Animals and Ghosts.

A story is going the rounds of the press demonstrating that dogs and horses are as much afraid of ghosts and other uncanny or mysterious things as the most timid human beings. Everybody at all acquainted with the negro character understands how very susceptible the brother in black is to such influences. brother in black is to such influences. A negro will make a long detour to avoid a graveyard, at night. Many negroes, however, swear, with apparent sincerity, that they have seen ghosts, and an old darkey wood-sawyer in a Georgia town never wearied of relating his "nistlings" with the devil, who approached him in the property of the same of many grotesque shapes. Indeed, this venerable black man had, from his own account, as portentous a familiarity with the Evil One as Dr. Martin Luther, who, in his own writings, admitted that Satan was a periodical visitor of his, and, by appropriate that by arguments that any sound theologian could contravene, was thus persuaded to abandon saying Mass. These deliberate admissions of the redoubtable "Reformer" must stagger an enquiring Protestant brother who cares anything about the source of his religion. But, returning to our special theme, let us examine the theory of ghost perception upon animals. There is positive evidence that dumb creatures but tive evidence that dumb creatures not only exhibit terror when confronted with sham goblins, but possess an aptitude superior to man in discerning what may be called the gennine article. In the best authenticated annuls of spectral apparition it is recorded that dogs were aware of the approach or presence of a spirit before such knowledge or suspicion arrived to human beings in

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Numerous instances are furnished in proof of this phenomenon. It is also said that the advent of a spirit was heralded in nearly every case by an intensely cold air, no matter what the temperature may have been previously. Perhaps, as a singular but not exact confirmation of this, it may be remembered that Bernadette of Lourdes, before seeing the Blessed Virgin, was startled by the fact that, though there was no wind blowing at all at the grotto, the leaves on the trees were agitated. One of the most distinguished of the medical fraternity, at Augusta, Ga., a man of the most scupulous veracity, who, as a scientific writer and discoverer, is known all over the world, told me the following anecdote of his own personal experience: "I was," he said, "called to see a very sick patient on the Sand Hills, and, as quickly as possible, drove there in a baggy. Very soon after my arrival, the gentleman to whose bedside I was summoned, died. Indeed, he was in the article of death when my services were requested. I assisted in composing the body and consoling, as far as I could, the afflicted family. Then, for a few moments. I sat in another room, naturally reflecting upon the closing scene of one who had been a friend of many years' dura-tion. Having another sick call, in the country, some miles distant. I took my leave. It was about high noon in autumn. and the weather was cool, bright and exhibarating. The leaves had copionsly

FALLEN UPON THE GROUND and were dry and rustling. I proceeded without any unusual incident down the tion. hill and through a patch of woodland. As I emerged from the forest and struck as remerged from the cores and strick is a formal afarm opening, my horse suchlenly pricked up his ears, checked his trot for a moment, and then, visibly alarmed manner, but in an edifying through, and so it was all the way across darked rapidly forward, heedless of my attempt to pacity him. Amazed at this it a most respectful and reverent mainable having in an animal so thoroughly her, and also to and from the confessions. behavior in an animal so thoroughly ner, and also to and from the confession-never seen the bearded face, pinched trained and hitherto perfectly controll- alin a similar, recollected way. able, I gazed around, hoping to detect the cause of his manifest terror. There was nothing, apparently, to cause such fright, but very soon I became aware that, just across the fence, there was a distinct sound of a vigorous movement keeping cadence, as it were, with the hold the Communion cloth in a proper of notoriety and fame by very near foot-falls of my own animal. The skeps manner, and on no account to harry together then, tical would say, perhaps, that this was merely an echo, but there were no conditions to produce such vibration, and no one, before or since, journeying there has ever had a similar experience. Besides, as you will see in the sequel, the presence, whatever it may have been, was felt in another way. When I left the opening and again entered the forest the sound ceased, and my horse resumed his ordinary tranquility and pace. Finally, I reached the place of destination. It was a traditional Southern farmhouse. perched on an elevation, with broad piazzas all around the dwelling, which stood about one hundred yards from

THE ENCLOSURE GATE. Halting at the gate, which was closed, my horse trembled and exhibited other signs of trepidation, but did not attempt flight. The planter who owned the place, and who had sent for me professionally, kept a large pack of hounds. When these animals perceived me they swept in a body toward the gate, barking in chorus. Hardly had they arrived at the portal when their notes changed to whines of trepidation. For an instant they paused conchingly, their eyes dilated, their tails tucked be-tween their legs and their bristles Then, with a yell of alarm. they wheeled around in concert and fled precipitately toward the mansion, bolting by the open front door, and as I of his principal adherents, and emused afterward discovered, crashed through iron soles to be nailed to their leet. afterward discovered, crashed through iron soles to be mailed to their leet. Thus equipped, they were exposed to the triend, "I find," he said to the writer, they had entered a thicket some considthey had entered a thicket some considerable distance in the rear. There they presumably hid in consternation. Their ringular behaviour can only be accounted fo ron the supposition that they had seen the occult presence that I had only heard, or that they, like my horse, were profoundly sensible of the existence of some unusual and mysterious being. At any rate, what I tell you actually occurred, and the explanation is open to all who may care to fathom it to suit himself. Did the spirit of the dead man accompany me through that journey? I do not know.

fest and awful alarm."

the method of artificial respiration in which one sees. a ghastly manner. When a very young main he was absorbed in practical anatomy. On Sunday he determined to go over to the medical college and perform some operations upon what the surgeons call a "very fine subject." This of esthetics, of beauty, but no character and no power of contention. stiff" was in a cask, and the doctor had

to contrive without assistance, to get the cadaver on the dissecting table. Shoving the cask to one end of the table, he got on top of that piece of furniture. Stooping down, he inserted his hands tunder the arms of the corpse and lifted it up. As he did so, with the terrible head almost touching his own counte-nance, there issued from the parched mouth of the dead a deep and gruesome exclamation! For a moment the doctor experienced a sense of horror that almost froze his blood. Recovering his nerve, and true to scientific impulse, the thought flashed upon him that he had made a great discovery-artificial respiration—and that the sound gurgling from the air passages of the corpse was caused by the muscular pressure exerted upon it. Many a man, in an extremity, since then, has been saved by this knowledge, so terrifically acquired. I have added this experience to show, in conclusion, that the man who could undauntedly face such a conjuncture is not given to superstition, hysteria or morbid imagination, and that some other reason must be sought to solve the adventure he related in his drive from the deathbed of one person to the distant house of another patient. The reader can form as I have related them substantially, and gold or silver, but often the joy of life, they are some of the subtle links in a mysterious chain of events reaching from age to age, "to point a moral or adorn a tale."—Calholic Micror.

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avoid as much as possible coughing, ex-pectorating, and all manner of unusual noise in getting into or leaving their

seats. | 2. They should be remarkably clean in 3. They should look only on the altar

or at the priest, and keep constantly in leper. mind that it is to speak to God alone that they appear there.
4. All who can read should use their

prayer-books, unless when meditation may be preferable.

when at prayer, 6. Catholics should be extra careful in the self-appointed "sister" a pleasing never to turn their back to the altar subject, and the newspaper editor gave

posed; but to kneel in a respectful posinot be allowed to make the responses in

9. It is an edifying sight to see the Molokai. Then "Sister Rese Gertrude whole congregation stand up when the went forth upon her mission; the doors Cospel and Creed are read at Mass, and of the outside world were cosed, and the kneed in union when the priest says, people murvelled at the sweetness of " And He was made Man."

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"Rough Shod."

Sir Walter Scott, in his "History of scotland "(first series), tells a tale of a these inscriptions: Highland chief, one of the McDonalds of Ross, which is worth repeating. This worthy had robbed of the little she possessed a poor widow, who in her despair exclaimed that she would demand justice from her sovereign if she fared all the way to Edinburgh on foot. "It is a ong journey," cried the robber; " and that you may make it more comfortable. I will have you rough shod? And he sent for a smith, whom he compelled to nail a pair of shoes to the wretched woman's feet, just as horseshoes are fastened. But the widew was keen witted; as soon as her wounds permitted witten; as soon as her wounds permitted a well known journalist, "prefers the her to set forth she betook herself to devotion of the beads to any of the Edinburgh, and obtaining permission to the presence of James L. informed him of the cruel treatment she had undergone. The King, justly angry, ordered! the arrest of McDonald and of twelve ing in his coat pocket the pair of beads executed,-The Gentleman's Magazine.

Henry G. James.

Henry G. James, of Winniper, Man., writes: "For several years I was troubled with pimples and treatations of the skin. After other remedies falled I used four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and since then I have been quite free from my complaint. B. B. B. will always or empy aplace in my house."

A Fitudy of Noses.

doubt, however, that my horse and my midway it shows a disposition to resent patient's dogs were aware of some pre- attack or defend friends, but without ternatural shape that caused them mani- that spontaneous impulse to combat which you find in the real fighter and The eminent doctor who tells this which is conspicuous in all the portraits rather remarkable anecdote discovered of the distinguished generals or soldiers

"You can almost tell a person's charman he was absorbed in practical acter from the nose alone," she remark-"All great men have great noses. of asthetics, of beauty, but no character and no power of contention.

"Large nostrils show courage. People of fearless disposition breathe fully and freely. All the fiercer animals have dilated nostrils. The drooping nostrils show histrionic talent. If the nose also droops it denotes a tragic power, and if only the nostrils the capacity is marked

for the interpretation of coniedy. "Where the nose is thin at the bridge shows generosity, while a nose that is thick at the bridge argues acquisitive-ness. When it is 'tip tilted like the petal of a flower' the person is inquisitive. A projecting nose argues a disposition to investigate. It is ahead of the person, as it were, and wants to scent out things.

FOR GOD'S SAKE ONLY.

Protestant Tribute to Father Damien-The Paths of Fame and Notoriety.

The paths of fame and notoriety lieperilously near together, sometimes so close that it is difficult to point out the dividing line. But fame is that which exists after the hero's death, even though the hero die unknown, while notoriety is like a bubble on the river; and there are degrees of fame, and the price paid is not Magazine. For many years Father Damien immured himself in the leper colony of Molokai—gave up his life to save the souls of others, and the outside world knew it not. For many years he struggled, an obscure priest, on that horrible island of the Pacific, knowing that an awful death would be his; but his services and ministrations were not of this world, and he sought not fame. But the fame of a hero was his, after all —the sweet fame that is likened unto Catholics, who believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Stevenson found the man and told the world about him, and perhaps a sweet breath of incense may have come to that 1. Persons, whilst in the Church, should lonely isle, and refreshed the passing void as much as possible coughing, excense was of the sweetest-the love and the prayers of the outside world which were given to the dying man. Yet he 2. They should be remarkably clean in sought it not; and when the end came, their dress, and in their person, and the people wished to look upon the man, avoid the slightest appearance of foppery and there were no photographs, save one, or indiscretion. his death in the rade habitation of a

That was fame, and the story reached the uttermost parts of the earth; and while men listened, another name was coupled with his and people heard a "Sister Rose Certrude" was to tollow to Church should keep them from districken beings of Molokai. This was when at prayer. whenever the Blessed Sacrament is extup a column to tell the world what she was going to do and to show what she ion. | looked like. The London reporter in-7. Applytes serving at Mass should torviewed her, and when she came to New York the same proceeding was gone fame when the successor to Father 10. Communicants should take care to Damien was mentioned. But the paths

Meanwhile, in England a nemorial was being propared by the national lepr. sy fund and is just finished. It is in the form of a cross of red Peterhead granite, and is to shortly mark the grave of Father Damien. Upon the front face of the pedestal is a finely sculptured por-trait in white marble, set in an enriched circular panel. The cross is of runic form, wrought with Runic designs, and upon the lower steps of the pedestal, in English and in the Hawaiian tongue, are

"Joseph Damien de Veuster, Born Jan. 3, 1840; died April 19, 1885. "Greater love bath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.-John xv. 13.

"This monument is raised to his memory by the people of England. This is the immortality of the world vet Father Damien sought not the tame

Saying the Beads.

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To some extent, young men dislike to say the beads in church or elsewhere because of the length of time required. But even this is not a valid excuse, for the reason that they can say them more quickly than they can read an entertaining newspaper, and go through with them more easily than they can read the Last year Prof. Annie Oppenheim Ordinary of the Mass. The real reason went to the military exhibition to study of the neglect, however, is found in a noses, says a London letter to the New certain false pride that springs up in the WHO CAN TELL?

Since this occurrence, many years afterward, my attention was drawn to an incident almost identical, and the impression sought to be made was that a person recently defunct had accompanied a dweller in the flesh. There was no

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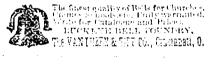
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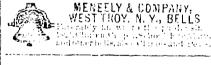
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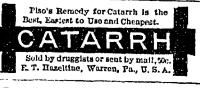
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IRISH NOTES.

Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty, the sole survivor of the Irish Rebel Leaders of 1848, who were transported to the Antipodes, is about to reenter political life in Queensland. For nearly twenty years he had sat in the Queensland Parliament. Then, in 1885, he returned to the Old Land, and entered the House of Commons as member for North Meath, but he did not occupy that seat for many months. He sailed again for Australia, and resumed his practice.

A large meeting of fishermen and others interested in the development of the Shannon fisheries was held at Limerick, the Mayor presiding, at which the lecline of the fisheries and the hardships which the fishermen have to undergo were presented in a very strong light. Resolutions were adopted condemning the present Board of Conservators as perfectly untit for its duties, and resolving to take steps for superseding it by a truly representative popular board. It was arranged that a convention in connection with this important subject should be held in Limerick at the openof the New Year.

The change of front in the Dublin newsboys is something very amusing. It was only on Tuesday that the Freeman's Journal and its evening satellite, the Evening Telegraph, had gone over to the Healyites. The next evening the Telegraph was hardly to be got on the streets, and the boys were all busy disposing of the Evening Mail, an ultra-Conservative journal. Asking a little urchin for the Telegraph, I got the withering answer: "Arrah, d'ye think I'd sell that thing." Verily polities must be imbibed with the mother's milk in this country, The sale of the Telegraph was something enormous in this city. The battle of the papers is getting very interesting, but some of them will have to go to the wall.

The Farmers' Gazette (Dublin) has just published a very exhaustive report of the crops all over Ireland. These reports would show that the harvest will not be such a bad one after all. Of 79 reports on wheat, 49 are average, 20 over average and 10 under average. Barley 68 reports: 41 average, 20 over and seven under. Oats, 130 reports; 55 avec age, 69 over and only 6 under average The hay crop is bad, as from 124 reports it would appear that 36 are average; on ly 2 over, while 86 are under average. It is very satisfactory, however, to learn that the staple crop of the country, pota-toes, is a success. Of 132 reports, 37 are average, 90 over, and only 5 under average. The potato blight, which was so much feared a short time ago, appears not to have spread, and the usual annual out-cry of impending famine is not

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"Lovest Thou Me?"

A ship was far away upon the Atlantic ocean. A storm came on. The captain was below, the mate upon watch, when the cry arcse, " A man overboard The moon was bright, but the sea was

running so high, and the danger so great, that the mate could not bring himself to order out a boat and risk the mea's lives in such a sea. He offered, however, to go himself, if two others would yo with him. Two at once offered and a boat, was let down into that terrib'e sea, but with small hope of saving the drawning man. Struggling through the great waves they reached him just when sinking, and drew Lim helpless into the bear. After another struggle they ached the ship, and got all safe on board.

They were ail evianisted. The saved nan could neither walk nor speak. But he was sensible of his deliverance. "He of spied our feet," said the mate, as he told the story, " and began to kiss them. We disengaged correlves from him. He then crawled after us, and as we stepped back he followed us, booking up with smiles and fears, and then, patting our wet footprints with his hand, he kissed them with eager fondness. I never saw such a scene in my life. He was a pass senger in the ship. During the rest of the voyage he showed the deepest gratitude, and when we reached the port he loaded us with presents."

Such is the love of man to man for cindness received. A man's heart is touched when a fellow-man loves him and shows his love by risking his own life. Far beyond this ought to be our love to Him who came down to this world to live and die for us. For who has loved us as Jesus has loved us? Who has done for us what Jesus has done?

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Married at Last.

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was her love for Lady Wilde that made her marry the son. So she says. Many a year ago the Dublin Nation was embelished by the poems of "Spe-ranza," "Marie," and "Eva," They were known as the "Three Graces" of the Nation, "Marie and "Eva," became nuns, and "Speranza," became Lady Wilde It is her son that Mrs. Laslie her Wilde. It is her son that Mrs. Leslie has married. He is a six-footer, a thorough gentleman and an Irishman, a physician, a lawyer and journalist.—Catholic Colum-

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