





Lashed to the Mast.

A bark on the wild wide ocean Was helplessly fighting the sea. While the waves dashed o'er and the thunder's roar...

The young sailor lad though bound by a rope, To the mast in the storm, still he prayed to be free...

THE PASSION PLAY THE OBER-AMMERGAU.

CHAPTER I. ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE PLAY. In a pleasant valley of the Highlands of Bavaria is a picturesque village situated on the banks of the River Ammer...

the people of Ober-Ammergau urged the religious obligation of their vow. They represented, too, that their Play, which had been conducted under the enlightened guidance of the Benedictine monks...

tickets for the Play. When they arrive, travel-stained and weary, they are met with a cordial smile of welcome, they give their names, and at once an attendant is at hand to lead them off to some neighboring house...

PRIESTS AND MINISTERS. The Notre Dame Scholastic states that Professor Huxley, in a lecture delivered before the Liverpool Philanthropic Society...

A FAMOUS WORK OF ART. In the glittering court of Elizabeth of England, was a page named Conrad von Gemmingen, a member of an old and noble Bavarian family. At that time it was customary for young nobles to serve as pages in foreign courts...

BETTER THOUGHTS. To know how to pardon, it is but to remember that one is human.—St. Ambrose. Beauty and death make each other seem purer and lovelier, like snow and moonlight...

d on another hawk, determined to see or discover. M. de Corneille, M. de M. de Corneille, M. de M. de Corneille...

may be judged by the grants of the Duke of Quebec, and the fort exports reached the sum of 550,000 francs...

THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS.

One of the greatest divinities that ever graced the Church of France, the immortal Fenelon—has well remarked that "it is ignorance which renders women frivolous..."

TWO CONVERTS.

In the year 1849 two Anglican clergymen, one of them Oxford men, met to discuss English shores on a pilgrimage, and as they probably termed it, set out to Jerusalem...

CARDINAL GUIBERT ON THE FERRY BILL.

The last contribution to the protest addressed by the Bishops of France to the President of the Republic is that of the Archbishop of Paris. The letter of Cardinal Guibert, like those of the other Prelates...

NIGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

At this season many indentured men held forth to view the grand cataract of Niagara, which numbers amongst its attractions a boarding school, under the charge of the Ladies of Loretto...

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HUMOROUS.

"I will preach from that portion of the Scriptures this evening," said a colored dominie, "where de 'Postle Paul pints his 'Pistle at de 'Phasians."

"An Englishman, who is boarding, says he can stand Ash Wednesday once in a while, but Ash Monday every week is too hard."

"And how does Charlie like going to school?" kindly enquired a good man of a little six-year-old boy.

"A Boston man had sixty-five dollars stolen from him. A week afterward he received a letter containing twenty-five dollars, that read, 'I stole your money, Remorse naws at my consens, and I send you some of it back. When remorse naws again, I'll send you some more.'"

"Mrs. Smith, who has to lug a scuttle of coal up-stairs three times a day, reads with prospective joy the announcement that the coal fields of the world will be exhausted in two thousand years."

"One of our Boston butchers has gone stark mad. He was heard to remark to a customer to-day: 'No, sir, this is not Spring lamb; it is mutton.' The oldest inhabitant has been in to say that he has never heard anything like it in all his experience.—Boston Transcript.

"An American paper quotes a couplet by Benjamin Franklin, as illustrating the advances made of late years in the art of 'getting on.' Franklin wrote: 'He that by the plough would thrive, Himself must either hold or drive.' The Yankee version adapted to the times is: 'He that by his trade would rise, Must either bust or advertise.'"

"I believe in a personal devil," said Mr. Moody, at a revival meeting held in a remote western city. "That's true, that's true—you're right that stranger," said an old farmer, rising from his seat in his earnestness. Whereupon a calm-faced, placid-looking woman rose from the other end of the pew, took him by the ear and led him slowly out, and the assembly knew then, for the first time, that the old man's mind was filled with domestic thoughts instead of the hereafter.

A little fellow of five going along the street with a dinner pail is stopped by a kind-hearted gentleman, who says: "Where are you going, my little man?" "To school." "And what do you do at school?" "You learn to read?" "No." "To write?" "No." "To count?" "No." "What do you do?" "I wait for school to be let out."

Dr. Adam Clark and his Wife. At the conference, once, a subject was about to be introduced which the preachers were not to disclose, even to their wives. Dr. Clark, who was seated in one of the front seats on the floor of the chapel, partially sheltered from the eyes of the president, was in the act of slipping out unperceived, when a voice was heard: "Dr. Clark is about to leave the conference, Mr. President."

Mr. President—You must not go out, Dr. Clark. Dr. C.—I must, sir. President—You must not, Dr. Clark. Dr. C.—I will, sir. You state, sir, that we are not to tell our wives the subject that is about to be brought forward. I want to hear nothing that I cannot tell my wife; I tell her everything. Those who have talkative wives may refrain from telling them; but mine is not such—what is deposited with her is kept safely.

There was no response. He repeated: "Bill, hello!" "Well?" "Want to collect your tax?" "I mean your property." "I mean your poll-tax." "Don't own no pole." "A poll-tax is a tax on yourself, you know." "I ain't no property." "But the county court levied this tax on you."

"Didn't authorize 'em to levy any tax on me." "The law does, though." "What if it does; 'pose I'm goin' ter pay for breathin' the air?" "Still you are one of us, you live here."

"I didn't bring myself into the world." "You exercise the privileges of a citizen; you vote." "Don't want to vote if you charge for it."

"Don't you want a voice in the selection of officers?" "No; if there was no officers you wouldn't be here consumin' my time."

"The schools must be supported. We must educate the children." "If you do they won't work." "There are other county expenses—paupers, and so on. If you were to die without means you would want us to bury you."

"No, you needn't." "Why, you would smell bad to other people?" "I kin stan' it if they kin."

"I will levy on your property," said the officer, growing impatient; "I will hunt it up." "I'll help you; I want to see some of my property."

"The officer moved on rather abruptly, while Bill continued, as if musing: "Let them fellows have their way, and they'd make life a burden. Want to assess my existence; want to charge me for enjoyin' the bright sunshine; ask me to pay for beholdin' the beautiful landscape; charge me for lookin' at the grass grow and the rose unfoldin'; charge me for watchin' the birds fly, an' one cloud chase 't'other."

The eyes continued to blink dreamily. The whiffs of smoke reached up in graceful spirals toward the blue dome. The foot-falls of the tax-collector grew absent and absent.—New Orleans Picayune.

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