## Clutch of Rome.

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BY "GONZALE"," CHAPTER X X

THIS RAVENOUS C TURCH. In Washington, Senator Maxwell With the hasty reading of a man ashes.

a nurse-maid having the charge of a present incumbent. little girl belonging to some lady in the two women, deep in gossip, let the mentous question of asking Senator secure the advancement of our own inchild wander at its own sweet will Maxwell of California, to take the nomaround the room, till a sudden scream ination for the presidency. Once the of delight drew their attention in its nomination of this man a fact, his elecdirection, and the nurse reached her tion should follow though he waded just in time to see her throw a letter through blood to the White House. into the bed of red-hot coals in the Senator Maxwell president, the pope of grate. It blazed up instantly. The Rome dead, and the holy see transfrightened nurse dragged the child ferred forever to the capital of the away from the fire, exclaiming:

"Oh, Mary, whatever shall we do? This horrid child has thrown one of heart of a good Catholic; and his grace

pushed the rest of the letters and rosy horizon. sapers out of the reach of the child. aying softly:

Ganger, unbeknown to her husband?"

tardinal Pizani sat waiting for an exjected visitor in the reception room of he archepiscopal residence. The roon was large, square and lofty. The darly tinted walls were bare except for large painting of the Holy Family. In a corner stood a time worn, stone cros, on a pillar of granite, and on the ding, marble mantle-shelf was an iron cruefix. Two round tables of oak were placed at a short distance apart, with sevral high backed wooden chairs in clos proximity to them, and the chairs of he same make were arranged against th walls.

The cardinal felt that the crops so cefully sown and watched, and cultiinted, were on the point of yielding a raitful harvest. The celebration of rarchy, and the first Catholic congress ever held in America, was to take tory of the church.

tivated and enriched by the severe with the age. The Italian cardinal reflection of the winter sun. had studied America, the American to pay deference to their enlighterment.

church. Blind and unquestioning up with pride or vain gloriousness. ticians, and it was for the advancement the motive of his visit. and good of the church, that religion

States senate was in session. Musing that the senator should think of him- and let others take care of the earth, it that he give his children to her? seen published. on all these things, his eminence sat self as a candidate, the senator thought, wouldn't be so bad." patiently awaiting the archbishop of the prelate was pleased to have a little California, for already the visiting pleasantry at his expense; but when the will. Once let them get their infallible herself demand that these children be very reliable statements from another The representatives of the foreign hie- more in earnest in his life, he was puz- and we shall have trouble; and, I tell him, had defied the curse of the church, While Friend Traynor, State Presirarchies, including Cardinal Bonnet of zled to know why this man, supposed you, their numbers are big in this her priests and her own mother. What dent of the A. P. A., was in this city Canada—the only man in America to be entirely devoted to the regulation country, and the majority of our for- had he to fear now, for the years had recently, he gave me the name of a Rev. Pizani feared-a French Canadian, ap of the spiritual life of the people, should eign immigrants are superstitious, pas- added to, and not taken away from gentleman now living in New York City pointed cardinal some years after Piz- show so great an interest in affairs tem- sive agents in the hands of the priest- their love. He could afford to risk from whom valuable information conani, and whom he sometimes thought poral. of as a possible rival of himself for the At last, the archbishop carefully un- as you become a citizen of this country. States, and why not meet craftiness and I wrote to him, and received substantipapal chair, were lodged in the arche- folded the political plot. The senator, you must vote as we direct you, or you subtlety with its own weapons? After ally the following: That it was his piscopal mansion. Cardinal Pizani was in politely, ironic terms, declined the will go straight to perdition.' These all, one form of christian piety was as mother, who first protected Miss Monk,

his grace of California, into his pres- the senator said:

in Washington on church business, had eminence. He had never coveted the can jump." bonor a second time. The asceticism in his domestic regime. Today, as he your leaping cats." had approached the massive three of affection and domestic happenings. side should not shame the outside;" and loud thunders of eloquence, he said: with little smatterings of society gos. as he ascended the long flight of marble Martha, which would have warned him Pizani was growing old, and his asceti- body, of course, will be composed of earth." that all was not so clear in that distant cism would surely hurry his soul to representatives of the cities of our

The greeting between these two high hotel, came into the room for a social ecclesiastics was extremely cool. Outgossip. The morning mail had just side of the church, they had nothing in been brought in and placed on a table, common. The two prelates at once to await the return of the senator. The commenced the discussing of the mo-United States of America, what greater joy could Heaven itself offer to the Senator Maxwell's letters into the fire." of San Francisco, and the pope to be, The easy going lady of the chambers carefully calculated the time of the walked leisurely over to the table, rising of this bright star on the now

Of course, a dark night of political struggle must follow the lurid sunset of "Oh, sure, what does the loss of one Protestant rule, but the bright mornltter amount to among so many? ing star of a new regime would give What's this you were telling me about promise of future suns of unparalleled your madam getting notes from Col. brilliancy, which would ever rise and set on a temporal government, held in Thus perished Martha's note of warn- check by divine authority. Then, the infallible religion should go hand in hand with education. If need be, science herself should be made to fit into the intricacies of this religion.

> Heaven seemed to smile on the morning of the celebration of the centenary. No snow had fallen for a week, and the weather had remained clear and cold, and the sleighs went flashing by, or were drawn up at convenient places for their occupants to watch the procession of prelates and priests, as they marched according to their rank. The back of the cathedral formed the boundary of the grounds back of the cardinal's residence, which faced on a fashionable street parallel with the one on which the great cathedral fronted.

Thus, the procession formed as quare of brilliant color, as they emerged from the centenary of the American hie the door of the cardinal's residence to the entrance of the cathedral. With compete for the first grand prize of the formed a part of the sliken mass of too ill to continue his arduous labors as customed to sift and weight evidence, the tread of royalty itself, the two nation? I the gittering prize could color far down below him, came float a priest and "Apostle of Temperance," knows well that witnesses cannot so princes of the American church, envelcongress would be an event in the his- oped in dazzling scarlet, and preceded and prejudices, the cause of the church burning incense, and were wafted to him to that very hotel to take some these escaped nums do, unless they are Long had it been in the mind of the with their purple vestured court of clamorous in denunciation. Yea, the organ. The vester service came to an will give you a room, and nurse you Italian, and the subtlety of a mind cul- bishops, stepped from the great por- archbishop knew that unless Senstor end, and with the conferring of the tenderly, and you will soon recover your tico, down the marble steps, between Maxwell empower the church to place papal blessing, the centenary of the usual health." While he was there a asceticism of the body, was manifest in double lines of guards with the papal him in the presidential chair, he would Catholic hierarchy was over in Amer very old nun often came into his room the planning of this very congress, for colors and banner of America inter when he came to know that the church ica. it was to be a mingling of priests and mingled, and the helmets and sabers of had, unknown to him, meddled in his As Senator Maxwell walked back to be asked her whether she knew any laymen. The church must move on the guards of honor, glittered with the

So onward, to the temple of the Lord, wrath on the house top. people, and her institutions, and he moved the scarlet-robed cardinals, and Senator Maxwell was an ambitious saw with those farseeing eyes of his, the purple-draped bishops, and the man, but he had never yet allowed his long upon the gleaming white mansion, that the laymen of the American white-surpliced priests, and the aco ambition to conquer his honor, and and began to imagine himself its maschurch must be made to feel that the lytes bearing the trains of the royal never, till now, had these two great ter; to have his name indelibly enecclesiastics of the church were proud vestments, and the golden robed cross principles of his life met in so violent a graved on the register of its tenants. The Italian, while he saw the policy and weary, carrying his heavy, wooden prelate had offered him, and it ever on this national roll of honor, with as deads done in this numbers were true. of the movement did not like it. It cross, must be kept ever before His gained in balance. was against every principle of the royal followers, lest they become puffed | Sunday afternoon Senator Maxwell

obedience to the king and princes, and Senator Maxwell had been taken by hotel ostensibly reading a newspaper, the nobles of the hierarchy, was the surprise, when the archbishop of San but in reality, listening to the conversa first lesson the church taught its chil Francisco had called upon him at his tion of two gentlemen, guests of the dren, but in Protestant and Republican rooms in the hotel; for though they hotel, who had attended the celebra-America, the church must stoop a little were men of prominence in the city of tion of the morning. to conquer. Hence, the calling to their mutual home, they were far apart "Oh, yes," said one gentleman, "their the highest gift the nation has to give, were true; and says she, "I have seen gether of delegates from every city in in every interest of life, and had only a form of worship is well enough, if they All the return we ask is that you will worse things done here than anything the United States to this congress, and speaking acquaintance. The senator enjoy its forms and ceremonies, but allow your wife, who is already a Cath- that she has told." these delegates were, without excep received the prelate with courtesy, and judging by that pecial intercession for one, to come back in full communion

Archbishop O'Conor was well inand politics should walk hand in hand. formed, and he was an intelligent Perhaps the political laymen cared talker, and the two gentlemen were little for the religion of the church, but soon in an animated discussion on the in advancing her interests, they would great questions of the day. Very artfully, the prelate led the conversation Cardinal Pizani had so managed the up to the presidential nomination, so prelates and clergy were in the city. prelate assured him that he rever was monarch seated in the United States, given to her? No; his wife, for love of source.

and his suit, when a servant ushered ply to some remark of the archbishop's, congress of laymen shows. They have he had stamina enough to keep in check

Archbishop O'Conor had once, while overrate your power in this country?" can adherents." "No, senator, we priests know with the honor of being entertained by his tolerable accuracy the distance our cats intolerance," said the first speaker, that with the united strength of this was Mrs. Sarae W. Reeves, famous for

of the cardinal was painfully obtrusive as I am not a Catholic to become one of erty in, it is his or her religious views; people than any eligible man of his combined with such lovable traits and

was performing the duties of his posi. story structure of pearl gray marble, he an imputation. Then, in his quiet, low of the government." tion as United States senator. The let- had mused, "if I had been elected to monotone, which had often carried con-

> "I will tell you, why, in this particupal positions in their respective cities. honored mangural ball?" These men, for their own advancement, will be as wax in the hands of the ecselves to our care."

And he flashed a meaning glance

tion of mine, and wish to become presi- things?" dent of the United States. You well know that you can never reach the the room. chair, if every man of your party voted for you, if the Catholic vote was given to your opponent. Your wife being a thing that would have strengthened Catholic, the vote is yours by right."

longer an active member of your church, evening, impelled by an impulse he at which you would not wonder, if you could not resist, he joined the immense knew the circumstances. Your church throng of people pouring into the was cruel to her in her early youth, cathedral. It was with some difficulty, and, excuse my plain speaking, my he found a seat in the crowded gallery. children shall never, so long as I have The senator was like the rest of the power over them, be united with it. world, impressed with the grand scenic Have I made it plain to you, sir, that effect produced by this religious diswhile I have no objection to your mode play. of worship, I do object to its political

The archbishop arese. "Mr. Maxhelm of this ship of state, I am at your

The senator politely bowed his clerisenator with less confidence than he ness. What, if after all, this man incandescent electric lights. should prove to be a grand exception to human nature, and had no ambition to by a cloth of gold robed cross bearers, might be injured, and its enemies grow him in the peals of melody from the needed root, saying to him: "The sisters telling the truth.

bearers; for the remembrance of how struggle, for he found himself weighing for after ages to read, to have his dethe poor Saviour marched, foot sore over and over again, the prize the

was sitting in the reading room of the

tion, men of education and keen poli- waited politely for him to show forth the pope, chanted by those six hundred with us, and to pledge yourself to us in Maria Monk affair, by seeing a little clergy, there is more pope worship than God worship in it."

dangerous faction in a country where they have the upper hand."

the first speaker, "If they were content hitherto undivided lives? Horrible Rev. Chiniquy is a direct confirmation convention, that it should meet on a soon to take place, and when the prel- to let their 'Most Exalted' have full thought. Once in the power of this of the truth of Miss Monks story, new presidential year, and while the United ate, after a few obscure hints, proposed swing over their Heavenly prospects, ravenous church, would she not demand evidence, which I have never before

hood, who say to them, 'here, as soon something to be president of the United cerning Miss Monk might be obtained.

"I have no sympathy with religious The senator colored. "I decline, sir, man or woman should have perfect lib- chance of receiving this gift from the courage, and sublimity of character, The archbishop warmly abjured such ing religion entirely out of the affairs senate chamber, and his speeches were this charge in a time of great peril

mingling with the earth in the form of cardinal would be in order, and the sented by three delegates. These men presidents, asking him, for the sake of nounce himself a candidate for the

other, "but the ball rolled on, and I in the clear distance. clesiastics, whom they know have un- warrant you now, if the preordanists bounded influence over the common had full swing, they would never put a fied with the results of the congress, voters. Thus it is, Mr. Maxwell, we man in office till a solemn body of pre- and he plainly saw the papal throne ordained had sat upon him and deter- standing beside the presidential chair. troversy." terests, and those who intrust them- mined whether his seat in the next sure of winning in the end, as he said: catalogues of religion. By the way, did

he could have told the gentlemen some-"All you say, sir, may be true, but I of allowing any religious power to beg to remind you that my wife is no handle the reins of government. That

The high altar with its jeweled symmeddling? Indeed, I think any church bols was ablaze with lighted candles. a dangerous convoy for our ship of and on either side, on a richly canopied dals sat the cardinals in their vivid. scarlet robes, and a purple robed well, if you should conclude to take the bishop, with a jeweled mitre on his head, and a richly gilded crezier in his hand, was chanting the pontifical ves pers. The dark clothed congregation cal guest out of his rooms, assuring him brought into strong relief the purple that he had no wish to navigate in such ranks of the bishops, and the whitedangerous waters. The archbishop surpliced priests, who lined the front left the presence of the Pacific Coast and sides and filled the aisles of the vast cathedral; and over all the white had entered it, and with some uneasi- and gold of the dome resplendent with

studied gestures of the richly vestured enter the lists (when a place was offered priests and acolytes at the altar, the him with almost assured success) to significant words of the arelate, who that one occasion, when he had become from one another. Every lawyer ac-

comestic affairs, and had gone so far as his hotel, he instinctively went out of thing of the story of Maria Monk. She to baptize his children, proclaim his his way to pass the White House. Long rays of light from the windows glimmered on the frez n snow. He looked scendents point to his name engraved much pride of ancestry as the proudest scion of royalty.

"All these things will I give thee, if then wilt fall down and worship me." effect, his words had been:

"We are ready to confer upon you secret, that once in the presidential phamphlet recently published in Lon-"Yes," said the other, "and it is that which we have invested you, to advance oring to prove that Miss Monk's Aw-

"Dangerous? I should say so," said Would it ever come between their story. Besides, this statement of the Would not his wife, once more under But I have just received, most un-"No," said the other, "but they never the influence of the crafty priesthood, expectedly, some very interesting and thinking of this man, who was, at the honor of being made a center for the priests are a keen lot, I tell you, as this good in the sight of God as another, and when she arrived in that city after her

found it a correct thing to pay some any injudicious meddling of this par- to select a refuge with any promise of "Don't you think you priests rather deference to their enlightened Ameriticular one, in the affairs of the nation, or in his own domestic circle.

for, I think, if there is anything a political church he stood a greater her beauty, breadth of mind, dauntless and, for that reason, I believe in leav- party, for he was no figure head in the womanly graces as commended her for listened to with flattering attention by Her love of justice, hatred of wrong "We will grant," said the second his audiences, and commented on freely and unfaltering devotion to humanity ters he received from his wife were full occupy this palatis! building, the in- viction to the ears that were deaf to gentleman, "that the Catholics are the and favorably by the press, and if he decided the question, and watchman most dangerous, on account of their al- used his wife's religion as an agent to Hogan seized a favorable opportunity, legiance to one poor human being, reach the highest pinnacle in the and secretly hurried Maria Monk to steps leading to the imposing portico, a lar case, at least, we do not overrate whom, the moment a body of men, like United States, it would not be the first Mrs. Reeve's residence where she and deep in political issues, he read and vague idea ran through his handsome our power. Monday next, a congress himself, elect him pope (and by the time in the history of the world that Mrs. Hogan welcomed her at midnight. answered these tokens of sweet assur head that the coming of an American composed of Catholic laymen, from way, I'll bet there's lots of holy wire religion and ambition stood shoulder to She was immediately secreted on the ance that all was well in his distant pope might be a well laid plan, that every large city in America, will meet pulling before he gets there) becomes shoulder. So on through the long top floor, previously prepared for her, home. The letter from his sister would take another century to mature. in this city. The majority of this great endowed with a power over Heaven and hours of the night he lay sleepless on which she occupied for months, where his bed, arguing to himself for and when restored to health and strength, "But didn't the Methodists send in a against the great question of his life. she wrote her famous book, Awful Dishorizon as it ought to have been, was Heaven, and, in that event, another union. San Francisco will be repre- petition to one of our newly elected The ayes won the day. He would an- closures." scarlet cap had nearly dropped on his have been selected for their intellectual religious decorum and for the good nomination, and as Archbishop O'Conor A chamber maid was arranging Sena- head, when the servant met him, and merits; many of them, indeed, having morals of the nation, according to their boarded the train on route for San excitement, and flood of vituperation tor Maxwell's rooms one morning, when conducted him into the presence of the held or are still holding high munici- standpoint, to dispense with the time Francisco, when the congress was over, with malignant persecution, coupled he thought he saw the assured future "Yes, I believe they did," said the of the church shining blinding bright

Cardinal Pizani was more than satis-

"Ah, yes," mused the cardinal, when world was assured; and the Baptists the last of his guests had left his home, would immerse him from head to heel, and the quiet routine of his life began proached a window, and was recogfrom his steely eyes at the man, he felt and so on, it would go through all the again, "this congress has shown our nized." great strength, and given us more, and "Let us grant, purely for the sake of it ever occur to you, that religion and when we have quite pushed this Proargument, that you favor this proposi- christianity are two widely different testant president into the chair, who render." "They were dispersed, and shall say nay to anything we may wish another mob appeared the next day." "Yes," said the other, as they left to undertake? Not he, or-" and the descendant of the Borgias left the Senator Maxwell was conscious that thought half formed in his fiery brain, frenzied mob of howling fanatics (Roand picked up a paper from a table near man Catholics), who threatened to raze him, which had been placed before him

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## MARIA MONK.

The Nun Who Escaped From the Hotel Dien, Montreal, Canada. Fresh Developments.

In the winter of 1890 and 1891 the celebrated Chas. Chiniquy, commonly called Father Chiniquy, and now proba- If Miss Monk was not an escaped nun, bly the most famous ex-priest in the world was in Washington, D. C. Here he delivered a course of nineteen lec- convents are not places of lewdness and tures on Remanism. He was then in wickedness, why did Pope Innocent his 82nd year, being now 1895, he would VIII. publish a bull demanding reforbe 86 years old.

him in his room, I asked whether he solute life." knew anything about the story of Maria Monk and her famous book, Awful Disclosures. Chiniquy was about 26 years old at the time of Miss Monk's escape, As Senator Maxwell watched the in 1835; and I knew that he had been much in Montreal where the Hotel Dieu is situated. He replied that he did, and to minister to his wants; and one day replied that she was well informed on that subject, and had read her book, "Awful Disclosures." "Well now," says time when she claimes to have been here?" "Yes," she said, "I was here and I knew her well." "Then," says he, "I wish you would tell me whether the awful statements she has made of

Upon this question, the old nun was greatly agitat d and begged to be excused from answering; but on being pressed for an answer, consented, pro And what worship, after all, had that vided he would promise never to reveal crafty envoy demanded of him? In anything she said until after ner death. He promised, and she then stated that Miss Monk's statements in that book

My attention was again turned to the chair, you will use the power with don, Eng., by a Catholic house, endeavvery pope worship that makes them a in every way our Catholic interests " ful Disclosures were a fraud. I read Ah, but his beloved wife! Well he the phamphlet through; but it does not knew what a tyrant her religion was. seem to me to disprove any part of her

time, in the rooms above, assigned him priestly plot to revolve around. In re- new departure of calling together a once in the presidential chair, he knew escape from Montreal in the year 1835.

He says: "It was extremely difficult safety, as spics were alert and numeroos, and danger of discovery was in-Senator Maxwell feit very confident creasing." The name of this protectrix

> "The truths it contained were terribly emphasized by the subsequent with threats of assassination.'

> "It is idle folly to attempt to discredit her book in the face of the venomous fury aroused, and the consternation which forced the leading minds of the Roman Catholic church Into the con-

"Maria Monk at length tired of her captivity, and one day incautiously ap-

"That night a mon beselged the house, demanding her immediate sur-

"The third day, Fifth street from Avenue D to Avenue C was filled by a the house to the ground, unless Miss their convictions regarding the danger by one of the priests of the household. Monk was surrendered at once. Mrs. Reeve preferred to take chances rather than surrender. So the neighbors rallied and guarded the house until Miss Monk was safely conducted to other quarters three days later. My mother often repeated this story, but had I received your inquiry five weeks sooner, I could have given some startling details," for his mother died just five weeks ago.

"The words quoted are as I received them from the son of this heroic mother. why did the priests stir, up Romish mobs to recapture her? And if those mation in monasteries and other relig-It fell to my lot to serve as his assist- lous places, and declare that "members ant and I was with him daily for about of monosteries and other religious three weeks. Being one day alone with houses lead a lascivious and truly dis-

> Why is it that all escaped nuns tell the same story of those prisons?

For my part, I should deem it truly wonderful that these escaped women should all agree so well, though wholly unknown to each other, and living in widely different times and far remote agree in all the essentials of a story as

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