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There met him three men that were lepers, who stood afar off and iffied up their voice. saying: Jesus Master, have mercy on us. (The Gospel of the Sunday.)

Leprosy, my brethren, is often spoken of in Holy Writ, and is con-sidered a type of sin. It is a loath-some and contagious disease, and when a man was so unhappy as to contract it, besides being driven away by the Mosaic law, he fled in very shame from the company of others. So it is with the common run of sinners; one of their direct sufferings is shame, from which comes such remorse, such self-detestation, such reasonable envy of the happy state of the innocent, that, standing afar off, the poor sinner at last lifts up his voice and cries to our Lord for mercy. So there is always some chance for a poor sinner while he is ashamed of himself. Where there

is shame there is hope. But, brethren, it happens in our

But, brethren, it happens in our times that there are many sinners without shame. Many great sins are done almost as a matter of course, and some even made matter of jest, perhaps of boast. Need I men-tion them? Time was that if a man wished to see a vulgar play he was forced to creep up some dark alley; now he may go to a fifthy opera in a coach and four, and with the

in a coach and four, and with the lords of the land, ay, even the ladies of the land. When you and I were boys there was but one commonly known illustrated paper with immoral pictures and bad reading matter ; the news-dealers now hang their stands all over with them, and young men, and even young women, buy and read them without a blush. You and I can remember when it when it was a dis-grace for a man to idle behind a bar-30c. 8 2 7 room counter and get his living from the drunkard and spendthrift. These men make our laws now. It used to be the pride of a young man to get to work as soon as possible to help the old folk along; we hear now too 3 60 often of hearty young men shamelessly dependent on their parents. And we know of too many parents who are not ashamed of habits of intoxication nor of our international states and the states of the 2 40 of cursing in the hearing of their little ones. And how many mothers of families are there whose harsh voices are heard all over the neighborhood, quarrelling with their husbands and scolding their children! Time was when a drunken women was what Scripture says she is, "a great wrath, and her shame shall not be hid." Now

they publicly send their boys and girls to the saloon for beer. Do I exaggerate? Am I not, on the contrary, forced for decency's sake 1 35 to pass over other shameless sins, which all but the blind and deaf know of among us? Indeed, dear brethren, the word of God is true now as of yore 2 70 that sinners "preach their shame like Sodom." The lepers laugh at their 1 92

leprosy. They run in among us to leprosy. They run in among us to blight us. Their disease, that blight blight us. Their disease, that blight which withers the soul with eternal decay, they rub off upon us. They do it by bad example, by laughing at the simple virtue of good Christians, by jesting and mockery, by bullying, by ill-gotten riches and

ill-gotten power. But we must remember that they are all this time really sinners, and worse than ordinary sinners, because without shame. Here, then, is our first duty; not to permit human respect, worldly position, or a bully-ing tongue to silence our love of God's

A CHILD OF THE FLOODS. hand, eagerly watched each passer-by Perhaps her dear Casper should miss her! While she was waiting, she BY MAURICE F. EGAN, LL. D.

Helena came to Cincinnatti with her grandmother, in the month of Decem-ber of last year. Her grandmother loved Helena so much that Helena loved her grandmother almost as well as her mother. Six years ago Helena's father and

mother came to Cincinnati, bringing with them their other three children. But the old grandmother-Frau Ida, pronounced in the German way "eeda" — would not let her dear grandchild leave her; so rather than leave the good grandmother sad and lonely, Helena was left behind with

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her. It was a sad time for the poor German people in the province where Frau Ida and her little granddaughter lived—a sad, sad time. Prince Bis-mark and his followers had exiled many of their priests, and deprived others of their churches. There was no Mass, there were no sacraments for the people of the village. But Frau Ida's house and plot of ground were there, and, hoping for better times, she

stayed there, too. Every month she went to a big city, many miles away, where she could hear Mass, and her little charge went with her. But this could not always be, the distance was very great and

often the weather was bad Helena, however, made her First Communion ; and, young as she was, the persecutions to which she saw religion subjected made her love it more and long to die for it. Like the old pagan Romans who were proud to say, "We are Roman citizens," Helena felt her face flush when she said-

"I am a Catholic." It seemed to Frau Ida that the good times when the priests would come back, and the church bells ring out again, and the crowds kneel at Benediction, were very far off, long as she had waited for them; so one day she said to Helena— "Wouldst thou like to go to America,

thou dear child ?"

They were in the kitchen-the dear old kitchen that Helena loved so much. Frau Ida sat in her carved arm-chair. he was knitting, and the kitten was hiding behind the stove waiting for her to drop her ball of yarn. The hands of the clock in the wall pointed to 3. Fran Ida had inst damp to 3. Frau Ida had just drunk her usual cup of coffee; all was quiet and peaceful. Helena could scarcely believe that her grandmother had asked her this question. Go to America-far, far away from the dear Fatherland. It was almost too much Fatherland. It was annost too much for her to grasp. She threw her arms around her grandmother and kissed her. The ball of worsted fell upon the floor, and the kitten was happy. "Must I leave thee, grandmother?" "No, no, my child," said Frau Ida;

"I will go with thee." Helena put her face close to her grandmother's and whispered— "I am afraid of the Indians and the

buffaloes, grandmother.' Frau Ida smiled.

"Thy father wrote to me that the cities in America are larger than our village, and that he has never seen an Indian in Cincinnati. There are churches there, wherein the Holy Mass is said, and many good priests. It is a beautiful country." And Frau Ida began to sing in her sweet, low voice-"Kennst du das Land wo die Citronen bluhn ?" (know'st thou the land where the lemons bloom ?) Helena joined in, for singing was

honor, our detestation of what does it harm and our pity for the sinner him-self. A good remedy against shame-lessness in sinning is just a little plain ''Ach, it is a beautiful country with her and her grandmother a sec-Thou shalt see oranges and lemons in the streets and wondrous trees, and the golden sun all day long, and no rain. It is a strange land, too. The housewives do not work in the fields or drive the cattle, but sit in their were ! cottages and sew with their feet !" "Have they no hands, grand-

noticed a young woman with a child in her arms-a pale, thin woman, very anxious looking and weary. Helena had been looking at her, too. Her eyes seemed glued to the door through which friend or relatives were hurry

ing into the place. The little child in her arms seemed tired. It had pretty blue eyes, with long lashes, and short yellow hair. Helena asked her grandmother if

she might speak to the baby. Having gotten permission, she kissed the little girl. The mother smiled, and said in German-

"God bless thee, child. I have waited three days for my husband, but he has not yet come. Oh, I pray that he is not dead !"

Helena poured out some milk she had bought, and offered to the little one, who drank it.

"She is hungry!" cried Helena. "Dear little angel !" And she at once began to fill the child's mouth with sausage. Frau Ida interfered "Thou wilt kill

the child, Helena. Thou hadst better feed the mother, who, no doubt is hungry." The mother was hungry, and in the pleasure of filling her lunch-basket and trying to make her comfortable, Frau Ida and Helena for got their own anxiety. They found that the best way to

lighten their own care was to take on themselves the sorrow of this poor woman. They had succeeded in mak ing a bed for the baby on a bench near a big stove, when two arms were thrown around Frau Ida. She turned quickly. It was Casper, her son. He was a big, strong man, with a heavy beard and a kindly smile. Soon it was Helena's turn to be buried in that beard and overcoat.

She scarcely remembered her father but she knew that this man was he

He looked so good, so kind ! The poor mother, with the child, burst into tears as she saw their joy. "It is well—it is well!" she sai "But I wish that my beloved Hans was here. I have waited and watched for him, every hour for three days. I could not eat, I could not drink, 1

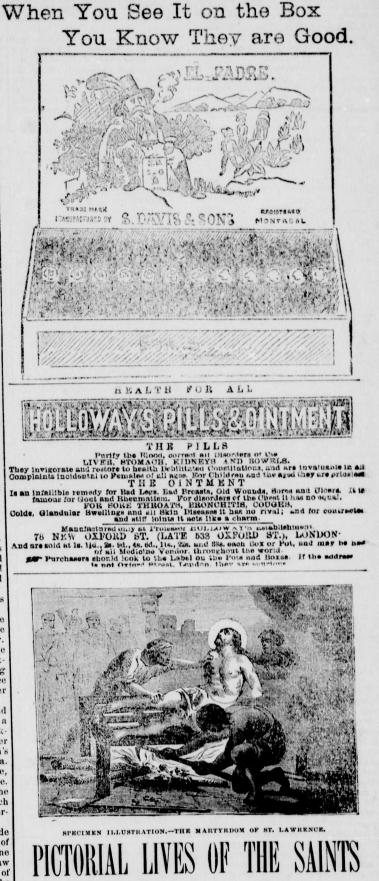
could only watch. Helena's father asked her husband's

name. "Han Schwartz," from Bavaria ; he lived in Illinois. She had lost the name of the place. He was a farmer. Casper made all the inquiries he could. For he spoke English remark-ably well ; but nobody knew anything of Hans Schwartz ; so the happy three had to leave the poor woman and her baby.

Frau Ida, who was very careful and seldom gave much away, left her a warm shawl, and Helena slid a package of oranges and bananas, her father had given her, into the woman's basket. It was a sacrifice for Helena. She had never seen a banana before She had never seen a banana before, and had never eaten an orange. They were very frugal people in the village where she lived, and such luxuries were only for the rich mer-chants in the cities. Frau Ida and Helena were made almost speechless by the succession of

wonders that met their view. Imagine the amazement with which they say railroads running over the heads of the people, tall buildings, and the hurrying crowds on Broadway ! But by the time they reached Cin-

cinnati they were weary of surprises. At the railroad station Helena's mother waited, with a beating heart, for her dear little girl. Over and over again she had asked herself, "Would the time ever pass? Would the moment ever come, when she could clasp Helena to her heart?" Her



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mother ? "I do not know," answered Frau Ida, picking up the ball of yarn. "Thy father did not say. They have curious machines which help them to sew faster than I-when I was young -could sew with my hands."

Helena's eyes became round as

saucers. "But we shall see father and

mother ?"

"Yes, yes, beloved child." At this moment Her Wilhelm, the chapel-master, who was to buy Frau Ida's cottage, entered, and Helena ran upstairs to think about this beautiful new country, and to pray in her oratory.

II. Frau Ida and Helena had a pleasant

voyage. Helena's Father met them at Castle Garden. There, among the crowd of immi-grants rushing forwards and back-wards, he found them keeping guard over their trunks and bundles. eral steamers had come in that week Groups of men in long coats and queer caps were smoking pipes, and loung-ing on the benches around the enormous building. Women and babies were quite numerous. Some of the people were chatting and laughing, others looked very anxious, as if they were looking for friends. It was warm inside, but the smells of the place made Helena think that America was not such a sweet country after all. It

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