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Late to Mend."

The money back kind.

outside hands, (presumably by those who have unacknowledged children within), and purses are put in labelled for the support of the infants received on such and such a date. No questions are ever asked, and no efforts made to trace the parentage of the waifs. On

An Unique Asylum-How Foundlings Are Provided for,

HUMAN FLOTSAM IN

Arequips, Peru, June 18, 1903.-In the

Senter of this old city, nearly opposite

the rulns of what was once the Wo-

'han's hospital, which was shaken down

by the great earthquake of a quarter

Of a century ago, is a very ancientlooking structure, spreading over an

entire square, whose closed doors and

small, heavily barred windows give no

aint of what may be going on with-

in. My attention was first attracted

by its appearance of antiquity, the ut-

ter silence that broads over the local-

Ay, and the numbers of black-gowned

priests and blue-gowned. Sisters of

Charity who are constantly gliding in and out its worm-eaten portal. One

day, having extended my walk to the tarther side of the enormous building

where it faces an unfrequented thor-oughfare, I observed something which

aroused my curiosity to the highest pitch; merely a kind of wooden cage or turn-stile set in the wall, shaped like circular box with two compartments, which chanced to be slowly revolving

which chanced to be slowly revolving as I passed. What could it be?-an-other "mystery of the monkery" or a relic of Inquisition days? While I looked, the box slowly turned again and presented its blank side to the street, so exactly like the surrounding walls that one might pass a thousand times and never notice it. But a little groove remained into which fingers might be fitted; and of course the spirit of Mother Eve impelled me to try it. Pulled one way, it refused to move:

Pulled one way, it refused to move; pulled the other, the cage swung

around with rheumatic creaks and turned its empty compartment to the view. Journalistic enterprise demand-ed a solution of the riddle, and forth-with I became a walking interrogation point until the bottom facts were at-

FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.

The ancient edifice which is now about three hundred years old and for more than two centuries served as a convent for the nuns of Santa Cata-

ring-is one of the several foundling institutions which have long flourished

in Peru; and the swinging box, like

knose we read of in France and Italy, is set every night with its hollow side outward, for the reception of any intants that may be placed in it by unknown hands—a perpetually open door for the shelter of those unwelcome walfs who are immeasureably worse than orphans and whose acknowledge-

ment brings ruin upon their erring pa-rents. The mother or her emissary, stealing along that deserted street in the darkness, has only to put the new-born citizen into the box, give it the slightest impetus, and around it turns,

affording immediate protection to the

building can see who placed it there. A Sister of Charity is stationed on the

inner side of the wall, whose sole busi-ness it is to watch for new arrivals at all hours of the night, to receive

and care for them.

A newspaper column is not the place

for discussing those social questions that have perplexed the wisest heads

and noblest hearts ever since this sinful world was young-those saddest prob-

lems that seem to thwart the plans of the Almighty and to almost make one doubt His over-ruling care. I am only

doubt his over-ruing care. I am only to relate what exists in Arequipa, as in many other parts of South America, leaving my readers to approve or condemn.according to their individual condemn.

in having almost entirely eradicated the crime of destroying infants be-

fore their birth, by rendering it pos-sible for unwedded mothers to dis-pose of the proofs of their shame, without committing murder and

pose of the proofs of their shame, without committing murder and possibly suicide. In communities which are perhaps more civilized, the impression appears to prevail that if provision is made for the flotsam and jetsam thus cast up on the sea of human wickedness, it would be an encouragement to vice—as if the young women of the land would flock to avail themselves of the privilege.

VISIT TO UNIQUE ASYLUM.

In due time we obtained permission to visit this unique asylum, which like

all other benevolent institutions of South America, is conducted under the direct auspices of the Church of Rome. However, Christians of diverse sects

who are traveling the many routes to heaven, may differ on dogmas and doc-

trinal points, all not blinded by bigotry must yield the palm for unselfish living and tireless practise of charity, the greatest of Christian virtues, to the un-

counted army of Catholic devotees, male and famale, who have given their lives to the care of the sick, the indigent, the helpless, and the so-called "heathen." No spot on the earth's surface is too

bleak insolubrious or forbidding, no hu-man being too degraded, and no depth

of crime or misery too dark to be pene-trated by the ministrations of learned

monks and gentle sisters of charity-not merely by the easy method of send

Bibles, tracts and the contributions of other people, but by going to live among the objects of religious solici-tude and devoting tollsome years to

bettering their condition.

Led by the matron, we went first to inspect the mysterious hole in the wall. Close to its inner opening stands a lit-

tie iron bedstead with a cross at the foot of it and a picture of the mother of sorrows at its head, where resta a gpod sister whose nightly business its to watch the revolving cradle and to take out newcomers. She informed me that the number of additions to the bousehold by this recommendation.

household by this means never averaged more than three a week, and that

so far during the current year only 65 had been received. She says that the majority of these children whose birth-days nevedy celebrates, usually belong

to the poorest classes and arrive naked

dressed in the daintiest raiment that love and wealth and the instinct of ma-

ternal tenderness can suggest; and that with the latter is commonly found a generous sum of money for the child's

maintenance and not infrequently a tear-blotted letter beseeching especial

care for the forsaken baby and promis-ing to pay well for its future support.

What suggestions of tragedy are here-of human frailty and divine compas-sion-of the old perplexing problem that came with the tempter into Eden!

HOW ASYLUM IS SUPPORTED.

This box is an inexhaustible source of revenue for the asylum, and nearly

every night it is secretly revolved by

"It's Never too

certain days of the week the institu-tion is open to visitors, and the children may be adopted by whoever destres them; thus giving the unknown par-ents an opportunity of secretly seeing their castaways, and of eventually re-possessing them without fear of discovery-unless, as sometimes happens, na ture is too powerful to be overcome by guile and unfortunate babies develop a

The outer walls of the quaint old buildings are four feet thick and ram-ble around three inner courtyards, each of which has its central fountain and of which has its central fountain and tangle of flowers and passion vines, and clump of olive or fig trees shading the shrine of a Christ, a Virgin or Saint. These courts are surrounded by corridors, whose tiled arches are upheld by long lines of queerly carved pillars, now streaked with moid and crumbling under the invalues took of time? under the insidious tooth of time."
Traversing their moss-grown pavements
we found the path obstructed by donkeys that had been driven to the inner doors with supplies of fuel, milk and vegetables. The blue-gowned matron— her round, benevolent face shining like a full-blown peony in the sun, with rosa full-blown peony in the sun, with rosary, crucifix and bunch of keys jingling at her side, and the flaps of her wide, white bonnet standing out like sails—failing to budge the animals by the usual "st-th-th-th-th!" put her strong, fat shoulder to each one's rump and quietly pushed it out of the way. Such infinaculate cleanness prevails everywhere that one might ear off everywhere that one might ear off everywhere that one might ear off everywhere that everywhere that one might eat off evtile or adobe; and such absolute silence reigned that we found it difficult to be.

lieve there were actually a great num-ber of children quartered under the roof. No muddy little foot-prints, nor marks of careless fingers, nor shouts of childish glee proclaimed their existence. A glimpse of the perfect discipline needed in such a crowded institution is anyhere enough to give one a heart-ache with the knowledge that the rescued waifs though comfortably fed and clothed, must become hardly more than clothed, must become hardly more than automatons—rising and retiring, eating steeping, playing and praying by inexorable rules, led by the nod and beck of their keepers. The good sisterhood, by the way, being all maiden ladies of cettain age, scarcely the natural guardials of childhood, having, voluntarily foregone the development of the maternal instinct and being compelled by their vows to sternly repress the most tender sentiments of the heart. Wortender sentiments of the heart. thy women though they undoubtedly are, I searched every countenance in vain for one trace of that undefinable yet unmistakable sweetness of expression indicative of completed womanhood, that comes only to the faces of those who have loved.

CHILDREN CAREFULLY TRAINED. In this asylum the children are carefully trained in the tenets of the Church, and educated to a moderate extent in the lore of books, while each is taught some useful trade which he or she may practise for future support. Thus, while the boys learn shoemaking, rius, while the boys learn shoemaking, saddlery, poncho-weaving, cabinet work, etc., the girls manufacture artificial flowers, fancy boxes, lace and embroidery, and are trained for domestic service. If not adopted, and if self-supporting, they may remain here permanently, should they choose to do so; to shift for themselves. There are a number of "orphans" here, both male and female, reared in the institution and now nearing middle age, who pre-fer to work hard all their days for the general good, rather than leave the shelter of the only home they have ever known. The young men earn considera-ble funds at their various occupations, and the girls take in fine sewing, em-broidery and humdry work. They have also a model bakery in the house, and the very best bread that is sold in the city and the most of it, comes from these ovens. At present there are 427 children in the asylum. The smallest of these able to be out of the nursery, (a class og 47 between the ages of two a class og 47 between the ages of two and five years), were put through their best paces for our edification, with little songs and parrot-like dialogues, each setting forth their religious faith and the goodness of their protector, All were neatly though poorly clad-the girls in blue gingham gowns, the boys in jean jackets and trousers, both sexes wearing aprens exactly alike, of the same coarse blue cloth that the sisters wear for dresses, with woolen hose knit by the larger girl and negged shoes made by the boys. Each little apron had a square pocket patched on in

front, into which was thrust a calleo handkerchief—but the usual lamentable neglect peculiar to childhood's use of the latter article prevailed,

FANNIE B. WARD.

DRYING BEETS.

To prevent a toss in sugar percentage in beets, S. W. MacMullen, formerly a member of the Canadian parliament, proposes to aubject the beets to a drying process before they go to the sugar factory cess before they go to the sugar factory. Their weight and freight expenses would thereby be reduced so per cent. No quick deterioration could longer threaten their saundness. Beet growers could store them almost indefinitely and they could be delivered in the factory gradually. The factories themselves could thus operate the whole year. The information, however, is a trifle late. Already in 1870 it was tried in Germany and was found unprofitable.—Beet Sugar Gazette.

CARE OF STRAWBERRY BED.

Strawberry plants produce better crops and finer berries if the soil in which they grow is not disturbed in spring till after the fruit is gathered The bed should be properly prepared late in the fall so that nothing will be needed in early spring except possibly to rake off a little of the mulch where too heavy and apply sufficient water to keep the vines growing vigorously and fruit developing in good condition. For this reason if no other plants for this spring's settings should be taken from beds grown especially for the purpose and not from those where the fruit crop is expected. Much moisture is required to mature a crop of berries and the mulch not only helps to keep the fruit also out of the dust and water but also to conserve the moisture, thus taking o conserve the moisture, thus taking he place of cultivation till after the

While strawberries are not a bad erog for the orchard and some of the finest berries grow in the shade of the young trees. It is not advisable, says Field trees. It is not advisable, says Fleid and Farm, to plant them there because it frequently becomes necessary to burn over the parch to destroy some memy, such as the leaf roller and the trees can not stand this. The strawbery bed should be the richezt land on the 'arm and should be out in the onen 'where a hot, quick fire can be used when needed. In combating strawberry leaf rollers it is important to see after them as quickly after the get after them as quickly after the erer is harvested as possible as they become cell grown by that time, Usu-ally some light straw will need to be

spread over the patch and ignited when the wind is blowing quite strongly from

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direction that will run the fire ove the patch and take off the old follag without turning down into the crown Cultivation and watering should follow immediately after this treatment and as soon as new leaves have begun to shoot forth in which the moths of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the leaf roller can be very the sea of the

the leaf roller can lay eggs, the patch should be thoroughly sprayed with some of the arsenical mixtures, prefersome of the arsenical mixtures, preferably arsenate of lead as this sticks better to the foliage. The worms can not be injured by the spray after they have begun to roll their cocoons in the leaves but since the foliage Itself is their only food they can be headed off by having the spray well applied to the new leaves as fast as they appear. Therefore where the insects have gained a good foothold it may be advisable to spray several times during the season after the fruit is out of the way. season after the fruit is out of the way.

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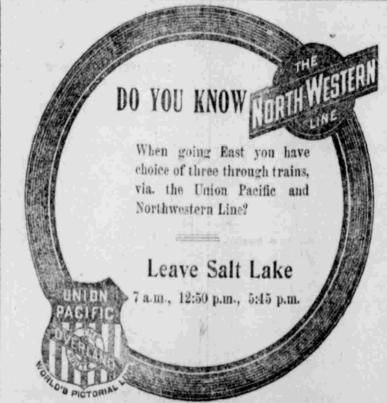
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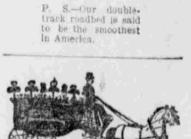
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