THE NOLYOKE HOLOCAUST.

The Scene in the Little French Catholic Church.-The Terrible Loss of Life.

If the year 1875 continues its record for the twelve months as it has opened it will go down to posterity as a most memorable one in the history of the world. Disasters by fire and by flood, on land and on sea, are reported day by day until the aggregation is appalling.

There have been disasters-disasters attendant with loss of life-but none more serious than that in the little French church of Holyoke, Mass.

Here an audience of seven hundred men, women and children were packed in the little wooden structure to celebrate an important epoch in the service, the feast of Corpus Christi. The church was decorated, as is usual, with flowers and drapery, and amidst them burning candles. The services were nearly at an end, and in a few moments the large throng would quietly disperse to their homes. Suddenly, and without warning, a lighted candle came in contact with the fragile drapery, and the flames ascended upwards, spreading consternation and despair. There is no doubt but that had any precautions been taken the church could have been quietly emptied, and only the slight injuries usually attendant upon such occasions have ensued. In this case everybody seems to have lost all control, all self-possession. The larger and the stronger, neglecting the women and the children behind them, rushed for the small door leading from the church. In their hurry and confusion they blocked it up. Then those in the gallery, finding retreat cut off, dashed down upon the heads of those in the main building, only to fall and be trampled upon. Women shrieked and children uttered their piteous cries. The scene was one of utmost confusion and despair. Those outside tried hard and were heroic in their efforts to render aid to the struggling crowd, striving with all its force

A Terrible Training.

In his speech in the Hotise of Lords on the chimney-sweepers' bill, Lord Shaftesbury gave some revolting details of the cruelties practiced upon climbing

boys. It appeared, he said, from evidence taken in 1863, that the age at which training commenced was from six to eight, generally six-"a nice trainable age," said the masters. There were instances of five, and even of four and a half. The hours of work in the smaller towas were eight to nine; in the larger from twelve to sixteen, work beginning at four o'clock, three, and even two in the morning. Sixty-three witnesses were

examined from all parts of England, thirty-three of whom were master sweeps. Then followed the mode of doing it. Of the training, Mr. Kuff, of Nottingham, a master sweep, said: "No one knows the cruelty which a boy has to undergo in learning. The flesh must be hardened. This must be done by rubbing it, chiefly on the elbows and knees, with the strongest brine, close by a hot fire. You must stand over them with a cane, or coax them by a promise of a halfpenny, etc., if they will stand a few more rubs. At first they will come back from their work streaming with blood, and the knees looking as if the caps had been pulled off. Then they must be rubbed with brine again." The following description, said the commissioners, is so painful that we should hesitate to record it were it not amply confirmed: "If, as often happens," says a master sweep, "a boy is gloomy or sleepy, or anywise 'linty,' and you have other jobs on at the same time, though I should be as kind as I could, you must ill-treat him somehow, either with the hand or

brush, or something. It is remembering the cruelty which I have suffered which makes me so strong against boys being employed. I have the marks of it on my body now, and I believe the biggest part of the sweeps in the town have the same.

"That (showing a deep scar across the to escape from the flames, which by bottom of the calf of the leg) was made this time were raging behind it. Little by a blow from my master with an ashwonder that stout hearts failed and plant-i. c., a young ash tree that is of the Treasury directs that the ports of that all coolness, all courage departed. supple and will not break-when I was Port Huron and Detroit, Michigan, and Duluth, Little wonder that the uppermost six years old; it was cut to the bone, thought of all was to escape, recking which had to be scraped to heal the ports at which combined entries for transpor-Minn., shall be and the same are designated as etc., on other parts." Mr. Stransfield, toria, Vancouver's Island, via San Francisco. another master sweep, said : "In learndisaster. Even strong men fainted as ing a child you must use violence. I shudder now when I think of it. I have gone to bed with my knees and elbows Although the fire was behind and scabbed and raw, and the inside of my a young man with whom she had been intimate thighs'all sacrified." Another said : "At for some time L. D. Sine, the Western those who lost their first they will come back from their work lottery man, has brought a suit to test the right lives wwere trampled to death by with their arms and knees looking as if of the Post-office department to send his letters a judicious system of school teaching the crowd. There were many cases of the caps had been pulled off. Then they to the dead letter office and open them The men, women and children burned, but must be rubbed with brine again, and they are among the injured. The dead perhaps go off at once to another chim-Mr. H. J. Jewett was appointed receiver died beneath the feet of their friends ney. In some boys I have heard that the flesh does not harden for years." I

NEWS OF THE DAY. Interesting Items from Home and

Abroad. The Spanish authorities have suspended the Madrid Imparcial newspaper for two weeks for an offense against press laws.... A Vienna paper states that the Emperors of Austria, Russia and Germany are to have another meeting, and the place will probably be Ems.... A special telegram to the London Standard says that the Pope is seriously ill The London Times special dispatches from Vienna say a

dreadful accident has occurred on the kiver Mur, at the town of Judenburg, province of Styria. A ferryboat having on board a number of Catholic pilgrims en route to visit the shrines on the other side of the Mur from Judenburg, sunk in the middle of the stream. Fifty-nine of the pilgrims are known to have been saved, but seventy-six are missing, all of whom are believed to be drowned Two more large rectifying establishments in Cincinnati have been seized by the revenue authorities for alleged violation of the laws....Business was generally suspended in Memphis, Tenn., durng the decoration of the graves of Federal and Confederate soldiers. The procession was one of the largest ever seen there, comprising Northerners and Southerners, with the tattered ontinue to attend the revival meetings of to assassinate Prince Bismarck is said to have been discovered

As there was no choice for Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of Rhode Island at the late election, the first act of the Legislature on convening was to elect Henry Lippitt and Henry T. Sisson to those offices. They both ran on the regular Republican ticket Cerebro spinal meningitis prevails to some extent among the horses of St. Louis, but yields readily to treatment The upper house of the Prussian Diet has passed the bills for the suppression of convents, and relative to the administration of church property Recent estimates of the amount taken by Abraham Jackson, the defaulting lawyer of Boston, place the sum at \$700,000 A camp of Austrian fishermen on Barataria Bay, La. was attacked by two hundred Cadian residents and destroyed, and the Austrians threatened with violence. A delegation of the Austrians called on Governor Kellogg for protection. An officer was sent down to investigate the affair Upon the application of business men at Detroit, and the recommendation

seven persons injured The latest returns from the Holyoke disaster place the number of victims at one hundred and twenty, of whom seventy-one were killed, twenty-two

fatally burned, and twenty-two otherwise burned or injured The Governor of Weetchalis has summolied the bishop of Münstel to resign his see Information from Fort Laramie has been received of the capture of the Gordon Black Hills outfit by Col. Anson Mills' command. The entire outfit was destroyed and the men held as prisoners.

Convict Labor in England.

The treadmill, on which magistrates one time relied, says Chamber's Journal, is dismissed as nonsensical. Useful occupation at trades, by putting prisoners in the way of procuring honest employment on their discharge, is found to be much more advantageous in its results. The convict prisons, therefore, enter into the field of general competition, much of the work performed, however, being to meet the demands of government departments. For example, the metropolitan police are now supplied with boots and gaiters from the convict battle flags of both armies Numerous crowds prisons. After due trial, the female convicts have been employed to make a Moody and Sankey in London Another plot portion of clothing for the police, the workmanship being found better than

that of the contract clothing. Certain work is also performed for the admiralty -namely, the manufacture of 16,000 hammocks and 3,600 ballast baskets, to be delivered at the various dockvards in England. Something more artistic has been successfully attempted. The female convicts have manufactured a flooring of mosaic to surround the tombs of Nelson and Wellington in the crypt of St. Paul's. We learn with pleasure that out of two hundred and thirty-three females discharged from Woking prison, twenty have become accomplished in aying mosaic tiles. At Dartmouth and Portland large works of a public nature have been and continue to be executed by able bodied male convicts. Portland, situated on the south coast of England, is perhaps entitled to be called the greatest of the convict prisons. According to the last report, it had 1,584 prisoners, who were engaged on very extensive works, such as excavating, newing granite, building, and so on-wound. I have marks of nailed boots, tation and exportation made be made of goods the labor executed during the previous arriving at those ports and destined for Vic- year is estimated at £53,024 16s. 7d., giving an average of nearly half a crown Miss Lebina Mason, aged seventeen, daugh- per day for each convict. In 1873 the ter of John Mason, of Pawtucket, committed total earnings at the convict prisons of snielde by drowning, on account of her father's England, nine in number, amounted to withholding his consent to her marriage to about £250,000, which went a great way Amidst the industrious training there is and the perusal of books of instruction, Erie railway has been adjudged bankrupt and which are eagerly sought after. We are informed that some of the convicts Three men were killed and three fatally inseek for French, German and Latin books with a view, no doubt, to revive knowledge which, through years of riotous living, fell into oblivion.

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not who, father, mother, sister, brother, or children, were left behind to suffer. Sad, indeed, are the incidents of such a they saw death at their hand and they could not escape it.

following up the retreating crowd, most of there on the church floor.

The priest's exertions to keep order found a boy, states one of the commiswere fruitless. The screams of the liv- sioners, of about eight, in the market, Derby from a field of eighteen competitors ing and the moans of the dying made a who had run away from some place of deafening tumultabove the orders of the correction. Part of the knee-caps got day The forty-sixth anniversary of the pastor, who worked most heroically and torn off, the gristle all showed white; Brooklyn (N. Y.) Sunday-School Union was was personally instrumental in saving and the guiders (tendons) all around many lives; were like white string, or an imitation

Finally, when the church was closed, of white cotton. His back was covered it was found that over seventy people with sores all the way up. To harden had lost their lives in the disaster. In his knees a lotion made of "old netting" one family four children had been taken away, in others three, or two or one. Some families escaped without a death them. "It was like killing him," said out dead. The cause of the explosion is un-

In several instances while a father see it all." "Why, I myself," says anwas heroically striving to save one child, other, " have kept a lad four hours up sylvania Republican State Convention at Lanhe saw another trampled to death almost at his very feet. Strong men actually could scarcely move; but I would not fought their way through crowds of let him come down till he had finished. weak and shrieking women and children, It has often made my heart ache to hear

As in many other New England manu- child, "he goes on, "you can't be soft with between labor and capital; cheap transportaturing towns, a considerable portion of him, you must use violence."

the operatives of Holyoke is composed of French Canadians attracted by the better wages and more constant employment than are afforded in the British Provinces, and thither they are followed by their priests, who speak their language and keep them in the faith in which they were reared. Many of the Roman Catholic communities of New England owe their existence to this immigration from Canada, and the disaster that has fallen on the Catholic church in Holyoke will carry grief into many homes north of the St. Lawrence.

Let us hope that it will be a long time and the lizards were put inside during ere we are called upon to chronicle another disaster of this nature. Let us hope that those who have in charge such gatherings will see that provision is made for escape if a like disaster threatens.

When to Do the Mending.

Some years ago I heard the head of a There is no doubt that if the native serfamily say she never did her mending until she needed the garment. Indeed, I have often seen children fretted because a button was wanted or a string missing about their clothing, which had been hastily put away without examination. I urge that all other work should be laid aside when the laundry basket arrives, that the housewife may see for herself that each piece is in order as it is sorted; and if not, it should be repaired on the spot, not laid away in the drawer till to-morrow, for, nine chances out of ten, it will then lie there until needed. This system takes seldom more than one hour a week, even for a large family; and it is altogether the most convenient in every way.

jured by the falling of a scaffold on which they were working at the Central Ohio Lunatic Parliament adjourned as usual in honor of the celebrated by a parade of sixty thousand children Reports from Michigan report the

wheat and small crops doing well By an explosion in the drug store of Dows & Co., in Boston, the entire building was destroyed. There were between twenty and thirty persons -i. e., urine kept long for the purpose, in the building at the time, all of whom were immersed with hot cinders-was put on more or less seriously injured and three taken the sweep, "and I had to stand by and known. The loss, including the five story huilding, amounts to \$100,000 The Penn-

a chimney, when he was so sore that he caster renominated Gov. Hartranft for Governor and Henry Rawle for State Treasurer. The platform adopted declares the equality of and their every action showed the mad- them wail, even when I was what you the right of the laborer to protection and may call a party to it. In learning a encouragement and the promotion of harmony

Lizards as Pets.

to the growing wants of the business interests The Ceylon house lizard is about four inches long, and of a dark brown or national debt ; and the equilization of bounties of the country, and a steady reduction of the greenish yellow color. They are usually to the soldiers. The resolutions adopted, while in a state of torpor during the day, but they "point with confidence to the present swarm over the walls and ceilings about administration," "declare a firm, unqualified sunset and during the evenings, when adherence to the unwritten law of the republic. their bird-like chirping is to be heard on which wisely, and under the sanction of the all sides. While in Colombo we met a most venerable of examples, limits the Presi-Scotchman who kept three or four of dential service of any citizen to two terms, and these lizards in his bed for the purpose we, the Republicans of Pennsylvauia, in recogof destroying the mosquitoes. The bed nition of the law, are unalterably opposed to was covered over with mosquito netting, a third term." the election to the Presidency of any person for

the day, and carefully removed to the Mass., was one of the most appalling that has outside of the netting at night. Our taken place for some time, even in this day of friend assured as that since he had disasters. The exercises in the church had adopted the strange precaution he had nearly closed when the altar draperies took never been troubled by mosquitoes, fire, and the church full of men, women and while before he could not keep free from children at once lost all sense of reason. Those them, as stray ones would get inside the in the galleries leaped to the floor and were

netting when the bed was being made. trodden and trampled to death, while those on the floor crowded and smothered each other vants in Colombo could be persuaded to cultivate cleanly habits, the number of insective intruders would rapidly dimin. pecially as it is understood that every and the moans of the dying made a deafening tumult above the orders of the pastor. The time a wife smiles on her husband it will people appeared to be piled one upon the other remove one of the old wrinkles. in the doorway, those in front not being able to escape, nor could those behind them save As one pound of Dobbins' electric soap themselves. The audience numbered about made by Cragin & Co., Phila.) will do seven hundred people, and of these sixty-six the work of five pounds of any other, it men, women and children lost their lives. is really the cheapest, though it costs a little more per pound. Try it. The New York revenue officers are dai'y seizing thousands of dollars' worth of silks, Questions put to his sweetheart, at inplushes, crapes and other goods belonging to houses which have been in the habit of intervals of a quarter of an hour, by a voicing their goods too low. Deputy Collector bashful lad during their first tete-a-tete : Kirk and several minor officers resigned on the "How's your father ?" "How's your mearthing of the enormous silk frauds and mother !" "How are your parents ?" have since disappeared By a fire at Port-"How are your father and mother?" land, a small village near St. Johns, N. B., "How are they both ?" St. Luke's church, sixty-eight houses and shops, a large number of outbuildings and a ship on stocks were destroyed, rendering Consumption. the scourge of the numan family, may in its early stages be promptly arrested and permaone hundred and forty families homeless. Loss, \$250,000.... The house of J. H. Cowman, nently cured. 242 North Eutaw street, Baltimore, was robbed of a tin box containing bonds, bank stock cer-Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y .: Sir-For the last year I have been using your Golden Medical Discovery. I owe my life to it, having been afflicted for years. Did not use it but a short time before I was benefited; at that time I was very bad, not tificates, etc., of the value of \$40,000, belonging to Mr. Conman's mother-in-law The Concord (N. H.) Monitor, the Republican organ of the State, calls for the impeachment of able to sit up much, was suffering greatly with my throat, was getting blind had a dry cough, and much pain in my lungs. I have used twelve bottles of the discovery and am almost well. course of conversation, and judging Gov. Weston The house of John Cox, from the actions of the servant, he was railroad flagman near Garrison's, Putnam Co., led to the conclusion that somebody had N. Y., was broken into by five men, who bound and gagged Cox and then robbed him of \$1,700 A son of Mr. J. H. Mesock, of Chatham Four in gold and silver, the savings of thirty years Corners, N. Y., has been cured of consumption by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery-co says Mr. C. B. Canfield, editor of the Chatham enough." "Yes, I did," said Jemmy ; terrible," answered the guest; "did it "I ran fast enough, but I did not start not kill him?" "Kill him! no," an-bouses were destroyed, one hundred and sixty-"I ran fast enough, but I did not start not kill him ?" "Kill him! no," an-soon enough." bouses were destroyed, one hundred and sixty-swered the planter; "it killed the snake !" one lives lost, and one hundred and eighty-one lives lost, and one hundred and eighty-

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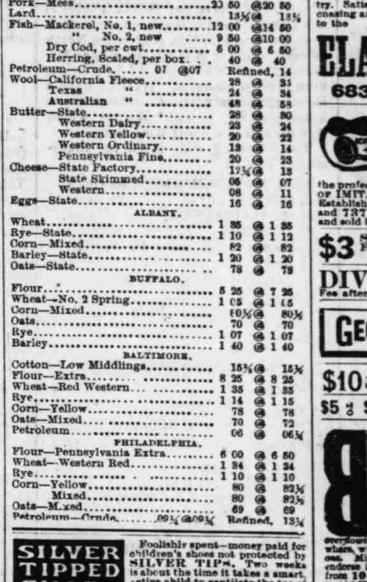
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"Ah, Jemmy," said a sympathizing been bitten by one of these snakes, and · friend to a man who was just too late for the train, "you did not run fast case. "Yes," was the reply. "How of a terrible earthquake in the province of

insective intruders would rapidly diminish. To teach a native cleanliness, however, is a herculean task, and one which the hotel proprietors do not feel inclined to undertake. The native servants are not only averse to cleanliness about the house, but their persons also are far from clean, because of the use of cocoanut oil, with which they smear their bodies. An anecdote was told us by the Scotchman mentioned, which is apropos of this subject, but which the reader is not bound to believe. A newly arrived Englishman in Ceylon was visiting a coffee planter on his estate near Newera Ellyia, when the conversation turned upon the dirty habits of the natives, the planter saying that a good sporting dog could trace them by their scent. Shortly afterward one of the servants came in hurriedly to say that a dik prolonga, the most venomous serpent found in Ceylon, had bitten a coolie. The conversation was in the Tamil tongue, which the

new-comer did not understand. Catching the words dik prolonga in the



