. ing he had no fear of the future.

Regarding a revision of the electorate Lord Salisbury declared that any change in this direction ought to be associated with a redistribution of the seats in Parliament. The Conservatives had no cause to dread the result Lord Salisbury declared that any change in this direction ought to be associated with a redistribution of the seats in Cause to dread the result Lord Salisbury declared that any change in the comic song, "It's all very well when you know it, but you've got to know it first." For ourselves we prefer the so-called melodious strains of skerelling pipes at a distance. skerelling pipes at a distance. And the greater the distance the sweeter in our cars sounds the music of chanter and

A llint for Farmers.

It is generally conceded that it is often advisable to get seed from a considerable distance, and especially that grown north BAGPIPES. of the locality where the planting is to be done. What is the advantage of the northern grown if not that nature is more constrained, and thus puts more vitality into seeds than she would under Mr. William Ross, first piper to the more favorable conditions? We can see For many years the deceased fought this law illustrated by seeds grown in the

Always, if possible, get seed that is as igorous as possible, but grown on poorer land than your own. If you reverse this and take seed grown on extremely rich land and put it on thin soil it will not grow as well nor produce as well as that which for successive years has been bred ing little history, which shows the few more rows to plant. His wife found pibroch to have sounded not only o'er; some of the same kind of beans which Highland mountain loch, but also in she had grown the year before for home were inferior in growth to the others.

This must be a discouraging thought to a farmer who is allowing his land to thin seed may with good condition be developed into that which is plump and good .- Margseille Democrat.

Bananas as Food and Medicine. Dr. John Dougall, of St. Mungo's College. Glasgow, has a letter in a recent issue of the Glasgow Herald on the banana. He quotes from Stanley's "In Darkest Africa," showing that "for infants, persons of delicate digestion, dvspepties and those suffering from temporary derangements of the stomach, the thour, properly prepared, would be of universal demand. During Stanley's two attacks of gastritis a slight gruel of this flour, mixed with milk, was the only material that could be digested. It is odd, also, as printed out in Stanley's book, that in most barrana lands -- Cuba. Brazil. West Indies—the valuable properties of the banana as an easily digested and nourishing food have been much overlooked. Dr. Dougall has made some experiment- in making banana flour. He concludes that it should be made from the ripe fruit at its place of produc tion. In trying to make it from bananas purchased in Glasgow, he obtained on drying the pulp a tough, sweet mass like toasted tige, an appearance probably due to the conversion of starch into sugar Bananas contain only about 50 per cent. of pulp, and of this about 75 per cent, is water. They would yield, therefore, only one-eighth part of flour.

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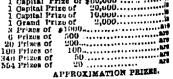
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