

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A LITTLE SMILING
Try a little smiling
When the world goes wrong;

Try a little smiling,
Though the effort cost,
You will find that never

A LESSON IN COURTESY

"Excuse me, am I near the Wounded Soldiers' Institute?"

"You are close to it now; let me take you," came the reply.

Arriving at the door, the guide said to the janitor: "Kindly take this man to the section for the blind."

"Take him yourself," growled the janitor.

"There are too many, and I haven't the time," was the surly response.

"It seems to me it is your duty to help them," said the other.

"Habit is that law of human nature by which we acquire a facility and inclination for doing a thing by doing it frequently."

"Habit is the great auxiliary power to the weakness of man, lessening panics, removing difficulties, and strengthening faculties."

"It can increase talent a hundredfold. It ought not to escape our notice, with what a powerful capacity God has endowed our nature; and we should avail ourselves of this source of strength, and not let it run to waste."

IT TAKES COURAGE
Not to bend to popular prejudice.

To live according to your conviction.

To refuse to make a living in a questionable vocation.

To say "No," squarely to something wrong when those around you say "Yes."

To remain in honest poverty while others grow rich by questionable methods.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly upon the means of others.

To speak the truth when, by a little prevarication, you can secure some seeming advantage.

To do your duty in silence, obscurity and poverty, while others about you prosper through neglecting or violating sacred obligations.

To refuse to do a thing which you think is wrong because it is customary and is done in trade.

To face slander and lies, and to carry yourself with cheerfulness, grace and dignity for years before the lie can be corrected.

To throw up a position with a good salary when it is the only business you know, and you have a family dependent upon you because it does not have the unqualified approval of conscience.—Young People.

ONE OF THE LITTLE VIRTUES

An equable temper is so excellent a possession that whoever is not naturally endowed therewith should cultivate it constantly and perseveringly. It belongs to the catalogue of what the gentle St. Francis of Sales calls "the little virtues"—humility, patience, meekness, benignity, bearing one another's burdens, condescension, kindness of heart, cheerfulness, cordiality and candor.

One of the little virtues is that of being unassuming. It is a man of uncertain or variable temper is very liable to be courteous abroad and curt at home, genial, affable, and polite to strangers and acquaintances, but gruff, stern, peevish, testy, or surly to wife and children, servants and dependents.

It was of such an unamiable character that Ecclesiasticus wrote: "Be not as a lion in thy house, terrifying them of the household

and oppressing them that are under thee." Of much the same import is the dictum of a lay moralist, Dr. Johnson: "Sir, a man has no more right to say an uncivil thing than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another than to knock him down."

The best of men That e'er wore earth about Him was a sufferer; A soft, meek, patient, humble, tranquil spirit, The first true gentleman that ever breathed.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

TODAY
Today no coward thought shall start Upon its journey from my heart;

Today no selfish hope shall rest Within the region of my breast;

Today I vow with sword and song To fight oppression and the wrong.

Today I dedicate my youth To duty and eternal truth.

Worrying the New Teacher
Anna's eyes danced with mischief as she watched Sister Rose Marie's face.

It had been a trying day for the teacher of English. It was her first year as a high school teacher and she had supposed that she would have to do with young people so near womanhood that they would have outgrown the pranks to be expected from the boys and girls in the grades.

It was Anna Morse who was the ring leader. Anna was a rather handsome girl of sixteen, brimful of life and radiating energy. Some of Anna's teachers had found her a very satisfactory pupil, but they were the ones who would have dealt severely with any infraction of discipline.

Anna had wound up the day by demoralizing the class which was studying Shakespeare. Just how she had done it, none of them could have said.

Anna watched Sister Rose Marie's bewildered face with the keenest enjoyment. The teacher's expression was the visible proof that she had succeeded in what she had set out to do.

August marks the peak of the vacation season. Midsummer is now here with all its beauties, its legitimate pleasures, and lest we forget—its dangers.

The summer has been called the silly season, probably because it is the thoughtless season. Vacationists are notoriously carefree and reckless of danger.

The witless automobilist, who tries to beat a train to the crossing, the fatuous humorist with the igrown sense of humor who rocks the boat, the boastful swimmer who ventures too far beyond his depth, and the modern Ajax who defies the lightning are all with us n.w.

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"Well, she's pretty sick," said the doctor. "She'll probably get well but it will be a long struggle. You girls, some of you or more likely all of you, are to blame."

The doctor's words haunted Anna and the realization grew on her that she had done a very grave and terrible thing. She had set out to torment a gentle and high strung young teacher, and her act had had consequences far more serious than she had every dreamt. She thought with a pang of horror, "Supposing she never gets well. I'll have been the one most responsible."

It was while she was in this chastened humor that she came on a group of the girls. They were discussing some flowers they were going to send the sick teacher. Eagerly Anna offered to contribute generously but Pauline Brooks, the class treasurer, said stiffly, "Thank you, but we have enough money and we don't think it is necessary to take any from you."

The next morning Sister Rose Marie received along with the class flowers a lovely bunch of violets in which a little note nestled. She smiled as she broke open the seal and read: "Darling Sister, I am sending these flowers to show that I do love you and that I am ashamed of the way I used to act in school. Please get well and come back to school for I am longing to show you that I have really changed and that I mean to be your most helpful pupil."

It was that note, Sister Rose Marie told the thoroughly penitent girl afterward, that helped her to get well. And though it was several months before she could return to school, she was able to see Anna a few minutes and assure her that she was entirely forgiven.

It was Louise who told the other girls to stop treating Anna like an outcast. "If Sister Rose Marie can forgive, I guess we can," she said virtuously.

"Besides," added Laura Bates, thoughtfully, "Anna was a leader and used to start things, but then none of us have any reason to be proud of the way we treated Sister."

A third girl spoke up. "I've been thinking it over and I've decided we were all as bad as she. We didn't like to acknowledge that to ourselves and so we've been putting it all onto Anna. I guess there's room for all of us to reform and believe me, when Sister gets back, if I have anything to do with it, she just won't know the old class, we'll be such angels."—Catholic Bulletin.

CROSS CROSSINGS CAUTIOUSLY
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