

MARGHERITA SARTO, Beloved Mother of Pope Plus X.

over here. are the Misses Nell and Anita Ev-ans, daughters of the United States consul-general, H. Clay Evans.

with regard to his marriage. His intimate friends declare that far from marrying for money his lord-ship was and is in a state of "all-for-love-and-the-world-well-lost" so far as the present Lady Yarmouth is concerned. Lord Yarmouth is not thought of as a business man in any sense of the word, and stories stating that he demanded more money with his bride are laughed at

Two ardent converts to motoring

without interruption. Her grace the Duchess of Marl-borough bids fair to become a lead-er of fashion. She had little pres-tige as a dresser when she first came to England, but she is evident-ly studying the question scientific-ally and with a view to setting the vogue. Her grace has just had sent home from a fashionable Eng-lish shon an eventue your, was lish shop an evening gown male with one of those high-cut bets. giving the short-waisted appear-ance so much seen a few years ago. This evening gown is a very beau-tiful sequin affair. It has a qua'nt affair what with the high beau effec what with the high be nnd long drooping sleeves, gatherei i:to a narrow cuff at the wrist. evening party Mrs. Paget postpone.

Learnington. Miss Leila Paget, the beautiful daughter of the beautiful Mrs. Ar-thur Paget, is in a state of health distressing to all her relations and friends. Her prents are sending her to Newport with her companion and maid in attendance in the hore that the sea voyage and Newport's bracing air will promete recovery. Miss Paget has not been well since her winter visit to her brother, who was stationed at Cairo and for whom Miss Paget kept house sav-eral mouths. It was not known how eral mouths. It was not known how ill she was, however, until a few nights ago, when she was not able even to descend to her mother's drawing-room on the occasion of an

bit of historic transcribed in the page

of its past, and was the scene of much warfare at the time of the Hugueno

troubles. In some parts of the old town are quaint buildings and vestiges

of the ancient walls and towers. In all the boxes of nougat on sale until quit

recently, a few lines of poetry were always enclosed affirming that:

Montelimar est la patrie Des bon coeurs et des bon nougats. -and judging by the interest Madame

Loubet takes in all charitable works it seems as though she has the proverbial "kind heart" of which her native town

A SIMPLE PAIR.

near Marsanne, some 10 miles from Montelimar, and was mayor of Mars-

anne for 37 years. Emile would have taken up farming

willingly, but his father was ambidous for his two sons and wished one of

them to study law and the other medi-

M. Loubet's father owned a farm

from

boasts





a comfortable chat! Wo knows what misery he will go through in that prison there in Rome!" These were the words, said with tears and real grief. with which Maria, sister of Pius X received the news that he had been made pope, and they epitomize the feeling of the family about this elevation of their "Beppo" to one of the most powerful I sitions on earth.

The Sarto family is humble, has never been anything else, and never will te anything else. They have no ambitions above their station, and, as yet. are too unsophisticated to count on what the portiff can do for them. His only Lrother, Angelo, the day after Plus X's election, was found in the little plazza of the village of Riese, near Venice, loraing it over his fellow peasants and talking about "my brother, the pope," but when approached by even so humble an individual as a journalist, he subsided suddenly, like a pricked balloon, and became his usual modest self.

Asked what he would do now, he at once began: "Do, why heaps of things. Beppo is now pope, you know, and he will buy out my rival in the village. and I shall be cock of the walk! He may perhaps buy me a mule and cart, or even a horse and trap; that would be final

"I have debts," he continued with a sigh, "If Beppo will relieve me of them, that would be much. Yes, I must owe at least \$40, and shall never have It by myself."

was as high as his ambition could soar. He is one year older than the pope, and has go far been distin-guished merely for a sturdy independ-ence, not above receiving help and fav-ors from his brother when the latter could afford it; but owing his present relief from real payarty to his own exof from real poverty to his own exertions.

n his little pork and tobacco shop The has here pork and tobacco shop for to be seen usually one or other of is rather pretty daughters, so that le youths of the town spend most of helr cents there, thinking a cigar, hich they do not want, cheavly bught if it brings a smile from either the two girls. his the whitel

e two girls. girls have a great sense of their The girls have a great sense of their own importance, and when dressed in the latest village fashion, their black eyes sparkling, their dark cheeks glow. Ing and their glossy curly hair care-fully dressed—as of course they have never worn hats—they form a picture of health and vitality pleasant to look upon, but which certainly needs the background of the village street to set it off. They are both unmarried and They are both unmarried, and more modern than the rest of the it is likely if they come to that they would assimilate the atmosphere to a certain extent, and make more or less brilliant marriages. SARTO BOY STOLE CHERRIES.

The pope's early training was all against fitting him for his new position. His younger years were spent in a country village amidst the most dire bountry village amidst the most dire poverty, his days passed in helping his parents and sisters in their work, or in trying himself to earn a few cents from time to time, often hungry, al-though not really lacking the necessi-ties of life. The winter was the hardest period as cold penetrated the walls of the little two-story hunga, clothing was the little two-story house, clothing was insufficient, and he had to wear shoes and stockings, which he hated. School was not even mentioned. Education in those days, 60 years ago, was certainly

the characteristic which was later to distinguish him. Clive, give-has always been his motto, give with one hand and then with the other, and if necessary with both together; but never cease.

ROBBED HIM OF HIS SOUP.

So far has he carried this precept that to go without his dinner while another ate was too common an occur rence to cause remark. Once in those days when he sold his little horse to pay some debts contracted by his fam-ly-he came home half dead after a

tramp of miles to the "deathbed" of a man who proved to have little the matter with him, and sat down to a steam-ing plate of soup. "This is good." he exclaimed, when the spoon was arrested half way to his mouth by the appearance of a young person, who came in at the door, sat down at the table, reached over, took his soup and calmiy reached over, took his soup and calmly ate it all to the last spoon/ul. She then rose, dropped a courtesy to the spell-bound priest, and as she left said jaunt-ily: "It was very good; they told me you lived on bread and water to serve the poor, and I wanted to prove that it was a lie!" Such was all the thanks he got, and this was the only time on record when his charity was not only involuntary, but given with a bad involuntary, but given with a bad

grace. His poor old mother adored him, but refused to live with him when he rose "No, my dear," she said, "I was born here in Riese, and here I shall die. Go your way, enjoy your good fortune, and your way, enjoy your good fortunneeds

## UNSUITED FOR LUXURY.

UNSUITED FOR LUXURY. And with this blessing she sent him out into the vast world,her best beloved son. The old lady was very shrawd, and when his sisters would have liked to live with him in what was considered the brilliant position of sister to a par-ish priest, she said: "No, no, daugh-ters, you stay where you are: there you will put on airs and so never get mar-ried, while here you are what you are and the boys will take you to "e:" which proved true with three on: of the six. The other three, after the death of their mother, lived in the arch-bishop's palace at the Cathedral of St. Mark's in Venice, with their brother, their only object in life being to make him happy and comfortable; hence the lament with which this article begins. Their case is in fact rather hard. As pope, their brother can give them noth-

Their case is in fact rather hard. As pope, their brother can give them noth-ing for which they will much care. As sisters of the patriarch of Venice, they might have entered society and taken a responsible position: but they took no pleasures in such a life, and positive-ly refused all overtures. What can Plus X do? Only make life easier by ly refused all overtures. What can Plus X do? Only make life easler by giving them money which they do not want, while in being elected pope everywant, while in being elected pope every-thing for which the poor ladies, no longer young, cared for, has been removed at one blow. Bep-po! he is their world, and is now practically dead to them. Even if they came to Rome they could not see him, where they formally eaked an and! came to Kome they could not see him, inless they formally asked an audi-ence, while the comfortable talks and gossips, the loving doing of little ser-vices, the family meals, are all a thing of the past. He is pope, they are peas-ants; and no amount of love can bridge the chase. the chasm.

STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

These three ladies, like all women of These three ladies, like all women of their class, are superstitious and have made up their minds that Beppo's election to the chair of St. Peter has set a limit to his life. "If it had been next year the charm would have been brok-en," said Maria, "but now there is posi-tive proof that he will die in 1912. Whenever the periods of 9 come, I exdens, he exclaimed: "Shall I always have this longing for the country and for the sea! It is rather an aggrava-tion than otherwise to look at the promised land, which is in this case the sea (Mediterranean) from the ob-cervatory, and not be able to go near it. I want to walk, climb, to run if need be, anything to make my blood irculate.

After which outbreak he seemed to feel better, and went on laughingly feel better, and went on laughligiy: "Do you know my temper is even de-teriorating. I who used to never let anything trouble me!" This should not be taken, however, to mean that Plus X is not proud of his new position, with a deep appreciation of his respon-sibility and privileges. He is an inter-ceting forme to the outside world bestonity and privileges. He is an inter-esting figure to the outside world, be-cause so totally unknown. He is handsome and benignant, but not stately: charitable and plous, but not too free-handed. In other words, he is a good-looking. large-hearted, frugal-minded, peace-loving man, made to be even a cardinal, if you like, but not the man one would naturally picture as the head of Roman Catholicism, a leader of men and director of a delicate machine like the Holy See.

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MME. LOUBET,

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The humble cottage is in Riese, near Venice, and is yet occupied by some of the Barto family. The Pope's parents were pearants who could read and write only with difficulty, and who would have been unable to educate the boy if it had not been for the help of the parish pricst.

s. Fairet cou'd not LADY, MARY, will be ready to devote themselves to ospital service. Madame Loubet is above all things

an exemplary wife and mother and she has made a special point of visiting most of the creches and dispensaries in all the various departments of Uaris. She has also been indefatigable in her rounds of the hospitals, making gener-ous gifts wherever she goes and invarably carrying with her to the dren's asylums a supply of toys and sweets for distribution.

On New Year's day she makes a pres-ent in money to a certain number of widows, who are left with children to bring up and who during the winter season find it difficult to make two ends meet. It was due to Madame Loubet's petition to the prefect of police that the vendors of Christmas toys were able to keep their stalls upon the boulevards a week longer than formerly. It is gener, ally acknowledged that no one who is worthy appeals to the president's wife in vain, and her help is all the more valuable from the fact that she takes the trouble to learn something about the charities to which she subscribes to

generously. AN EXCELLENT HOSTESS.

Madame Loubet is an excellent host When the president of today was a young man preparing for his legal ex-aminations he had a room on the sixth floor of a house in Paris just near the Luxembourg palace, where, 40 years ess, despite the gibes of the old aris-tocracy, and has proved herself quite tocracy, and has proved nerset quite equal to the entertainment of royal-ties from other countries. At the time of the exhibition, the kings of Sweden, Greece and Belgium, the bey of Tunls, the khedive of Egypt, and the shah of Persia were all received by the president and his wife, and during the Frence, Bussian folice, the cear and later, he was destined to live for a time. the Franco-Russian fetes the czar and czarina were delighted with their re-

ception at the Elysee. Just before M. Loubet's recent visit to England the last garden party of the season was given at the Elysee, The weather was perfect and the whole affair a great success. One of the stew-ards who has charge of the buffet gave me the following list of the provisions for the occasion, from which it will be seen that nothing is provided grudging-ly to the guests at these garden par-ties, although the Loubets are not rich

1.606 bottles of champagne at 10 fr. 10,000 200 bottles of punch at 6 fr..... 1.200 200 bottles of Bordeaus at 6 fr.... 1.200 1.200 0 bottles of liqueur at 10 fr..... 00 bottles of beer at 60 centimes 500 240 150 capons at 6 fr..... 150 kilos of galatine de volaille. kiles of pastries 350 Lemonade, tobacco, etc..., 5,090 The presidential salary is \$120,000 a year, and of course free rent of the Elysee, but the official expenses are so great that most of M. Loubet's predeessors have had to face an annual hortage. Not only does Madame Loubet enler.

tain well, but she always welcomes to the Elysee artists and scientific and literary men. She always accompanies the president on his visits to the salon nd to the studios of many of the wel nown artists. She also takes a kee interest in women's work of all kind and although not by any means on of the "platform women" species, sh is always willing to discuss the feminis question. Furthermore, she always ac companies the provident to any mani-festations in favor of the army and is o be seen at all military reviews and

THEIR EVERY DAY LIFE In ordinary every day life, M. and Madame Loubet are by no means os-tentatious. The president is an early riser. He usually gets up between 5 and 6 takes a cup of chocolate, and is with his family until about 8 or 8:39. He then

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French women of every station in life | the lucklest of middle-class mortals. His parents were modest, well-to-do country folk, but there was no reason to suppose that their boy was going to climb straight up to the highest post

within the gift of the Spanish people. He started out as a lawyer, endowed with good brains and an eloquent tongue, perseverance and lots of ambition. Thereafter the steps to fame were interestingly marked,

Step 1. Crowds of clients.

Elected to parliament.

3. Attracted attention by hard work, participation in every possible debate; mastering all sorts of dry subjects; too busy to concern himself with the brilllant aristocracy of Madrid which had shown some inclination to take to its bosom such a good-looking and prom-

boson such a good looking and prom-ising young man. • A. A sudden dash into society under the wing of the Duchess de Denia, at whose palace one could • meet every-body-the greatest politicians, artists and men of science to be found in Ma-drid. The smart young member from Galicia soon made himself hields con drid. The smart young member from Galicia soon made himself highly pop-ular in this set, and for the first time seems to have been deflected from his path to glory. So many Spanish beau-ties of high degree lavished their affections on him that he became gay indeed for a while-a veritable butter-

fly of fashion. 5. A rich and attractive gentlewo-man, the Marchioness of Pozo Rubio of-fered to marry the handsome young gal-lant and was forthwith accepted. Senor Villaverde now put a definite stop to all trivollty and once more devoted himfrivolity and once more devoted him-self to fruitful labor for the welfare of his country. Indeed, being no longer required to sacrifice all his time and talent to his profession, Senor Vilaverde now studied assiduously social and economical sciences for which he had always feit a predilection, and through his great intelligence soon rose to pre-eminence. He was successively named minister of justice and of finance to the general satisfaction. neral satisfaction. The most interesting period of Villa-

erde's political career began in 1899, fter the disastrous war with the United after the disastrous war with the United States. When once the treaty of peace had been signed and a new cabinet, pre-sided over by the leaders of the conser-vative party. Senor Silveia, was formed, political men as well as the majority of the people recognized the urgent neces-sity of introducing ample and radical reforms into all branches of public ad-ministration, and adopting a sound and "beral policy and to raise the credit of Oberal policy and to raise the credit of the land, Senor Villaverde, who occupied in Silvela's cabinet the post of minister of finance, brought a bill of taxation be-fore parilament with which he intended to increase the income of the treasury from 850 to 1,000 million pesetas and with his peculiar energy and firmness he sheded in having this project approved

But his heavy taxation raised such a But his heavy faxation raised such a storm of protests throughout the whole of Spain, and so numerous and bloody were the riots which it caused in various rrowinces of the kingdom, that Senor Viliaverde was obliged to send in his resignation, and two or three months of the send units afterward, partly owng to this and part-ly to the unpopular marriage of the Princess of Asturias with Don Carlos of Bourbon, the whole cabinet was also forced to resign. The quern than de-cided to trust Villaverde with the for-mation of a new ministry; but in consequence of the unpopularity of his taxes, he found nobody disposed to second him in the work, and therefore he had to rencunce the charge. When Senor Silvein was once more

called to govern the country at the end of 1902, he hastened to offer the port-folio of finance to his intimate