HIS MYSTERIOUS SIGNATURE.

Geo. W. Bettes worth Explains the Signature or Rubric of Columbus.

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El Almiranto Xno Ferens of Christopher Columbus," edited by William Eleroy Curtis.

Curtis says: "It is probable that there are now in existence more important and interesting documents in the handwriting of Chris'opher Columbus than have been preserved of any other man of his time or comparative importance. There are twenty-nine complete letters and manuscripts, many of them of several pages in length, written entirely with his own hand and carrying his mysteri-

ous signature. "All of these autographs, except the Foscanella letter, were written during the last years of his life, and most of them while he was residing in the jars; when connected up, exhibit old monestary of Las Cnevas (Kieve?) Christopher Columbus—the electric on the outskirts of Seville under the light. protection of the Carthusian Friars. All of the manuscripts are so well preserved as to be easily photographed. His penmanship is firm, clear, and regular, and in places even ornamental, although under the date of December 1, 1504, he tells Diego (his son), "my illness prevents me from writing except at night. In the daytime my hands have no strength." He was then about 60 years old."

"At the request of the Congress of the United States, expressed in a formal resolution and conveyed to tim, the Duke (of Veragua) generously loaned the entire collection for an exhibition in the Convent of La Rabida, at the World's Columbian Exposition (at Chicago in 1893.) and they furnished the most interesting historical exhibit there.

"The Libro de Las Proficias is a volume of manuscripts containing 70 leaves of vellum, although there appear originally to have been 84. Fourteen seem to have been cut out of the center. It was prepared in the year 1504-5, and scarcely compiled at the time of the death of Columbus, its subject being to demonstrate that the discoveries were predicted by the Holy Scriptures. It is a collection of various papers and memoranda, often incoherent, including a collection of texts from both the Old and New Testaments, that in his opinion refer to the existence of the lands he discovered and their future conversion to Christianity. • • The first leaf

Christianity. • • The first leaf begins with the usual pious invoca-tion that preceeds all of his manuscripts, and the Sign of the Cross. This is followed by a letter addressed by him from Grenada to his friend. Father Gariceo (Kallisio?) at the Convent of Las Cuevas (Kieve?) on the 13th of September, 1501, concerning the reference, by sacred and profane writers to the regions he had dis-covered. • • • The answer of the monk, dated at the monastery (Astufa?) of Las Cnevas (Kieve?) 23d of March, 1502, is also inserted."

The signature, or rubric, of Columbus, which appears at the end of all communications, as the Sign of the Cross appears at the beginning. has never been satisfactorily inter-

The directions in his will for signing his signature, "Don Diego, my son or any other, who may inherit this estate, on coming in nossession of the inheritance, shall sign with the signature which I now make use of. which is an X with an S over it, and an M with a Roman A over it, and over that an S, and then a GreekY with and S over it, with its lines and points, as is my custom, as may be seen by my signatures, of which there are many, and it will be seen by the present one.

He shall only write "The Admiral." whatever other titles the King may have conferred on him. This is to be understood, as respects his signature, but not the ennumeration of his titles. which he can make at full length if agreeable, only the signature to be "The Admiral."

To look at the "Mysterious Signature" the "Rubric of Columbus:" naturally asks: What is the Rubric of Columbus?" Rubric means red. What has that got to do with Columbus? That's where the mystery is By referring to Hakluyt's Voyages of the English Nation prior to 1600, Vol. 17. Don Diego says:

"And because some peradventure may observe that he calleth himself Columbus de Tarra Rula, I say that in like manner I have seen some subcriptions of my Father Christopher Columbus.

So that originally at Genoa, Italy where he hailed from, so to say, his name was Christopher Colon de Tarra Rubra. I again quote from Hakluyt, "He whose dear native soil height stately Genua.

Even he whose name is Bartholomew Colon de Tarra de Rubra; In the year of Grace 1488, and in the

13th day of Feb. more In London published this work" As this "de Terra Rubra" part of the name, the surname has been omitted, to be noticed intentionally omitted, the above testimony will establish it's truth and warrant my restoring, it if there was nothing more to warrant its and the literature of those facts, con-

restoration. We are interested in this because Spain's claims in the Western Hemisphere are founded exclusively on the discoveries made by "Christopher Co-lumbus." The Inter Ocean October 2d, 1897, says: "We paid Spain director indirectly for her claims as

follows: Louisiana Purchase, 1803, \$27,262,621 Florida Purchase, 1818. 6,489,708 Mexico for N.M., Cal. 1848 15,000,000 Gadsden Purchase, 1853, 10,000,000

\$58,752,329 Ther is an immense quantity of 'Spanish Grants" in addition to all this; enough to make the amount \$60,000,000, which we have paid Spain or France or Mexico. This is a fair statement of the case. It is a nation-

al matter, and international, also. To the President of the Smithsonia to your serious attention. All there of Egypt are described from 1st Genin this so-called signature is, it is esis to the Exodus of the children of an ancient formula for constructing Israel-Exodus chapter 15:19. Any

and operating an "Alkali Electric Bat- reader of the American remitting me trey; it dates back to the "Electric Light Ages," of the world; and was used in constructing the "Hyperborean Telegraph line," which, from electric implements from that age and purpose found here at Omaha, in the stratification of the geological formations in situ, make it from two to In 1894 the "American Histor'cal three periods of the procession Association," in its annual report, of the Equinox ago; The present published "The Existing Autographs period commencing 3,040 B. C. as shown by the great Pyramid of Egypt, the base of whose sides give that number, 760 x 4-3 040. It is explained as follows: The Greek y is a v.

M. A. S. means to mix compounds as in medicines; this disposes of the center three letters.

X. S. X. is an acid, and S. a soda; we have disposed of two letters to the

V. S. V. is a metal and S a soda; that disposes of the two letters to the right. "Xpo Ferens. ' "Xpo" means expose, and 'Ferens,' a Cornish word for companions; the Xpo Ferens meaning the place in which this electric formula is exposed—the jars-'cheres,' or Leyden

"El Almiranto" is Lord Admiral. A red cross in a white field was the flag of an English admiral. All the names I have mentioned, I believe, are Corn-

Mr. President: Spain came in possession of Seville in 1248, taking it from the Moors. The ancient history of Seville and its seaport Cadis (Calis), is given as previously belonging to Arab, Goth, Vandal, Roman, Phoene-

cian, the latter implying a red man. Mr. President: The word America is from Armorica. I have traced and proved that from the ancient artelectric arts. The word Kalis is from Alkali-the Kali referring to one of the systems of ancient electrics. Kali is seen in Kalifornia, Kalidonia and Kalcutta's Asia, Europe and America.

Mr. President: The ancient systems of electrics were: 1st. The Mechanical water power generally; 2nd. The Alkali process; 3rd. The Terra Rubra process; or as more commonly known the "Christopher Colon de Terra Rubra" process. The latter system is preserved, emblematically, by the American Red Men, in their dances, especially the "Snake" dances of the Zuni and Moouis, etc.

Mr. President: The electrically insulated pottery, we find in the situ in the strata here, belonging to that faraway time, is the same in character and in use as the oldest, found all around the world. The Jave (nonconductor) axes found with this pottery, came from western China; found here and at Zuni and on the Glla river.

Mr. President: E. Hawkins says that the metallic money of Britain is older than the present era.. Many of the emblems on these ancient British gold coins, are found on this ancient insulated electric jar pottery, found in New Mexico and Arizona; also among those people, British legends are still told; the rivers, lakes, mountains and people, have British names. Gila, is Gill in Cornish; Cassa Grande.

Chichilticale; kiki or keke and kali; this is identical with kakau. the 11th King of Egypt, as shown on the Temples of Egypt; this again, is identical in meaning to "Christopher Colon, for Colon is Kall. Now keke is the word used by Eliott, the apostle to the Indians, to translate "light" the great light-the electric light. Christopher Columbus-the appointed spirit-the electric light. Tin-tael, is the same as Tintagel. Astufa and kieve are alike. Tintagel and kieve are Cornish words. The kali system of electrics was a Cornish system. There is no question but the people of Zuni, Moqui, Pregan and Mancopa, etc., are of Scotch and Cornish descent; art, name and legend confirm it; perhaps some of your own rela-

Mr. President: Near Silsilis, on the Nile, in Egrpt, is an ancient temple built like a Zuni Pueblo. In Scotland and Wales are round towers, built like those on the Rio Mancos in Colorado. The origin of the electric light was expressed in Egypt as follows: The "Solar System" emblems were in Li-bya and the "Zodiac" emblems in Light. At Omaha, on the Missouri, right here, in the remains of mounds and their form and location, we find expressed the same idea as in Egypt. In Ohio the ancient mounds and their system, expressed more amply the same—they taught the same story as the great Pyramid, openly not secretly. These Ohio temples at night were lit up by their mica electric light. The round towers of Scotland. Wales, Chichtale, San Marcos are identical with the Labryinth (The-Byre-inth) of Egypt, which latter was built by King Sin-Cheres. (Electric Jars) and Abaris, lived there. Abaris means, father of the electric light.

of Abaris around the world. He put a cable round about the earth in 40 minutes.'-Puck. sons why Christopher Columbus did not discover America as claimed by the Spaniards in 1492. It is simply like the story of Marquette, LaSalle and DeSoto, of the French, a fraudulent perversion of facts of literature; nected with the laying and use of the

The Hyperboreans carried the arrow

ancient Hyperborean electric tele-Mr. President: I should be pleased to show you how easily it was for me to discover and restore the "Lost Arts" of the "Electric Light Age" of our world, and its literature. That age claimed "there was nothing new under the sun." This discovery is what all peoples have been hoping and praying for. This work is pub-lished. It's price is \$5.00. In order to get means to carry on these investigations and apply them to hieroglyphics of Egyptian temples and tombswhich I suppose are diagrams of repair parts of the electrics of the ancients; for instance, the Cartorch of the 11th king of Raiechos-Kakauconforms to the 15th chapter of Genesis, which describes the origin of Institutions: I respectfully call this the electric light; -the seventy kings

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Rome's Bill of Fare.

Archbishop Feehan has promulgated the following Lenten regulations to be observed in the archdiocese of Chicago:

During the approaching Lent, by special indult of the holy father, the state following regulations will be observed in the archdiocese:

Flesh meat may be used at all the meals on Sunday, and once each day at the principal meal on the following

On all Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On all Saturdays, except Saturday of Ember week and Holy Saturday. Flesh and fish are not allowed at the same meal.

Custom, tolerated by the church, permits coffee, tea or chocolate, with a small piece of bread, to be taken in the morning.

Custom allows the use of eggs, butter milk, etc., at the evening collation. following persons are not obliged to fast, viz.: the sick and those in feeble health; women nursing children, all who are engaged in laborious and exhaustive occupations, the young who have not comple'ed their twenty-first year, and those who have reached the sixtleth year of their

Those who are excused from fasting, on account of age or hard labor may use flesh meat more than once on the days on which it is allowed.

All who are exempt from the law of fasting should endeavor to perform during Lent some other acts of piety and charity.

By an indult of the 15th of March, 1895, the holy see has given, for ten years, to the bishops of the United States the faculty of dispensing in favor of working people, from the law of abstinence on certain days.

By virtue of this indult and dispensation of Lent, working people are permitted to use flesh meat once a day on all fast and abstinence days of the year except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday and Saturday in holy week and the vigil of Christmas. The above dispensation is granted

not only to working men and women, but also to their entire families. All persons so dispensed are advised

to perform some other work of penance or self-denial. The reverened pastors will, with their usual zeal, afford every opportu-

nity and facility to their people of complying with their religious obligations during the holy season. The time for fulfilling the paschal duty extends from the first Sunday of

Lent to Trinity Sunday, both included. The annual collection for the Indian and negro missions, and for the propagation of the faith, will be made in all the churches of the archdiocese on the first Sunday of Lent. The proceeds will be forwarded as soon as possible to the chancellor.

Our father, the pope, has enjoined ous churches on Good Friday, or some other convenient day, for the holy places in Palestine in care of the Franciscan fathers. The amount will be sent to the chancellor in due time. On holy Thursday the chancellor

will distribute the holy oils to the revernd clergy after the mass and ceremonies, which will commence at 10 o'clock. All the pastors of the city are expected to be present at the blessing of the holy oils.

Irish Politics.

Regarded from almost any point of view, it was a piece of grossly bad tactics to force the Catholic University debate on the address. It was prefectly well known that the Balfour brothers were committed to the idea "Arabia," the Nile flowing between of such a university and will loyally represented the River of the Electric do their best to carry the scheme through. It was equally obvious that the amendment to the address, which they would have to oppose, could only far with papal affairs in the nation, exhibit them in the light of leaders especially with the "license saloon who voted against their own personal sympathies because they had failed to induce their colleagues and followers to share those sympathies. Worse, still, it offered an irresistible temptation to a number of non-conformist radicals, still smarting over week's Irish repudiation of the Liberal alliance, to at once take some revenge and play to a gallery of bigots in their own constituencies. The question of a Catholic-Irish University is delicate and difficult enough, in all consceince, without heaping all these new and gratuitous obstacles in its path. Why, then, was it done? Mr. President: Here are seven rea-ons why Christopher Columbus did politics every faction leader seizes what he can reach to prevent his rivals from getting it, and Dillon snatched up the university question, rushed forward with it at a cruelly inopportune moment, merely to put Redmond and Healy at a disadvantage. I dare say they would have done the same by him if the opportunity graph cable, laid around the world. offered. "Ninety-eight" seems to have GEO. W. BETTESWORTH. got into their heads for the time being got into their heads for the time being at least, and they are playing all their game wildly. Naturally, William O'-Brien, who has been relegated to the background of late, would come foaming and prancing to the front at such a period of electrical disturbance. Anti-Irish papers reported his fool speech at St. James' Hall at sagacious length, taking special pains to emhis talk about Michael Davitt at Washington, being as formidable as Wolfe Tone was at Paris. If this means anything it means that Davitt can bring the American warships on a hostile errand into the Irish har-We all understand about Michael and Washington, but not all Englishmen do.—London Dispatch to

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Papal Situation.

While the papal situation in the old countries is quite unsatisfactory to the pope, he is looking to this country with bright hopes of increasing success and of national triumph in the near future as foreshadowing the return, in part at least, of his temporal power over the nations of the world. And it is not too much to say that the pope is already looking upon this country as a prize of great value to be secured at any cost of treasure or efforts. He is skillfully laying his plans for the accomplishment of this one object of his life, and when hindered and defeated by his political opponents he is patient and untiring in his efforts and is quite willing to abide his time. It is true that the prominent officials of this country do not exactly see eye to eye in their views, and yet in their main principles and work to be accomplished they are a unit in the interest of the "Holy Church.

In studying the papal situation in this country I am more than ever convinced that the patriotic Americans or the A. P. A.'s, and the two score of kindred orders and their friends are very troublesome to the papai hierarchy and upon which i looks with alarm and horror. It is true that it ridicules and represents them as dead and buried but still it papists are afraid of the American patriots, not only because their ballots are turned against them, but because they have brought to the front the true history of popery during the centuries and are now exposing its treacherous designs and purposes against the government and our civil institutions.

But after all it must be admitted that the situation of Rome in this country is one of mighty proportions as to wealth, political power, energy, oneness of purpose, patience and determination. And it is in no sense influenced by any sound principle of morals or of Christianity, as is proved by the papal canon law, Roman Catholic dogmas and the declarations of the Romish priesthood. Hence, on the whole, the pope is exceedingly well pleased with the situation thus system" as a tree of his own right hand planting, regarding it as his best help in weakening the government and thus preparing the way for him to easily subjugate this country to the papal power, for the purpose of which he has today without any doubt, a large and well drilled and equipped army ready to receive his orders; and he considers it only a question of time when he will become by force of arms the temporal, as well as spiritual, ruler of this broad land.

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