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THE VILLAGE ANGEL; Or, Agatha's Reompense.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

The child Agatha was a wonderful child, beautiful as an angel, with the same pure, bright face one sees in the pictures of the angels...

"Who is that?" strangers asked, and the answer was always the same: "Only the doctor's daughter."

And the doctor's daughter had grown up the village angel; ever her beautiful name seemed part of herself. The old gray church, with its ivy-covered porch, built hundreds of years ago, had been dedicated to St. Agatha.

The strangest thing was the influence it had upon the child herself. She was the only Agatha in the village, and she had been named after the beautiful lady who carried the branch of palm in her hand.

There was a grand lesson in the old stained glass window for those who cared to read it. The little Agatha did care to read it, and the village people said, as she grew older, she resembled the old picture more and more.

There was no great provision made for education at Whitcroft, but Agatha received the best there was; the doctor gave her Latin lessons and taught her the elements of science; the old organist at the church taught her music.

Sir Vane Carlyon had had the world at his feet from the time he lay in his cradle. He was born in the purple, for his father died in Rome, of malaria, some three months before he was born, and his mother, a pious, gentle, refined lady, had devoted her life to her son.

"You can please yourself," she said; "I will go back and play something for you."

There is no compulsion; but I think when a man has enjoyed himself and served himself all the week round, if he cannot give at least two hours on Sunday to the worship of his God, he is not worth much.

Straight words that came to him like a blow in the face. He went, and in his heart respected Lady Croft over afterward. He went, but it was a fatal hour which took him to the beautiful old church of St. Agatha.

The rector who conducted the service, the Reverend Francis Ruthven, was a gentleman from whom no one has ever yet gleamed the least amusement; his wife, who sat in the vicarage pew, kindly, sunny, busy Lady Ann, looking about her with keen eyes, noticed the languor of the handsome young baronet, and thought in her heart how she should like to wake him up.

As a matter of course, at the earliest opportunity he inquired after her, and heard the pathetic little story of her mother's death—heard how the young mother had loved the old gray church, and had named her baby-girl Agatha after the figure in the stained-glass window; he heard how she was called "the doctor's daughter," and how, as she passed through the streets, men, women and children blessed her.

Everyone seemed delighted in awarding praise to Agatha, and this made Vane more anxious to know her. Her name pleased him; there was a musical ripple about it that caught his fancy.

CHAPTER IV. THE FIRST STEP. Agatha Brooke went on with her work that day. She performed precisely the same duties, she visited the same houses, she spoke to the same people, she talked to her father over his tea; but all the time there was upon her the strange sensation of some novelty in her life.

It was an old custom of hers to give every Thursday afternoon to the organ. This Thursday was a bright, beautiful day. The month of blossoms, "Merric May," was in its prime, the hedges covered with hawthorn, the lime-trees in blossom, the promise of the lilac and the gleam of the laburnum, the meadows filled with clover, the fields with buttercups and daisies, until they looked like a sea of white and gold.

"If you really wish to hear the organ, I will go back and play something for you."

It was the music, and nothing more; whereas he really cared nothing for the music, and only wanted to be with her. He remained below in the dim, beautiful old church, his eyes riveted on the grand eastern window, listening to the light footsteps, wondering a little, touched a little, finding the circumstances and surroundings quite different to any he had ever known before.

And there, through the cool shadows, floated to him sounds almost divine—the pleading cry of Delilah. "Hear me—but hear me—hear the voice of love." It was so perfectly rendered he could almost hear the voice, and the voice seemed full of tears.

Then the harmony changed, and he knew the words that went to the beautifully pathetic air—"While I have eyes he wants no light." The music seemed to roll in waves through the dim aisles. Ah, there was indeed a world he had not reached, a world in which this girl lived.

"Did you come on purpose?" she asked. The simplicity of the words amused him so greatly that he laughed. "I did, indeed, and I would go ten thousand times as far for the same pleasure," he said.

CHAPTER V. A MAIDEN'S SOUL AWAKES. Three weeks had passed since Agatha Brooke had played the grand music of Samson, thinking it the greatest treat she could offer. May had passed, and the beautiful month of June, with its flowers and foliage, was here.

It came a lovely sunny day when Sir Vane stopped to ask himself if he had made any progress, as he had never undertaken before it was still quite uncertain whether he should win or lose her.

He had owned to himself frankly, and more than once, that if he had known none but such women as Agatha Brooke he should have been a different man. Not even in the presence of the best born and noblest ladies in the land had he felt more respect, more reverence than he did for this young girl who was so unconscious of all peril as the wild roses that grew on the hedges.

Then what Sir Vane considered a piece of good fortune happened to him. He sprang a finger, and one fine morning he came riding into Westbury and drew his reins at the doctor's door. He sent in his card, with a message that he should be glad if the doctor would see him at once, as he had an engagement, and very soon they stood face to face—the handsome young aristocrat, who knew no law but his own will and pleasure, and the village doctor, kind, generous, absent-minded, and unassuming.

During the whole of the summer weeks that tragedy lasted, he never once thought of his daughter at the same time with the young stranger. He called daily for a fortnight over the injured finger. He was clever enough to get to know when the doctor would be from home. He always waited for his return; and he came to pass that many hours of the beautiful summer days were spent by them in the shady, flowery cottage.

The doctor had no suspicions. Agatha was a child to him; that the had grown fair and slender as a young palm tree did not occur to him, to whom she would always be a child. Fortune at times seems to favor the designs of evil; it certainly favored Sir Vane. Any other girl would have foreseen the danger to herself.

She lived on as unconscious of what was coming into her life as a dreaming child. She did not notice how, every day when he left her, he said something which plainly indicated when he would come again; and she, quite as unconsciously, was always there.

"How bright the sunshine is to-day," she said. "It must be a fancy of mine, but it seems quite a different color." His dark, handsome eyes devoured the fair, beauty of the angelic face.

"I must seem strange to you, but my life has always been filled, I have so many to think of, I have never had time to think of such things," she had realized that there was a world beyond the green hills there which I had never seen.

She laughed out merrily. "Indeed I am not St. Agatha. She has iron bars across her face, you know." And you have iron bars across your soul, he interrupted. For the first time he saw that her beautiful face was crimson, and her eyes fell—the first time there was the breaking of the long sleep, a stir of the tremulous, rosy dawn.

"I am not quite sure that I do," she said, slowly. "There is a beautiful world you ought to know," he continued, that has nothing as frivolous as fashion—the world of art and science, and beauty. You are too much (I know you will forgive me, Miss Brooke), too much like an angel—may, that I cannot be sure of—too much like a marble statue—as fair, as pure, as lifeless."

"I think not," she said. "I am often

ashamed of myself for the way in which the children caress and love me." "I wish I were a child," he said. Ah me! "I have never had the pleasure of a formal introduction to Miss Brooke," he said; "but I was fortunate enough to be of some little assistance over looking the church door."

CHAPTER VI. CONJECTURES AND SUSPICIONS. "My dear," said Lady Croft to her husband, "pray do not laugh at me, and think that I am always fancying evils, but I am not quite easy over Sir Vane."

"What is wrong, Emily," he asked. "I do not know—I cannot guess," she replied, frankly. "I have nothing but suspicion, and that I ought to be ashamed of; but I cannot believe he is going on all right. He spends so much time out of doors, and I am told he seldom goes out without a bouquet of flowers. Flowers in his hands mean mischief, I am sure."

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anything like flirtation, the old servant was at a loss. It was like warning an angel against earth. "What is it, Joan?" asked Agatha, finding that the old servant stood still with an expression of great uncertainty on her face.

"This morning, do you mean?" asked Agatha. "Yes, this morning, and he stood there so long he might have been a gate-post himself," replied Joan.

"But she was relieved even before the answer came, the face into which she gazed so anxiously never changed—there was neither flush nor smile, as Agatha answered: "That gentleman is one of my father's patients—he is Sir Vane Carlyon, the only nobleman on our books, Joan."

"A nobleman, is he, honey? Ah, take care, take care. Men are bad enough—but nobleman— and the upraised hands spoke eloquently of Joan's opinion of nobleman."

CHAPTER VII. WARNING VOICES. Agatha Brooke stood by the open window in the pretty sitting-room reading a note. It puzzled her greatly—Lady Anne Ruthven wanted to speak to her, and would be glad to see her that day, if she could. Agatha decided upon going at once; the vicarage was not far distant from the doctor's pretty home. In a short time she found herself with Lady Anne, who received her with her usual kindness and fuss.

"My dear," she said, "I sent for you because I want to speak to you on a very important little matter. Will you come into the garden with me? I do not wish anyone to know what I am saying, and no one can ever be sure in four walls, for walls have ears."

"You have no mother, my dear," began her ladyship; "therefore I have sent for you to talk to you myself. Now, tell me quite frankly who was that gentleman talking to you in the lane the other morning, and what was he talking about?"

"You know enough, my dear, to make your life of use to others, and to get to heaven." "I know more of heaven now," she answered, with unconscious warmth.

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1887.

When this number of the TRUE WITNESS reaches the hands of our readers the old year will be approaching its last hours. It has been a year of public discord, social strife and general depression.

The sun of 1886 sets in a horizon of murky clouds. Have they within a bright lining, and can we see a bordering of color like the fringe on a funeral pall, telling us to be of good cheer, of strong heart, and to hope for better things?

It is pointed out that the English Government has no longer a friend in Ireland. All hope of any measure of justice at its hands has been abandoned, and what is more amusing, the "loyalists" themselves have turned against their former friends.

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which the true feelings of the nation are perverted and misrepresented altogether. The late King Ludwig had such a horror of being suspected of "troubling to clericalism," that he supported his anti-Catholic advisers through thick and thin.

But as "constitutional government" prevails, and the ministers are of the anti-Catholic stripe, it is not expected any material reform will be witnessed.

The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill is significant in a double sense. It proves that the Imperial Cabinet is going to move on purely Conservative lines and in accordance with the traditions of that great party.

From an American source we learn, on the authority of a "distinguished military officer," that some of the regular army will in future be stationed in Canada. We are inclined to think that the statement is not wholly correct, and it is certainly to be hoped that it is very incorrect.

An attempt is being made to drag the name of Mr. Farrar, who is an editorial writer in the Mail, into the controversy now raging in political circles. We note that the Hon. Mr. McDougall was, as we think, inconsiderate enough to make some very uncalculated remarks concerning Mr. Farrar.

The death of General Logan is an undoubted loss to the Republican party in the United States. It was confidently thought by a large proportion of that political division that he would have received the nomination for the presidency in 1884, and there is no doubt that his selection would have been acceptable to the Republican portion of the country.

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when the war ended he was in command of the army of the Tennessee. Since the war he has been prominently before the public, and in 1871, '79 and '85 was in Congress as Senator from Illinois. The "salon" of Mrs. Logan has always been regarded as an important feature in Republican politics, and now this must disappear together with the potent influence of her husband.

THE iniquitous attacks against the Church in Italy are continued in a peculiarly vindictive manner. The Minister of Justice and "Worship" - says the mark - Signor Tassani, is at work on a very elaborate and comprehensive scheme to effect what he styles the "reorganization of ecclesiastical affairs."

This project proposes to "convert," so the term runs, all the property now belonging to the Church. This scheme of organized theft and robbery - for such it is purely and simply - kindly proposes to exempt Episcopal residences and some other buildings of a minor nature. Everything else is to be ruthlessly swept into the coffers of the State.

THE CAMPBELL CASE.

A very large proportion of the press, notably in the United States, has by its line of conduct in relation to the Campbell case proved the fact often alleged that English-speaking people "dearly love a lord." The spirit exhibited by Thackeray in his "Jermans" and other publications, was of the most flunkeyish character.

A VOICE FROM ROME.

It is particularly desirable, for obvious reasons, that no misconceptions concerning the Irish question should exist at Rome. It is gratifying to know that the position is thoroughly understood in that city. The Monitor de Rome recently contained some comments on the now famous "plan of campaign," and having summarized the position for the benefit of its readers arrives at the conclusion that "The principle of the plan is almost identical with that of a trade strike, modified in its application to agricultural tenancies."

more lightness of heart, is about to throw things into confusion just when they had begun to show such indications of improvement. Regard for his own interests, even if he were influenced by no other consideration, should lead him to realize the duty of acting towards Ireland with the greatest moderation.

PROTECTION IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Bright hardly spoke with the prophetic lurch which the winter of age, according to the poet, sometimes gives, when he said Protection in England was "as ignominious a consequence as the restoration of slavery in the United States."

THE LATE JUDGE RAMSAY.

The death of Mr. Justice Ramsay, so sudden and unexpected, makes a blank on the judicial bench not easily filled. The country has lost a judge of sterling integrity, great legal ability and personal worth and purity. He dies a Bayard in the judicial arena which has gained lustre from his presence on the bench.

A SCHOOLBOY'S ANSWER.

It has often fallen to the lot of the schoolboy to teach an important lesson to those who are in need of one. This lesson particularly to be the case with Mr. J. L. Hughes, the Orange Tory itinerant lecturer of Toronto.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

The Hamilton Times of a recent date, editorially, said: "The Globe has information that 'Sir George Stephen expresses himself very anxious to see the railway against the Mowat. No doubt, but the people have been robbed enough already to enrich Sir George Stephen, and the alliance of the Canadian Pacific influence with Ontario's enemies is a warning to the people of Ontario to fight for self-preservation."

As to the truth or incorrectness of the statement concerning Sir George Stephen, we have no opinion to give, though we are bound to say that we do not see the connection. But the treatment that has been extended to the Grand Trunk by the Government, in connection with the Canada Pacific,

is certainly one that must be styled unjust, and so far the remarks of the Times commend themselves to Canadian readers. While the ultimate importance to Canada of the Pacific Railway cannot be doubted, the favoritism it has received at the hands of the administration of the day is, in view of the position of the Grand Trunk Railway, not justifiable on any ground.

OUR QUEBEC LETTER.

All Shuffling Now at an End - The Position of the Premier - Larochelle - A Letter from him in "La Justice" to-day - It Tells its Own Tale - The English-Protestants - Some of the Men who Must 'Go' - Rumors about Abandoning the Contention - Despondency vs. Buoyancy - How the Two Parties Feel.

From Our Own Correspondent.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22 - Ross must either meet the House now or the Government must resign before January 27th. There can be no more shuffling. He cannot now resign himself and recommend an outsider to take his place. He has called the Legislature together, and the law says that he must meet the Chamber in person or he and the members of his Government must resign en bloc.

LAROCHELLE.

Larochelle, the M.P. for Dorchester, arrived in Quebec to-day. He is, as you know, the gentleman whom the government organs have all along been claiming as the supporter of the present administration. Although he signed the Round Robin and attached his name to the document published the other day, which expressed no confidence in Dr. Ross, yet the government organs claimed him as their own.

THE ENGLISH PROTESTANTS.

I wonder who it is to represent the English Protestants in the Cabinet of Mr. Mercer. It is a question of some importance. It is a tide in the affairs that may lead to fortune. That is, I mean, fortune in hours and good repute, if the coming man is equal to the occasion.

A CLEARING OUT.

The friends of Mr. Mercer here vow that, if they can, there will be a clearing out of the noxious officials should any change occur. Every one of them who took part in the late elections will, they say, go. It is a wish, of course, less than a crown, but it is worth its \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year; J. J. Curran will lose his Five Marshaling, with \$800 a year; Mr. Stevenson, the Secretary to the Board of Arts, will lose his position, which I suppose is worth \$1,000 a year, and a number of others will walk the plank as a matter of course.

THE CONTENTATIONS.

There is a good deal of talk to-night about withdrawing several of the contentations in the district of Quebec. It is rumored that there is a desire on both sides to "pair off" and to allow many of the contentations to be abandoned. How true this may be I do not know. I give it to you as a rumor. From all I can learn it looks as if both sides were worried by the situation and that they were willing, as far as many of the contentations go, to arrange "quits." I do not think there is any arrangement between the parties - but, from all I can learn, there appears to be a leaning in that direction. Of course I only speak for the district of Quebec. As for Montreal I suppose they will paddle their own canoe up there.

DESPONDENCY AND BUOYANCY.

The friends of the Government are despondent to-day, while the friends of the Nationalists are buoyant. The Government side here does not admit defeat, but they look it. That letter of Larochelle's in La Justice broke the camel's back. Indeed, I heard of one of their leaders admit almost in a whisper that the party now is at the 27th of January is a long way off, and no one can tell what may happen before then. That is their stock in trade, as far as hope goes, and it is the only silver lining to their heavily-charged cloud of anguish.

MONTEGOMERY.

A LESSON IN SCRIPTURE.

MR. BLAKE ON SIR JOHN MACDONALD. In the course of his speech at Orillia, Mr. Blake took occasion to expose, in a clever and humorous way, Sir John Macdonald's utter ignorance of Sir John's history, from which the premier is a notable exception. In a previous speech Sir John had compared Mr. Blake to Haman and likened himself to Mordecai. Referring to this, Mr. Blake said: "Now, we have all heard of somebody quoting Scripture; and I do not object, therefore, to Sir John's doing it; but I object to his following the rejected method of the earlier quoter. He said at Stratford: 'Mr. Blake was a very able man; but he was consumed with ambition. So long as Mordecai sat at the king's gate, so long would

A CRISIS AT HAND.

THE BRITISH TORY PREMIER IN A BAD PIN.

Lord Churchill's Resignation Throws the House of Commons into Great Excitement—Hartington Urged to Accept the Premiership—Tory Rage Against Churchill—The Liberals' Opportunity.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times, in commenting on the resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill, which it exclusively announced, says: That Lord Randolph Churchill considers Mr. W. H. Smith and Lord George Hamilton prepared to support the Government, and that the resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill is a serious matter.

WHAT THE LONDON PAPERS SAY.

The St. James's Gazette says if financial reasons explain Lord Randolph Churchill's resignation from the Cabinet there is nothing to be said, except that there is not much to be deplored, but if the local Government bill was the cause, then the Government has grievously erred.

The Echo says it believes Lord Churchill's resignation was due to essential divergence of opinion with the rest of the Cabinet.

The Evening News says: Patriots are pained and surprised. It asks Lord Churchill to justify his course, warning him that if he does not his name will never be heard hereafter without exciting exasperation.

The Globe says it would be difficult for the warmest admirers of Lord Churchill to vindicate his step.

The Pall Mall Gazette declares that it will be impossible for Lord Salisbury to govern unless Lord Hartington steps into the breach. It says it is impossible to conceive of any hypothesis upon which Lord Hartington could defend morally or politically a refusal to accept the post which Lord Randolph Churchill has vacated.

LORD HARTINGTON SOUGHT FOR.

The Queen sent her private secretary to London to-day with a message for Lord Salisbury. Lord Hartington will return to London from Rome immediately, and until he arrives the Marquis of Salisbury will remain in quietude. It is thought improbable that Lord Hartington will accept office, as Mr. Chamberlain and a majority of the Unionist leader object to his so doing.

MR. PARNELL INTERVIEWED.

HE TALKS ABOUT PERSONAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A reporter called on Mr. Parnell at the Euston Square Hotel this evening. He presented his card, and was promptly admitted to Mr. Parnell's apartments. Mr. Parnell looks much paler and thinner than at the end of the last session, but he is evidently making good progress.

CONSERVATIVES ENRAGED AT CHURCHILL.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Cabinet will not meet until next Wednesday. All the members will pass Christmas at their country seats. Lord Randolph has authorized the same sentiment that he will continue to give general support to the Government, and on disputed questions in Parliament will hold aloof rather than oppose the Government, avoiding everything that might tend to jeopardize the entente between Tories and Liberals on Unionist principles.

THE LIBERALS' HOPES.

An informal meeting of Gladstonians was held at the National Liberal club to-night. There was much rejoicing over the prospective break up of the Conservative-Unionists, coalition, and the hope was expressed that the gradual rapprochement of the Churchill-Chamberlain alliance to the Gladstonians will result in the course of the coming session of Parliament in the return of Mr. Gladstone to office.

THE RESIGNATION OF LORD CHURCHILL.

The resignation of Lord Churchill was proclaimed through the streets of Dublin by a bellman. The populace showed enthusiasm over the news.

for money. The Churchill incident has shaken confidence in the stability of the Salisbury Government, and revived fears of impending war.

The Mayor of Limerick, presiding at a meeting of the Irish National League to-night, said the resignation of Lord Churchill would lead to the return of the Liberals to power and Home Rule for Ireland.

CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS OUT.

HE RAISES LORD CHURCHILL AND POINTS OUT HOW THE LIBERALS MAY BE REINTEGRATED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Chamberlain made a speech at a private meeting of the Birmingham Liberal Council last evening. He said the political situation was an extraordinary and critical one. It had totally changed within twenty-four hours.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Chamberlain stated last year that his scheme of national councils in Ireland had the support of the Irish leaders. This was denied, and Cardinal Manning was asked to produce correspondence bearing on this subject in order to verify Mr. Chamberlain's assertion, but he declined to do so.

DILLON ON THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

In a speech at Kilmaree, a few days ago, Mr. Dillon, M.P., having explained the objects of the "plan," said: "We do not want any temporary go-betweens, except with our own free will, and when they go in to go in heart and soul and without any hesitation or fear; and we warn them that once they have placed their money in our hands, so long as we are in the front of the battle there will be no turning back on any man's part."

A SEASONABLE HINT.

For an obstinate harassing cough there is no better remedy than Haggard's Pectoral Balm, which cures all throat, bronchitis, and lung disease. It is pleasant to take and effectual for young or old.

POWDERLY DISAVOWS SYMPATHY WITH THE ANARCHISTS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—An important circular has been received by District assemblies Nos. 24 and 57, Knights of Labor, of this city, from Master Workman Powderly concerning the factional quarrel which has existed in the organization for some time.

A SEASONABLE HINT.

During the breaking up of winter, when the air is chilly and the weather damp, such complaints as rheumatism, neuralgia, and headache, throat, croup, and other painful effects of sudden cold, are prevalent.

SACERDOTAL JUBILEE OF HIS HOLINESS.

We are in receipt of the following letters from the secretary of "La Cercle Catholique of Quebec," which explain themselves:— (Translation.)

BOLOGNA, Nov. 25th, 1886.

MR. PRESIDENT.—I beg of you to have translated into French and English, and to communicate to the whole press of the British Possessions in North America, the accompanying letter from His Eminence Cardinal Schiaffino. Will you have the kindness to send to my address a few copies of the Catholic papers containing the above mentioned letter. Please accept my thanks and the assurance of my highest regards in our Lord.

Your most obedient servant, J. ACQUADERNI, President of the "Cercle Catholique," Quebec, Canada.

THE GLADSTONIAN POLICY.

SYMPATHY WITH THE ANTI-RENT CAMPAIGN DISAVOWED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—An interchange of views between Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues of the Liberal Cabinet on the attitude to be adopted by the Liberal party at the opening of Parliament, has resulted in an agreement to support the Government in all legal efforts to suppress the anti-rent campaign, but to urge the immediate enforcement of some form of Mr. Parnell's bill for the suspension of eviction.

THE GERMAN ARMY BILL.

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A GREAT SNOWSTORM.

GREAT BRITAIN VISITED BY THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL FOR MANY YEARS—GREAT DAMAGE TO TELEGRAPHS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The severest snow-storm ever known in Great Britain has been sweeping England during the past twenty-four hours, and still continuing. Trains on all the roads have been blocked, and travel in many instances has been entirely suspended.

New York, Dec. 27.—The general manager in New York of one of the cable companies has received the following information from the agent of the line at Bristol, Eng., regarding the snowstorm in England yesterday: "The snowstorm in England appears to have done an amount of damage to the telegraph wires which is unprecedented."

SENATOR LOGAN'S DEATH.

HE PASSES FROM FULLY AWAY AT HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—John A. Logan died at 2:57 o'clock this afternoon at his home in Washington, D. C., of a sudden. His death was caused by a sudden rupture of his heart.

The wonderful effects of natural mineral waters has been proved over and over, and it is again the turn of St. Leon Water to boast of having been instrumental in curing a sufferer from rheumatism, dyspepsia and indigestion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A Chicago dispatch says Governor Oglesby will not appoint a Senator to fill the vacancy caused by Gen. Logan's death.

HARTINGTON IN ROME.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Lorr Hartington, accompanied by the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, attended Christmas services at St. Peter's and the Santa Maria Maggiore cathedrals.

OPIUM ESCAPEE OF AN ACTRESS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—An opium den was raided tonight and eleven of the parties taken therefrom were in complete state of stupefaction.

TORY GREED.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Though private gossip interprets the political situation to be unchanged, it is known that the bulk of the Conservatives are opposed to Hartington being the successor of Chamberlain.

A VILLAINOUS DEED.

New York, Dec. 27.—Terence Clark died in a hospital last night from the effects of a drink of champagne.

It should be noted as a curious fact in our history that a cat with nine lives generally falls on its feet, while a cat with one tail falls mostly on someone else's back.

"CANADA GAZETTE" NEWS.

CANADA'S EXPORT TRADE—PARLIAMENT FURTHER PROCEEDED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The following is a statement of the goods exported from the Dominion of Canada during the month of November, 1886:

Table with 3 columns: Produce of Canada, Produce of other countries, and Total. Rows include various agricultural and manufactured goods.

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A FORCED MARRIAGE.

How a VIRGINIA GIRL WAS OBLIGED TO MARRY AN ENGLISH TOURIST. A young girl named Taylor, 15 years of age, living near Grayson Sulphur Springs, Grayson county, was engaged to marry an English tourist named Mr. Patterson.

A LUCKY WOMAN.

Another part of a capital prize in the Louisiana State Lottery has been drawn by a ticket held in this city. The lucky person this time is Mrs. Eliza J. Patterson, who lives at 53 Moulton street, Charleston.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Advices from Vienna say it is reported there that a serious difference exists between the Cabinets of Vienna and Berlin. It is claimed that Prince Bismarck is serving Russian designs without regard to the interests of Austria.

A MADMAN'S FOLLY.

London, Dec. 25.—A Vienna correspondent of the Times says Austrian statesmen declare that the maintenance of peace is entirely dependent on the action of the Czar, and as he drinks, delirium tremens may at any moment cause him to commit an act of folly which would precipitate a war.

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PRESENTS AT S. CARSLY'S. TEACHING THE YOUNG MIND. PARIS, Dec. 26.—There is a noticeable movement to form battalions of schoolboys.

PRESENTS AT S. CARSLY'S. IT SELDOM FAILS. J. D. Cameron, of Westlake, Ainslie, Cape Breton, had inflammatory rheumatism which Haysard's Yellow Oil cured after all other treatment had failed.

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PRESENTS AT S. CARSLY'S. VERY IMPORTANT TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE ST. LEON MINERAL WATER.

PRESENTS AT S. CARSLY'S. To the St. Leon Water Co., 4 Victoria Square. GENTLEMEN.—Being a sufferer from Dyspepsia and Indigestion for the last two years, I have found that the frequent use of St. Leon Mineral Water has given me greater relief than any other remedy that I have used.