

Often Wonder why 'tis so.

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Some find work where some find rest, And so the weary world goes on. I sometimes wonder when life is best— The answer comes when life is gone.

Reminiscences of Old Rome.

(London Mail.)

Reading lately of the first consistory held by Pius X., with all its quaint and Old World ceremonial, my thoughts were carried back to such another scene in the Vatican just a quarter of a century ago.

"The new Pope," the special correspondent of the Times telegraphed to his journal on February 20, 1878, "is fifteen years older than Pius IX."

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Of all that cortege of Eminences, one only survived to attend the Cardinal Gregalia di San Stefano, now Bishop of Ostia and Dean of the Sacred College.

PROVERBS

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh we say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in the milk because it works and because there is something astonishing about it. Scott's Emulsion is simply a milk of pure cod liver oil with some hypophosphites especially prepared for delicate stomachs.

Greek Patriarch and a Spanish Archbishop, with a French royalist marquis opposite, and a couple of English messieurs round the corner.

Cardinal Howard did not pay very much regard to these conventional restrictions. He went out for his drives, not, it is true, in a gilded coach, but in a handsome landau from Long Acre.

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to the new Cardinal. The appointed hour had come, had indeed long past, but no ablegate appeared, and messengers were sent across the Tiber to enquire as to the delay.

At length the envoy arrived—but not the expected one. He, poor man, had punctually set forth for the Vatican on his mission, but at the moment of crossing the Pont St. Angelo had fallen dead in his carriage.

Saved the Picture. A Washington despatch says: A Botticelli "Madonna," said to be worth \$40,000, but not for sale at any price, has been saved to Mr. Hay, the Secretary of State, by a delicate operation that required persistent work and the most scrupulous care and watchfulness for a year.

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The panel known to Botticelli original is a Madonna in profile, the figure full length, surrounded by a host of cherubim. This was a favorite study of Botticelli, and Mr. Hay's gem has all the color which made the Florentine master stand alone among his competitors.

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Months of effort brought the operator near to the point, and the most scrupulous care had then to be exercised. As the wood was reduced the pushing away process became slower. Finally only the thinnest possible sheet of wood, thinner even than the paint adhering to its under side, remained.

Here came the crucial test. A too vigorous rub, a slip of the hand, a failure to perceive instantly the first appearance of the paint and coating, might have proved fatal to the valuable masterpiece, which it was desired to preserve. But care, patience, keen eyesight and steady nerve won the day, and the last vestige of wood was only resolved into powder, leaving only a thin layer of paint lying in a bed of tissue paper.

To have attempted to lift the tissue matrix would probably have been fatal to the painting. It was therefore necessary to secure it to a firm surface before it could be moved. After smearing it carefully with some adhesive substance, the operator laid on a backing of heavy stiff linen canvas, and the picture, matrix and all, was placed away to dry in a room kept at an even temperature. The drying process took a long time.

The painting was found to be unharmed by the operation to which it had been subjected. The colors had been preserved and there was no rubbing away or scarring of the paint. A coat of varnish was then applied, and when this was thoroughly dried the Botticelli masterpiece was shipped to Mr. Hay in Washington.

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