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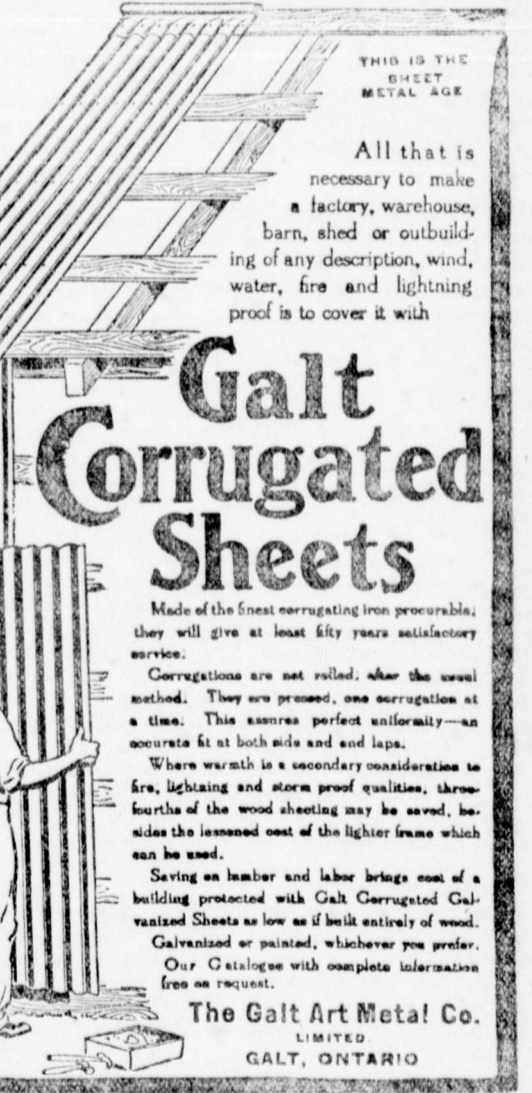
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THE BELL OF ST. JOHN'S.

In the great smoke-filled foundry that stood beside the shipyards of the town of B. one could see a crowd of workmen busied in putting all in readiness for the founding of the great bell which was to be placed in the cathedral of a neighboring town.

The town clock struck six. It was supper time. The men laid down their tools and hurried on their clothes.

"Yes," said another, "I know I will open their eyes! In the whole country there will not be a bell cast like ours."

"No," said Mopus, "I shall give him a gentle slap on the shoulders, you have sense enough to call and give the alarm if anything happens!"

"Stand here, then and see to the furnace. Don't take your eyes off it for an instant."

Mopus was a strange lad, dull in ordinary matters, but remarkably well fitted to watch a smelting furnace. He understood, as it were by instinct, everything that concerned the work of the foundry.

"Messire de Bsthune," cried De Valois, "that is a hawk that knows her business! A finer falconer I never saw!"

episode, the bystanders had been variously affected by Robert de Bsthune's bold outbreak. Many of the French knights had felt inclined to take his words amiss; but the laws of honor did not allow their interfering in the quarrel.

"My son Robert is a brave knight, as your king Philip experienced at the siege of Lille when many a valiant Frenchman fell before Robert's sword.

But suddenly his French prince sat up in his saddle, his countenance beaming with joy, and laying his hand with a sort of confidential familiarity upon that of the old Count, he exclaimed:

"Give me your ear, noble Count. Your daughter sits disconsolate in the dungeons of the Louvre; your fists are sore from you, and their heritage from your children; but I know a way by which your daughter shall be released, and yourself reinstated."

"What say you?" cried Guy, in credulously. "That I cannot believe, Messire de Valois; unless, indeed, your Queen, Joanna of Navarre, should have ceased to live."

"Oh! blessings on your good angel for this saving inspiration! and on you, Messire de Valois, for your nobleness of soul!"

"You are a noble enemy!" said he, "that you will bear away the prize of the day; for a finer bird than yours I have never beheld."

While the prince fixed his eye upon the point indicated, Matilda quickly unhooded her falcon, and cast her off. The bird gave four or five strokes with her wings, and then circled gracefully before her mistress.

"Off, off, dear falcon!" cried Matilda, "and at these words the bird rose skyward like an arrow, till the eye could no longer follow it; then for some moments, poised in the air and motionless, she sought with her piercing eyes her quarry; there, afar off, flew the snipe, and more swiftly than a stone from on high, swooped the falcon on the poor victim, which she soon held in her sharp talons."

"There, Messire de Valois!" cried Matilda, exultingly; "now you may see that a Flemish lady can break a hawk I only look, how skilfully the faithful bird brings in her quarry!"

"I hope, Messire de Valois, that you will not take it amiss; but I had at ready promised my first quarry to my brother, Adolf, who is standing yonder beside my father."

"I will bring it about that my brother, Philip of France, shall restore you to the princely seat of your fathers."

"Here, Adolf," added she, "is your reward for the pretty tale you last taught me."

"Here, then and see to the furnace. Don't take your eyes off it for an instant."

his meal and had gone into a corner of the workshop for his pipe. The "inventor" sat alone before the glowing fire of the liquid metal. The one clear duty; and he himself felt something of the greatness of the undertaking which was making ready in this mottled glow. He understood that this furnace was full of costly metal; and close behind him, barked in sand, he recognized the mold that would soon be filled with the precious molten stream.

"Sudden something frightened him; he heard a noise, and saw that there was a rift at the top of the furnace. Again he heard a sharp crack, and a red-hot stone fell down close to his feet."

"Where was George? Was that light-headed workman still puffing at his pipe? The furnace threatened every moment to burst, and there was no one to be relied upon to watch it."

"What a fright! He did what, perhaps a boy in full possession of his faculties would not have dared to do. He sprang to the mouth of the furnace, seized the long iron bar which lay there, struck with the sharp point against the stopple which closed the furnace, and after a few swift, sharp blows, the stopple gave way, and the yellow steam flowed out with no little force. It ran into the clay pressed mold, and the flames burst out."

"The poor inventor, who was found lying on the sand covered with terrible burns, his hand grasping the iron bar, was carried to his house. Not much was said; but the reproaches cast by the workmen and foreman, with natural indignation, on George's head, were plain enough, and his excuses made his fault still worse."

"Just see what he has done!" said they a few days later, when they were together in the half-burned foundry. "A thousand pounds of metal lost in a few minutes, and the best work that has been done for years destroyed."

"Bring me a spade, quick!" he cried. With nervous haste he began to remove the hot masses of rubbish that had fallen on the mold. It was the work of a Hercules; but, with the help of some of the workmen, he brought to bear upon it almost superhuman strength.

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Third Sunday in Lent. REVERENCE IN CHURCH. Blessed are they who hear the word of God...

Brethren, the first thing I have to say to you about the Word of God is to urge you to come and hear it. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it...

I want to say a word about the High Mass sermon. It is prepared with special care, it is given with deliberation, and goes along with the most solemn of the public functions of the Church...

What does a sermon do for you? It elevates you. You complain that you have to shovel mortar, wash dishes, drive a horse car, count money all day...

What hindrances you from going to high Mass? Indifference to the importance of the word of God and the need of giving God the homage of public worship...

SHALL THE UNBELIEVER RULE.

CONDITIONS WHICH ARE A MENACE TO THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION - THE MARCH OF A MODERN CRUSADE OF RANSOM.

To-day the nation recalls the memory of a man who by a single act struck the fetters from the limbs of three million slaves. It matters not whether he was prompted by pity for the sufferers or was furthering a great political movement...

What is the reason of this enthusiasm? Because human nature loves liberty. Liberty is its prerogative and its birthright. Its possession is a distinction and a glory...

Properly is the elimination of slavery from this nation a cause of exultation, but the splendid achievement gales into insignificance before the event which this Church commemorates...

were bitter at the gates of Hungary and Transylvania. They had conquered nearly all of Spain and had attempted to pass the defiles of the mountains into France...

In this terrible conjuncture it was heroic Spain that came to the rescue - Spain who had been standing for centuries like a wall of iron in its mountain passes...

Under the shadow of the great cluster of the peaks of Montserrat, which leap into the clear sky and look out upon the blue Mediterranean, which was covered by Moorish corsairs, stood three glorious men whose greatness should never be forgotten - St. Peter Nolasco, whom the Church represents on her altars carrying in his hands the broken shackles of the slave...

Can you find a parallel in human history with this sublime immolation? The soldier who dies for his country goes gallily to death amid the blare of trumpets, the waving of banners and the sound of music...

The order of Our Lady of Ransom was founded; multitudes joined its ranks from every nation of Europe, and with the cross of Christ blazing on their mantles, they presented themselves before the Moorish citadels and purchased by their money or their blood the thousands who were languishing in slavery...

The awful contest continued between the contending armies. Step by step the invaders were driven back, until the glorious day arrived when the victorious fleet of Pope Pius V. met the squadron of the Turks at Lepanto, shattered it to pieces and saved the world from slavery...

But what has all that to do with us? There is no slavery now. Not indeed the slavery that Lincoln eliminated from the country, or that the saints of olden times gave their lives to destroy, but another just as real. For any one who has eyes to see must notice a deliberate and organized descent into degraded material, moral and intellectual conditions which keeps pace with and prompts a bitter animosity and antagonism to Christ...

Millions of human creatures, says Cardinal Vaughan, are housed worse than the cattle and horses of many a lord and squire. In the annual death rate throughout England, one death in every fourteen is that of a pauper in the work-house, and the conditions are infinitely worse in the great centres of industry...

danism of business gather in the grimy and fetid slums of the great centres of commerce where wealth most abundant, helpless and hopeless, and often godless, multitudes who are seething with rebellion and anarchy...

What are our socialities for? Their work is not merely to recite their prayers. What is our League of the Sacred Heart for? Not merely for the morning offering. What are our St. Vincent de Paul societies for? Their ranks are not to be made up merely of old men, admirable and splendid though their work may be...

Again, one of the characteristics of that old Mohammedan slavery was immorality and the corruption of innocent youth. In these days of rampant repetition of that same corruption going on around us, and does not the question force itself upon us: What means are we going to resort to socially, financially and even politically to check the canker that is eating out the heart especially of the rising generations?

So in the intellectual world. In former times the name unbeliever was given in contempt and reproach only to the Moslem and the Turk. Now it is all changed, and it is the Moslem and the Turk or the unbeliever who rules the intellectual world to-day. Only the unbeliever is credited with being scientific and learned and intellectual, while the man who believes is scoffed at as ignorant, blind and superstitious...

Added to all this, the history of Mohammedanism, as every one knows, is one long series of deeds of blood. When we take up our daily papers, with their unending catalogues of murders which are continually multiplying around us, both in frequency and atrocity, and when we find ourselves feeling only a passing horror and expecting as a matter of course repetition of such barbarities as that which occurred in Lisbon the other day, is it not time for us to remember that the world looks to us Catholics as the only barriers that can stay the wild torrent of anarchy that is wrecking society?

When the soul is weary and the heart is heavy laden how sweet and comforting it is to realize that prayer is the great revivifier of life; that it brings back peace and joy and happiness to all who mourn, and renews that supreme faith in the future beyond the grave.

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Scotland and the Faith. The recently published Catholic Directory for Scotland, 1908, gives the usual statistics regarding the position of the Catholic Church in Scotland. In the diocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh the number of baptisms were 2,908 in the diocese of Aberdeen, 455; in the diocese of Argyll and the Isles, 289; in Dalkeith diocese, 1,294; in Gallaway diocese, 725; in the Archdiocese of Glasgow, 14,785.

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