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MISCELLANEOUS.

STRAW PICTURES.—Among the curiosities of art must be included pictures made of straw. How far patience is exercised in this direction at present is not known, but in the latter part of the 17th century some of the French monasteries employed a portion of their time in such labors. The process was by no means a simple one.

VARNISH-MAKING.—The beautiful black varnish which is so much admired the world over is the production of a tree which grows wild in Japan and China as well. It is cultivated in plantations, and is so much improved by the treatment it receives that a cultivated tree affords three times more of this valuable product than the wild one.

THE INVENTOR OF CHAMPAGNE.—To the renowned royal Monastery of St. Peter's Hautvilliers, sparkling champagne is said to owe its origin. This monastery formerly gave, says its history, nine archbishops to the see of Rheims, and twenty-two abbots to various celebrated monasteries.

A TOUCHING ADDRESS.—The Catholics of Strauburg, the heroic and ill-fated city, have recently sent an address to the Holy Father. What can be more touching than the following: "Most Holy Father—Your venerated throne has fallen before violence. Alone at that moment, and separated from the universe by fire and the sword, the unfortunate city of Strauburg was ignorant of the outrage perpetrated by men without faith, against the Father of the Christian family."

A RIVER IN THE OCEAN.—There is a river in the Ocean. In its severest drouths it never flows. It banks and its bed are as cold Mexico in its fountain and its mouth is the Arctic Sea. It is the Gulf Stream. There is in the world no other so majestic a flow of water. Its current is more rapid than the Mississippi or any other river. Its waters, as far out as arctina coasts, are of indigo blue. They are so distinctly marked that the line of junction with the common sea water may be traced by the eye.

Solemn Words from an Old Church Warrior.

We cannot refrain from laying before our readers the following touching and manly words from the Ave Maria of January 23th. They are from the first number of a series of articles, now publishing, on the Religious Orders, written by O. A. Brownson:

Dr. Brownson, is now an old man, and possessed as he is, of remarkable erudition, gifted with a mind of extraordinary logical and philosophical power, a close observer of passing events, a man of great experience, and a devoted Catholic, his words come to us with double weight and unusual force and significance.

"I must myself confess, to my shame and deep sorrow, that for four or five years, ending in 1864, I listened with too much respect to these liberal or liberalizing Catholics, whether at home or abroad, though I had previously written against them, and sought to encourage their tendency as far as could be without absolutely departing from Catholic faith."

"The Holy Father, in the Syllabus, that great act of our century, shows what the Church thinks of liberal Catholics, that she can make no compromise with the world, and that she meets the errors of an age or nation only by opposing, directly in their face and eyes, the truth that condemns them."

American girls will not accept domestic situations. A false pride keeps them out of good homes and plenty to do them into straits and cheap boarding-houses. A counteraction is therefore necessary in this instance, which is to be effected by means of the Calabar bean, which, if life be still present will cause the pupil to contract.

PERSONS who prefer oysters cooked in their own liquor may be interested in knowing what the fluid contains. The Journal of Microscopy says: "Open an oyster, retaining the liquor in the lower or deep shell, and, if viewed through a microscope, it will be found to contain multitudes of small oysters, covered with shells and swimming nimbly about—one hundred and twenty of which extend but one inch. Besides these, are many other species of minute life, particularly of animalcules and worms."

CENTRALISATION.—One of the grounds of complaint in Ireland against the operation of the Act of Legislative Union is its tendency to promote centralisation, and the consequent destruction of domestic influence upon local affairs. There is too much justification for this complaint, and it is a nutritive ailment of the agitation for Repeal.

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have not the least doubt of himself. That is a piece of information which must be obtained for the public instruction when Parliament meets.—Weekly Register.

CISTERCIAN MONASTERY, DUBUQUE.—The Chicago Times in a recent article on the first settlement of Dubuque, furnishes the following sketch of the Cistercian Monastery now being erected in its vicinity:

Among the notable curiosities in the vicinity of Dubuque, is the Cistercian Monastery at New Millery, about twelve miles southwest of the city, one of the most perfectly organized conventual institutions in the United States. The Cistercians of New Millery form a community whose farming operations are conducted with consummate skill and success. Their fields, covering some thousand acres, blossom with the richest harvests; their stock of all varieties is of the most valuable breeds, and in horticulture they have a reputation only limited by the bounds of the State.

The new monastery, now building, when completed, will be one of the finest, if not superior to all of the specimens of beautiful ecclesiastical architecture in America. Its design is cruciform Gothic, of the decorated fifteenth century style, and will cost more than \$500,000. The cloisters and dormitory portion is now nearly completed, and the foundations of the Cathedral already laid.

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