

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

BE AN AUCTIONEER
Ten little Vic. Bonds. Oh, friend o' mine,
You're going to take one? Now there are nine.

DON'T BE A FAULT-FINDER

Because you are able to point out real faults and shortcomings in the life and actions of your friends or neighbors is no sure proof that you are profitably or helpfully engaged when you are doing so.

FRIENDSHIP

Some persons have a genius for friendship. That is because they are open, and responsive and unselfish.

No material success in life is comparable to success in friendship. There is an old Latin proverb expressing the worldly view, which says that it is not possible for a man to love and at the same time be wise.

Trust is the first requisite for making a friend. How can we be anything but alone, if our attitude to men is one of armed neutrality, if we are suspicious, and assertive, and querulous, and overcautions in our advances?

PLAYING GAMES
The age at which men find themselves compelled by pressure of business or the cares of life, or by physical infirmity, to give up their favorite game is advancing.

ONCE UPON A TIME GAMES WERE almost exclusively for those in school or college. When a boy took up what was depressingly referred to as "the serious business of life," he was expected to abandon the frivolous point of view that playing games was supposed to denote.

Having found out for themselves that such early deprivation is a mistake, they do not impose it on their sons. Many men nearing middle life are almost as active on the tennis court or on the golf links as in the days of their youth.

Yet on holiday occasions when middle-aged men, long out of practice, engage in baseball, there will always be a fair proportion who show that they retain much of their juvenile skill and alertness.

The giving up of games should be so gradual, so voluntary, that it involve no sense of loss or of sacrifice. Generally speaking, so long as a man has an impulse and a desire to play a game, he will be the better for

yielding to it. That is the wisdom the new generation has learned, and it is a good wisdom.—Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHAT A SMILE CAN DO

When days are fair, and slip along
On golden pinions fleet,
'Tis easy then to give a smile
To every one you meet.

THE CHARMING GIRL

The interesting girl is one who goes through the world with her eyes open. She does not let her life center around herself, but rather considers the needs of others, and tries to be of service to them.

The interesting girl, who by and by will be an interesting woman, does not have false standards of value; she aims to be natural. A natural woman is the greatest power in the world today.

And there is nothing specially occult or difficult in this matter. One can be as interesting as every woman was since the world began, if one will elect to be so.

A Foe or a Friend
Duty is often an ugly word—"a bug-bear to the youthful mind." We are so apt to fancy that duties are unfairly allotted; that others are burdened more lightly than we are.

What do you call "duties?" was asked of a young complainant. "The things I don't want to do," he answered, smartly enough.

THE MATTER OF "THANKS" has much to do with aversion to duty. We all like to be recompensed for our efforts, especially when we do more than is required of us.

When I'm not thanked at all, I'm thanked enough; I've done my duty and I've done no more.

NATURE, LABOR AND CAPITAL

According to the best authorities on economic subjects there are three factors of production: nature, labor and capital. The first two are essential, the third is auxiliary.

A similar parable is found in the old legend of an artist who sought for a piece of sandalwood out of which to carve a Madonna. At last he was about to give up in despair, leaving the vision of his life unrealized when in a dream he was bidden to shape the figure from a block of oakwood which was destined for the fire.

events and in the homeliest circumstances.

Of what is a great picture made? Of canvas and colors—common field flax, common earthy pigments applied with an insignificant little brush of hairs.

RELIGION AND THE WAR

A full page religious advertisement in the International Bible Students' Association in the Bulletin informed an astounded public of the news that the world has ended, a new age begun and that death will soon come.

As far as the War and religion are concerned, a writer in the London Nation, reviewing a recent work on Faith and the War, quotes the author as saying, "In the searchlight of this war, religious failures in history would be hard to find one more tragic and complete than the failure of the Established Church of England."

This is the conclusion of Mr. Robert Keable of South Africa, a devoutly religious man, who worked with the troops in France. The religion of the "Good Fellow" system, which is the Y. M. C. A. brand, does not take hold on the soul, although it manages canteens, promotes sports, entertainments and gentlemenliness.

Much the same is the testimony of the men who have been overseas. The Y. M. C. A. and Protestant type of religion does not appeal to red-blooded men in the face of death.

THE GOTHIC CHURCH
In a preface to the "History of the United States," by the late Mr. Cecil Chesterton, which has just been published, his brother, Mr. G. K. Chesterton, speaks of Cecil's conversion from Socialism to the Catholic Church.

It was about the same time that, having for some time held an Anglo-Catholic position, he joined the Roman Church. It is notable, in connection with the general argument, that while the deeper reasons for such a change do not concern such a sketch as this, he was again characteristically amused and annoyed with the sentimentalists, sympathetic or hostile, who supposed he was attracted by ritual, music, and emotional mysticism.

SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND PEACE

We can sympathize with the soul hunger that impels people to these false doctrines and foolish practices because we too know sorrow, bereavement and all the other troubles common to mankind. But there is this great difference in the case of Catholics. When their hearts are sad and troubled spiritual consolation is always at hand in God's Sacraments, in the strength of prayer and there comes to them that ineffable peace never wanting to them that believe in the Lord and keep His word.

"It is the heart that makes the home, whether the eye rests upon a potato patch or a flower garden."

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The daily round of duty is full of probation and of discipline; it trains the will, the heart and the conscience.—Cardinal Manning.

In one sense, however, it may be said that all legitimate wealth—and by legitimate we mean justly possessed, for legal and legitimate, we would remind the editor of the Arkansas Echo, have not the same current meaning—represents in its origin some labor.

Now let him die and let his son come into his father's possessions. Is it the son's just property? Of course, you say. And still it is not the product of the son's labor.

What is wrong with the modern world is not that there is property which is not the immediate result of labor, but that the available property of the world has been so preempted by comparatively few individuals that it is altogether too difficult for labor to obtain a share in the possession of the earth.

CHESTERTON'S REASON FOR JOINING THE CHURCH
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