

FRANCE.

The expulsion of King Amadeo from Spain is looked upon as certain, in consequence of the union of all sections of the Liberals against him. The Government is threatening severest measures of repression. The press of both parties has ceased

ITALY.

NUD CONDUCT OF AMERICANS AT THE VATICAN.—We have to record the very unbecoming conduct of certain Americans who visited the Vatican library on Monday last. Being invited to leave at the usual hour for closing they threatened to throw the custode out of the window for his courteous intimation, and their insolence was such that he had to call in the Swiss guards to drive them out. Nor was this all, for one of the four returned to the Pontifical Palace about 4 o'clock, and hearing that the museum was then closed broke out into the most violent invectives against the Holy Father, the papal court, the

GERMANY

THE BISMARCK PLOT.—The pretended conspiracy against the life of the German Chancellor has been made to bear its intended fruit. Domiciliary visits have been made wherever a pretext could be found ; and, of course, important documents have been discovered, or manufactured. And, as a measure of pretended precaution, all non-German monks and Jesuits are ordered to leave the Polish districts of Silesia ; whilst the German language is to be gradually forced upon the Polish population. These enactments have so far produced a very unsatisfactory result. The irritation of the Poles daily increases, and the German Government is openly defied, and told that it will never succeed in stamping out Polish Nationality.

RUST IN WHEAT.—It is at present well established that rust in grain is produced from the spores of a microscopical fungus, growing upon the barberry and various rough-leaved plants, alder, &c. These falling upon the leaves of the cereals and other grasses develop very rapidly, and in turn yield the summer spores of a similar character, by which the

Strong soap will destroy green paints more readily than other colors, having the same effect that it has with grease. Many rooms are spoiled by the ignorance or carelessness of washerwomen in the application of strong soap water. It is much better to use whiting on the soiled places, and weak solutions of soap in cleansing, by which the luster will be preserved.

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