

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Our young folk know that a ventriloquist is a person who can manage his voice so well as to make people think the sound comes from the cellar or the house-top, or any other place he may choose.

inside the door. Far away in the distance we saw the altar lights and the moving forms of the officiating priests.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Keep At It. "Keeping overlastingly at it brings success" is a saying that has been made famous by a certain newspaper advertising firm.

Faithful in Little Things. A man was once asked why he took so much pains to oblige others in trifles. His answer was in substance: "I have neither the wealth nor the intellect, nor the learning, nor the position to do big things for God or man, and so I take delight in doing any little thing to promote another's interest or enjoyment."

One need but "measure his desires by his fortune, and not his fortune by his desires" to secure contentment of spirit, and this is the greatest gain.

Decadence of Swearing. "Do you swear?" asked a long-vaunted man of an applicant for work. "No, by—I don't," was the unexpected answer, which lost the applicant a situation.

That swearing is a habit is exemplified by the readiness with which it is dropped when some other habit forces it aside. The habit of slang has superseded that of swearing; man being a talking animal uses a superfluity of words, and he likes those which are in the nature of epithets and carry conviction with them.

his head, was dismissed from the service and had his tongue branded with a hot iron for using profane language.

Marjorie Fleming, that precocious child friend of Sir Walter Scott, wrote a poem on a bereaved turkey which may be taken as a specimen of early profanity in poetical garb.

Favorite authors of past decades have garnished their conversations freely with oaths, and in their own correspondence have not hesitated to use the emphatic language of profanity.

FOR THE NEW CENTURY TO FACE. In the New Year's number of the New York World Cardinal Gibbons thus points out the dangers that threaten our civilization:

Push or Being Pushed. It is the persistent efforts to advance which we commonly designate by the term push. A business man without push might as well shut up shop and save his money, for sooner or later he will be swamped by the irresistible onward rush of progress.

There are not men, but machines, and in the case of machines we expect a certain amount of work from the expenditure of a certain amount of fuel, and we take steps to get it. But a man, be he employer or employee, will do his best; what he may lack to day, he will make up to-morrow. He will have push but will object to being pushed.

What Constitutes a Fortune? "My fortune is made!" exclaimed George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive, when, at the age of thirty he was appointed engineer in charge of the Killingworth colliery at a salary of \$500 per year.

Not far from Jerusalem, close to the Garden of Gethsemane, there grew upon a sloping bank of verdure a tree covered with luxuriant dark green foliage.

When springtime came again, and the tree whereon Judas had hung himself was in blossom, the flowers, instead of being white as heretofore, were of a purplish red, diffusing a disagreeable odor.

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Our insatiable greed for gain, the co-existence of colossal wealth with abject poverty, the extravagance of our rich, the discontent of the poor, our eager and impetuous rushing through life, and every other moral and social delinquency, may be traced to one of the five radical vices enumerated above.

A PAPAL PREDICTION THAT HAS BEEN FULFILLED.—Turning the other day to his chaplain, Mgr. Angeli, who was assisting His Holiness in removing the sacred vestments after Mass, Leo XIII. remarked with a smile: "You see, Monsignor, that in spite of all these odds about our falling health, we are not yet so weak as not to be able to take an active part in sacred functions. And heaven will give us strength to preside over the opening ceremonies of the Holy Year."

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