OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Truths for Girls. Never mind the dimples if there's

Try making yourself as agreeable

to your brother as if he were some

other girl's brother. It will pay to win his boyish confidence. How many thoughts a day for mother's comfort do you give?-New

York Harald. Making the Angels Happy

The following touching little inci-dent was related of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks just after his death. Perhaps we have given it before, but it is worth repeating. The Bishop had for a long time paid

some little attention to the five-yearold daughter of one of his parishioners, and the little one always expressed her delight when, in company with her mother, she met him on the street. The day of the Bishop's death the mother came into the room where the

little one was playing, and, holding the bright little face between her hands, said tearfully: Brooks has gone to heaven!" " Bishop

"Oh, mamma," was her answer, how happy the angels will be?"

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other evening over a pin set with tiny pearls that Bob had won at a bleycle I know the funnlest story about

pearls," said little Elizabeth, who was always reading fairy tales. "They say that pearls are made out of dew drops, and that once every year the pearl oysters come up to the surface of the water, find a dewdrop, and then go

down to m ke it into a pearl."

Then such a shout of laughter as went up from the children!

"O1, Elizabeth, what a goose you are," chorused all of them.
"Yes, that's absurd," chimed in Bob, "to think that oysters would take the pains to come to the surface to get dewdrops when water is all a bout them. Why, Elizabeth, if you don't stop read ing tairy stories you will turn into s

fairy yet." "Wish I could," muttered Eliza beth, as she climed into Uncle Jun's lap. "I'd be a good fairy to Uncle Jim, and I don't say what I'd be to you, Bob Dampsy ; you're always mak-

ing fun of me. "Well, well, never mind, Edza-beth," said Uncle Jim, patting her cheek, "just ask Bob if he really

knows how pearls are made."

Bob looked a trifle serious and shook

his head.

"Give it up, I never thought anything about it," he answered.

"Very simple indeed," said Uncle
Jim. "Pearls are made by the oyster
putting a smooth covering on some
grains of sand that get inside of his
shall and make him uncomfortable by shell and make him uncomfortable by rubbing against his mantle."

Mamma hadn't said a word until now. She questioned: "Desn't it seem as though the oyster might teach

ing caps were put on.

The Fchool-Girls' Faint. Catherine! Catherine of Alexandria, that famous old city in Africa, whose library was one of the Seven Wonders of the world,—yes, and would be to-day, had not a stupid old caliph of Mecca burned it down. Oh, what a glorious Saint she is! Delightful stories are so entwined about her name that one is quite bewildered where to begin. Thoughtful scholars and grave professors kneel at her shrine before they go to their daily task; painters and poets dream of her. In the great schools of Europe you may see her mild, intelligent face smiling down from the wall where she is framed with a book in one hand, a pen in the other. In the famous picture galleries she is represented as borne through the air by angels, or receiving on her finger a ring from the Infant Jesus, or seated in the midst of

"Sprung from a royal race," Catherine lived in the time of the persecutions, and died a martyr to her faith. They tied her to a great machine made of four wheels, with knives along the edges, which tore her delicate body to pieces. After this she was beheaded. But some say she was not injured at all by the wheels,—that the angels game down and shattered the angels came down and shattered the angels came down and shattered the machine to pieces. Often in her pictures she is represented with a wheel by her side, as a symbol of her triumph; and perhaps you will be surprised to hear that the pin wheels you fire off on the Fourth of July are general man salled Catharine wheels. sometimes called Catherine wheels.

Now, Catherine was not always a Christian—at least, so the story goes,—but she was an exception to the common run of pagan girls, who lived for pleasure alone; for she shut herself up in the palace and devoted herself to study. And as she was of royal lineage, the people shook their heads at her strange behavior, and besought her, since she was so much given to study and learning to take the common run of pagan girls, who given to study and learning, to take the family. "You are endowed with four notable gifts: royal blood, vast wealth, learning which makes you

peerless among women, and matchless beauty, 'i— "Then," answered the Lady Catherine, "I must have a hus-band worthy of me. He that shall be the lord of my heart must also possess the lord of my heart must also possess At least one little act of kindness a day and an easy pillow at night.

Neatness of dress first, and style may come as an afterthought.

One frown a day when she is in her teens will wrinkle a girl's forehead like a crone's by the time she is twenty.

The people wondered at such extravations.

she wandered on a mountain with an old hermit who lived in the desert near Alexandria, and that angels robed her in purple, crowned her with illies, and led her into a strange sanctuary. Here a great King reigned in majesty, and a most sweet Lady took her hand and presented her to him But He turned away His Head. With this Catharine awaka, in Head. With this Catherine awoke, in a flood of tears. Next morning she sought the old hermit's cell, told her dream, and received Baptism. That night the Blessed Virgin appeared again with the Divine Infant, who placed a ring on Catherine's finger. She had at last found 'the Lord of her heart.' Henceforth her life was given to Almighty God

But you have not yet heard why she is your patron. When she was brought before the Emperor Maximin to be judged, she boldly told him how blind he was to worship senseless idols, while the rivers, the hills, the sea, the stars, all tell of the One True God. The Emperor was quite at a loss what to answer, so he called together all the wise men of his kingdom to argue with this clever young Christian woman. Modestly but firmly she stood up in that assembly of grey-bearded men, and spoke in such forwere all struck dumb. And every one of that band became a Christian and died a martyr's death. This is why St Catherine's picture hangs in so many school rooms, that young girls may see how excellent a thing is a Christian education, what dignity it adds to a woman, and what a weapon

it is when faith is in peril.

But perhaps the choicest of St. Catherine's legends is that which the Church recites in the lessons of her feast on the 25th of November, -that her body was borne by angels to Mt. Sinai, where the most of her sacred relics are still kept. This is the

prayer that embodies the story:
"O God, who didst give the law to
Moses on Mt. Sinai, and didst thither convey by Thy holy angels the body of blessed Catherine, Thy virgin and martyr; grant that, by virtue of her merits and intercession, we may have strength to arrive at that Mount, which is Christ."—Dora M. Baxter in Ave Maria.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The Determined Man. There is nothing in history or ro mance more fascinating to youth than the story of success under difficulties. Almost every great achievement in

the world's history, like liberty, has had to win its triumph th ough opposition, through almost insurmountable obstacles, and often through blood it self. It is downright hard work, in domitable energy and dogged perseverance which found the world mud seem as though the oyster might teach us a lesson? He deliberately goes to work and proves that uncomfortable trials may be smoothed over and seem as though the oyster might teach to the throne. The genius that has transformed the world was born "in advantaged by the order of the throne of the order of the throne of the order of sity and destitution, often amid the harassing cares of a straitened house. last turned into pearls."

The children looked grave. Thinkwith the noise of squalid ch the turbulence of squalid entidren, in the turbulence of domestic contentions, and in the deep gloom of uncheered despair. This is its birth place, and in scenes like these, unpropiticus, repulsive, wretched, have men labored, studied and trained themselves, until they have at length emerged from the gloom of that obscurity, the shining lights of their times, have become the companions of kings, the guides and teachers of their kind, and exercised an influence upon the thought of the world amounting to a guides of intelligence.

world amounting to a species of intel-lectual domination." A constant struggle, a ceaseless battle to bring success from inhospitable surroundings, is the price of all great achievements. The man who has not fought his way up to his own loaf, does not know the highest meaning of succes. There is scarcely a great man in ces. There is scarcely a great man in history who has not had to fight the way to his eminence inch by inch, against opposition, and often through ridicule and abuse of friends as well

as enemies.

Why They Fall.
Why do they fail? That question is daily asked in view of the numbers of daily asked in view of the numbers of young men who never amount to anything, no matter what they go at or what opportunities they have. Why do they fail? Others, with no better start in life, with less help, with fewer chances to advance, go onward and upward to success. Why do the many fail? Some experienced business men give their answer to the question: give their answer to the question:

A Philadelphia weekly recently invited answers from successful business men to the inquiry why so many young men who start out in life with the best of intentions and prospects fail to succeed O source on one reply can be made in all instances of this sort. The reasons for the many failures referred to are almost as many and varied as are the young men who experience these unpleasant disasters. Sometimes the man is himself the cause of his failure, and again his lack of success may be due to causes over which he

failures which are apparently due to the same sort of causes, and it was doubtless opinions regarding such failures that the Philadelphia paper invited. Among the answers which the color of the color invited. Among the answers which it received, lack of thoroughness on the the character. 'I see the right, and I approve it, too, Condemnthe wrong, and yet the wrong pur-sue." part of the men who essayed to succeed in business for themselves was put as one of the primary causes of so many

failures in those attempts. Young men are represented as failing because they lack the ambition to imitate St. Paul who says: make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the business in which they are engaged. They are content to remain stationary in one position, never exerting themselves to learn ins and outs of other places, and the consequence is that if they remain in another's employ, they always fill subordinate posts, and if they branch out for themselves their business fails because they do not know how to manage it rightly.

Granting that the ambitious young

man is no sluggard, the things which will help him materially are tact, a good address, readiness, courage or the quality known as "nerve," a measure of self-confidence, a knowledge of men, and the executive faculty, which consists in knowing how to accomplish the maximum of result with the least waste of energy. If the young man who is after success will accept the symposium writer's advice regarding work, and then set himself to the cultivation of these traits, his to the cultivation of these traits, his chances of nearing his goal at forty will be far greater than if he depends upon plodding industry alone.

Such traits are properly incidental, but they are so many keys to opportunity. Given two young man of

tunity. Given two young men of equal industry and ability; let both apply for the same mission or promo tion, and the one who has the best address -or, in current slang. "who puts up the best front "-will get the more favorable hearing every time.

Indifference is put forward by an other successful businesss man as a frequent cause of young men's mer-cantile failures. That, however, is practically the same cause as lack of thoroughness. The feverish haste to get rich quickly, out of which springs inattention to those little things which, insignificant as they seem, are such large factors in business success, in another frequent cause of failure. Still another—and unfortunately it is one of the commonest causes of failure on the part of young men-is their lack of virtue, which leads them into paths that invariably lead to ruin. There are many such paths—it is hardly necessary to name them-and the young man who hopes to succeed in life will beware of entering any of them, for once he does, return is often difficult, and each step he advances in them only brings near the hour of his

Catholic Young Men and Societies. * * * * The young men are the hope of the future, and any society that helps to develop their character on Catholic lines is worthy of commendation and encouragement. We all know that there is a difference between a Catholic society and a society of Catholics. Many of our young men incline rather to a society of Catholics than to a Catholic society. They emphasize the for true and vigorous Catholic life.

societies. Innocent amusement is commendable and necessary. But if all the time of the young men be devoted to bowling and boxing, to billiards, April 29th, in Catholic Anecdotes. cards and gymnastics, such an associa-tion is of little religious or moral benefit to its members. Often such a so- is self-perfection.-W. R. Alger.

We know very well that our young We know very wen that men. Well, men want to be considered men. Well, let us so consider them and let them I was a child I did as a child, but when I became a man I put away the things of a child." Our Catholic young men ought to be manly, honest and brave, improving the time and their opportunities, and make each other better by their association. They should have moral courage enough to condemn unprincipled and un-Catholic conduct in the upworthy members of their society. Not all members are worthy of a place on the roll of honor. Those who have no honor ought to be sent out to seek

Juvenal says: "Let nothing bad to either eye or ear reach those doors within which dwells a boy." This would be a good sentiment to place on the entrance of our young men's clubs. Lived up to, character would be developed, and all members could look back with pleasure and profit to the days spent in the associations. Some writer says: "When a man dies, people ask, what property has he left behind? The angel who bends over the dying man asks, what good deeds has he sent A Catholic association should tend

o bring out and develop the best there is in its members. Sponging on the society or on the Charch should be frowned down. In some soils there are veins of gold which the owner knows not of, so in some characters there are sterling qualities developed by association. Spiritual and mental strength should be developed in our young men's societies. The library and the debating room and the lecture hall should claim the most attention Amusements should be merely for short recreation. The society should be wis-ely directed and officered, and care taken in the admission of members. Character is not unchangeable or exempt from contagion. It may become diseased as our bodies do. Catholic societies should emphasize the teach ings and practices of faith. the religious society in the form of a sodality, with its stated meetings and monthly Communions, is really the best organization for our Catholic young organization for our Cathone young men. We realize that many think them "too slow," and in so thinking proclaim their lack of appetite for healthy food. We doubt the wisdom and the benefit of the continuous session club with "amusement," for its most and its object.— Universe Cleve motto and its object. -- Universe Cleve

THE CREED WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

St. Peter, surnamed the martyr, who had shown so much zeal in learning and confessing the Apostle's Creed, never belied himself. He entered the Order of St. Dominic, and was all his life employed in preaching the truth to those, who, knowing it not, persecuted it. He was the scourge and terror of the heretics, and especially of the Man-Catholic society. They emphasize the social feature and slight the religious feature. Monthly Communion is eliminated for quarterly or semi-annual Communion. This, of course, complies with the letter though not with the spirit of the law. Some of our "higher toned" societies have no general fell upon him and struck him twice on the spirit of the law. Communion days to "let their light shine before others." As far as any demonstration is concerned, they "hide their light under a bushel." We all know very well that the grace which comes from the sacraments is necessary | the blood that flowed from his wounds, he had strength enough to trace on the Amusement is the chief object of ground the word Credo — I believe, most of the members in young men's His assassins, in a rage, stabbed him soul to God on the 6.h day of April, 1252. - Godescard's Lives of the Saints,

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