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**T**HERE is a saint honoured to an extraordinary extent, both in his native land of Bohemia and elsewhere, and considered the patron and protector of bridges throughout the Roman Catholic world, whose name in Bohemian is "Svatý Jan Nepomucký," "St. John of Nepomuk," or, as commonly expressed in other regions, in mutilated Latin, "St. John Nepomucen." The peasantry in Bohemia are said to venerate him as the bestower of rain and dew; lovers see in him the protector of their aspirations, and hope from him the fulfilment of their wishes, and his statue on the Emperor Charles the Fourth's bridge at Prague is honoured with garlands, nosegays, and plants of rosemary in pots, bestowed by the fair hands of maidens in every station of life. But perhaps the highest distinction he has received is, his solemn election to the position of Second Patron and Protector of the great Society of the Jesuits, our Blessed Lord himself being, as their name denotes,