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Secret Rooms of England.

London Daily Mail: There lived long ago in England, in the troublous times, a Jesuit, named Nicholas Owen, who devoted the greater part of his life to constructing hiding places for persecuted priests.

The places were called "priests' holes," and were made in various ways with the greatest skill and ingenuity, in the principal Catholic houses all over England.

As Allan Fea shows in his very interesting book on "The Secret Rooms of England," no precedents were allowed to bias the choice of hiding holes in those who designed them, for the more remarkable the place the less likelihood there was of its being discovered.

One house would have its secret room in a chimney, entered from the hearthstone, though cases are recorded in which a chimney pot unsullied by smoke has led to the detection of the prey; another would utilize a sliding or swinging picture, like that one in Lyme Hall, Cheshire; an innocent-looking "settle" would prove the entrance to a hole or a false floor would accommodate refugees.

At Upton Court a curious place for concealment exists in one of the gables close to the ceiling.

It is triangular in shape, and is opened by a spring bolt that can be unlatched by pulling a string which runs through a tiny hole pierced in the framework of the door of the adjoining room. The door of the hiding place swings upon a pivot, and externally is thickly covered with plaster, so as to resemble the rest of the wall, and is so solid that when sounded there is no hollow sound from the cavity behind, where, no doubt, the crucifix and sacred vessels were secreted.

Not far off, in an upper garret, is a hiding place in the thickness of the wall, large enough to contain a man standing upright. Like the other, the door or entrance forms part of the plaster wall. Again, in one of the passages of this curious old mansion are further evidences of the hardships to which Roman priests were subjected—a trap in the floor, which can only be opened by pulling up what exteriorly appears to be the head of one of the nails of the flooring; by raising this a spring is released and a trap door opened, revealing a large hole with a narrow ladder leading down into it. When this hiding place was discovered in 1830 its contents were significant, viz, a crucifix and two ancient petronels.

On the occasion that mass was to be celebrated in these secret chapels it was customary to inform the neighborhood by some such underground signs as the hanging out of linen to dry on the hedges hard by.

The narrow escape of some of the persecuted priests would fill several volumes, and for thrilling excitement that of Father Blount at Scotney Castle, the old house of the Darralls on the borders of Kent and Sussex, is a good example.

One Christmas night, toward the close of Elizabeth's reign, the castle was seized by a party of priest hunters, who, with their usual mode of procedure, locked up the members of the family securely before starting on their operations. In the inner quadrangle of the mansion was a very remarkable and ingenious device. A large stone of the solid wall could be pushed aside. Though of immense weight, it was so balanced and adjusted that it required only a slight pressure upon one side to effect an entrance to the hiding place within. Upon the approach of the enemy Father Blount and his servant hastened to the courtyard and entered the vault, but in their hurry to close the heavy door a small portion of one of their girdles got jammed in, so that a part was visible from the outside. Fortunately for the fugitives, some one in the secret in passing the spot happened to catch sight of this tell-tale fragment, and called gently to those within to endeavor to pull it in, which they eventually succeeded in doing.

At that moment the pursuers were at work in another part of the castle, but hearing the voice in the courtyard rushed into it and commenced battering the walls, and at times upon the very door of the hiding place, which would have given way had not those within put their combined weight against it to keep it from yielding. It was a pitchy dark night, and it was pelting rain, so after a time, discouraged at finding nothing, and wet to the skin, the soldiers put off further search until the following morning.

Few hiding places are associated with so tragic a story as that at Hoyle's Court, Hants, where the venerable Lady Alice Lisle, in pure charity, hid two partisans of Monmouth, John Hickes and Richard Nelthorpe, after the battle of Sedgemoor, for which humane action she was condemned to be buried alive by Judge Jeffreys—a sentence commuted afterward to beheading. It is difficult to associate this peaceful old Jacobean mansion and the simple tomb in the churchyard hard by with so terrible a history. A dark hole in the wall of the kitchen is traditionally said to be the place of concealment of the fugitives who threw themselves on Lady Alice's mercy, but a dungeon-like cellar looks a much more likely place.

A weird story clings to the ruins of Minster Lovel manor house, Oxfordshire, the ancient seat of the Lords Lovel. After the battle of

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Stoke, Francis, the last Viscount, who had sided with the cause of Simnel against King Henry VII., fled back to his house in disguise, but from the night of his return was never seen or heard of again, and for nearly two centuries his disappearance remained a mystery. In the meantime, the manor house had been dismantled, and the remains tenanted by a farmer, but a strange discovery was made in the year 1708. A concealed vault was found, and in it, seated before a table, with a prayer book lying open upon it, was the entire skeleton of a man. In the secret chamber were certain barrels and jars, which had contained food sufficient to last perhaps some weeks, but the mansion having been seized by the King soon after the unfortunate Lord Lovel is supposed to have concealed himself, the probability is that, unable to regain his liberty, the neglect of a servant brought about this tragic end.

"Hale House, Islington, had a concealed recess behind the wainscot over the mantelpiece, in which the Lord Protector was hidden. A dark hole in one of the gable ends of Cromwell House, Mortlake (taken down in 1860), locally known as 'Old Noll's Hole,' also afforded him shelter when his life was in danger."

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A Correct Report.

(New York "Times.")  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, was on a speech-making tour of Ontario during the recent bye elections in that province and the province of Quebec. The elections were bitterly contested, and efforts were made both by the Liberals and Conservatives to stir up race and religious prejudice. A Quebec Liberal, whose acquaintance with Sir Wilfrid was only political, sent this telegram to his leader:

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King Edward as Landlord.

The fire-engine is not frequently seen at Sandringham, and the fire at Wolterton Station will recall to the King's country neighbors the fire at Sandringham House itself which startled the countryside eleven years ago. The King and Queen were away when the bells of the various churches sounded the alarm, and Sandringham House was speedily surrounded by a crowd of willing helpers, who, for once in their lives, entered a royal palace uninvited and cleared the rooms of their contents. The entire roofing of the main building was ablaze, and the whole of the two upper floors were burned beyond the possibility of saving them. The Prince of Wales, as King Edward then was, cheerily set to work to rebuild the ruined portions of the house, and Sandringham, or at least the new part of it, is today completely fireproof, with iron and concrete floors and roofs.

The fire cost the King fifteen thousand pounds, which made Sandringham an unusually costly residence for that particular year. It is costly enough at ordinary times. The Norfolk estate, with its rent-roll of £7,000 a year, was bought by the Prince Consort for his son, out of the income saved during the King's boyhood. The accumulated revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, before the King became of age, reached about a million sterling, and out of what had been saved of this Prince Albert purchased Sandringham for £20,000. It is said that for thirty-five years the King has spent the whole of the rental on the improvement of the estate, and if that is so he must have spent in this way a quarter of a million of money.

It is easy to believe it. Years ago, when sitting on the Commission for the Housing of the Poor, the King invited his fellow Commissioners to Sandringham, and there they were able to see in actual working the conditions they were seeking to bring about in London. King Edward is one of England's model landlords. He has solved on his Norfolk estate the problem which frightens the rulers of our great cities, and on his estate of eight thousand acres he has set an example which, if it were followed by every landlord in the country, would do more to better the social condition of the people than all the tinkering at reform of ten generations of parliament.

"Nowhere have I seen the poor cared for as they are here," says one who knows the King's village, "and if I were asked to name a model estate I should unhesitatingly say Sandringham. The sixty or seventy cottages in which the laborers live, with gardens back and front, are models of neatness. Every laborer on the estate finishes work at three o'clock in the afternoon, and, as their wages are from £48 to £60 a year, and rents only £3, they may be said to be an extremely happy lot. The club house provides a comfortable home when the day's work is done, and there no betting is tolerated, and the supply of beer, though it is not forbidden, is strictly limited. There is not a public-house on King Edward's estate, and, whatever he is in theory, his Majesty is certainly a prohibitionist in practice. There are technical schools for boys, co-sey reading-rooms, a hospital for sick servants, a model kitchen where cooking is taught, a spinning school where delicate girls receive instruction in an occupation they can follow at home, and every help and convenience a working community needs for the development of its higher life."—St. James's Gazette.

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From The Atlanta Constitution.  
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And fair the flowers blow,  
The valleys sing "Delight," dear,  
Across the hills of snow.  
Still light from dark we borrow  
Along the lonesome way,  
The music of tomorrow  
Charms the sorrow of today!

Somewhere the world is singing  
Of vales and gardens blest,  
Somewhere the bells are ringing  
The hearts of us to rest.  
There's light—there's love to borrow,  
In storm the rainbow's ray;  
The music of tomorrow  
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Russia's Great Pipe Line.

The Russian government has undertaken the completion of a great petroleum pipe line from the oil wells of Baku on the Caspian Sea to the port of Batum on the Black Sea, a distance of about 550 miles, following the axis of the Caucasus range of mountains. Several years may be required to finish the work, but when the line is in operation it will be capable of transporting 625,000,000 gallons a year, and the intention is to compete in the world's markets with American petroleum.

Three Operations Failed to Cure Itching Piles.

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