THE DOMAIN

"The hand that rocks the orac

OF WOMAN

In an interview with the neveltat Marie Corelli published in the August number of The Strand Magazine, Arthur H. Lawnenes tries to evercome some of the peculiar prejudice that seems to have gathered around this well known writer, a prejudice not altogether attributable to the efforts of detracting critics at least the set as according attributable to the efforts of detracting critics, at least in so far as normally healthy-minded people are concerned, to the majority of whom there is and must be something eminently distant-ful and repugnant in the herrible thomes and morbid ideas characteristic of much

and morbid ideas characteristic of much of this novelists work.

It has been urged that Marie Corelli is semething of a mystic, one of these who have risen in these latter days armed with a mission to show maskind the error of its ways and to unveil to the gaze of a horrified world the caucers and tumors festering beneath the thin veneor of civilization. Marie Corelli, says Mr. Lawrenco, writes to elevate the mind, to counteract prurioncy, censualism, scopticism and sensationalism.

sensualism, scopticism and sensationalism.

Speaking from the point of view of one who utterly detests all of the above errors as now rampane, it may be questioned whether such works as "Vendetta," "The Mighty Atom." etc., are calculated to do much good in that direction. There is an element of unreality in both the books mentioned, to say nothing of he: other works; an unreality of character, motives and surroundings. We do not for an instant connect the characters she presents to our mental vision with auyone we have ever met or are likely to meet; they are so horribly vindictive, so remorselessly cruel, so coldy calculating that we really prefer, for the honor of human nature, to think that they don't exist, rather than try to find their counterparts in our daily lives.

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Marie Corolli does not present human nature as it really is, but a distorted version of it with all the un-human qualities brought into strong prominence, till they resemble more the characters of abnormal criminals with all their virtues stinted and almost eradicated,

of abnormal criminals with all their virtues stinted and almost eradicated, than ordinary men and women.

The child Lionel in "The Mighty Atom" is an almost impossible creation viewed from the standpoint of ordinary commonsense and normal children children have an inherent recognition of the true and the beautiful, and no matter what they have been taught against truth, as soon as it is presented to them they instinctively receive and believe it. It is exceedy in accordance with the ideas of an ordinary Christian regarding the goodness and fatherly protection of God that He should permit one of His little ones, scarcely more than a beby to hang himself for want of the light be had invoked Even supposing the character of the case to be presible, scarcely one child in ten thousand would trouble its small head about the matter at all; and this is a wisprovision of nature, for were many of our children the prescotion sphilosophers Lionel is represented to be, there are a hundred and one mysteries quite aufficient to addle their brains and set them to thoughts of suicide, if only to find out what there is on the other side.

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The most probable results of, such raining as that depicted in "The Mighty Atom," would be to make a hardened and callous sceptic, and while one child in ten thousand might possibly hang itself, the other nine hundred and ninetymine would never for one instant drammof such a solution of the difficulty, if, indeed, they thought about it at all.

There is one thing in which Marie Corolli certainly does excel, and that is, in depiching real, hard, uncompromising, sordid poverty, but while she does it she ineanably ouveys the impression that it causes a loss of self respect, and you: "Slink along the streets vaguely abahed, instead of walking ercet among your fellowsner," (Sorrows of Satso). Whether on temperament, and some of self respect depends in a great of which the ordinary man or word would consider numericed poverty however cordia, a resson for "silloudir make a decent," provided they prevance, even though respectable appearance, even though series and send and a scenario. eason for "alinking along the streets," wided they could make a decently pectable appearance, even though by might not look quite auch awells as "London russher in the old song:

A penny paper collar round his throat, la.di-da;

la di da; A penny paper flower in his coat, la di da; In his hand a penny stick, in his tooth a penny pick, And a penny in his pocket, la di da!

Is is not what we don't deserve and most help that should make us lose or own self respect or the spect of right minded people, ovided we conduct ourselves in a pro-

sided we conduct ourselves in a pro-namer. Seaking of the critics, or rather, of fight with those lodestars of filera-Miss Corelli says. "They began it." so, they generally do; few authors any pressusions to common sense of literary criticism. "They did were trouble to read what I had sen;" complains the novelist. A x sweeping ascertion, seeing that tempt to criticize what one hadn't would infallibly end in disaster to critic. "They went' for mo and, it if for them," any the valiant wo-Exactly, and the rest is of the

TALES BY "TENESA"

Marvois epigram:

"Thus, when a barber and a collier fight
The barber beats the luckless collier white;
Straightway the collier heaves his ponderous sack,
And, big with vengeance beats the barber black.
In comes the brick-dustman with grime of erapread.

grime o'erspread,
And beats the barber and the collier

red.
Red, white and black in various clouds are tossed,
And in the du t they raise the combatants are tost."

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That is to say Miss Corelli's adversaries are; she, herealf, has emerged triumphant, and is now basking in the smiles of an appreciative public, white the miscrable critics are, figuratively speaking, wallowing in the dust.

Speaking of acting the authoress says:
"Do you call it an art? Well auppose it is, but you must own that it is en the lowest rang of the ladder. Even menkeys minio men, and that is just at it hat actors do. The more they minio, the leaverer the monkeys are. Illie the real, true men; the initiations are irritating. Well, that sounds complimentary certainly, but it is searcely in accordance with strict rules of logic. A minio is a person who takes off some other living porson; imitates speech, voice, appearance and gostures. An actor who creates the part he plays can scarcely be called a mimic, in fact he stands on the same plane as the novelist, he creates characters, and presents the reality of the content of th

My readers are requested not to forget St. Paul's Plonio in the House of Providence grounds on August Sth. It is intended to make this one of the most enjoyable functions of the holiday, and the price of admission being only ten onts all she family can go at very small expense. Refreshments of finest quality will be dispensed at moderate charges.

It is understood that at the last meet-ing of the Archbishops and Bishops of Australia the holding of a Catholic Congress, on the lines of those held in Fribourg (Switzerland), Brussels, and of Australia the holding of a Catholic Congress, on the lines of those held in Fribourg (Switzerland), Brussela, and other Continental cities, was suggested. Since then, prominent laymen, Hon. Or, Grace, New Zealand, and Dr. Leo Kenny, of Melbourne, among the number, have expressed a desfre to see the excellent idea put into practical shape. It is now rumoured that the proposed Congress will be held in Sydney about Easjer time in 1900, and it is not unlikely that as the blessing of the additions which will practically complete St. Idary's cathedral is to take place at that time, the two evenls may be joined together. Prelates, priests, and laymen in all the Australasian colonies, if the plan were carried out, would be inviked to contribute papers and lociures, as at Fribourg and other places, if the plan were carried out, would be inviked to contribute papers and lociures, as at Fribourg and other places, or questions deeply interesting to Catholics, such as the Church and its relations with different forms of Governments, Religion and Solence, Catholic Literature, etc. It would be a happy accident if the Congress cook place at the time the Cathedra' festival is held. The two celebrations combined could not fall to mark a new and bright epoch in the advance of Catholicity in Australasic. Doubtless, we shall have something definite later on. At the Prihourg Congress held last year, distinguished priests, scientists, and literary men attended from England and the United States. It is quite within the limits of probability that distinguished Catholics, clercis, and laymen would ome to Australia. from England, Ireland, and the United States.

BIRDS AS SURGEONS

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Some interesting observations made by M. Patio on the surgical treatment of wounds by birds were recently brought before the Physical Society of Geneva. In these it was established that the snile had often been observed in repairing damages. With its beak and feathers it makes a very creditable dressing, and has even been known to a stout' lighture. On one occasion M. Patio killed a snipe which had on its best a large dressing composed of down from other parts of the body, and securely fixed to the body by intens of coagulated blood. Twice he

stapped on to the site of a fracture of one or other limb. The most interesting example was that of a anjee both of whose legs he had unfortunately broken by a misdirected shot. He zaly recovered it on the following day, when he found that the wounded bird had contrived to apply dressings and a sort of splint to both limbs. In carrying out this operation some feathers had become entangled round the beak, and, not being able to use its claws to get rid ing able to use its claws to go of them, the poor creature was dead from hunger when found.

A little paper down in Georgia re-lates this laughable story:—
"The preacher had baptized Jerry Davis, and was raising him up when "The preacher had haptized Jerry Davis, and was raising him up when in some unaccountable way both were 'ripped and thrown in a very deep hole, where they disappeared. It took the combined efforts of three men from the shore to save them."

The above recalls an incident at a Cerrgia baptizing some time ago, says the "Atlanta. Constitution." A coloured preacher-heid a candidate under the water somewhat longer than the usual time. When the latter regained his feet he spluttered:—

'Whut do devil you hol' me under so long fee."

'Why, you livin' secondul, you il' exclaimed the preacher, "ain't you got the devil outen you yit?"

And down the fellow went again! But in struggling, he got the best of the preacher, holding him under until he was nearly stransied.

When the preacher finely "got his Lalance," he stood up and said:—

'Brudder Williams, please, sub, wade out to me wid dem life presarvers. Some er dees niggers is so strong dey'il' drown me for'! I gits thoo wid 'em!'

JENNEN COLONIZATION OF

JEWISH COLONIZATION OF FALESTINE.

The new movement for the founding of a Jewish political State in Palestinehas had a stronger indersement among, Jews in Europe than in the United States. This is doubtless due to the restrictions placed upon them as a race in other countries, which have created a longing for any change that gave promise of an improvement in their condition. The dream of the actual and sole occupation of the Holy Land is not likely to be realized—at least, not in the near future.

Turkey would never consent to the crection of anything bondering on a new ne:ion there. Germany has already secured a strong footheid in Asia Minor, as well as considerable interests in Palestine itself. Other European nations have claims on the territory which would preclude the organization of an independent government. Nevertheless, the present movers, who have united under the name of Ziolnists, propose to try the experiment. They have planned to thoroughly colonist Palestine with Jews, at the cost of the Jews themselves. It will require about \$100,000,000 to carry out the plan, and the Ziolnists expect ultimately to settle 6,000,000 Jews there, and provide them with the means of supporting themselves by agriculture.

MATCHES.

MARY STUART'S CURIOUS

WATCHES.

Among the watches owned by Mar,
Stuart was a coffin-shaped watch in
a case of crystal. Probably the most
rumarkable one in her collection was
the cine which was bequeathed to Mary
Scaton, her maid of honor. It was in
the fitm of a skull. On the forchead
of the skull was the symbol of death,
2 is egythe and the hour-glass. At
the back of the skull was Time, and
at the top of the head was the Garden of Eden and the Cruclifixon. The
watch was opened by reversing the
skull. Inside was a representation of
the Holy Family surrounded by angels, while the shephords and their
flocks were worshipping the new-born
Christ. The works formed the brains,
while the dual plate was the palate.
She also possessed another skullshaped watch, but it is not known
what became of it.—Ladles' Hone
Journal.

THE MICROBE AND THE CYCLIST.

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The microbe inas been after the scorcher for a long while, and the latter nover guessed it until "The Lancet" said that the soie and inflamed throat, headache, and depression often experienced by cyclists are brought about in this way. Their machines raise a dust, and in the dust are many undesirable tilings. Thus says the "Lancet" "—Hundreds of millions of bacteria, according to the nature of the locality, are found in a gramme weight of dust, and the species isolated have included well-known pathosenic organisms. Indeed there can be reason for doubting the infective power of dust when it is known that amongst the microbes encountered it are the microbes of pus, malignant, cedema, tetanus, tubercle, and septicaemia.

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PARSON IN DANGER OF DROWNING.

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MRS. HODGES' FAULT.

"Me-wounded your feelings?" she attered tooking at her husband in surprise. "What do you mean?"
"Don't you remember your remark when I was discussing bleycles with Mr. Dartiels?"
"No, I'm sure I don't; what did I say?"
"Well, when I said my wheel cost 219 you interrupted me and said only £8."

"Was that so terrible, I'd like to know?" his wife asked, not in the best of humor, for, like many others, she didn't like to discuss her faults.

"It was nothing terrible," returned Joseph, "but very annoying to me. When I said my wheel cost £10, I meant II, for that was its price, and your remark was uncailed for. The moment you spoke a smile passed around the company, and I felt as though they regarded me as a common booster."

'Then, again, during the evening you corrected me when there was no occasion to. It was when I was telling: Wirs. Daniels about my horse running away. I said he ran nearly a mile before I could stop him, but you instantly assured the company that it wasn't were half-a-mile. Now, neither you nor I knew exactly how far it was, and, moreover, it is of little consequence. I assure you, Marlan, it made me feel hally, and, whatever I say on this subject, you are still indifferent regarding my feelings."

"Indeed, I cannot see anything so bad about it, anyway," she answered; "you are for ever accusing me of my faults."

"Now, Marlan, dear," he said draw-

are for ever accusing me of my faults."
"Now, Marian, dear,' he said drawing his chair close to her, "will you promise to never again correct me in company, and wound my feelings as you have to-night?"
Mrs. Hodges made no decided promise, but she resolved to do the best she could, and here the matter rested for the present.

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One night two weeks later Mr. Hodges gave a party at his own house. After supper the company gathered around the fire in the spacious exiting-room to discuss the topice of the day. The American-Spanish war had just ended, and, owing to its duration, the country was in a deplorable condition and businers depression was great.

"Hodges" read one of his visitors a noted slik dealer named Edmunds, "how does Thomas get along now?"

"Oh, fine," returned Hodges, "he is colling money-now."

This Thomas was Mrs. Hodges brother, and one whom she dearly loved.

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other night"—here Hodges cast a quick giance at his wife, but she would not notice it, for she must correct her husband's mistake—"he said he feared he wouldn't get his pay for the goods sent to Thurston and Co., and, oh, dear, I hope he won't lose all that, for it would ruin him."

"Oh, Marian, you don't understand this matter," eald for husband. "Jim stands all right with the Western firm."

stands all right with the western firm."
"Weil, I guess I know," quickly recorted his wife "for I head him tell
about it, and if I was Jim I'd have no
more to do with such people."
Joseph Hodges could say no more.
His face showed his feelings as he cast
meaning glances towards his wife.

In a thriving village on the western coast of the old Bay State is located a jewellary shop of high standard, its sole propietor being Joseph Hodges, a business man on ne small scale. His wife, Marian, is a faithful file partner, and does all she can to make his home one of peace and comfort. "What's the matter, Joseph?" she asked, having removed her jacket and Jonnet said taken a scat by the fire. They had just returned from an evening party. "What's the matter?" she repeated, drawing nearer the grade. "You have been so sober and torpid all the way home."
"I'll telt you, Marian," he replied, "but don't be offended at what I'm about co sey. Were I to recike a volume of shall talk, I couldn't tell you how you have wounded my feelings toright."
"Me—wounded your feelings?" she attered looking at her husband in sur-About ten c'elock the following evening as Mr. and Mrs. Hedges were
thinking of rettring, the door opened
and Jim Thomas entered.
"For heaven's sake, Jim, what's the
matter ?" cried Mrs. Hodges, perceiving the death-like countenance.
"I am ruined," he said; "yes, a
ruined mon."

"I am tuned mon."
"Is it that Western firm?" asked
Markan.
"No," he said sadly; "but the people
itro have come down on me."
"Do you mean all is lost, Jim?" re-"No," he said sadly; "but the people hene have come down on me," "Do you mean all is lost, Jim?" re-turned Joseph.
"Yes everything," he returned heart-

turned Joseph.

"Yes everything," he returned heartbrokenly.

"Somehow Idmunds has discovered that I feared the Western firm, and, owing him a large sum, he has demanded it immediately. Just another month and all would be safe, but it's too late now; he's placed an officer over my goods."

Marian sat pale and trembling. She plainly saw what she had done, but, alsa! to late to recall those few heaty words. Looking up into her brother's face she uttered in a feeble voice:

"Oh, Jim, I am the cause of, all this, but don't blame me now. It is the result of my foolish habit of correcting my hunband before others."

Mrs. Hodges siept little that night, and arose next morning with an aching heart and head. Her husband forgive heart and head. Her husband forgive heart and head. Her husband forgive heart has been been the same head her somewhat, but she saw hen brother drop from his high position all through her fault.

After a little Thurston and Co, paid their note, and Thomas was able to cancel his debte. He went into partnership with Joseph Hodges, and both carried on a profitable business.

But Marian never forgot her terrible lesson. Never after this did she interrupt her husband in company with needless corrections—Boston Fost.

A CONVENTED JEW.

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The church of the Most Holy Trinit, Bologna, was recently crowded with a large-congregation on the occasion of an interesting tripal ceremony, the baptism, communion, and marriage of a Jow. Mar Carpanella, the parish priest, addressed to the new son whom the Church had received into its fold, an address touching in its simplicity, and which drew tears of emotion from many eyes. Count Plo Ranuszi de Bianchi stood godfather to the convert.

A RAILWAY DRAMA.

Scene 1—Train stoppin at a big junction. Ticket Collector (examining passenger's ticket)—This won't do, sir. You'll have to get out and— Passenger—I shall not get out. I re-tuse to be builled by you. Here is my card. You have your remedy, etc., etc. Ticket Collector—I only wanted to say, sir brothen and one whom she dearly loved.

"Glad of that," said Edraunds; "I feared he would have trouble getting pald for those goods he sent out West."

"No; there is no fear-of Jim Thomas losing monely," returned Hodges.

"Why, Joeeph," interrupted his wife, don't you remember he told. us the

(Train proceeds, and passenger relates tales of his various triumphs over rail-way officials.) Scene 2—A dark and lonely railway platform. One melancholy, figure

Scene 2-A dura and control platform. One melancholy figure brooding.

Passenger (thoughtfully) – I wonder if that collector only meant to tell me I was in the wrong train.—Tid Bits.

ST, SWITHIN AND THE RAIN.

ST. SWITHIN AND THE HAIN.

According to tradition, if it reined on St. Swithin's Day, we might expect rain for the forty day's following. St. Swithin, it is interesting to recall, lived in the ninth century, was Preceptor to King Dthelwulf, was made Bishop of Winchester in 852, and died a decade later. The story goes that it rained forty days in consequence of the proposed removal of his remains from the churchyard to the cathedrai.

CREATURES WHICH CANNOT SHUT THEIR EYES

Snakes are unable to close their eyes, for the reason that they have no eyelide. Lizards, too, are in the same list, and all the vast tribe of fishes are quite eyelidese. But, as in the case of snakes, a horny yet transparante dein, protects the eyeballs from injury. Whether fish sleep is rather an open question. They have been noticed quite motioniese, just touching th, floor of their tank for hours togethen, so possibly they do.

WHERE NOAH KEPT HIS BILES.

Dr. James K. Hosmer, while recently visiting Boston, bad occasion to visit the new Public Library. As he went up the steps he met Edward Eyerett Hale, who asked the doctor's errand, "To consult the archives," was the

"To consult the atomics, reply.
"By-the-way, Hosmer," said Doctor-Hale, "do you know where Nosh kepthis bees?"
"No," answered Hosmer,
"In the ark hives," said the venerable preacher as he passed out of ear-shot.—Ladles Home Journal.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Love turns the crank and wealth

lubricates the axie.
It is easier to fall in love than it is to crawl out of it.
It's an impressive moment in the life of a girl when a masculine arm first encircles her waist.
The man who sits around and brags of his bravery is the first man to break for the woods in time of danger.—Chicago Nows.

A SUITABLE RESPONSE

A SULTABLIB RESPONSE.

A somewhat reckless youth who had enlisted for the wan, and had spend, list time in eamp in writing home for money, finally sent this telegram as a "clinch":—
Father—Leg shot off in sham battle. Send all the funds you can.
To this the old man replied:—
Son—Don't know your number, but wooden leg goes to you by express. If i doesn't if, set cain, carpenter to plane it. Best love. All well here, "Atlanta Constitution."

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In this world a man must either be a hammer or an anvil.