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CHURCH IN CHAMBER STREET, OPPOSITE THE CITY HALL, FOR SALE.—The consistory of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the city of New York, offer for sale their church and grounds in Chamber street, adjoining the Savings Bank, including a three story brick House and lot, immediately in the rear on Reed street. The church was built in the most substantial manner by days' work, and is capable of being altered to great advantage into Houses, Stores, a Hotel or Bath, being very near the Manhattan water works. The house in Reed street, was also built in the best manner, and being connected with the Chamber street Lots, is a great advantage should the purchaser desire to alter it for either of the above purposes. Possession immediately. For further particulars, apply to WM. P. HAWES, Esq. corner of Wall and Nassau street, or RICHARD OAKLEY, Real Estate Agent, No. 43 Pine street. jan 8-1w

GREENWICH COAL YARDS.—325 Hudson corner of Leroy, and 413 Hudson corner of Amos street, WHITALL & LAWTON respectfully inform their friends and the consumers of Anthracite Coal that they are daily receiving cargoes of very superior quality Schuylkill Coal, warranted to be equal to any Coal sold in this market (under any name,) they would call attention particularly to the Spohn and Gate Veins. From their arrangements this year they feel satisfied they will be able to give satisfaction to consumers both as to quality and price.

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aug 31 JN W. LAWTON.

THE LATE FIRE.—The subscriber is preparing a correct picture of the recent conflagration in this city, which will be published on Monday next, and offered for sale at his store No 42 Courtland, corner of Greenwich street The artist employed by him is every way competent for the task of giving a true representation of this dreadful event and of its distressing and praiseworthy incidents.

HENRY R. ROBINSON.

☞ The publication of the above is unavoidably postponed for a few days in consequence of the great labor of the artists; the publisher being determined to present the public with a unique and finished picture. dec29-tf G. R.

DESERVING ATTENTION.—THE TEETH: THE TEETH!—From Dr. S. O. Paysick, Surgeon Dentist of Philadelphia:—

Messrs. Burnet & Co.—I am not in the habit of making out certificates of recommendation for any kind of medicine whatever, but as you had the goodness to present me with a box of Dr. Stillman's Magnetic Odontica, it would ill become me to withold my unbiassed opinion of such an invaluable preparation for the Teeth. Its medicinal properties, from my experience, are admirably adapted to the alleviation of that excruciating pain, the tooth ache; and I believe it to be a health preservative for the teeth and gums, and it cannot be too highly recommended to every family who desire cleanliness of the mouth, as well as to fortify the teeth and gums, which is the most effectual step towards preserving the teeth in a sound state, and preventing that dreadful scourge—the toothache.

The above article is for sale at Patrick Dickie's, 413 Broadway, corner of Lispenard street; J. Syme's, 68 Bowery, corner of Walker street; and at P. Burnet & Co.'s, 510 Greenwich street, two doors below Spring. Price $1. jan 4-tf

FUMIGATING PASTILLES AND ODORIFEROUS POWDER, for perfuming and fumigating rooms.—For sick rooms especially, these articles are pre-eminently serviceable, emitting an agreeable fragrance and at the same time destroying completely any unpleasant smell.

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The above articles to be had, wholesale or retail at
FORTENBACH & MILNE'S,
jan 1-1m* 14 Hudson, corner Reed street.

COUGHS, COUGHS.—CORBYN'S COUGH Lozenges, prepared by Corbyn & Co., 300 Holborn, London.—These Lozenges are universally allowed, by physicians of the highest standing, to be one of the best preparations for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthmas, &c., ever offered to the public; many thousand persons have experienced their happy and salutary effects, many of whom have been by asthmatic and consumptive complaints reduced to the brink of the grave. They promote a free and easy expectoration, and remove any tendency to inflammation or soreness of the lungs, shortness, or difficulty of breathing, and the general oppression which interrupts respiration, &c &c.. Price 50 cents per box. A single box will be found sufficient to remove the most obstinate cases. For sale by G. COLBY, chemist, &c. 351 Pearl, corner of Frankfort st., Franklin Square, the only agent in the city. dec 15 1m*

GENUINE POLANDRIA OIL.—A sure East Indian cure for the Rheumatism.—This Polandria Oil is the essential oil extracted from the Polandria tree, and is an infallible cure for that distressing disorder, the rheumatism, in all its stages. For sale by P. Burnet & Co. 510 Greenwich street, two doors below Spring; Patrick Dickie, 413 Broadway, corner of Lispenard street; J. Syme, 68 Bowery, corner of Walker reet; and Dr. Guion, corner of Grand street and the Bowery. Price $2. jan 5-tf

RUSSIA ISINGLASS, of superior quality, for sale wholesale and retail, by RUSHTON & ASPINWALL,

THE TRUTH WILL PREVAIL!—CERTAIN DISEASES CURED.—Dr. Goodwill's Gonorrhea and Gleet Detergent. The only infallible remedy ever discovered for Gonorrhea and Gleets, is now become too well known and established in all parts of the Kingdom to require any comment. Its universal success which in no one instance has ever failed, has warranted it to cure in forty-eight hours the most desperate and inflammatory case of Gonorrhea, Gleet and Whites in all their stages.—Strictures, seminal weakness, pains of the loins, irritation of the urethra and gravel, as well as chronic affections of the urinary bladder and kidneys, if ever so violent or of long standing. This safe and only infallible remedy is an agreeable liquid, and its effects on constitution, being composed of Sarsaparilla and the choicest preparations, that while it restores the system, its superiority over every other medicine of the kind, only requires so limited a trial to know its efficacy. Every person that has made use of this medicine has been his own physician and secrecy has been secured. Having proved effectual in almost two thousand cases, and never to our knowledge failed in any one instance. The vast and increasing sale from the recommendations of the highest medical characters, as well as those who have experienced its salubrious and beneficial effects prove its great success and superiority over every other medicine, is being the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of the above diseases, giving muscular strength, energy and vigorous health to the whole frame. The most delicate females may take it with perfect safety. Dr. Goodwill's Detergent is a safe, certain and speedy cure for the above diseases, from the most recent to the most protracted cases. It is taken without any risk, inconvenience, or suspension from business. See that your case is eradicated, not patched up by quack doctors or quack medicines. Those that make use of one single bottle may be convinced of the easy method of being cured. The "motto" of this medicine is, "let every person be their own physician with secrecy." It will prevent the occurrence of the disease in persons, male or female, of the most fastidious delicacy, and is a blessing to human kind It ought always to be at hand. N. B. A word to the wise, take no medicine but the above, and keep away from the quack Doctors, whose names appear in every public print, and then you take no mercury and save your constitution.

"We have much pleasure in bearing testimony to this safe and efficacious medicine; we do this on grounds of strict impartiality, knowing several friends who have been cured by it" A fact that we know.

For sale by appointment, by Patrick Dickie, 413 Broadway corner of Lispenard st.; J. Syme, corner of Walker st and Bowery, and by P. Burnet & Co. 510 Greenwich st., two doors below Spring. Price 50 cents per bottle. jan 5-tf

DOCTOR BOYD, a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and lately a practitioner in the city of London, offers his services to the afflicted in the treatment of a certain disease. His long experience and close attention to this class of complaints, his pleasant, safe, and expeditious mode of treatment, his extraordinary success during a long and extended practice, and above all, his legitimate medical qualifications are a few of the grounds on which he rests his claims to public patronage. In this age of empiricism when ignorant pretenders and impudent quacks are daily spreading their nets to lure the unwary to destruction, Dr Boyd would wish to raise a friendly and a warning voice to his fellow creatures, and tell them to beware of such dangerous persons.—Thousands who might have been at this day, "in the health and palmy pride of manhood," if their cases had only been treated by one duly qualified, are now numbered amongst the incurable and the dead. Apparent cures are very common and easily effected; but to eradicate the latent poison, which will otherwise consign its victim to an untimely grave, belongs to the legitimate province of medicine in the hands of a skilful and able practitioner. That Dr. Boyd is such, he is willing to convince his patrons, by producing for their inspection his regular diploma, as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and likewise testimonials for capability and skill, from many who are justly considered as lights and ornaments of their profession. His mode of treatment is safe, effectual and expeditious, not requiring either the use of mercury, or restraint in diet or exercise. Recent affections he pledges himself to remove radically within a few days, and cases of longer standing and greater malignity will be treated with cordiality and skill. In any case, the patient may rest assured, after having being discharged from the hands of Dr. Boyd, that his health is established upon a sound and firm basis, and that his constitution is renovated and unimpaired. His professional honor and faith are pledged to this, and he flatters himself that his character and standing are sufficient warranty for its fulfilmen

The strictest honor and secrecy may in all cases be relied upon. Hours of attendance from 9 o'clock in the morning till 10 at night
sep 21-1y OFFICE, 14 Dover st. one door from Water.

GENUINE HYGEIAN VEGETABLE UNIVERSAL MEDICINE, manufactured in this country by GEORGE SILVESTER, (from England,) who alone is possessed of the original recipe. Sold in oblong-square tin boxes, neatly enveloped, with directions enclosed, at $1,50 and $0,75, being but half the price of the imported article.

TESTIMONY OF CURE.

New York, November 22, 1835.

Dear Sir—Having a desire to discharge my obligations to you, as well as to promote good to suffering humanity, I herewith send you for publication an extraordinary case of cure effected by means of your Hygeian Vegetable Universal Medicine, in the person of my son, Ralph, aged about thirteen years; in which I shall endeavor to be as brief as possible, that you may be enabled to make it more extensively known. Whilst in Edinburgh, my native place, more than two years ago, he received a stroke on the elbow with a rule, so severe as to create in the joint what was termed by physicians an inflammation of the bone, from which he has suffered severe pain until within a short time past. He has been treated by some of the most eminent physicians in Scotland, which tended but little to ameliorate his sufferings; consequently I despaired of his ever again having the former advantage in the use of his afflicted arm. Happily I was at length induced to make trial of the medicine in question; from which in a few days use he experienced considerable relief, afterwards his complaint assumed a more aggravated form, in the breaking out, I suppose, of putrid or acrid humors around the affected part; but receiving this as a symptom of the good effects of the medicine, your directions were followed, by considerably augmenting the dose, until he took as many as ten pills a day, from which he gained great relief, and he is now, after about three months use, restored to health. I can also bear testimony to the good effects of your medicine in case of fever and ague and other common complaints; so would recommend those afflicted with any disorder to test its virtues. Respectfully subscribed, by your obliged,

WILLIAM BELL,
Architect and Draughtsman, corner of Houston and Essex-st.
Mr. George Sylvester.

Certificates of other extraordinary cases in which this invaluable medicine has been equally efficacious, may be seen at the store of D. BRYSON, Confectioner, Agent, 148 Fulton street, near Broadway. dec 5-tf

STAMMERING CURED.—The subscriber has located himself in this city for the purpose of curing Stammering and all other impediments of speech. And has taken rooms in No. 9 Courtlandt street, Western Hotel, where he will attend to all who may call on him, that may need his services. Having been himself afflicted from childhood with a distressing impediment of speech, he availed himself of the modes of cure taught by the celebrated Mrs. Leigh of New York, and Dr. Chapman of Philadelphia without success. But after a long and patient investigation of the nature and cause of his affliction, he has succeeded in inventing a system entirely new, by which he has cured him: if and all others who have made application to him. This system has in several instances proved successful in cases which had resisted the most skilful treatment from others, and it has in no case failed to effect a complete cure. Being aware of the fact that persons have been in this city who professed the art of curing stammering, and whose system was inadequate to effect a cure—yet, having spent about a year in the instruction of others since effecting a cure upon himself, he feels a perfect assurance in coming before the public of this city, bringing ample testimony to convince the most sceptical of the superiority of his system over all others, and the complete success that has in all cases attended its application. He has associated with him Mr. J. Sinclair, recently one of his pupils, as an assistant. By this arrangement, ladies will be taught in a separate class.

Terms from 25 to 50 dollars, according to the nature of the case and the situation of the applicant. A cure in all cases will be guaranteed or the money will be refunded.

For further particulars inquire of the subscriber at his rooms, or by letter post paid.
jan 12-3m HENRY WELLS.

$5 REWARD.—Lost on Wednesday 6th inst., in Broadway, between Murray and Chamber streets or in Chamber street, three gold seals, two with Topaz stones not engraved, one of agate engraved with a French motto; a white cornelia heart tipped with red; a small gold vinaigrette, and a gold watch key, all attached to a gold hoop. The finder will receive the above reward by calling at No. 164 Duane, corner of Hudson st. jan 7-3t*

NEW YORK TATTERSALL'S.—The regular sales of Horses, Carriages, Harness, &c. will to take place at this well known establishment, every Monday, at 12 o'clock.

The next sale will take place on Monday, 18th of January. All Horses, Carriages, &c. intended for this sale, must be shown and entered, on or before Saturday next, 16th instant, at 5 P. M.—and as a limited number of Horses only can be taken, early application is necessary in order to insure a place upon the catalogue.

JNO. W. WATSON & Co. 446 Broadway.

AT PRIVATE SALE—a pair of first rate Bay Horses, 5 years old, kind and sound. 3 dec 9-tf

READER, the following is an advertisement of

DR. BRANDRETH'S.

Let this truth be impressed on every mind—That all pain or weakness, are owing to morbid, stagnant, and corrupt humors; which impede the circulation of the blood.—Brandreth.

BLEEDING ALWAYS IMPROPER.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood."—*Leviticus xvii.* 11.

IT WILL BE OBVIOUS ON THE LEAST REFLECtion, that the office of the stomach is to prepare the food for the nourishment of the body, and that the health of every organ must necessarily depend on the due performance of its functions; for if the chyle or digestive fluid be not good, the body cannot be properly nourished, the nervous system will be affected, the secretions of the frame obstructed, and the whole mass of blood becomes impure.—Hence result the disorders considered complicated, which are erroneously termed incurable, by men, who either do not, or will not comprehend the hypothesis, that all diseases whatever arise solely from acrimonious humors in the blood.

When acute and inflammatory diseases are the consequences of this state of the blood, the faculty have recourse to bleeding! a measure, murderous in its effects! calculated to sap the root of the constitution! yet it is still persisted in! though not a single case can be produced wherein it has been of service. But 10,000 might be produced wherein it has brought on paralysis, and a train of nervous disorders, dreadful even in imagination to those who have beheld their fearful consequences.

How many thousands are sent to an untimely grave! How many families deprived of their amiable children! How many husbands of their lovely wives! How many wives of their dear husbands! have fallen victims to this murderous practice! and the same may be said of Mercury.

Mankind, oh, consider this subject. I charge ye, lose not one drop of your blood, for the practice of bleeding is opposed to common sense, and all experience proves it is *most ruinous to the constitution!* as all diseases are caused by foul and acrimonious matter entering the circulation and contaminating the blood. the purifying not the abstracting the vital fluid, should be considered in the cure of diseases; and those who are attentive to this, invariably attain to a healthy old age. We should remember that according to the purity of our blood, so is our health. Had the Creator intended mankind to have parted with blood, rely on it, a place would have been made for its discharge, when too much had accumulated.

The necessity for bleeding is entirely superseded by

BRANDRETHS UNIVERSAL VEGETABLE PILLS,

they do the same thing with this *tremendous difference*, that the impurities of the blood are taken away by them through the stomach and bowels, without any of its balsamic particles. Is the pulse too high? a dose of these pills will bring it down. Is it too low? the same means will increase it to a proper standard. Is it tremulous, showing nervous excitement? the pills by soothing the system will allay it. Let not any one say these various properties are impossible to be possessed by any one medicine. Let such doubter call on Dr. B. and he will soon convince him of the truth of all the above assertions. One box of the pills however, will do more to make him a convert than any thing that could be said on the subject. Price 25 cents per box.

Thousands of the most respectable citizens of New York will be referred to with pleasure by Dr. B. who have for many years been in the habit of being bled, often as many as 4 or 5 times in a year, and whose constitutions in consequence, were becoming weaker and weaker; have, since they have made use of these pills, never lost a drop of their precious blood. When any of their old symptoms appeared, instead of running to the doctor and having a vein opened, they have swallowed 6 or 8 pills, which soon removed the vitiated humors, that were impeding the blood in its circulation. These sensible people, simply by the use of these invaluable pills, are increasing every day the powers both of body and mind, which by the practice of bleeding, were both becoming dreadfully impaired.

NOTICE.—DR BRANDRETH'S Office for the sale of the above Pills, wholesale and retail, 187 Hudson street, opposite Broome street, where he may be consulted gratis, by those taking his Pills, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. jan 7-co2m*

KNOWLEDGE, SCIENCE, AND FORTY- Eight years' experience, is an epitome of Dr. Hone's physiology, so celebrated, and known to the public as a member of the medical colleges of New York and Boston. Dr. Hone has devoted his whole attention to the treatment of certain delicate diseases, for upwards of forty eight years, which is sufficient to convince the most sceptical, of his merit. Thousands in this city can testify to his universal success in all cases of Gonorrhea, Gleets, Seminal Weaknesses, Seminal Emissions, Whites, Irritation of the Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Canal, and Prostrate Glands, Pains in the Loins, and all Venereal cases of long standing.

Dr. Hone, getting advanced in years, deems it a duty to the public, to offer his valuable secret called "Magnum Bonum" a medicine whose virtues are so well known and so highly appreciated by those who have had the good fortune to receive the opportune advice of one whose labors in this branch of the profession (upwards of forty-eight years,) entitle him to the veneration of the adult portion of the whole world—the many, many thousands he has saved from the *mal praxis* of the Mineral and ignorant Balsam Capivi, Cubeb, and Turpentine employers, whose awful ravages have exceeded in number those carried off by the desolating sword or devastating plague, and swept away millions of the promising patriots of our exalted country. Young men and women! do not trifle with yourselves; be not deluded by the ensnaring venders of dangerous nostrums. Only look at the soothing effect of Dr. Hone's "Magnum Bonum," when the unlucky sufferer is writhing with insufferable pain, cursing his fate, desponding, heart-broken, almost in the act of committing self-destruction;—then, and then only, will he bless Dr. Hone for his almost celestial medicine, which will and must hold its balmy power triumphant, when Mercury, Capivi, Cubebs, and Turpentine shall have been utterly forgotten. Dr. Hone is firmly persuaded of the excellency of his "Magnum Bonum" in combatting the malignant venereal poison, without in the least debilitating the natural health of man or woman, neither destroying the stomach of the person (in his opinion the *sine qua non* or centre of a human constitution,) nor disturbing the mental powers of the already over-sensibly excited, nervous, and painfully irritable sufferer.

Dr. Whitmore Hone's "Great Good" is a balmy, soothing, repelling, vegetable preparation, based on strictly professional principles, combined with anatomical and physiological reasoning and sound practical experience, and should be used by every human being troubled with the above diseases, and who desires to preserve his natural state of health.

For sale by the following respectable druggists:—A. Underhill, 38 Beekman street, corner of William street; [illegible] Bowery, between Grand and Broome; John Colvill, junior, 388 Broadway, corner of Broome street; and by T. Austin, 45 Carmine street. Price $2 per bottle. jan 11-tf

BUTLER'S COMPOUND BALSAMIC PREPARATION of the Essential Oils of Copaiei and Cubebs, recommended exclusively as a specific for Gonorrhœa and Gleets. Numerous well authenticated cases of the extraordinary efficacy of this pleasant and valuable composition, are daily presented; but this mode of publicity never has, or never will be adopted in citing individual cases, however extraordinary or miraculous they may appear—but their simple recommendation to try it produces a greater extension of its virtues, than would an elaborate thesis on its medicinal effects, interspersed with the particulars of ten thousand cases. But in a changing community, doubtless there are hundreds who have not heard of it, and are at a loss what to resort to, and are probably not aware of the magnitude of the evil of relying on doubtful medicines; it, therefore, cannot be deemed imprudent to recommend this as the *first* article to be tried in recent cases, for often a few doses produce the desired effect.

Differing from the common nostrums that are daily attempted to be foisted on an intelligent community by their fraudulent pretensions, couched in general terms, and insultingly offered to cure complaints diametrically opposite in their nature and their proper remedies the very antipodes to each other in their effect. This medicine's singular action is derived from each of its constituents having its own peculiar operation on the particular symptom intended to remove—the combination and admixture forming an irresistible result incompatible with the complaint, immediately subduing its virulence, rendering it inert, and producing a safe and certain cure.

Surrounding the medicine is a plain treatise, with various recipes for all the different symptoms, with simple and easy instructions on the first stages of syphilis, observations on empirical imposition, and the lamentable delusions attendant on these complaints.

AGENCIES.
NEW YORK.—105 Cherry street.
PHILADELPHIA.—362 Market street.
ALBANY.—46 State street.
NEWARK.—354 Broadway. oct 31-tf

EVERY MAN HIS OWN DENTIST.—It is not necessary to enlarge or expatiate on the invaluable properties of Dr. STILLMAN'S MAGNETICA ODONTICA It is the only preservative for the teeth, gums and mouth. For sale by P. Burnet & Co., 510 Greenwich st., two doors below Spring, and by Patrick Dickie, 413 Broadway. sor, Lispenard st. jan 4-tf

THE INFALLIBLE TOOTH ACHE REMEDY.—Creosote has not failed in one instance to give immediate relief to the sufferer of the most excruciating pains of the tooth ache; 500 os. of this celebrated article is offered to the trade and also at retail at reduced prices, by
nov 3 Dr. LEWIS FEUCHTWANGER, 377 Broadway.

$4000 TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE on unincumbered real estate in this city, by
jan 4 G. G. SICKELS, 24 Wall st.

A SIMILE.—By W. C. Bryant.

Upon yon mountain's distant head,
Where spotless snows forever white,
Where all is still, and cold and dead—
Late shines the sun's departing light.

But far below those icy rocks,
The vales, in summer bloom arrayed—
Woods full of birds, and fields of flocks
Are dim with mist, or dark with shade.

'Tis thus, from warm and kindly hearts,
And eyes where generous meanings burn,
Earliest the light of life departs,
And lingers with the cold and stern.

[From "Awful Disclosures by Maria Monk."]

Taking the Veil.—Interview afterwards with the Superior.—Surprise and Horror at the Disclosures.—Resolution to Submit.

I was introduced into the Superior's room in the evening preceding the day on which I was to take the veil, to have an interview with the Bishop. The Superior was present, and the interview lasted about half an hour. The Bishop, on this as on other occasions, appeared to me habitually rough in his manners. His address was by no means prepossessing.

Before I took the veil, I was ornamented for the ceremony, and was clothed in a rich dress belonging to the convent, which was used on such occasions; and, placed not far from the altar in the chapel, in the view of a number of spectators, who had assembled, in number, perhaps, about forty. Taking the veil is an affair which occurs so frequently in Montreal, that it has long ceased to be regarded as a novelty; and, although notice had been given in the French parish church as usual, only a small audience had assembled, as I have mentioned.

Being well prepared with a long training, and frequent rehearsals, for what I was to perform, I stood waiting in my large flowing dress, for the appearance of the Bishop. He soon presented himself, entering by the door behind the altar; I then threw myself at his feet, and asked him to confer upon me the veil. He expressed his consent; and then, turning to the Superior, I threw myself prostrate at her feet, according to my instructions, repeating what I had before done at rehearsals, and made a movement as if to kiss her feet. This she prevented, or appeared to prevent, catching me by a sudden motion of her hand, and granted my request. I then kneeled before the Holy Sacrament, that is, a large round wafer held by the Bishop between his fore-finger and thumb, and made my vows.

This wafer I had been taught to regard with the utmost veneration, as the real body of Jesus Christ, the presence of which made the vows uttered before it binding in the most solemn manner.

After taking the vows, I proceeded to a small apartment behind the altar, accompanied by four nuns, where was a coffin prepared, with my nun name engraved upon it:—

"SAINT EUSTACE."

My companions lifted it by four handles attached to it, while I threw off my dress, and put on that of a nun of Sœur Bourgeoise; and then we all returned to the chapel. I proceeded first, and was followed by the four nuns; the Bishop naming a number of worldly pleasures in rapid succession, in reply to which I as rapidly repeated—"Je renonce, Je renonce, Je renonce,"—[I renounce, I renounce, I renounce.]

The coffin was then placed in front of the altar, and I advanced to place myself in it. This coffin was to be deposited, after the ceremony, in an out-house, to be preserved until my death, when it was to receive my corpse. There were reflections which I naturally made at that time, but I stepped in, extended myself, and lay still. A pillow had been placed at the head of the coffin, to support my head in a comfortable position. A large, thick, black cloth was then spread over me, and the chanting of Latin hymns immediately commenced. My thoughts were not the most pleasing during the time I lay in that situation. The pall, or Drap Mortel, as the cloth is called, had a strong smell of incense which was always disagreeable to me, and then proved almost suffocating. I recollected also a story I had heard of a novice, who, in taking the veil, lay down in her coffin like me, and was covered in the same manner, but on the removal of the covering was found dead. When I was uncovered I rose, stepped out of my coffin, and kneeled. Other ceremonies then followed, of no particular interest; after which, the music commenced, and here the whole was finished.—I then proceeded from the chapel, and returned to the Superior's room, followed by the other nuns, who walked two by two, in their customary manner, with their hands folded on their breasts, and their eyes cast down upon the floor. The nun who was to be my companion in future, then walked at the end of the procession. On reaching the Superior's door, they all left me, and I entered alone, and found her with the Bishop and two priests.

The Superior now informed me, that having taken the black veil, it only remained that I should swear the three oaths customary on becoming a nun; and that some explanations would be necessary from her. I was now, she told me, to have access to every part of the edifice, even to the cellar, where two of the sisters were imprisoned for causes which she did not mention. I must be informed, that one of my great duties was, to obey the priests in all things; and this I soon learned, to my utter astonishment and horror, was to live in the practice of criminal intercourse with them. I expressed some of the feelings which this announcement excited in me, which came upon me like a flash of lightning; but the only effect was to set her arguing with me, in favor of the crime, representing it as a virtue acceptable to God, and honorable to me. The priests, she said, were not situated like other men, being forbidden to marry; while they lived secluded, laborious, and self-denying lives, for our salvation. They might, indeed, be considered our saviours, as without their services we could not obtain pardon of sin, and must go to hell. Now it was our solemn duty, on withdrawing from the world, to consecrate our lives to religion, to practice every species of self-denial. We could not become too humble, nor mortify our feelings too far; this was to be done by opposing them, and acting contrary to them; and what she proposed was, therefore, pleasing in the sight of God. I felt how foolish I had been to place myself in the power of such persons as were around me.

From what she said I could draw no other conclusion, but that I was required to act like the most abandoned of beings, and that all my future associates were habitually guilty of the most heinous and detestable crimes. When I repeated my expressions of surprise and horror, she told me that such feelings were very common at first, and that many other nuns had expressed themselves as I did, who had long since changed their minds. She even said, that on her entrance into the nunnery she had felt like me.

[To be continued.]