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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A NEW WAY TO SPELL LUCK

"Do you know," observed the young man, "I think all talk you find in newspapers and magazines about success being a man's own making is tommyrot, nothing more. It's luck. 'What do you mean by luck ?" I

asked him. 'Why, what everybody else means

of course. Just plain, simple every day luck," he responded. "There was a vacancy in our office. The luck. two applicants were told to come at sudden impulse, or the conjunction or want of conjunction, of things. Not a certain hour to see the manager. One got there at twenty-seven minat all. But it seems reasonable to suppose that the soul recognizes utes after eight, and was engaged The other came at half-past what is best for it, and that if we had our material senses sufficiently the appointed hour, and got nothing It was luck that sent the first person well attuned, we should be able to three minutes ahead of the hour named.

"Yes, it was luck, but a luck any acting on it be spared much trouble and achieve much success. one may have. In the first applicant Try spelling Luck with these words and see what it will bring you : List-fulness, Urbanity, Carefulness, we see a desire for the position, a desire perhaps backed by a great need fulness, Urbanity, Carefulne Knowledge.—Catholic Telegraph. which, in itself, held to and rightly directed, will bring success. In addi tion we see a person who will not measure his working hours by the minutes ; if he is in the office ahead of time, he will not lounge and gossip until the stroke of the clock ; and if he has not finished his work at quitting time he will continue his task. all He will not do this for the sake of the approbation of his employer solely, but primarily because he likes his

The idea of luck is one of the most seductive foes a man has. What is it? Try to reach it, to analyze it, and you will find yourself grasping thin air. Before it philosophers from time immemorial have sat in contemplation, and the echo of their musings have only deepened the mystery for us. Is there some power, superordinary, abroad in the unseen the sea. realm of our existence that directs to what is our allotted work, and they who heed that direction are the successful? Or need we go so far into the speculative world ? May not the power reside in ourselves? Have ve not all had experiences that seem

must

to point that way. You take a walk into the country and are brought to a post which bears the announcement that the land is Many men hoist the sail in their for sale. You notice how level it is, youthful days and let the ship take and your mind instantly beholds it laid off into squares, and studded with pretty homes. You are instantly filled with the impulse to invest in that land. Presently, however, you are smiling at the impulse, recollecting how far this plot is from the city, and the utter impossibility of its means of transportation and other conveniences ever reaching out this distance. You pass on with a sense of disappointment-why, you do not know.

In less than ten years you have seen that country place converted into a beautiful suburb, with the land selling for more per foot than you would have paid for an acre. you bought it then, you would now be living on Easy street, whereas you are finding it hard to make ends meet for shame on your account.

" Just my luck," you complain, thinking of what you might have been.

Should you not rather say: "Just travelling was very insecure on ac-hat was not my luck !" remember. what was not my luck !" remember-ing your impulse.

Have you not found it so, in small vessel was captured by them. Pirates but your pen is broken or your ink they are all the more numerous on is gone. Something says to wait for the sea of life. Who and what are another time, but you decided the these pirates? They are the corruptis gone. letter shall be written that day and ers of youth, they are men "who call

rush off and get the missing articles. evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for dark-You write something that it were better you had left unwritten, and ness" (Is. v., 20). They are the men who"speak sweetly with their lips, but more harm than you can ever catch up with has been started.

interpret the soul's suggestions, and,

in their heart lie in wait to throw thee into the pit" (Ecclus, xii., 15) You meet a young woman, and something draws you to her; you feel that you would like to know her bet-They are at times unprincipled ser-vants, at other corrupt companions, or again even brothers and sisters. How often, alas, the little boat falls ter; but you remember that she is too high above or too far below your a prey to pirates ! Has it not hapstation, or some such trifling consideration, and your affinity passes you pened to some of you, that you were by. When it is too late, you set it robbed of your innocence in your down as another grievance against boyhood and taught to do wrong by some bad companion ? With bitter sorrow you look back upon that day. You must not jump at the conclu-

sion that I want to direct your actions, great and small, by every -Rev. Joseph Schuen.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE SILVER MADONNA

Majestic yet serenly sweet in mier the Virgin held in her arms the Divine Child. It was a goldsmith's masterpiece. And this marvelous statue was the property of an atheist an antiquarian, who valued it only for its articitic heapty. Little Lucille, the antiquarian's niece, discovered the silver statue among the curios on one of her

SHIPWRECK ON LIFE'S OCEAN uncles shelves. Life is often compared to a voyage "Tell me, uncle," she said, "if you do not love our Blessed Mother, why do you have her statue? And since

upon an ocean, and human beings are the vessels that sail upon it. In the distance there is a shore which you have it, why do you not put it in should reach because upon it your room and say your prayers beyour room and say," fore it every night?" "It is only children who say their "It is only children who say their "When is the beautiful city of the heavenly Jerusalem, where there is rest and happiness. This city is resplend-

prayers," said the uncle. "When you are grown up you will forget ent with its streets of gold, and its walls built of precious stones, and yours." "Oh, no, I won't. Mamma says we its gate of the purest pearl; it is adorned like the bride for her spouse must say our prayers every day as (Apoc. xxi., 2.) On that shore all long as we live. Don't you ever say

land and be safely harbored the Our Father and Hail Mary?" for all eternity. Unfortunately many make shipwreck before they "Never!" "Then I know what awful thing reach it, and are swallowed up by will happen to you," said the child The very mention of shipwith big tears in her eyes. "We wreck has a terror about it. What scenes it calls up in the imagination ! must keep the promises we make at our First Communion if we wish to Who can be indifferent to such a calamity? It will be well to ponder

go to heaven." The atheist was uncomfortable. it in time so as to escape its actuality. Many make shipwreck at the com-"Be quiet, child. Only naughty boys on the street talk about hell." mencements of the voyage, i. e., in childhood. The mariner who pur-"But you don't want to go there, do you? That would be awful, awful sues his course carelessly when the Didn't you have a mamma who made waves are running high must beware you kneel down, and put your hands lest he be swallowed up in the billows. together, and talk to God, when you

were small?" antiquariam was deeply The its own course. The heart of childtouched.

hood, we are told, is all mirth, and we "Go to bed, little one," he said. speak of giddy youth as a period given up to thoughtlessness and frivolity. How heedlessly children and remember that I told you that saying prayers was all nonsense."

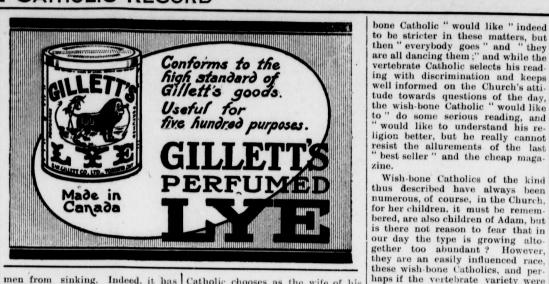
'Uncle, since you don't love our go to places where danger awaits Blessed Mother, since you never talk them where sin lurks to entrap them ! to her, will you let me have her How rarely they watch over their statue? May I have it now? You senses, what liberty they allow to their eyes and ears! How regardless and I want it much, for I love her they are of the warnings of parents and priests ! The consequence is dearly.' The antiquarian opened the glass

that they make shipwreck early in life. "A fool will laugh at sin" case and placed the statue in the child's arms. (Prov. xiv., 9). Look back upon your own early years. Perhaps you, too, "Now go," he said, "and sleep

undly until morning." have suffered shipwreck in your child-An hour later the uncle was still hood. Think of what happened with oondering on his niece's words. Her certain companions, in certain outchildish reasoning had quickened tender memories of the past. His of the way places. Perhaps your guardian angel had to hide his face heart grew tender. Suddenly he arose and went to the child's room. Many ships are lost soon after

launching because they fall into the paused astonished. hands of pirates. In former times On the table spread with a clean over stood the beautiful statue, and around it were vases of flowers and lighted candles. Before it, in her that infested the seas, and many a dainty white nightrobe, knelt Lucille, her head bowed on her arms. She had fallen asleep in the midst of her

THE CATHOLIC RECORD



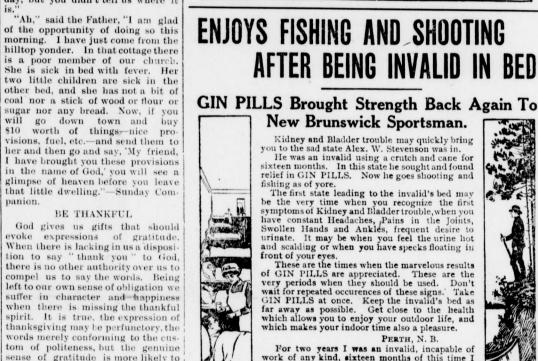
Catholic chooses as the wife of hi done more than that. The thought bosom and the mother of his chil dren a woman of his own faith, the wish-bone Catholic "would like to" do so, were not "other considerations of higher importance nowa days ;" while the vertebrate Catholic is careful about the character of the plays he sees and the nature of the plays he sees and the nature of the dances he shares in, the wish-ward they help you to understand.

have helped many souls over the rough and dangerous places in life and finally into the Heavenly Father's house.—Catholic Union and

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN A well-known priest had preached a sermon on the joys of heaven. A wealthy member of his church met him the next day and said : "Father you told us a great many grand and beautiful things about heaven yester-day, but you didn't tell us where it

Times

panion.





work of any kind, sixteen months of this time I was unable to move without the assistance of a crutch and a cane. During this time I was treated by all our local doctors as well as taking treatment from a specialist in Chicago, but did not improve any, and had about given up hope of ever being of any use again, when a friend advised me to try GIN PILLS. This I did, and with a two months treat-

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would like to understand his rebest seller " and the cheap maga-

for her children, it must be remem-bered, are also children of Adam, but our day the type is growing alto gether too abundant ? However, they are an easily influenced race, these wish-bone Catholics, and perhaps if the vertebrate variety were even more fearless and aggressive than they are their example would stiffen the spine of many of ou wish-bone Catholics. Who knows of our

-America.

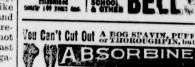
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ing with discrimination and keeps well informed on the Church's atti-

tude towards questions of the day, the wish-bone Catholic "would like to " do some serious reading, and ligion better, but he really cannot resist the allurements of the last

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He opened the door gently, then of saying "thank you " to God."

prayer. The picture was a charmngone The old man gently lifted his niece

and placed her in her bed. The half- as perfect would be the division awakened child murmured the prayer she had been repeating when sleep in airships from those who do not, overtook her: "Dear Blessed Mother or by placing in one category all who obtain for Uncle Herman the grace are fond of caviar and in the other all who consistently abstain from of conversion. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost—" Holy Ghost—" Holy Ghost—" Amen," said the antiquariam. other classification of the human race that is, beyond all cavil, not And he gently covered his niece, then knelt in turn before the silver only thoroughly adequate, but which throws besides such a flood of light statue.-The Magnificat.

hilltop yonder. In that cottage there is a poor member of our church She is sick in bed with fever. Her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not a bit of coal nor a stick of wood or flour or sugar nor any bread. Now, if you will go down town and buy \$10 worth of things-nice provisions, fuel, etc.—and send them to her and then go and say, 'My friend, I have brought you these provisions in the name of God,' you will see a glimpse of heaven before you leave that little dwelling."-Sunday Com-

BE THANKFUL

God gives us gifts that should evoke expressions of gratitude. When there is lacking in us a disposition to say "thank you" to God. there is no other authority over us to compel us to say the words. Being left to our own sense of obligation we suffer in character and happiness when there is missing the thankful spirit. It is true, the expression of thanksgiving may be perfunctory, the words merely conforming to the custom of politeness, but the genuine sense of gratitude is more likely to be developed by expression than by silence. Well it is to have a Thanksgiving Day to remind us of the duty

TWO TYPES OF CATHOLICS

To divide the human race logically and adequately into two great classes is not difficult. All mankind, for example is composed of those who

fiddle and those who do not. Quite

who form the first class, the genuine

vertebrates of our species, men of

principle and resolution, doers of

the word, the Bassanios of the

world, the Loyolas of sainthood.

With those on the other hand whom

this wit's analysis places in the

second class the world is but too well furnished. Their spines are wish-bones, they are lotus-enters, Hamlets of real life, hearers only of

the word. They remind us of the

act" acturi sunt.

grammarian's periphrastic conjuga tion, for they are always "about to

of mother has not only saved men from death, but it has inspired them to the most noble and heroic achiev-ments. The thought of mother's love, mother's life, mother's toils, mother's endless sacrifice, mother's sleepless nights for our comfort and safety—thoughts of these things BOOST YOUR TOWN BY ORGANIZING A **BRASS BAND**

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JAPENESE CHILDREN on the conduct of life that Epictetus himself might well have been the The one thing that Japanese chilauthor of the epigram. "The human race," observes this nameless sage, "is composed of two great classes of men : Those with a dren mu t learn in their homes is

perfect obedience. A little American girl was playing in the street with some Japanese real back bone and those who have children. instead merely a wish - bone." Admirably expressed ! And how true ! But how few, alas ! are those "Mary," called her father from the

house, "come in." As she paid no attention, the others thought she had not heard, and began to say to her, 'Your august father is calling you.' "I don't care," said Mary. The children stopped playing, and looked at her in astonishment. Her father called again. This time she an-swered crossly: "What for? I don't want to come in."

At this the children picked up their playthings, and hurried home talking excitedly all the way. "Rude little foreigner! Bad little girl!" they said, and they would not play with her.

THOUGHT OF MOTHER

In Catholic circles, too, both types A boy, who afterwards became of men are of course proportionately governor of the state of Massachus- represented. There are the staunch etts, once came near being drowned. and fearless children of the Church, The boat in which he was sailing was for instance, who firmly refuse to capsized, and he had to swim more conform in conduct or opinions to she asked him how he managed to hold out so long. "I thought of you, mother," replied the boy, "and kept on swimming." The thought of catholic shows his appreciation of nother helped him in the moment of his greatest need, and thus saved his girls to Catholic shows his appreciation of his faith by sending his boys and girls to Catholic schools and colleges, life, not only to himself and to his the wish bone Catholics who "would mother, but also to the state and the like to " do the same, but the imag-

nation. The thought of mother has saved many boys and girls, men and wo-him falter; while the vertebrate

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