

years, he ensures and burns down his more modest store, and runs up another large enough to hold him for a few years more, when that also follows its predecessors, and makes way for something better.

The fillet inside the loins of pork does not salt or pack profitably. I know not why. The most choice and delicate fillets are, therefore, to be bought here fresh, at one cent, or one halfpenny, a pound.

*A propos* to eating: I was surprised to hear that the governing authorities of Cincinnati forbid the sale of fish during certain seasons, the food being then thought to be injurious to the public health. Most of the fish from the great lakes is said to be very debilitating. I saw sometimes offered for sale, in the market, some most extraordinary-looking animals out of the Ohio river. They were not like any fish that I had ever seen in Europe: certainly, according to an American saying, when the Almighty created turbot, soles, salmon, and others of that description, the devil must have let these Ohio monsters slip through his fingers.

The Jesuits have a large establishment at

Cincinnati. St. Xavier's College is under their direction, and gives education in the classics, modern languages, chemistry, and natural history, to about two hundred and fifty students, including boarders and day-scholars. I heard a very good account of the establishment, though I had afterwards reason to believe that the influx of day-scholars of every religion and class in the town, and whose numbers equal those of the regular boarders, acts prejudicially upon the Catholic youth, who would wish to pursue their education more steadily and quietly. But in this country, the education of all the first classes of Protestants seems to be entrusted to the Catholic priests and nuns. The lads are sent to Jesuit and other colleges: the girls to convents. The parents say that their children are better taught and better looked after than they would be in any other schools: the teachers say that they do not interfere with the religious opinions of the non-Catholic pupils; and that, without such indiscriminate admission of all, they would not be able to support their establishments. Three-fourths of the boarders in many convents are Protestants.

The Protestant parents who gave me these accounts of the mode in which their children were being educated, generally interrupted the conversation to laugh at the English parliament, which was then expending a whole session in passing what it called the "Ecclesiastical Titles' Bill"—as if, said the Americans, it could matter to the state by what unrecognised names any number of citizens pleased to call themselves! The creation of a Cardinal Archbishop, they said, was a compliment to England, as they themselves were well pleased that Bishop Purcell had just been made archbishop of Cincinnati; and they were inclined to join with American Catholics in considering that Rome slighted their country by not giving them an American cardinal. Thus, while the Prime Minister and the legislature of England were lashing themselves into a fury about clerical puerilities, the civilized and half-civilized world stood by laughing!

But this good feeling is maintained, not only by the absence of all political supremacy, but also by the prudence of the different religionists. Thus at a convocation or council of the Catholic

hierarchy, at St. Louis, it had recently been proposed, by the French bishops there, to enforce upon all the Catholic clergy of the United States, the wearing of the straight Roman collar, and of a distinctive clerical habit, instead of the common black dress which they now wear ; after much discussion, some of the American-born bishops had said, " Decide what you please ; but we know the feelings of our countrymen ; and we will not mark out our clergy and make them objects of distrust by giving them a dress different from the usual clerical dress of the country,—a distinction which we know would be considered an assumption, and excite jealousy or dislike ; whatever, therefore, you decree, we shall enjoin upon our own clergy to continue to dress themselves as much like gentlemen as possible ; though always in black." In consequence of such determined remonstrance, no decree was made.

Had such prudent counsels prevailed in England, no act would have been thought of to forbid people from dressing in the habit of their order ; or, in other words, from wearing

their own clothes ; for nothing in the act now prevents the Passionist, Father Spencer, from wearing the habit of the Carthusian Abbot Burdon ! Well may the world laugh at the puerilities of English ecclesiastical legislation !

Not being able to hire any residence in the town of Cincinnati, I enquired about the many mineral springs in the neighbourhood, which are, more or less, places of fashionable resort ; but as places of fashionable resort they seemed alone to be considered ; for the first medical practitioner in the town could give me little information as to the quality of their waters ; and, to my enquiry whether any of them contained iron, he said he “ guessed not ; but if not, it was easy to add it.”

Private letters and the public papers, however, now informed me that the cholera was dying away at St. Louis, while it seemed to be increasing at Cincinnati ; and we prepared to push onwards on our journey. Again, we attempted to hire servants, used to the country ; and a nice tidy Irish girl was recommended to us. Her mother and she had lately emigrated,