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ST. AGNES.

Outside one of the gates of Rome-the resort of Sunday and holiday-keeping Romans, and, precisely, Perta Pia, through which Victor Emmanuel and his army entered in 1870-there stands, halfway be tween two wayside eating and drinking houses, a little church, dedicated to St Agnes, a young virgin martyr, who suffered death rather than be married to the son of the Governor of Rome, who was dying of love for her. She was only thirteen years of age; but girls of that age are women in Italy. So she answered his protestations of love by saying: "I am affianced to hin whom angels serve, and whom the sun and

She was then threatened-says her blographer-with being publicly dishonored in an nfamous place, and then to be killed in most eruel way. "My Divine Spouse," she answered-"the God of purity, whom I serve-will deliver me from your impious lesigns!" She was then thrown on a burning pile; but, laughing and singing praises to God, she defied the flames, which could not be made to burn her.

She was then made to walk naked through the streets of Rome, and was also exposed in a place of bad repute-the Agoual Cir-There her hair grew miraculously long and covered her like a cloak, and the Gov ernor's son was struck with blindness. At last she was beheaded. The place of bad repute where she was exposed was afterards transformed into a chapel, and over it was built one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. It is not there, however, that she was buried. The Christians of that day took her body and buried it in a catacomb outside of Rome. The catacomb bears her name, and over her tomb was built a splendid church during Constantine's reign, and this church was restored by Paul III. in the sixteenth century, and still later by Pius IX. It is in this little church that on every anniversary of her death are brought on cushions two little pambs decorated with flowers and ribbons. They are blessed, and then they are taken to the Pope, who sends them to the Convent of St. Cecilia, where they are shorn of their wool, which is afterwards woven into the pulluims worn by the Pope and Cardinals and some of the Archbishops. The Church of St. Agnes, outside the walls, is known by the image of the lamb, which is outside the door. All visitors to Rome make point of going to see it .- Cor. Commercial Advertiser.

MARCHING VOLUNTEERS.

The method of marching troops is a subject of no less interest to the soldiers of the State than to those who trend the frontier war path. The late Gen. Upton, present, on hot day, at a review of a division of the New York National Guard, was admiring the picturesque features of the display, the color and excitement and glitter, as the masses swept by the reviewing stand, Looking toward the rear of the column over the miles of flashing steel, he noticed that the formation was the same-company front, elbows touching, uniform step, quick time-while in front the pace was already beginning to tell on the placky but overdriven men, as shown by white lips, staring eyes, dilated nostrils and panting chests. Turning to a friend, the General said, 'This is sheer crucity." Had he known that some of these regiments would march two or three miles further, in the same close order and regular step, his wonder and compassion would have been unbounded. It is a grievous mistake and sometimes i crime to keep men braced up continuously for such a distance; as well might the reviewing stand be as long as the route. Well-seasoned regulars are never abused in that way; why should occasionally evereised militia be so ill-treated? There can be but one answer to the query, I fear-" It is our Whenever troops are taken outside their armories the rules prescribed for marches should govern. In case of a review, the route step should be taken until within a very short distance of the reviewing point; the uneven and slippery stones of city streets make the uniform step difficult and wearisome, and the route step a welcome relief. I am sure that the change would be appreciated, not only by the soldiers, but also by the curb-stone critics, as giving variety to the spectacle; besides, the men would be kept fresher and perform with greater case the more precise movements when ordered, and that, you will agree with me, is a sufficient reason. - Gen. Rodenbough-Journal of the Military Service In-

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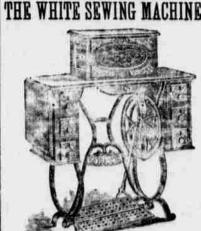
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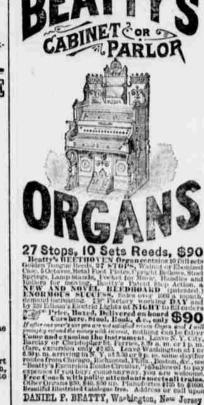
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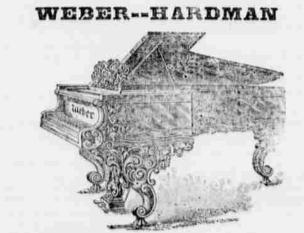
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