world has not moved very far-in as much as concerns this question of the Papal independence.

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The Italian organs have not protested against this declaration of His Holiness. They have simply been struck dumb. The Pope is-according to that factitious creation, Bonghi's "Law of Guarantees"-independent, the Vatican exterritorial. To an independent personage inhabiting an ex-territorial palace the use of household troops was not to be denied, but then the zouaves were not household troops, and the veterans to whom the address was made were not household troops. They defended a property which has not been declared ex-territorial, and their rallying around would simply denote a declaration of the Italians are dubbed by the Romans. The expression, therefore, of frain from using about it.

of the Pope's life, offered her health for of God. his health, her life for his life. She was healthy and without malady then. Now she had died. Did it not seem as Altogether a notable discourse, this delivered to the veterans!

DEATH OF CARDINAL SANFELICE.

Cheek-by-jowl with this bright fact of the Pope's preservation in life must be set another, that of the death of Cardinal Sanfelice. Remembering him in health and vigor, one is almost tempted to utter a judgment. Let us reverse it. Providence, then, seemingly, does not remove the Cardinals whom men settle upon as the candidates for the succession to the Pope. It only permits them to agree about one whose days are already numbered. What a succession has been seen of Cardinals, all of them holy and capable men, whom the world, without consultation with the spirit, has settled shall rule the Church! It is scarcely necessary to go through the long list of these names covering a score of years, and each speedily succeeding to the other in the darkfing unremembrance of the tomb. First the successor of Pius IX, had to be decided upon. He was chosen and another was elected in his stead, and within a short time the world's candidate died, posthumously, so to say, and in the purple. Then a successor had to be found for Leo XIII. who was a fragile man even in 1878, and who could not live for long. Each candidate has been chosen, has glittered into the tide which is rushing towards eternity. But human thought and newspaper speculation have been only the meaner intending triflers with actual playings of dentity. Sovereign wirepullers and the megatheria of statecraft not the great Hohenzollern decided but recently that Cardinal Sanfelice should succeed Leo XIII.! Was not the Archbishop of Naples the "candidate" of the Triple Alliance 1 Horror and mystery! Has death dared to interfere with an imperial plan arranged by three crowned heads, which was publicly revealed, demonstrated, approved of, sanctioned by plebiscite and ratified by the conferring of decorations, of eagles red and white, grand crosses and gold, not to speak of imperial visitings and messages? Might not the confident Journaliste Lachesis have spoken much as the French courtly Lady Marechal did: "Depend upon it, sir, God thinks twice before damning a man of that quality." In sooth, death has been imprudently aggressive, disrespectfully audacious, unpardonably disrespectful.

But these things only point a moral. The Cardinal's life was the enacting of a holy mystery. Early in life Guglielmo Sanfelice, of the Dukes of Acquavella, Patrician of Sedile di Montagna," gave himself to God. Every vocation has its characteristic. He was elected to be the angel of charity. So from nature and without art, from grace and without consciousness, he received a form and face such as men must admire. Thus he was the external prefigurement in youth of the charity of which he was the embodiment all through life. It has not been given to another in our age to be what he was. He was God's revelation to a world grown cold in love of what divine charity was. He was winsome and his mission was pacification. In this he differed from St. Vincent Ferrer, who was the angel of apocalyptic fear and terror; from St. Charles Borromeo, whose sweetness was not as a charm; Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. from St. Thomas of Canterbury, who could not entirall rebellious souls with a mere irradication of grace. Sanielice

foreseen events of 1870. Manifestly the was corporeally the angel of God's charity to men.

> Thus in the tumultuous south he was a symbol of peace; in tempore iracundiæ factus est reconciliatio! Wherever he went, wherever he was thought of, the discord between Church and State existed not. It was not the grace of his presence, the magic of his manner, the opportuneness of his passing which attuned discordant sounds into the harmonies of a divine hymn. He ravished hearts, and men hardly knew how. He conquered minds and the spring of his influence remained secret. It was the unseen, intangible, inaccessible "sweetness and light" of his spirituality.

See him in the various circumstances of his life. Casamicciola is involved in the Papal throne in zeal and heroism the ruins of an earthquake. He is there the minister of mercy. Naples is pollutresistance against "the Cousins," as ed with pest, he is there, the seraph of consolation. The people see him pass from one stricken house to another; they such a wish by the Pope is worth a lose the depression borne in upon them volume of commentary, which I will re- by awful circumstances. He meets the king as he hurries to the cholera strick-To the veterans also he spoke of his en. Thr solemn Sovereign bows low, own preservation in life. About two silently uncovering his head before the months ago he said, a Carmelite nun visitant from heaven. Wherever danger had been presented to him. She told is, wherever death is, wherever contagion him that she had offered herself as a is, the Archbishop hurries. He was holocaust to Heaven for the prolongation omnipresent like the sustaining charity

Despite his versatile intelligence, the varied attributes of his character and though the holocaust had been accepted? the detail of circumstances which made up his life, thus his characteristic quality shone, obfuscating or hiding everything beside. He was learned-witness his laurea in utroque jure and in divinity; his teaching of Greek, Latin and Italian literature with such success as to have received the diploma of professorship without examination from the Minister Natoli in 1866; witness his book, "Fundamenta juris Canonici, videlicet de Jurisprudentia de Legislatione et de sanctione Canonica, seu de regulis, de principiis et de ponis Canonicis, interiecta collatione cum regulis et legibus Iuris

It will not be forgotten, bewever, that he was a Benedictine. In him were fulfilled the words of presage in Father Faber's hymn to St. Benedict:

There are sweet waters in thy fountain still. In every changeful age they have been flowing;

Thy special gifts are peace

Freedom of heart and sweet simplicity,

As thine that was far wider than the world Hearts by incessant labor sanctified, let with the peace of prayer within them

Cardinal Sanfelice was born at Aversa on August 13, 1834; studied at Maddaloni and Cava Abbey, confirmed there on June 7,1846; member of the Neapolitan clergy on October 27, 1851; tonsured by Cardinal Riario Sforza on Sept. 18, for a moment and been swiftly swept 1842; four minor orders in December following, studied philosophy in the Liceo Arcivescovile of Naples, became a Benedictine at Cava in June 1854; there studied theology and canon law, was there ordained subdeacon and deacon, was ordained priest by Cardinal Riano figured with honor. have been more positive. Why had Sforza in the private chapel of the latter on March 15, 1855; professed Greek, and Italian literature at Cava founded a literary school at Cava in Turnon Alone \$ 3.00 1867, while vicar general of the abbey was promoted to the Archbishopric of Naples on July 15, 1878; consecrated bishop by Cardinal Franchi, created cardinal on March 24, 1884.

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means whereby this remarkable feat is performed. It is extremely elastic, and when the spider has reached the end of its leap, the thread contracts and jerks it back again, just as a child throws a ball away from him and draws it back to his hand by an India rubber thread which is attached to it. How I had failed to notice this action for so many years I cannot imagine. Even the common wolf spiwill act in the same way. caught a glimpse of the creature crouching in the wall under the shadow of a vine leaf, so that I could not identify it. Suddenly it darted from the wall and alighted on the ground at some little distance, the elastic thread causing it to describe a slow and graceful curve, just as if it had wirgs. As it darted from the wall I put the net over it, and, much to my surprise, found that it was no insect. but a wolf spider.-Longman's Maga-

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