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A Good Man's Influence.

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Would You Succeed, Young Man?

York financier, who died this week, followed through a singularly success

ful life, the following wise maxims, to which he attributed all the good fortune

that came to him in such generous

measure. They are eminently prac

"The great secret of success is lav-

ing by a nest egg and adding to your

little store-never spending more than

"A young man should command

what he is worth, always keeping his

eyes open to better himself." "Many young men make a mistake

in going to college and losing the most important part of their lives in filling

themselves with knowledge of other men's deeds, of no practical use to the

"I do not think the life of one who

has accumulated a hundred millions,

more or less, although interesting, is inspiring."

" No one can follow in the footsteps

of another. He must work out his own

any human being said or thought about my actions so long as I was

" Lots of sorrow has been caused by

men meddling at a game regarding which they knew nothing with fellows

"False pride is an enormous ob

"Never worry about to morrow.

To day is the all important issue." "I believe in a young man marry-

Collis P. Huntington, the great New

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. The Little Artist.

In a volume of reminiscences recent ly published it is related that at an ex-hibition of the Royal Academy con-siderable notice was attracted by the picture of a magnificent dog, chained to its kennel and carried away by a A gentleman hurried off to the painter to make an offer for it ; he rang at the door of a small garden. When the wicket was opened he saw a boy playing with a hoop with some other little fellows. He inquired of

the children : 'Does Mr. Landseer live here?' "Yes," replied one of the boys. "When may I speak to him?"

"Now, if you like ; I am Mr. Land

" But," explained the visitor, "it is your father I want to see. I have called about a picture of his at the academy." "Well," said the child, "it is I who

am exhibiting the picture." He was then a little over fourteen years old.

Though Landseer's genius was cultivated early, it was no forced plant. His technical powers were prodigious. He was once present at a party when the conversation turned upon feats of manual dexterity, and a lady ex-

claimed : "Well, there is one thing nobody has ever done, and that is to draw two things at once !

"Oh, yes; I think I can do that," returned Landseer; and with a pencil in each hand he drew rapidly and simultaneously the profile of a stag's head, with all its antiers complete, and the perfect profile of a horse's head. Both drawings were full of

energy. Landseer painted deer and dogs as no one had ever done before, and was said to have humanized their expression. He was fond of outdoor sports, but when deer stalking in the Scottish Highlands, often disgusted the gillies by leading them on a long tramp with more sketching than shooting. On one occasion the men were astonished, just as a magnificent stag came in the way to have Sir Edwin's gun thrust into their hands, with the words : "Here, take this !" while the sketch was pulled hastily out. The book gillies could not refrain from express ing a forcible opinion at this conduct among themselves.

" one of them added, "Sir Edwin must have understood Gaelic, for he was out of temper for the rest of the day.

The Land of Easy Tasks.

"Oh dear !" grumbled Bobby Scott, as he threw his arithmetic aside, "it's nothing but hard sums all the time, and no one to help me. These fractions won't come right, and what's the use of trying any more? I wish I could go where there's nothing hard in all the world. If a fellow wants to play a game of ball, his garden must be weeded first. And if there's a circus coming to town, as there is next week, he's got to earn the money for his ticket. If things came easy, I know I'd be perfectly happy, but I'd just about as soon go without if they've got to be worked for."

Bobby had hardly finished saying this when the page in fractions began to grow very dim, and suddenly one of the ciphers resolved itself into a big balloon, and Bobby found himself sailing away in it. Presently there was a bump, and the balloon landed. got out of the thing and looked around bewildered. He thought himself in the land of the Arabian Nights, hin Ace. for everyt

mediately the letters would fly from the book, and spell out the word for the pupil.

Bobby was greatly entertained. Oh, how I wish I could take some of these text-books back with me! Are not the children very happy here with such easy lessons ?'

"Oh, my, no!" answered the teacher, "they are always crying be-cause there is never anything hard to do, no lessons to learn an in problems to be solved. They can't enjoy their play even, for the reason that they haven't worked first."

"I never thought of that before," said Bobby, seriously. He looked around at the dull, unhappy faces of the children and was convinced that the teacher had spoken truly. Bobby now began to think that this Land of Easy Tasks was not a very nice place to live in after all. and to wonder how he was going to get back to his own home again.

That evening Bobby was invited to go to a circus. It was the biggest one he had ever attended. There were such lots of horses, an enormous men-agerie, and a half-dozen clowns. Now, thought he, people cannot help having a good time. But far from it. As the entertainment was free, none seemed to appreciate what they saw at all. Half the people went out before the performance was over, and those who did stay looked bored and tired.

Bobby was more puzzled over this than anything he'd seen. "You people in this Land of Easy Tasks are "You the luckiest in the world," he remarked to his companion as they were coming off from the grounds, "and yet you off from the grounds, seem the least contented."

"I can tell you why," answered the little man, who was quite a philos-opher, if he did go to circuses. 'There is nothing truer than that old proverb, 'Lightly come by, lightly held.' They say there is a country where everything has to be worked for, and everybody values what he gets accordingly. How happy I'd be

if I could live in such a place !" Bobby did not make any reply. He felt too ashamed to tell the little man that that was the very land he himself came from. He hung his head guiltily as he remembered his numerous complaints. But while he was thinking about it the figure before him began gradually to diminish in size, and finally faded away altogether. Sud-denly Bobby's head gave a jerk.

denly Bobby's head gave a jerk. "Why, you've been asleep, haven't you, Bobby ?" said his mother. "You had better get up early to morrow morning and do your sums, you are too tired to night."

And Bobby trudged off to bed, but quite a different Bobby from the one who had sat down to his arithmetic lesson only an hour or two before.-Rebecca Barrett, in The Living Church.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Be sure, if you do your very best in that which is laid upon you daily, you will not be left without help when some mightier occasion arises.

A Legacy of Virtuous Principle.

The man who has been taught from his childhood to love virtue and to believe that every woman is virtuous, to love truth and to live it in genuine consistence, to treat his body hardly and be rigorous with himself, has received a legacy better than gold.

Foul Books.

Evil reading corrupts the thoughts, imagination, scars the perverts the conscience, hardens the heart and damns the soul. It leads to habits physical

ter on business for yourself never in-dorse for others. It is dishonest. All your resources and all your credit are gant leisure of that type, they are, the sacred property of the men who have trusted you. If you wish to help another, give him all the cash you can nevertheless, susceptible of classification with it by reason of like intellectual characteristics. - Catholic Citizen spare : never indorse. It is dishonest.

Why He Couldn't Get Work The boy in search of a job turned up We forget that this great, humming at supper-time at his sister's house, looking rather disconsolate. world of work is but a school ; and when a boy leaves school the personal

"I didn't get nothing to do," he recollection of him fades with the going of the boys who knew him. Let him said, shortly.

"I don't wonder, if you used that kind of grammar," said his sister. "That wasn't it; I had my company grammar all right ; 'twas some-thing else, and I'll tell Jim about it

of the boys who knew him. Let him distinguish himself, however, and how proudly his name is spoken by the new generations who sit at the old desks ! To the man himself, in the great struggles of the world, and with the deeper insight and wider vision that come with the struggles, it is almost matter of indifference whether he is after supper. You'd spring the told you so 'game on me, and make me tired.' Jim was the brother in-law, and had remembered or forgotten ; new duties

been a job hunting boy himself not many years before. He was beckoned claim his thought, new tasks demand his strength, a new future broadens into the sitting room immediately after before him. It the little community, rising from the table, and once there however, among those whom he never knew, the thought of his large and the door was shut by his wife's youthful brother, who turned and said : growing life, once part of the little went to fourteen places to day, Jim, and was turned down at every shot. school life. is a continual inspiration. So, in the larger school of life, the just I've read about such things in the and the noble survive in conscious re-Sunday -school books and in the funny collection and in the sublimer memory papers, but I thought it was all gab. The guys I applied to didn't ask me if which perpetuates all good and true living by making it part of that body I lived with my mother ; they didn't of moral and intellectual influence ask if I wrote a good hand ; they didn't which is the final evidence and product ask if I knew the city, and they didn't ask nothing at all that I exof civilization. It is sweet to live, after one has gone, in the secret thoughts and affections of friends; but pected them to ask me. The thing four of them says was. ' Hold up your mitts,' while the others said, 'Please let us look at your hands.' there is a touch of the divine and the eternal in the power to live forever in the spirit and character of a world There was one look, and four of them The says 'Git,' and the rest says, polite-like, 'We don't think we require your good and true are unforgotten. - Hamservices.

"What was the matter ?" asked the sister's husband. The boy held up the forefinger of his left hand, along the inner side of which a jellow stain showed as far as the second knuckle. "That," he

said, simply. "H'm !" said the brother-in law, "the boss in our shop wont allow cigarette smoaking, either, but I didn't know things had gone as for as

Why don't you quit ? this. "I have, I quit last night. One of the guys that said 'Git' called me back just as I got to the elevator and says, 'What makes you smoke cigar-

ettes ?" I don't,' I says. "' 'There's some things worse than

cigarette smokin', he says. "''I quit last night,' I told him. Then he grinned a little and said that I might not be such a liar as he thought, after all, but it was a fact that Chicago men had quit hiring cigarette kids, and that this was doing more to stop the habit than all the anti-cigarette leagues in the city, Then, he says, ' You're sure you quit last night, are you ? Well you come back again in a week and show me

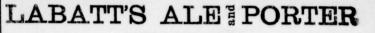
destiny." " If you observe the rules of honesty, your mit. integrity and economy and fear God, you have just as good a chance as any Jim, and I kinder think that feller'll OXFORD MFG. CO., TORONTO man that may be cited." "Never allow any social obligation give me a job."

to interfere with a business engage-TRINES. "I have never cared a cent what

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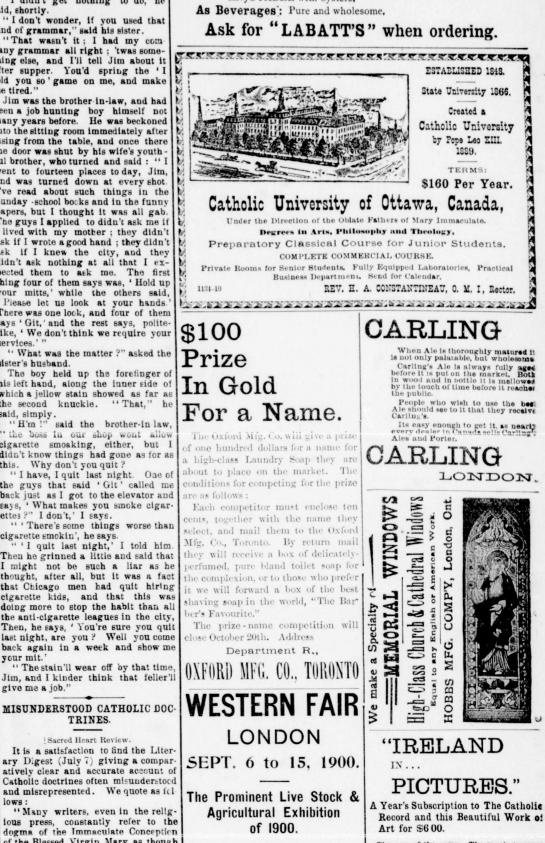
atively clear and accurate account of Catholic doctrines often misunderstood and misrepresented. We quote as fcllows

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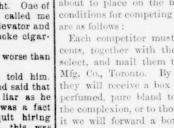


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was so wonderful and queer.

Beautiful flowers kept springing up as if by magic. But the little people who stood around did not seem to notice them or to care to pick them. Bobby ran eagerly and gathered bouquet, but immediately the flowers lost their charm, and he found himself throwing them down again. Scattered all about the streets were

gold and silver coins. Bobby's eyes stuck out with excitement when he saw them. Now, he thought, he could pick up enough to go to circuses the rest of his life. "Was there ever such luck ?" he exclaimed. "Why, it is the next thing to finding Captain Kidd's treasure." He eagerly seized the glitter ing pieces and began to fill his pockets. But no sooner did he possess them than their value was gone and he cared no about them more

'What does this mean, where am I? Bobby inquired of one of the little people who had gathered around to see the newcomer. "Why don't all these things please me?"

"Because you are in the Land of Easy Tasks. Nobody has to work for anything here, and nobody prizes any thing.

How strange !" answered Bobby "I thought the easier a thing came the more fun a fellow got out of it."

"You'll see you're all wrong if you stay here long enough," replied the little

"Don't you have to plant seeds in your gardens and weed them?" inquired Bobby curiously. Goodness, no, boy! All you have to do is to wish for flowers, and they grow and blossom.

"And isn't the money ever earned here, and is nobody paid wages

"Of course not. We don't know what you mean by such questions. I tell you, you are in the Land of Easy Tasks.

The next place Bobby visited was a school. The arithmetics used here had the problems all worked out in them, the geographies were mere picture books, and as for the spellers, they were the queerest of all. The teacher simply pronounced from them, and im-

ly, mentally and spiritually.

Read a Good Book Every Night. It is wise at night to read, but for a few minutes, some book which will compose and soothe the mind, which will bring us face to face with the true facts of life, death, and eternity which will make us remember that man doth not live by bread alone; which will give us, before we sleep, a few thoughts worthy of a Christian man with an immortal soul within him.

Not Small in Consequences

"It is a small matter," men often say, but men are judged by trivial things. The man who persists in conveying food to his mouth with his knife when eating is sure to lose place and standing in the eyes of men with whom he would desire to stand well and who surely put him down as a boor be cause of such table manners. Small matters in dress and manners are noted as indications of breeding and character, and no man can afford to ignore them.

Carnegie's Advice to Young Men.

1. Never enter a bar-room, nor let the contents of a bar-room enter you. Do not use tobacco. 2.

3. Concentrate. Having entered upon a certain line of work, continue

and combine upon that line. 4. Do not shirk ; rather go beyond your task. Do not let any young man think he has performed his full duty when he has performed the work assigned him. A man will never rise if he acts thus. Promotion comes from exceptional work. A man must discover where his emyloyer's interests lie and push for these.

The young man who does this is the young man whom Capital wants for a partner and son-in-law. He is the young man who by and by reaches the head of the firm.

5. Save a little always. Whatever your wages, lay by something from them.

6. Never speculate. Never buy stocks or grain on margin. 7. Never indorse. When you en-

ing early in life, if he can marry a sensible girl, who is willing to do her own housework." "Don't watch the clock. The man

who does probably would never be missed by his employer.

What Young Men do Not Know.

Seventy years ago when Da Tocque-ville visited this country, he could remark with truth upon the widespread interest in public affairs, so much unlike the situation in Europe, where government was the concern o the few, and the many were suck in complete apathy of political concerns. We fear that the flattering picture

drawn by De Toqueville would no apply with so much truth to the present condition of the American people. We are growing a peasant class in politics ; a class that permits itself to be ruled without question or criticism ; not because it is too in dolent, too materialistic and too unintelligent to cherish any decent public spirit or any live concern in affairs beyond its petty personal interests.

A very large minority, at least of our young men, are positively ignor ant of current politics, -devoid of even the vaguest conceptions of what is uppermost in the public mind, and willingly and stupidly so in the bar-They read anything and every gain. thing in the newspapers except that which good citizens ought to read. The criminal columns in the daily, the vapid novelette in the weekly (good enough for women who do no have to vote,) the weak strokes of humor (padding for unborn almanacs), the latest news about some casualty or explosion, - these are the subjects that awaken their interest and strike their attention through their thick ply craniums.

Of the merits of questions before the country, tariff reform, the silver problem, etc., of social problems, such as regulation of the liquor traffic-and of religious subjects, in which all have a general concern, they are without any information, without any convictions, and what is worse, without any desire either to hear or to be interested.

No wonder American civilization a this stage evolves the dude ; for

though as a matter of fact it has no connection with the latter. The dogma of Papal infallibility is likewise fre quently taken to mean Papal impecca ility, a doctrine repudiated by Roman Catholic Church, which admits not only that a Pope may sin, but that he may be in intellectual error. even heresy, in his ordinary writings; at the same time it teaches, however, that he is, as above stated, miraculously guarded from error when, as uni-

versal teacher, he formally defines a loctrine as binding upon the faith of 1136-7 all Christians." The dogma of the Blessed Virgin's

Immaculate Conception has, however, bearing upon the doctrine concern ing our Divine Lord's birth of a virgin mother, since it is abhorrent to Catholics to imagine that any, even the least taint of original sin, much ess of actual, even for one moment sullied her who was to stand in the losest human relationship to the Redeemer of the world and to the Eternal Son of God.



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