

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

BEFORE THE TABERNAACLE

I knelt one evening all alone Before my hidden Lord, With wondrous bitter grief and dread My inmost soul was stirred.

I wept and struggled all in vain, My heart was hard and cold, And to my gentle, loving Lord My restless grief I told.

I felt that He was very near, His face I could not see, But I could almost hear His voice—"Come, oh my child, to Me."

I crept still closer to His throne, Then sank down at His feet, The sense of peace that o'er me stole Was strangely calm and sweet.

I felt that tender, earnest love Beat in His heart for me, And, dearest Lord, my wearied soul Found peace and rest in Thee.

THE SAME EVERYWHERE

The man who is affable in public and irritable in private is making a fraudulent over-lease of stock, he is as bad as a bank that might have four or five hundred thousand dollars of bills in circulation with no specie in the vault. The home is a mighty test of character. What you are at home, you are everywhere, whether you demonstrate it or not.

THE PRAYERS OF HIS COMRADES

A policeman mortally wounded by a fugitive thief and dying in the discharge of his duty, said to the priest who bent over him: "I have to go across, father, please tell the boys to pray for me."

This brave young man, unflinching in the prospect of death—"the fog in his throat, the mist in his face"—made perfectly clear his simple faith in two things, he sent his message to his fellow members of the police force. First, his belief in prayer to the God who had given and taken away his life and an implied confidence in the character of his companions in duty. "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much," is a precept ingrained in the understanding of most adherents of the Christian religion.

John Fitzpatrick, about to die, in his spontaneous words of parting, paid tribute alike to the God, he served and to the associates of his daily work in this life. His simple message must sink deep into the minds of the men who heard it transmitted to them. Such incidents have a significance rising far beyond the limits of time and circumstance.—New York Evening Sun.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A BOY'S MOTHER

My mother she's so good to me I'd I was good as I could be, I couldn't be as good—no, sir! Can't any boy be good as her!

She loves me when I'm glad or mad; She loves me when I'm good or bad; And what's the funniest thing, she says She loves me when she punishes me.

I don't like her to punish me; That don't hurt; but it hurts me to see Her cryin'—non I cry, an' nen We both cry—an' be good again.

She loves me when she cuts an' sews My little cloak and Sunday clothes; An' when my pa comes home to tea, She loves him most as much as me.

She laughs an' tells him all I said; An' I hug her, an' hug my pa, An' love him just nigh much as ma.

STAYING POWER

It happened in Holland. Once, we are told, a boy was passing late at night, along an unfrequented section of the dykes. He heard a sound as of water gurgling. He listened, in order to be sure, then told himself—yes, it must be a leak in the dyke. And before his mind at once unfolded a vision of the terrible effects sure to follow. He remembered the stories his father had often told him and with its rich farms and beautiful homes under water. It must not be. He climbed down and searched in the dark until he found the spot. It was a leak, threatening every moment to grow into a volume of deluging water. There was no time now to run for help. He called—no answer. He quickly looked around for something to stop the hole—nothing to be found. One glance at the hole showed him that his arm would just fit in; in it went and there he held it, hour after hour through the long night, shouting as long as he was able, but never taking that arm out of the hole in the dyke.

At last, when dawn came, they found him there, stiffened and benumbed with wet and cold and the agony of holding himself in that position so long. He was the savior of the whole country round.

True nerve in that boy! He had staying power—even a better thing than the nerve that is needed only for a moment.—True Voice.

BE KIND TO MOTHER

Lift all the burdens you can from your mother's shoulders. Seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own.

Never intimate by word or deed that your world and hers are different, or that you feel in any way superior to her.

Manifest an interest in whatever interests or amuses her. Make her a partner, so far as your different ages will permit, in all your pleasures and recreations.

Remember that her life is monotonous compared with yours, and to take her to some suitable place of amusement, or for a trip to the country, or to the city if your home is in the country, as frequently as possible.

Introduce all your friends to her and enlist her sympathies in youthful projects, hopes and plans, so that she may carry youth into old age.

Talk to her about your work, your studies, your friends, your amusements, the books you read, the places

Such are the epoch-making events that mean life to millions of people.

I have an idea that the grievances of the female world that are grouped under the word suffrage are in great part founded on domestic auto-hypnotism. Women's mental equipment is probably as good as man's, but its range has been for centuries restricted.

Small duties of one kind or another so fill the horizon of woman's life that she can see nothing else. This sort of thing easily becomes a habit. A woman can, by good management, take as much time, consult as many people over the purchase of a dress, as did the Japanese and Russians over the treaty of Portsmouth. All things are relative. The massacre of ten thousand people in Teheran does not bother you as much as the baby's cry.

To accomplish anything in life one must escape from the vicious circle of personal petty anxieties and occupations. Their only result is to waste time and dull the mental faculties. Of course if a woman prefers that domestic hasheen commonly called housework or millinery to real accomplishment, if a man prefers to emulate the horse who winds up the windless instead of being of some use in the world, it is their own affair.

But there are many who see dimly that they are wasting their lives but cannot get out of the vicious circle. There are hundreds capable to do better things wearing themselves out in a dull round of distasteful occupation and anxieties which are of use neither to themselves nor to their neighbors. They are under a malign spell. One good half day spent in an impartial survey of themselves would break the spell, enable them to see things rightly, put small worries where they belong and realize the value of time and the nobility of life that accomplishes.—The Looker-on, in the Boston Pilot.

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WHAT IS A LADY ANYHOW?

It was a cosy and rosy inside and rainy and gray without. The good friends were gathered about the tea table, happy at that delighted sense of relaxation that comes at the close of a day well filled with duties done. The door flew open and in came the business girl, her face rueful and a big splash of wet mud on her skirt.

"Just look," she exclaimed, "at the splash I got from an automobile! And mother used to say that a lady could cross a muddy street and never even soil her shoes! Whew! I'd like to know what a lady is, anyhow."

As the business girl took her seat amid the smiles and chuckles at her words, the nurse said: "Well, let's define a lady. Suppose you begin," turning to the novelist.

"A lady," spoke the novelist thoughtfully, "may be likened clad or walk in rags, but you will know her instantly because she is gentle, kind and wise. She thinks of herself last and of even the humblest first. She will never cause suffering and she would rather die than turn aside from truth. She is as brave as a soldier and as tender as a babe. She will be faithful even unto death."

"A lady," added the business girl, is prompt. She never keeps people waiting. She keeps her engagements, she answers her letters, she never borrows and forgets to repay. In fact I think she never borrows anyway, but I fancy she lends. She is always trim and neat, always cheerful. She doesn't complain about her pains and aches, about the subway and the telephone. About those things she just keeps still. If you are looking a bit down she tells you a rattling good story. When a lady is around you feel sorta bucked up."

"I know a lady, she must be a lady," cause she says she is, and she doesn't look a bit like that. She scrubs our office and every evening I work late she comes in and says: "Don't mind me, miss, I'm the scrub lady."

"Everybody has had her scrub little me," spoke up the dressmaker, "and I insist on having mine. A lady thinks ahead. She doesn't come rushing in for a new dress that she wants done yesterday and then change her mind a dozen times about the model."

A really, truly lady orders her clothes in plenty of time to get them when she needs them. She wears only those things that are becoming in color and line and does not blame the dressmaker because she insisted, against the dressmaker's pleas, on having a thing that makes her look hideous. She pays her bills when she gets them. She is never cranky at fittings. I would know a lady if I met her. Of course I never saw one, but I've dreamed of them.

What's that about no man being a hero to his valet? Well, I can make a pretty shrewd guess that no woman is a lady to her dressmaker."

"That may be," interjected the nurse, but in my opinion a lady is of all clean. She washes her hands and she washes her face and not just once a day either. And to see her you know she is clean all through. Her mind and her heart are as clean as her face and hands. She is sanitary. She doesn't cough and sneeze in people's faces; she doesn't wipe her hands on her nose and mouth and then shake hands with you. She doesn't—"

"Oh, psshaw!" the poet interrupted here. "How sordid! Let me tell you what a lady really is. Her eyes are wells of sympathy and understanding, her mouth is as sweet and tender as a rose, her touch as soft as mist, and her hands, you should see her hands!"—Catholic Citizen.

A WORLD WITHOUT GOD

Take away God, and this world is unrecognizable. Take away God, and human life is a melancholy puzzle. Take away God and each human existence drifts like a frail bark, which has been cast loose from its moorings and is at the mercy of the waves and currents of the treacherous sea. Take away God, and death

hangs over our life's end like a dark and heavy curtain, hiding we know not what, extinguishing hope, and tempting perplexed mortals to give themselves up to this world when the world is bright, and when it is black to lift their hands against their own lives.—Bishop Hadley.

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Remember that she is still a girl at heart, so far as delicate little attentions are concerned. Make her frequent simple presents, and be sure that they are appropriate and tasteful.

Write to her and visit her. Do your best to keep her youthful in appearance, as well as in spirit, by helping her to take pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.

If she is no longer able to take her accustomed part in the household duties, do not let her feel that she has lost any of her importance as the central factor in the family.

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