

# THE EVENING NEWS.

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## ROME AS SEEN BY AN AMERICAN.

Rome is a difficult subject to deal with. So many books and letters have been written about it. It looks so differently seen through different spectacles, and it is so difficult to disconnect the present from the past. Its situation is not unpleasant to the eye, built on and around moderate elevations, from which stretches off the Campagna to distant mountains, and within and without its walls are gardens and public grounds of interest. St. Peter's is a wonderful church and so is St. Paolo, with its immense white marble floor glistening like a sea of glass. The ruins of the Coliseum, and the baths of Caracalla, and the dome of the Pantheon; buildings which stood before the Christian Era, and relics and bones of martyrs which have been accumulating ever since; the palace of the Vatican with its thousands of rooms, and the Quirinal and their beautiful gardens and wonderful collections of art; and that library in the former with its one hundred thousand volumes, colored with paintings, vases, and the costly gifts of kings—the Catacombs where lie the bones of the dead of so many ages, and the great memories and religious associations. And some of the streets of the city—those most frequented by strangers—though generally without sidewalks, are on a dry, cool, sunny day not unpleasant. But then, on the other hand, it can not be ignored that Rome has narrow streets and dirty alleys; beggars and fleas and pestilential miasma. Out of our party of seven, five were sick there, and we heard of deaths of strangers all about us—seven in one hotel and three in one family. I am glad to have seen Rome; should have been sorry not to have seen it—but to speak the truth, must say, that coming from it to the clear, cool, invigorating mountain air of this beautiful Florence seems like passing out from the valley of the shadow of death into an earthly paradise. I was in Rome on the great day of its Carnival, and agree with the correspondent of the London Times, that it is the human intellect reduced to its lowest ebb.—George T. Angell.

TO MAKE CUTTINGS GROW.—It has been ascertained that a cutting will develop roots much sooner in moist sand than in rich soil. But the sand can not maintain its growth for any length of time. To prepare pots for raising cuttings they should be filled nearly to the brim with rich garden loam—dark and porous, not clayey and soggy; then pour in one inch in depth of scouring sand—sea sand will do as well as the yellow sand. Wet this thoroughly, and place the cuttings, from which all but the three or four upper leaves have been removed, close to the side of the pot; the contact of the ware against the stem of the cutting promotes its growth. Press the wet sand firmly around the tiny stem. A great deal of your chance for success in raising slips or cuttings depends upon this. Plant as many cuttings as the pot will hold, from six to a dozen, according to the size of your pot; when they are firmly set in the sand, two or three can be inserted in the middle of the pot. Set them away in a dark warm place for twenty-four or thirty-six hours. Thus, cuttings will grow quickly in a hot bed because the temperature is not dry. Their growth depends a great deal upon light, heat and moisture. If a bud is close at the base of a cutting it will strike root more easily—is not so apt to decay. The roots shoot from a bud, and lower down it is the warmer your success. When the leaves drop, the plant is commencing to grow; if they wither on the stem, it has begun to decay. By following these directions no one can fail to grow all kinds of house plants. Roses and all the rarest flowers of the greenhouse are propagated in this manner.—New England Farmer.

RUSSIAN TYRANNY AND POLISH PLUCK.—The Poles do not seem much disposed to take advantage of the "permission" accorded them by an Imperial ukase the other day, to use the Russian language at divine service in their churches. The peasantry, notwithstanding the persuasions and threats of the officials, persist in refusing to say their prayers out of Russian prayer-books; and the Polish priests are naturally among the warmest opponents of the measure. One of them, Piotrowicz, dean of the diocese of Vienna, was ordered to read the ukase to his congregation after the sermon on Lady Day. He did so, but burnt the document at the altar immediately afterwards. The incident produced tremendous enthusiasm among the Poles who were present, and Piotrowicz then addressed to his hearers an eloquent denunciation of the persecutions suffered by the Polish church at the hands of the Russian Government. The usual result followed. Piotrowicz was arrested by the police as he was descending from the pulpit, and transported on the following day to the government of Archangel without trial.

CHINESE SERVANTS.—We inquired closely of various residents of San Francisco who employ "Chinese" servants as to their qualifications and the satisfaction they give. In all cases the answer was favorable. They are docile, quick, honest and reliable. O. Biddy, a Chinese housekeeper can it be that a day of deliverance is dawning? Did ever Norah or Biddy prove at once quick to learn and be docile, honest, and thoroughly reliable? Chinese, however, are not remarkably clean, though they can be made so, but of themselves do not care for cleanliness. Neither godliness nor its next virtue has had any power over them. A friend told us that for delicious cooking she would put a Chinese cook foremost. One peculiarity is, that owing to the national low estimate of women, it promotes comfort to have many of the necessary orders promulgated directly from the gentlemen of the household.—Lippincott's Magazine.

"ONE OF MY HUSBANDS."—Single ladies, in general, do not approve of the remarriage of widows. A young lady in Pittsburgh, who was approaching the "middle age," was in the habit of saying, whenever she heard of a widow's marriage, "There now! That woman has got one of my husbands!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

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