boys, much as I would like to go."
"Pshaw, Neil! What is the use of working all the time? I think a boy ought to have a vacation once in a

"I can do what I like in the after noon," answered Neil, "but father thinks a boy ought to learn to do all

sorts of work, and he knows."

"May be," said Leonard, as he turned to leave. Then looking back he called out: "Dld I tell you, that my father is going to buy me a bicycl

"No," replied Neil. "You are in luck. I wish I could have one." When Nell put the letters in his father's hands, on his return from the post-office, he saw among them a bicycle circular. "How I wish I could have a bicycle, father," he said.

"Well, my boy, I am willing you should have one," answered his father,

" when you earn it." Neil's face fell at this, for he saw little chance of being able to earn enough money to buy anything so "Leonard's father has promleed to buy one for him," he added. His father looked up. "He has, h? Well, let me know the size of it

when he gets it, will you? Has Leon-ard any work to do for his father?" No; he keeps out of the way till his father leaves in the morning, and

is always asleep when he returns at "Keeps out of the way, does he?"
Bald Dr. Fox. "Well, my boy, if, at
any time, you should see something
you think ought to be done, I hope I

can rely upon you to do it, without "I think you can, father," replied

'Very well," said the doctor. "By doing your duty in little things you may, in time, gain large rewards. At any rate, you have the satisfaction of knowing you have done what you As the doctor was leaving the room, he called, "Do not forget to let me know when Leonard gets his bicycle.

The next day was the last of June, and Dr. Fox was to leave home to at-tend a meeting of doctors to be held inthe city. He expected to return on the afternoon of the First, and the day following he intended to drive Bay Billy to a horse fair.

The doctor left no tasks for Neil, so he and a party of boys arranged to go berry picking on the First, and as had plenty of firecrackers, they

expected te have great fun.

The morning of the First was lovely, and, after breakfast, Neil started out to meet his comrades. As he was going by the pasture, he stopped to speak to the horse, and as he did so, the beast held up a hoof from which the shoe was

dangling. O, dear !" said Neil, "why did you show me now? I can not help you, old fellow." The hired men had all gone off for a holiday, and there was no one but Neil to take the horse to the blacksmith, who was three miles away. The boy knew that it would take most of the day to have the horse shod, as there were always so many waiting, and that meant giving

up his day's pleasure. It was a hard trial, but while Neil father had said about doing what he thought ought to be done, and his mind was made up. "I am not going," he answered. "I have to take the

horse to be shod," and he walked away.

The hatchet needed grinding, so he went to the house for it, and then returning, mounted the horse, and rode slowly to the blacksmith's, taking care that Bay Billy should not get lame

from fast driving.
When Neil reached the blacksmith's, it seemed as if every horse for miles around was waiting to be shod. But Neil was a bright boy, fond of seeing what was going on; he watched the men at work, listened to what was said about the different horses, and so busied himself that the time passed

quickly.
It was after 3 o'clock when Neil was ready to return home. Bay Billy

started off in fine style; he had covered two miles, when Neil saw a man lying on the ground near the railroad station.

Getting off his horse, Neil hurried to the man's help, but on reaching him found he was in a drunken sleep, and, much to the boy's surprise, that he was the switchman, Leonard's father. Then Neil remembered that some one in the blacksmith's shop had said it was in the blacksmith's shop had said it was to be hoped the switchmam was all right to-day, as there were so many

extra trains, he would need all his wits. What was to be done? It was impossible to rouse the man; Neil could

while with the other he waved aloft the danger signal and shouted to the engineer. Then came a sharp whistle, Neil saw the trainmen tugging at the brakes, the speed grew less and less, and finally the train carries as a finall and finally the train came to a stop.

In a few minutes, the brave boy was in his father's arms. Later on, when all danger was past, the passen gers were forcing on Nell a gift of money, while his father looked on, not knowing what to do. "What can such a boy do with money ?" he asked. He has no wants.

"Do with it?" roared a wealthy farmer, who, with his son, had been on the train. "Do with it? Let him buy peanuts with it, if there is nothelse he wants ; but do not deprive us of the pleasure of showing we are grateful to one who has saved our What is such a poor, mean thing as money compared to the lives of those we love?"

So the doctor had to give in. That night, when talking over the events of the day, Neil said "I suppose, father, I can use part of my present for a bicycle?"

"No, my boy," said the doctor.
"Put the money in a bank. I do not believe in rewards for merely doing your duty. As to the bicycle. I mean to buy one for you yourself, because I tnink you have earned it. You lost your holiday, but you knew your duty and did it.

## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

Make the most and the best of yourself. There is no other tragedy like wasted life. - Success.

Be Abreast of the Times. There never was another time when well trained, up to date young men were in so great demand as to day. The time is past when mere tact, or sagacity, will qualify a man to be a first rate merchant. The successful nerchant of to-day must have good knowledge of geography and foreign customs and trade conditions, as well as of accounting and a dozen other business details. The times demand men of large, liberal, energetic minds, and the man who insists on doing business in the old-fashioned, humdrum way, is as much out of place as the

ox team instead of by railway. to day must use The merchant of more discretion and weigh statements more carefully than any judge or juror. He is obliged to balance possi bilities, and decide what and when it is best to buy and sell. Only the shrewdest sagacity, the most far reaching penetration, and the soundest judgment will enable a man to dis-criminate between profitable and disastrous investments. A hundred things now affect the price of wheat, colton, wool and tobacco, that once had no influence on their value. Within a few years, articles once unknown or deemed worthless have created new

man who insists on traveling with an

trades. Men who would succeed, and attain eminence in their calling, must discard the old-fashioned methods of getting on in the world and be abreast of the A new epoch has been inaug urated, and all profitable businesse are being conducted on new and modern principles. Men say, on every side, that the new is crowding aside the old, and improvement is the

order of the day. - Success.

don't let every young man retire to a came warm room and coddle and bake himup. "Come along, Neil," he said, "the boys are waiting for you." That settlel it. Neil remembered what his settlel it. Neil remembered what his in the open air and get the brisk and in the open air and get the brisk and brimming life that sparkles with the frost and tingles in cold hardened fiber. The frosts of the north have had a good part in making the characters of northern men.

Hoe Your Own Row.

By all means, whatever you decide you must be, insists on relying on your own unsided efforts. Do not be an understudy to anyone when once fitted to make your own headway and your own livelihood.

Seek the erstwhile misleading role of being a patron or a preceptor to some one rather than the undignified and humiliating position of being that con-venient sort of man ready to do an other's undesirable work.

Be ambitious to be a leader-not a follower; a teacher, not a pupil; a

master, not a servant.

who puts on vain airs is not counted a man. Ah. no.

The "Blue "Young Man.

To the young man who writes me that he is iroubled with the blues I am exerts. inclined to say, bosh! He probably has not enough to do to keep him from continually thinking of himself, or he may be bilious and need medicine. either case, the remedy is plain enough. In the first instance, a little work will banish melancholy, and in the second, a doctor's prescription wil give life a more roseate hue in the mind of this young fellow, Anyway, he or any man who gives way to the blue devils is worse than a fool, and is on the highroad to ruin here and here-

after. Human existence is not all sunshine, and it was not intended to be, but because a few clouds drift over our sky are we going to sit down and cry "life is not worth living?" Cercry "life is not worth living?" Certainly not, if we are sane, human beings. Depend upon it, in nine cases out of ten indolence is the cause of the mind and body of the blues. If the mind and body are idle, foul thoughts will intrude for the lazy man usually imagines himself to be the most abused person in the world and drifts into vice. He blames everybody but himself for his sins of omission and commission, and he frequently has a vile and abusive He is so sensitive to other people's censure that he must retort tongue. being violently censorious himself And all the while he thinks that he is an angel whose wings are just about

to sprout through his overcoat.

It is the poor, imprisoned Prince Arthur in Shakespeare's King John who says, in effect: "Mercy on me, methinks nobody should be Yet I remember when I was in France young gentlemen would be as sad as night only for wantonness." And there are many young fellows to-day who are melancholy for no better They have no real cause for sorrow, and oftentimes they see their parents bending under the weight of life's accumulated real troubles without a word of sympathy, or without an effort to help. The bluest people that I know are those who are living on the money that their fathers earned by hard and unremitting toil. Thes idlers do not know how to occupy their time. They are too selfish to perform charitable or reformatory work for their fellows, and they often overfeed or indulge in stimulants to an extent that shatters their nerves and oftens their brains. The consequence is that they are always out of sorts,

and lead an aimless, profitless exist-The fellow who faces difficulties manfully seldom or never has the blues. He is too busy to moon about like an idiot and he has no tenement to let in his head. He sleeps sound a night, without resorting to narcotice, and he wakes up in the morning refreshed and well prepared to begin the labors of the day.

To those who have the blues I give this advice. Brace up and do some thing-the nearest thing at hand. Do not wait for something agreeable to come to you from afar off. The old proverb says: "Cows in the distance have long horns." When you are brought near to them they are only ordinary cattle after all. If you are not successful do not let everybody know it by going about sighing and meaning and bewailing your wretched lot. There is a great deal of common sense in these verses, which I find

floating about in the public prints :-Exercise Outside.

Now that cold weather is coming only let every young man retire to a

"It spoils your chance for future deeds!
To frame your face with dull care's crown;
Brace up and higher hold your head,—
Don't let the world know when you're down.' Don't let the

The metaphor in the above quotation is not perfect, but its counsel about bracing up is sound. Heed it.

—Benedict Bell in Sacred Heart Re-

CATHOLIC POLITICIANS.

view.

Very sensible are the comments of the Sacred Heart Review on the recent election of a Catholic citizen to a high office in a New England State:

"Catholics in public life who remain true to the principles of honesty and virtue which the Church teaches are a great power for good in the commun-

ity. Conversely, Catholics who will enter politics to be just as honest as the 'other fellows,' whose names are for-ever associated with smooth schemes and sharp dealings, are the means of and sharp dealings, are the means of placing the Church in a false light be-fore people of other creeds. They hinder the progress of God's kingdom on earth by their own selfishness. People are not much influenced by arguuments to prove the abstract goodness of the Church when they have before their eyes a concrete example of Catholic dishonesty in some oily Catholic politician.

"The Catholic who holds a public office worthily and fulfils its duties in an upright and impartial manner, Ah. no.

The two kinds of people on earth that I mean Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses

Are always divided into two just such classes, Are always divided into two just such classes, ber inculcates true principles of life not tell whether or not the switch was right, and the train that carried his father and hundreds of others might be along at any moment. There is oally one litter to twenty who learn in which class are youl—are you easing the load of the was not under the load of the lo ber inculcates true principles of life and conduct. A Catholic elected or appointed to public office, must, if he

-Catholic Columbian

Hence it behooves Catholics in office to give no scandal in private or public, to adminster their duties faithfully and earnestly, to act, in fact, according to Catholic principles, and thus to be good representatives of the people whom they have been elected to serve.

PRICE OF CATHOLIC PAPERS.

A good ready-made all-wool neat fit ing summer suit of clothes can be had at a reputable dealer's for sixteen dol ars, but there are summer suits for sale at four dollars and a half at cer-

tain assignee "cloding" stores. The trouble with the cheap "cloding" is that it gets shiney on very slight provocation and it is faded and gone a long time before the first rose of sum mer contemplates adjournment. As a consequence, wise men buy

good goods. Now there are weekly papers for a dollar, and a half dollar, and there are other papers for two dollars and three Some of the two dollar papers dollars. are worth five dollars a year and some of the dollar papers would be dear at a dime. It is the quality and not the price of a paper that we must look at.

The best Catholic papers are publish-

ed at two dollars, two dollars and a half ing Catholic paper of England, The year. There are a few handbills, patent inside or "boiler rlate" papers printed on rotten paper and labeled "Catholic," sold at a dollar and even at seventy five cents a year. They are dear at any price considering the way they are edited and the poor stuff

they contain. The true line of progress is to give the subscriber a better paper, not a cheaper paper. Catholics are willing and glad to pay two and three dollars a year for a good Catholic paper where they won't have a poor paper for a dol-

lar a year.

Make the Catholic paper a better paper. Pay for good Catholic literature. Insure the reader good Catholic Show him some enterprise in Catholic newsgathering and above all, in timely, scholarly and able editorial reatment of matters interesting to the Catholic public. The weak features of the Catholic press is the insufficiency of its editorial force. One or two men make up the paper where the staff should include a half dozen paid contributors. "The Congregationalist," a leading Protestant weekly, boast that it has seven editors and a half dozen paid correspondents. Its Protestant readers gladly pay three dolars a year subscription for such a

journal While county papers are dear at a dollar and while the skim milk of the great dailies may be sent out in weekly issues at a dollar, a good, independnt, well conducted weekly paper can not be published at a subscription price less than two or three dollars a year. The price of our best secular weeklies like "The Nation," "The American," The Critic," and "Public Opinion.

is the same Catholic literature must demand a fair price and aim to deserve it rather than cheapen itself by competing with the Chinese boiler plate industry. -Western Watchman.

FOR HABITUAL SINNERS TO CONSIDER.

A priest, preaching a sermon last Sunday, made a good point concerning persons who habitually give away to

"If," said he, "you were given \$20 for every time you would resist a temptation or an inclination, you would overcome in ninety nine out of every hundred cases in which you now yield to sin and in which you say that you can't help it. And are you not ashamed to think that you would do for money, what you will not do for the love of God? You can help it. Will it, will it firmly, pray for aid, avoid the occasions of sin, go to the sacraments often, and, God helping you, you can prevent yourself from be-coming an habitual sinner. Use as much determination and persistence to gain Heaven as you use to earn your daily bread, and you'll get there Don't say you can't; don't say that you can't help sinning-tell the truth:

say I 'won't say,' I like sin too well to fight it, too well to persevere in resisting it; too well to give it up ! Is it true—if we were offered \$20 for every time that we could resist where now we yield, could we and would we win the money? Indeed, it is likely. What a terrible thought, then, it may be for some persons now living who will go to perdition-that a little money would have been inducement enough to keep them from the

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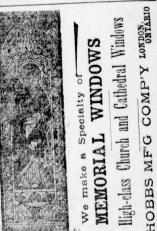
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