

tion. The lay Sister's life is despaired of, and her would-be rescuer lies in a critical condition. From time to time (writes a correspondent) rumors of these brave deeds find their way through convent walls and set hearts beating with pride and admiration; but how long will it be ere the force of evidence succeeds in breaking down the 'great wall' of anti-monastic and irreligious prejudice?

King and Cardinal.

In the course of his brief stay in Milan King Victor Emmanuel granted a most cordial audience to his Eminence Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of the Lombard metropolis. Cardinal Ferrari was received with military honors by the troops drawn up in the quadrangle of the royal residence. The King and Queen were waiting in the throne room, and when Cardinal Ferrari, accompanied by Mgr. Rossi, was ushered in by the Master of Ceremonies, Victor Emmanuel advanced to meet his Eminence at the threshold, and the Queen, although not expected to do so according to Court etiquette, insisted on kissing the Cardinal's ring.

ROME.—An Amusing Story.

An amusing story is going the rounds of journalistic circles here (writes a Rome correspondent). It appears that on the occasion of President McKinley's death the European editor of a well-known telegraphic agency, closely connected with a leading New York yellow journal sent the following telegram from London—'His Holiness Pope Pius IX, Vatican, Rome. Kindly tell us your opinion about President McKinley's assassination.' It was no doubt a 'lapsus calami' on the part of the harassed and over-worked London editor, but the telegraph employees, whether desirous of giving the too-enterprising journalist a lesson or of having a joke at his expense, simply wired back to London the stereotyped phrase 'Unknown at this address.' Yellow journals, especially transatlantic ones, appear to think that nothing is easier for a Roman correspondent than to walk up to the Pope's private apartments and interview his Holiness, often on the most trifling subjects. Unscrupulous correspondents, representing, I am sorry to say, a large percentage of the fraternity, indirectly tend to encourage this mistaken idea, as they invariably manufacture interviews with exalted personages.

The Pontifical Jubilee.

It is expected that half a million

foreign pilgrims will visit the Vatican during the Pontifical Jubilee. In the immediate circle which surrounds his Holiness there is a certain amount of apprehension on account of the attitude and emotion entailed upon the principal figure. The only person who shows no signs of apprehension whatever is the Pope himself, who is delighted at the thought of celebrating his Jubilee

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