

ness, that even if it is certain that the Priest himself is the one who is guilty of the action, still the blame may be laid wholly on the devil, and the Priest be excused from the guilt of sin in what he does. The following is what is said by the Saint on the subject; and is confirmed, as he says, by "Cardinal Petrucci, and St. Thomas Aquin." "It is known that the devil can take possession of any part of a man; for instance, his eyes, his tongue, or even *verenda*. Hence it happens that the man utters words the most obscene, although his mind may be far from thinking about what he says. Hence it sometimes happens, also, that the impulse is so strong, that he is even urged on to strip himself naked; and to do other filthy things, which I am ashamed to write about." [!!!] "When the devil has thus suspended the use of reason, there is no more sin in what the man does, than there would be if it was done by a beast." [!!!] Ligor. Prax. Cont. vii. N. 111.

This authority of Ligor no Papist dare deny, since his doctrine is declared by the church of Rome to be "*sound, and according to God, sana ac secundum Deum.*" Ligor. Theol. Præf. And the man himself has lately been Canonized and enrolled among the Saints.\*

We believe the "AWFUL DISCLOSURES" of Maria Monk to be substantially true.

\* For a full development of this doctrine of the Romish church in regard to persons possessed with the devil, see "DOWNFALL OF BABYLON," a semi-monthly Paper, published at No. 131 Nassau street.