

## CHILD KISSED QUEEN'S PALM.

Little American Girl in Rome Delighted the Heart of Margherita.

By Marconi Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph to The New York Times. •

ROME, March 29.—The incident that impressed Queen Margherita most during her recent visit to the Montessori School was connected with a little American child. Mrs. Sandor Landeau, (née Whitney of New York,) who lives in Paris with her artist-husband, came last Autumn to Rome in order that her 4-year-old daughter might have Mme. Montessori's personal teaching.

The other day the little girl was chosen to receive the Queen Mother with her preceptress. When she took the Queen's hand and made curtsy she turned it gently over and kissed the palm. The Queen, noticing the pretty action, kissed her.

Afterward at home the tot explained:

"As I kiss the back of the hand of ordinary people, I thought I should kiss the palm of the Queen's."

When this was related to Queen Margherita she was highly delighted and said that she had never heard anything so delicious in her life.

Mr. and Mrs. Landeau will leave Rome soon for Paris.

The daughter and widow of the late Gen. Draper are enjoying social Rome in the full. They are ever welcome here. The General was the American Ambassador here in the time of King Humbert. They were rather democratic in manner, and Mrs. Draper on one occasion, tired of standing, sat down during an audience with the Queen and invited her Majesty to sit beside her. This so astonished the royal lady that she did so.

Miss Draper is remembered as a beautiful young girl, and the later years have fulfilled the promise of her youth. She is much fêted in Rome among the younger set, while her riding is the admiration of the members of the Hunt.

The other day, as Mrs. Draper was passing the Palazzo Margherita where the Queen Mother now lives and which was her own residence when her husband was Ambassador, she remarked:

"I never see that palace without a vision of my dear husband and our happy life. Some of those were the best days in our lives."