OUTWITTED.

, Hat-A Story Concerning the Opposite narrow confines of his cell. Side of the Road-A Instinct Which Was Asked Rev. Father Stanton.

tickets were issued to persons of high rank, it is that men who can enjoy perfect freedom When the unclean beast was mentioned a the oil is four inches deep and a dead calm admitting them to that part of the hall re- of movement never realize the wonderful hap- slight commotion was observable, each wor- prevails, while the sea is turbulent beyond. friends. Less distinguished guests were given white tickets. Through some mistake, an important public man received a blue card while his wife received a white one. When the couple reached the audience chamber, there began to be trouble; the lady firmly declined to be separated from her husband. An aide endeavored to reason with her, pointing out the dreadful consequences that would follow a mingling of blue and white.

"How absurd?" exclaimed the lady. "What do you take us for-a Seidlitz powder?" She was permitted to enter with her hus-

"Any new religions, madam?" The Boston vender bowed politely to the lady of the house, who looked somewhat doubtfully.

"What have you to-day?" she asked at last. "A fresh line of utilitarian principles, just over from Germany. A complete and wellrounded Brother of Man, guaranteed for one year. A nice line of altruistic specialties, one of them something new, entitled 'Christianity With the Sting Removed.' Some Nirvana novelties. A job lot of Buddhist dogmas. And Eliot's patent unadulterated free-for-al! working hypothesis." "That all?"

orthodox kind-used by some folks. Done up in new packages, with the same old labels, however.

"No, thanks."

Witty Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, has been outwitted. An Irish laborer was placing paving at a crossing; the boss of the gang was an Italian. The prelate, who dearly loves his joke, bantered the son of Erin. "Well my good man," said he, "how do you like having an Italian boss?

the wood-blocks, "an' how do you like havin one yourself?"

No one was more delighted than the Arch bishop, who went to the nearest hat store and fitted the muddy Irishman with the fines hat he had ever worn.

late from a sick parishioner's bedside, when a gentleman, intoxicated, but still upright, ac costed him with "I can see you are a gentleman, sir. Could you kindly tell me which the opposite side of the road?" "Over there," said the good-natured cleric, glancing apprehensively at the traffic. "That's a most su gular thing," said the gentleman; "I was over there only a short while ago, and I asked this was the opposite side of the road!"

A minister, frequently away from home, wasin the habit of getting some one to stay with his wife and small daughter in his absence. Once, however, he had no time to make such provision. The wife was brave until nigh After exhausting every reasonable excuse for staying up, she put the ch'ld to bed with the injunction to pray especially fo God's protection during father's absence. "Yes, mother, we will do that to-night," said better arrangements."

her gardener: "Man, Tammas, I wonder you don't get married. You've a nice house, and all you want to complete it is a wife. You know, the first gardener that ever lived had a he got the wife."

my sermon last Sunday."

'im, sir; 'e's a somnambulist, and walks in sleep, you see."

Apropos to the present political unrest England, a Manchester teacher reports that recently a scholarsin his school wrote an essay on Guy Fawkes, in which this passage occurred: "Guy Fawkes was a brave and wise man. He tried to blow up the House of Lords!"

A minister, having walked through a village churchyard and observed the indiscriminate praise bestowed upon the dead, wrote upon the gate post the following: "Here lie the dead, and here the living lie."

Mamma-I hope you mentioned what a ver naughty girl you'd been in your prayers, and asked forgiveness?

Little Girl-No, mamma, I was too ashamed to say anything outside of the family.

Menzies-Whaur's Bulgaria, An'nerson?" Anderson-"It's awa' doon somewhere ahint the Eastern Question. D'ye no' min', that's whanr auld Gledstone used to get his atrocities frae?"

Vicar-"I have been hearing a sad account of you, Mrs. Jones." Mrs. Jones-"Ah! Sir, this 's a shocking place for gossip!"

#### Rigor of Russian Punishment.

bor in the convict mines of Siberia, and for an of life. attempt to escape from there had been sentenced to be chained to a heavy wheelbarrow. When the order came for his transfer from Ottawa Citizen. Siberia to St. Petersburg, no conveyance could A Brantford minister says that the Japs, terests as a citizen just as he protects his be found large enough to contain him, the having two rifles to every one in Canada, can professional interests. wheelbarrow and the convoy of gendarmes. easily invade British Columbia. And the only There is no golden rule to municipal reform; Durham, Exeter, and Llandaff have octogen-Yet, as, the wheelbarrow had become a part of way to avoid the possibility of such invasion there is no one panacea that will solve the arians; Canterbury, Lincoln, Chester, Ripon, the prisoner, the gendarmes were afraid to is to make Christians of the Japs. The re- difficulties and complexities of the situation; Salisbury, Carlisle, Wells, Hereford, Bristol, leave it behind. It was therefore decided to verend gentleman is a little confused. If the problem is too big, too perplexing, too Gloucester, Rochester and Windsor have place Schedrin with his convoy in one cart Japs are made Christians they will be better complex, to yield to simple remedies. It reseptuagenarians. and the wheelbarrow behind in another. For qualified to get into the great Christian game quires the constant thought and best attention several months, day and night, Schedrin and of seeing which nation can secure the most of the public-spirited man, day in and day out, storm say the scientists. There are no such the gendarmes galloped through Siberia upon rifles. The other form of national Christianity with an eye single to the public good, to pro- things as "scientists" say the latest sufferers a troika (a three-horsed cart or sledge), while has gone out of fashion long ago.

mother spea behind them, upon which the wheelbarrow reposed-causing the deepest amazement among the peasants in the villages The Silly Things Saner Generations Have A Remarkable Instance of the Irony through which they passed. Upon the ar-WITTY ARCHBISHOP GLENNON WAS rival of the prisoner in SS. Peter and Paul he was once again chained to the barrow, and only after he had been six weeks in the schluesselburg was he finally detached from And Had to Buy an Irish Laborer a New it and given iteedom of movement within the

When they unchained me, said Schedrin, subsequently, I could not get enough movement. I wanted to run and run, and it seemed At an important function in London, blue to me that I could never stop. How strange

#### Birth of Verdi's "Miserere."

bedside of his sleeping but dying wife. When And, finally, on his coming over the hated Verdi was engaged on his well-known opera, word again, when the whole herd ran violentcombine notes of sufficient sadness and pathos church in bodies. to express the grief of the prisoner, Manrico.

One day, at Milan, he was unexpectedly the old trial by ordeal. piano. Verdi, under ones of those sudden im- a loud voice, "I give to you this cup of ale, small all the cue of such a loud voice, "I give to you this cup of ale, small all the cue of such a loud voice, "I give to you this cup of ale, small all the cue of those sudden im-"I can let you have any number of the old, pulses to which men of genius are sometimes hoping that you'll be so kind as to send us our upitem of placed upin popmora our loans and then improvised the sublime "Miserere" the ensuing year." This was performed in of the twenty-one colleges of the university utterance to his grief.

#### Easy Prison Life in Japan.

enough while in jail to maintain his family, ders of the Scottish Church exerted their in- a beautiful sight. has the best food and lodging is taught a fluence to abolish the irrational custom. This trade, and can study foreign languages. At untilled spot, supposed to be dedicated to Of sanctuary or asylum for the eighteenth "Faith, your grace," retorted the man with Sugamo a qualified teacher instructs the young Satan, was styled "the Good Man's Croft," century debtor the theatre must not be overprisoners in reading, writing and arithmetic. viz., the Landlord's Acre. It seems probable looked. So long as the actor was in the Prisoners of twenty years and upward in se- that some pagan ceremony had given rise to bounds of the playhouse he was safe. John clusion for the first time are taught geography so strange a superstition. and history. If, on entering the prison, a man An even more curious method of defeating ing room, at Drury Lane for months. But has a knowledge of English, he is carefully evil chance consisted in turning some article engagements—even at Drury Lane—come to examined by a linguist and allowed to pursue of dress inside out. "At certain places," we an end, and Palmer was required at the Hayhis studies, the necessary books being supplied read, "the devil exerts a stronger influence market. The journey was dangerous. Ne-Father Stanton, of London, was returning by the authorities. When there are several in than at others, that is, in narrow and difficult cessity, however, fosters invention. They together a teacher is obtained from outside ways. A village stile is a favorite place of packed him in a cabinet, put the cabinet in a and lessons are given regularly. In the offices the adversary, and women deliberately turn cart, and called him "scenery." a record of each prisoner shows whether he their gowns before crossing." s prompt to obey the officials; whether he Cheating the devil was attempted in many No Japanese ever sleeps with his head to was natural that, after parading this paradise, following the crop with his eye. Among private-houses of Japan, not to speak of hotels most pleasant young man the same question I led to decrease in crime. le officials con- is taken ill, every kind of religious book is compass is conspicuously posted on the ceiling have put to you, sir, and he assured me that fessed that of robbers, burglars, thieves and removed out of the house to propitiate the for the information of guests. swindlers, twice imprisoned, sixty per cent. returned; of first offenders, forty per cent. Hindus threw out of their windows all the found their way back.

#### A Tuberculosis Preventorium.

great white plague has been the organization sun in New-York of a tuberculosis preventoriumdistricts, and by treatment in suitable surthe little girl, "but the next time we will make ject was made possible by a gift of half a fire with the words: 'Here, devil, here are million dollars from Nathan Straus, already vours.' widely known for his efforts in behalf of the A well-to-do Scottish lady one day said to health of babies and children by supplying wholesome milk. The building used for the preventorium is the Cleveland cottage, at some additional property. Other gifts, value wife." "Quite right, missus, quite right," said \$200,000, have been contributed for the equip- of Chancery, it was founded about 1345, when Tammas, "but he didna keep his job long after ment of the institution. An endowment fund a mansion formerly occupied by the fifth Barof a million dollars will be needed to assure on Clifford was rented at £10 a year to "studpermanence to the work. The urgent neces- ents of the law." In Elizabeth's reign the Inn Vicar (severely)-"I was surprised and sity for a preventorium may readily be deduced (an independent school for the study of law) sorry, Mrs. Smith, to observe that your hus- from the estimate of Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, had 150 students, but a little later the property band walked out of church in the middle of that there are 40,000 children in the tenements fell into the hands of the King, and the stud of New York affected with tuberculosis, most ents were banished. From the close of the Mrs. Smith-"Oh, you really must excuse of whom could be saved by open air life, pure sixteenth century onwards, however, the law food, and proper supervision. This institution has been continuously in possession . Every at Lakewood is the first of its kind in the flagstone of the peaceful courtyard, every an country, but it is hoped that it may soon be cient doorway and small-paned window, mus followed by similar institutions in the vicinity be full of old memories of queer cases i of other large cities.

#### As Green as the Grass.

that illustrates the psychology of the child, near to breaking in the cohrtyard of Clifford's attentively and the Bishop questioned the children upon points to which he referred. After feeding of the sheep.

tentive children. childish treble heard all over the church a little girl replied, "with grass."

#### Being Tired Getting Ready.

got up and walked over the hill. McClure's, David Soskice gives examples of getting ready to do their work. They are boasted that he never voted at local elections.

#### Christians and Rifles.

DAYS OF SUPERSTITION.

### Escaped.

Men of genius are confessedly creatures of repetition of the word, again and again, more of oil feeding the Texas fields. Vessels caught mood. Grief and adversity have often been a commotion was visible, and the words, "Cauld in a gulf hurricane can take refuge in these real help to them, rather than hindrance. Poe airn," the antidote to this baneful spell, were oil covered waters and ride out the storm in produced "The Raven" while sitting at the heard from various corners of the church, safety,

the few who had remained faithful to him in ficing to a sea-god, called Spony, in the island planted over his remains. But a Melbourne adversity and prosperity. Verdi, at the sight of Lewis every Hallowtide. The inhabitants court has decided that the money cannot be of his dying friend, felt a lump rise in his went to the Church of St. Mulray, each family applied to these purposes, but must be handed throat; he wanted to weep, but so intense was bringing a peck of malt; this was brewed into over to relatives. his grief that not a tear flowed to the relief ale. One of their number would wade into of his anguish. In an adjoining room stood a the sea, and empty a cup of ale, and cry with Every year in Cambridge, England, is given subject, sat down at the instrument, and there plenty of sea-ware for enriching our ground men out to squee out to subject, sat down at the instrument, and there plenty of sea-ware for enriching our ground men out to squee out

shows affection for his parents and relatives; different ways in the world. In some places the north, because the dead in Japan are buried whether he writes letters home; and whether it used to be thought that the farmer who made with their heads in that direction. Consehe makes progress in scholastic studies. It his ridges crooked prevented the devil from quently, in the sleeping rooms of many of the to doubt if Japan's treatment of her criminals Armenians, when any person in the family in larger cities, a diagram of the points of the evil spirit. During an eclipse of the sun the food in the house, by which the evil one that every serving maid in Germany must posmight be induced to abandon the luminary. sess a postage stamp to the value of about, A noteworthy step in the fight against the an attempt of a hungry demon to swallow the pulsory under the law, which the mistress

to take affected children from the congested Conway in 1872, still believes the devil to be a ment, or the servant may retain the stamps poor lean pauper, whom can be rendered quite indefinitely until, when she has attained a ripe roundings arrest the progress of the disease harmless by throwing him a mouthful; the old age, the Government pays her a premium and restore them to normal state. This pro- baker will toss three of his loaves into the for them.

#### The Passing of Clifford's Inn.

Clifford's Inn, London, is doomed. Its Lakewood, N.J., which Mr. Straus gave with owner, William Willett, will erect modern offices upon the site. One of the oldest Inns chancery, and of strange examples of th Law's delays. Pitiful tales some of those memories would make, for the Inn had a famous connection at one time with the Mar-During Bishop Richardson's address before shalsea Court, a County court in the days the school children of St. Luke's anniversary when imprisonment for trifling debts was rigid services, at St. John, a little incident occurred and frequent. Many a heart must have come His Lordship, in simple words and using il- Inn. Many a reputation, too, was soiled by lustrations that appealed to young hearers, false evidence concocted in its precincts by the ing the least attention to him or to one anspoke on the parable of the Good Shepherd notorious parasites who hung around the other. At last he produced his card, and anand His sheep. The address was listened to Marshalsea. It was in the Great Hall that

#### Good, Bad and Indifferent.

Said the professor: "What are they going to

hires a man to drive for him whenever the lous stranger. license question is put to vote. He takes the whole day off, votes "no license" and gets as very fond of doing unusual things, has deter-Washington Irving told of a man who tried many others as he can to vote the same way. mined to change all that. Accordingly, he to jump over a hill. He went back so far to A gentleman asked why he took so much get his start, and ran so hard, that he was trouble. He answered: "Me boy died of rum, sober British opinion will no doubt dub it the completely exhausted when he reached the an' I do what I can to keep other folks' boys hill, and had to lie down and rest. Then he from dying the same way." This ignorant teamster is a citizen of the highest type.

Russian punishment, including this unique always preparing. It is an excellent thing to "Why should I go through the farce of castkeep improving oneself, to keep growing, but ing my ballot? This town is run by a lot o "Schedrin had been condemned to hard la- there must be a time to begin the great work low and corrupt politicians. My vote doesn't count. I've no time for sentimental shams.' This scholarly gentleman is a citizen of the lowest type. He is stupidly selfish. Were he intelligently selfish, he would protect his in-

- duce even a small measure of improvement. from equinoctial storms.

THE WORLD'S PECULIARITIES.

Iron is used as a charm in many countries, The oft-reported sea of oil in the Gulf of and "cold iron" has always been a notable Mexico has been observed recently by the charm, against evil in Scotland. Dean Ram- masters of two steamers. That a thin coat of say, referring to an anti-pig superstition in oil has existed in this region for several years Fifeshire, tells us: A clergyman of one of the was well known, but some extraordinary ocfishing villages, having mentioned this super- currence is responsible for the present great stition to a clerical friend, who was incredu- flowing. The depth of water is 5,400 feet. lous, arranged that he should read to the con- Three jets, 300 feet apart, are bubbling oil. gregation the chapter relating to the herd of The oil zone, is a mile and a half wide and five shipper putting his or her hand on any near This oil lake is due south from the oil fields piece of iron-a nail on the seat or book- of East Texas and experts believe that the board or to the nails in their shoes. At the subterranean eruption has severed the big vein

A remarkable instance of the irony of fate "Il Trovatore," he stopped short at the pas- ly down the bank into the sea, the parishion- is revealed in legal news from Australia. The sage of the "Miserere," being at a loss to ers, irritated beyond bounds, rose and left the late Baron von Mueller, government betanist of Victoria, made the study of the plants and Scotch sailors used to say, "Cold iron," when flowers of Australia his life-work. He pub-Sitting at his piano in the deep stillness of any forbidden word was mentioned. It was lished forty books on the subject, was made a the winter night, his imagination wandered common after an exchange had been effected, German baron and a British kright, and was back to the stormy days of his youth, en- for the one who thought he had the best of otherwise decorated by most of the sovereigns deavoring to extract a plaint, a groan, like the bargain to clasp the nearest piece of "cold of Europe. He spent \$100,000 in the interests those which escaped from his breast when he iron," exclaiming, "Touch cold iron, can't of Australian botanical science, with the resaw himself forsaken by the world. All in change it" Perhaps the custom had some- sult that he died worth only a few hundreds thing to do with the touching of hot iron in of pounds. By his will he ordered that this money be devoted to a memoir and the care called to the bedside of a dying friend, one of | There was also an ancient custom of sacri- of his grave, specifying the flowers to be

of the "Trovatore." The musician had given the night time. They then went to church. come rowing up the stream. Just beyond the bridge; back of King's college, the boats stop. It was the custom in Scotland, as elsewhere, They are close together and are decorated for farmers to leave a part of their ground with roses, wreaths and flags. The leader A prison is a place where malefactors are untilled as a gift to the devil. It seems, how- gives the signal, the students cheer, and the punished for their crimes. It is not so in ever, that they often cheated the devil by battle begins. The flowers are thrown from Japan, where a convict may earn money giving him a worthless bit. In 1594, the El- boat to boat and the air is full of them. It is

Palmer, for instance, who lived in his dress-

Each week is pasted in the little blank book! Some of the Hindus explained the eclipse as five cents. This stamp is a donation, commust afford the servant. Should the girl fall The Franconian peasant, wrote Moncure ill, the stamps are redeemed by the Govern-

> Nautical almanacs, prepared with great labor and care, give calculations and tables for navigator and astronomer. They have been published in France since 1679; Germany since 776. The British Nautical almanac was first issued by the Royal Astronomical society in 1767, and since 1834 has been under the supervision of the admiralty. It is published several years in advance. One has since 1853 been issued anually, three years ahead, by the United States navy department.

The first hospital in America was erected by the Spanish Cortez in Mexico City in 1524. It was endowed out of revenues from the properties conferred on him by the Spanish crown for his services in the conquest Mexico. The endowment still exists and a supervisor is named by the lineal descendant of Cortez. In this hospital women long ago occupied positions as nurse and physicians.

#### To Open Englishmen's Mouths.

It was in a railway-carriage between London and Bristol. The one American passenger, a social being, wondered at the four Englishmen who shared his comparement, without paynounced: "This, gentlemen, is my name. have never committed murder or been arrested for any crime whatever. If any of you is explaining how the flock was owned and cared A professor in Andover (Mass.) Theological equally fortunate, I should be glad to talk for by the Good Shepherd, he came to the Seminary met a man going to town meeting. With him." Thus airily and with ironic pleasantry did Jonathan touch on one of John "Now can anybody tell me how the Good I ring up at the meeting to-day, Brown?" Bull's most obvious failings. The Englishman Shepherd feeds his sheep?" he asked the at- Brown replied, with a snarl: "I dunno, but is not normally sociable or responsive. whatever it is I'm going to oppose it." The Whether the structure be of shyness or o There was a moment's silence and then in zeal of this citizen is a drag to his town. self-sufficiency, he surrounds himself with a An Irish teamster in a New England town wall of reserve which baffles the most garru-

But Mr. W. T. Stead, who, for a Briton, is has founded the Roundabout Club. Solid and Gadabout Club. Members of the organization wear two crossed flags in their buttonholes, to indicate that they are ready to engage the In writing of the Schuesselburg prison in A great many people exhaust themselves A man of high stand in the community first comer in conversation, and that harmless remarks about the weather will not be construed as personal insults. Already the insignia of the club may be seen in the streets of London. Free speech, of which the Englishman has long deprived himself, is to be restored to him if Mr. Stead and his Roundabouts can bring it to pass.

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