THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

next were any said the man, opening his "Ob, no, no," said the man, opening his purse, "I'll buy her the best toy in the town. I'll try not to let her die." I faded

end." "But will nobody do anything for her ?" "I will," said the angel. "I have yet in this dark world a thousand hearts brim. ful of warmth and light. They will find her yet and lift her up; she is perishing for want of a little joy." With that word John Jynks awoke. His elbow was on the keyboard, and his head was on his hand. Tommy was standing behind him with a broad grin upon his face. Daity Wimple bad failed to find her showman; but, wonderful to state, on the ewach artived at the school-room the moment the tea was over—two men with

whole show arrived at the school-room the moment the tes was over—two men with a reed and a drum, Punch, Judy, and the baby, Joey the clown, the Distinguished Foreigner, the Beadle, the Ghost, and the Bogey—all in uproarious splrits. Toby came too—the most intelligent Toby that ever took Punch by the ness. ever took Punch by the nose.

ever took Punch by the nose. The children's evening on Holy Inno cents' Day was also the occasion of a mys-terious event. Daisy Wimple, rosy and gay, came early in her warm furs, and half a dozen friends with her, to help the

children. "I wish I knew Santa Claus," sold Dalsy. "We might have got some pres-ents from him. We want them badly." Then she opened the school 100m door, and drew back with with a cry of surprise, Why, the tree was loaded from top to bottom with glittering tors, and saveral

bottom with glittering toys, and several baskets were clustered under it. "Santa Claus!" cried the girls, "The same Santa Claus that sent Punch and

Judy." Daisy peeped into the baskets, and saw

enough warm little shose to set up a shop. Tears brimmed into her eyes. "How good he is, and no one ever knew it !" When the Twelfth Night party came, John Jynks was one of the first arrivals at the brightly lighted house across the

Nobody would have recognized Mr. Jynks. It had been such a happy Christ-mas, he said, and what a blessing Christ-mas was! "If we could only have Christmas eve all the year round, what a world it would be !'

Why shouldn't we ?" ea'd Daisy.

"Why shouldn't we ?" ea'd Daisy. Why not, indeed ? "Anyhow," said Mrs. Wimple, 'Christ-mas lasts for twelve days. Nobody should cheat us out of a day of it." It was a Twelfth Night party of the good old style. Carols were sung, and the "Twelfth Cake" was cut, and the little figures from the top were distributed by lot, and John Jynks was the king and Daisy was the queen. Now these two had to rule the evening and had to arrange the pastimes for the other guests. "I to arrange pastimes !" exclaimed Mr.

limp, and she is very weak. She had never a toy in her life—not one."
"Oh ! poor child." The man's heart was wrong with pity—and all about a toy.
"Oan't she have something ?"
"Yes," seid the angel; "I will take care of that. I can blow out a shaving the from the carpenter's shop at the cormer of the court. It will do for her, her time is so short. She will be very glad of it. She will take it home and curl it on her finger when the infolts are long, and next weak they will find it under her pillow."
"Oh, no, no," said the man, opening his

spirit vanished he had realized that joy is power, that it is an angel's work to go about the world giving gladness away— that we are selfish if we are sed about our-selves, when the world is full of people drudging to death for want of a holiday, going down the wrong road for want of a little brightness or an honest laugh. "I suppose," said John Jynks, "these thing's had always been somewhere at the bock of my own mind, and I had just met Miss Wimple, who taiked of a Christmas tree, and I had seen an angel in red and gold on a card in a stationer's window. "Anyhow, my angel of joy in the dream

"Anyhow, my angel of joy in the dream was most persuasive. Unfortunately, my little organ blower, Tommy, was standing behind me when I woke. I came to my sensee, and turned round half asleep. John Jynk meant to be sad no more;

and if ever there was a Mrs. Jynks she should not settle down ; she should not go should not settle down; she should not go for her honeymoon to the British Museum! His home should be a warm, genial centre in the whotry world, and the spirit of Christmas Eve should be always upon it. Well, there was the old country dance; and it was the funniest thing in the world to see John Jynkslead Mrs. Wimple down the middle trying to say something about to-morrow, which the laughing hortess could not understand. To morrow—he called on the same

To morrow-he called on the same hostess, and she said, "Wait a year !"

Before another year was over, there was not a more genial man, or, as people said, "not a better fellow in the town," than John Jynks. There were flowers in his study, and his music took to joyous ways. It may have been the work of the dream angel; or it may have been the influence angel; or it may have been the influence of somebody else. For after that next Christmas, after a year of valiant efforts to be not "a sadder," but a happler "and a wiser man," he brought Daisy home; and the whole house brightened, and every life that came near them brightened too; for Daisy was an argel of juy better than the gold winged fancy of his dream.—Catho-lic Fireside.

FALSE AND MISCHIEVOUS!

Dr. Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher, said there were three false and mischievous maxims, viz, "No matter what a man believes, if he is only sincere; No matter what he believes, if his conduct is right; and, No one is responsible for his belief." The drift of the times is well represented by the action of a Universalist convention. The Rev. Dr. H Sawyer offered a reso-The Rev. Dr. H Sawyer offered a reso-lution declaring it to be the settled con-viction of the denomination "That the arrange the pastimes for the other guests. "I to arrange pastimes !" exclaimed Mr. Jynks, looking cerious again for a mo-ment, and feeling like a fish, out of water among all his gayety. "Any of those gentleman would do it twice as well as ment. And realing like a fish. Lagran Mission of the denomination "That the Gospel of Christ is a special and miracu lous interposition of God for the sal-vation of the world." The convention refused to adopt the resolution, and thereupon Dr. Sawyer said that he would be compelled to take leave of the denom-

FAMILY PRAYKRS.

BY M. A. D. A recent number of the Catholic Mirror contained a very interesting and instruct ive article on a plous custom which, in day gone by, was very generally observes; namely, that of saying the daily progets together. The article referred to was headed: "A Plous Custom Which Should ways," and ending with, "And if God choose, I'll love thee but the better after death." This was the right sort of affection—not the earthly passion of which novelists weave untrue tales. This was the love worth baving—worth the labor of a man's life. As yet to the girl in white it was only a beautiful song; no shadow of the reality had ever crossed her way. From his reverie, John Jynks was called to tell his promised ghost story, and all the candles were put out. The catechism published by order of the

to points them out thus: "Prayers made in common remind a person of his principal duty here below—that of ador ing God. . . There is in this union of the members of the family at the foot of the members of the family at the foot of the crucifix a persuasive eloquence which speaks to each one of his duty to God, his neighbor, and himself. And this gathering together for a common purpose each evening is calculated to have the most happy effects on the family itself. When the father and mether are evening as packed or pricet. mother are exercising a species of priest. hood in the midst of their children, does it not inspire feelings of greater resp If some have been grieved and vexed during the day by any of those thousand-and one little miseries that may disturb peace and harmony everywhere, will they not be disposed to forgive and forget when, at the foot of the crucifix, they rewhen, at the lot of the cruchin, they re-peat: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us?' He that has fallen into sin, will be not be disposed to repeat of it when he makes his short examination of conscience at night and joins in the Confiteor and Act of Contrition 1" St. John Chrysostom and other Fathers

St. John Chrysostom and other Fathers of the Church speak in eloquent terms of the power of prayer with God when the people and the priest are assembled to gether and their united prayers ascend to the throne of grace. And what they so eloquently say of the efficacy of prayer when thus addressed to God, may, the proper allowance being made, with full justice be said of family prayers. Let the words of Jesus Christ never be for gotten: "If two of you shall consent upon earth, concerning anything whatso -Catholic Mirror.

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me. Do excuse me, Miss Daisy, I never did such a thing in my life."

"No !" said Dalsy. The tone meant "Question ! question !" and there was a funny arch look in her

eyes. "I'm positive I did'nt," said John

Jynke. "Ab! And who made our two hundred "Ab! And who made our two hundred girls laugh—two hundred poor girls there were that night—I thought you'd be glad to know the number, and they said it would set them up for aix months, the Punch and Judy was such fun !" "(bl !--now--now--Mise Daisy-I--" "You know you did," said the merry little maiden ; "so there's no use in deny ing it. And the Christmas tree-I wish you could have heard the children shout." "I never touched a Christmas tree in my life,"

my life." "Perhap not; but you made one worth

touching

"Well, if I am to be king to night," he said, to escape from the subject of his generosity, "I can tell you a ghost story, and you can make up the rest of the programme, so long as we finish with Sir Roger de Coverly."

Sir Roger de Coverly ! What a frivo-bus suggestion from the dignified Mr. lons suggestion from the dignified mar. Jynks. The company greeted the news with laughter and appisuse. But first came Queen Daisy's part of the pro-

gramme. "If I am to make a law," she said, "If I am to make a law," she said, looking round with a pretty blash at such a privilege, "I rule, as the Twelfth Night Qasen, that there shall only be happy music to-night, and that none of us shall ing sad songs—and none of us shall recite poetry about soldiers dying and all that—you know, because we don't like anything dismal or sad, do we?" So nobedy same, "Ob I that we two were

happy music to-night, and that none of us shall sing sad songs—and none of us shall recite poetry about soldiers dying and all that—you know, because we don't like anything dismal or sad, do we?" So nobody sang, "Oh ! that we two were lying under the churchyard sod," or any thing of that sort, which indeed has new thing of that sort, which indeed has new thing one brighter or stronger. Shelly may have said that "aweetest songs are those that tell of stddest though," but they are not the songs that sweeten life's reality. Somebody went blithely through old Scotch verses about a girl who was "but a lassie yet—a bonnie,

be compelled to take leave of the denom be compelled to take leave of the denom nation. However, on the motion of Dr. A. A. Miner, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That the Chris tian Church and ministry must stand on

the truth of the New Testament record." It is evident that the convention did not consider it essential to believe in the consider it essentiat to believe in the divinity of the Christian religion. So far has a large part of New England Congre-gationalism departed from the teaching of Dr. Lyman Beecher.—Catholic Review.

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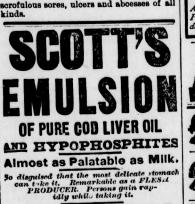
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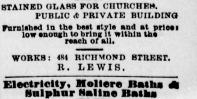
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