

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

TRIFLES

It was only a helping hand, And it seemed of little availing, But its clasp was warm, And it saved from harm, A friend whose strength was failing.

REAL THINKING

A great French sculptor rose to fame by his statue of the Thinker. It is the figure of a burly giant, whose wrinkled brow and half shut eyes staring intently into space depict the intense physical strain that his effort to think is costing him.

Rodin's Thinker has given the world much food for thought. It has inspired many to sit down and think things out for themselves. Some have risen from their thinking with minds cleared and vision enlarged, with right viewpoints restored and with noble impulses surging through their hearts.

that is at variance with God's revelation. Hence they have an immeasurable advantage over those who try to reach the truth by the intellect's unaided powers.

There is much advice given today about what books people should read, but how many ever receive advice about what they should think? Perhaps too many confuse reading with thinking.

This is no new idea. It has been the property of the Church for centuries. Prayer and by the means of inspiring faith and inspiring devotion in the ages of faith. It is still the means adopted by the Church's leaders to bring men back to reflection on the fundamentals of life.

When we come to think about it we find it not such a small thing, after all. Patience, forbearance, unselfish interest in the pleasures of another—these things seldom go into the making of a "small thing."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS THE ROSARY

Not on the lute, nor harp of many strings Shall all men praise the Master of all song. Our life is brief, one saith, and art is long;

There is one harp that any hand can play, And from its strings what harmonies arise! There is one song that any mouth can say.

GRATITUDE

There are few things in the world which wound us so deeply as the feeling that we are ignored by our fellow-creatures, that we are looked over or passed by. We all appreciate little attentions, and yet it is marvellous how few people properly recognize attention when it is shown to them.

Nothing in the world is so discouraging, in extending a courtesy, as to feel that the thought which inspired it, or the trouble it costs, is disregarded as courtesies.

The more a man knows the harder it is for him to think straight. One finds out by long acquaintance with the world that many previous thoughts of scholars and philosophers were but crude and mistaken.

In the region of thinking Catholics take their starting point in the conviction that their religion has come to them from God, and contains God's revelation of all the truths that it is necessary for man to know in order to save his soul.

The majority of us take things too much for granted. We receive favour as a right, forgetting too often that a courtesy extended, no matter how trivial it may be, is meant as a politeness, and ought as such to be suitably acknowledged, even at a little inconvenience to ourselves.—Southern Cross.

CULTIVATING THE ART OF LISTENING KINDLY TO OTHERS

There is an old gentleman whose memory frequently betrays him into telling the same story twice during a brief call. Conversation with him consists largely of listening to incidents of his boyhood, told and retold until he, and all his friends, know them by heart.

"Helen, how can you?" asked one of her friends. "It is hard sometimes," said Helen laughingly. "But he is such a dear and takes such a pleasure in recalling those by-gone scenes that it is a small thing for me to try and be interested."

It is a fine thing to be an intelligent listener and the girl who feels that she is not a gifted talker can make up for it by cultivating the art of listening.

With a young girl it is an art, but still it requires no more effort than common courtesy demands of us in numerous other ways. We do not tell our friends that their homes are unattractive or their clothes unbecoming, but frequently our behavior tells them that their conversation is not worthy our attention.

WHY PEOPLE ARE CONVERTED

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how few miracles can I get off?—he demands sound armor, sharp weapons, and, above all, firm ground to stand on—a good footing for his faith—and these he is apt to fancy he can get from Rome alone.—The Monitor.

Don't get discouraged because people laugh at you and ridicule you when you are trying to do right. Every successful man has had the same experience, in fact, it seems to be one of the prices we have to pay for success.

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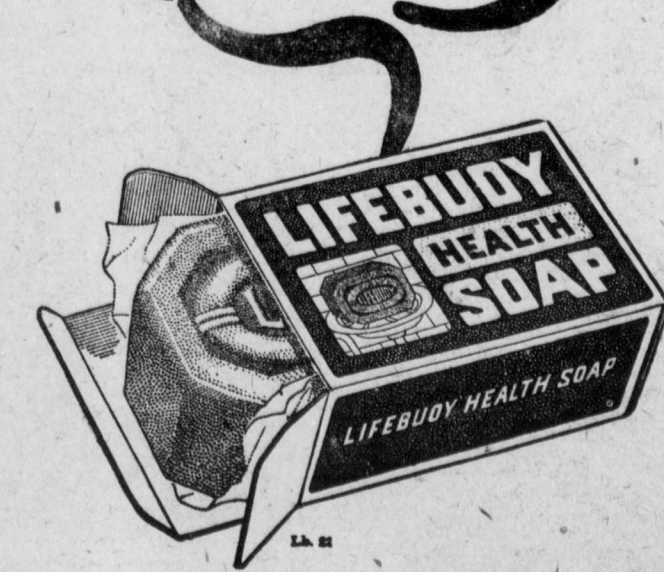
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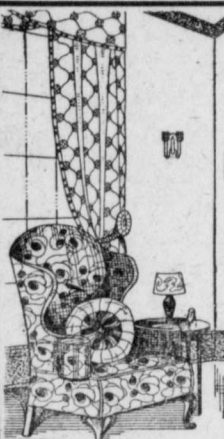
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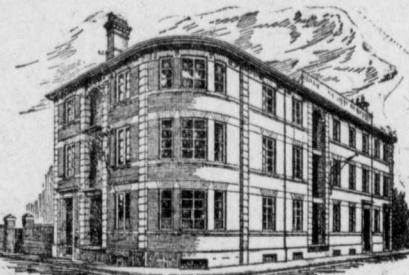
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