temptation, submissiveness under trial. Oh, it is these, like the blending colors in a picture, or the blending notes of music, which constitute the man.—J. R. Macduff.

Be Always Ready. Keep on trimming your lamps, tilling your soil, tugging and pegging away. You never can tell when the messenger of success will come.

A Higher State. cannot, indeed, ignore the tendencies in our nature that would bring us to a higher, broader, truer life with-out ignoring that which is best in our being. We would thereby clip the wings of the soul in the unholy attempt to keep it grubbing on the earth for-ever. The progress of the world, the human conscience, the stamp of nobility impressed upon individual men are all the effect of the unending aspirations of the soul to reach a higher state. indeed, is wise who sees his life lying in the path above.—Chas. A. Ruben-

A Heathen Maxim.

The great folly with many Catholic sen is this, that they fancy their only work on earth is to look out for them selves, enjoys life to the full, and then by some miracle of God's mercy scramble into heaven as best you can. Let every man take care of himself, is a false and heathen maxim, and one unworthy of a Christian to whom God has freely given the faith.

Procrastination. A habit of always taking up the most disagreeable duties first, when possible, takes the drudgery out of a task and gives a delight to life which is never experienced by those who postpone dis-tasteful or dreaded duties.

There is a sense of triumph which comes from the consciousness that you have mastered what discomposed you and was obnoxious to you, and that you have conquered what seemed difficult and have gotten it out of the way.

A man who shirks unpleasant duties and goes around obstacles has a sense of inferiority. He has a sort of con-tempt for himself, his cowardice, his shrinking nature, and his laziness. does not respect himself so much as the man who sweeps everything before him, whether uninviting or not. There is a feeling of strength and a

sense of power which comes to a man who has conquered the enemies in his pathway and the obstacles that lay be tween him and his goal. A man who always tries to avoid the disagreeable shrinks obstacles is a weakling. He ruins his executive capacity and is not capable of grappling with difficul

There is everything in making up one's mind resolutely to turn neither to the right nor to the left of an un-wavering aim. It gives direction, pur-pose and vigor to life which never come

pose and vigor to lite which never come to a man who drifts with the current. A strong man never hesitates or wavers when he comes to a hard place, but is all the more resolute to conquer, and this very determination not shrink or to turn aside because of difficulties half conquers them. Dreading or postponing them engenders fear and destroys self-confidence, without which no great thing can be accomplished.—

Uncompleted Tasks

Many of the best of us leave many things untouched which we ought to have finished. Most men die with many tasks uncompleted. Life is too large for us; we cannot do all that it was our duty to do. After we have done our best we have not attained even our own standard of what we ought to have done. Indeed, there is a duty of omitting. We cannot do any day the one hundredth part of the things we might do. We must show our wisdom in the selection we make of the things which we shall do. Some ople, however, omit the most import t duties and do the trivial things. J. R. Miller.

Gives Stamina to Character

There is hardly anything more destructive to effective work and high accomplishment than a habit of "putting off "disagreeable tasks. This postponing of the disagreeable habit is also demoralizing to character. It produces superficial work and superficial

There is something lacking in the quality and solidity of character of a man who is always shirking disagreeable duties, sliding along the line of least resistance, and just trying to do those things which are agreeable and easy. resistance, and just trying to do those things which are agreeable and easy. It is struggling with difficulties, with boldness and determination, that gives stamina to character and backbone to

A man who has been accustomed from boyhood to plow straight furrows regardless of obstructions, who will not swerve a hair's breadth from his purpose, and who will not go around or over but through obstacles, has a solidity, a substantiality about him that is not found in a man who stops when he finds a hard place, and drifts along the line of least resistance. It is struggling line of least resistance. It is struggling with the difficult and wrestling with obstacles that give nerve and fiber and stamina to character.—Success.

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Er couragement. Whenever you can conscientiously encourage any one, do so. You would not leave those plants in your window without water or refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them, but you leave some human flower to suffer for want of appreciation or the smallest of encouragement. flower to suffer for want of appreciation or the sunlight of encouragement. There are a few hardy souls that can wait for the dew and the sunbeams, vines that will climb without kindly training, but only a few. Utter the kind word when you can. Give the helping praise when you see that it is deserved. The thought that "no one knows and no one cares" blights many a bud of promise.—Catholie Home Companion.

discipline yourself severely to overcome the "putting off" habit, for every disagreeable task that confronts you will tempt you to postpone it. All orts of excus s will present themselves sorts of excuses will present themselves to you, and the only way to overcome this fatal tendency is to compel your-self to begin at once the thing you dread. Do not allow the argument which perhaps speaks in your blood to

Confront you.

Listen to nothing, but begin the work instantly, and you will soon con-quer this unfortunate weakness which is atal to all achievement, and death to any effective endeavor. Force yourself to begin immediately the task at hand. Procrastination is the greatest enemy of achievement. Nothing is more de

lusive than delay. The man who thinks he is going to do the delayed thing later, especially if it is a disagreeable task, will probably never do it.

People who hesitate, delay, dillydally,

If this fatal tendency runs in your blood, the moment you feel a temptation to postpone a task come over you jump up on the instant and go at your work with all your might. Take up the most obnoxious thing you have to do and never allow your habit to suggest

another postponement. "Putting off" is a dangerous enemy; it is worse than a thief of time, for it robs you of opportunity. It mortgages your to morrow for the debt that should be paid to day. Every hour's delay makes your task all the harder —Suc-

cess. Study the Dictionary. How many people are there who pronounce any proportion of their words correctly, not merely by reason of clipping and mouthing, but by ignor-ance of good usage? We find them everywhere, and they lay the accent on the first instead of the second syllable of acclimate, for example, they pronounce the second syll-able of acoustics coo instead of cow they do not put the accent on the last syllable of adept, as they should do; they leave the u sound out of buoy; pronounce duke with the sound oo instead of with the simple long u; emsyllable of enervate and sound the t in often. They are astonished to know that precedence has the accent on the second syllable and placard on the last; that quay is called key; that sough is suf; that the z instead of the s sound is to be given in sacrifice, and the reverse in rise; that subtile and subtle are two different words; that the last syllable of tortoise is pronounced "tis' instead of "tus," that it should be used and not ust; and that it is not the "zoo," but the zo-ological gardens where one goes to see the chimpanzee, and not the chimpan zee. It is quite time we think, when we hear one of these talkers, for a little hard work in

he dictionary. Some Helpful Thoughts. Kind words are like revelations from

heaven, unraveling complicated mis-understandings and softening the hardened convictions of years. Men will live well if their constant

endeavor be to die well; that is, in the friendship of God. There is nothing less welcome to us than sorrow. And yet there is noth-

ing which brings us nearer to God. A friend whom you have been gaining during your whole life, you ought not to be displeased with in a moment. A stone is many years becoming a ruby; take care that you do not destroy it in

an instant against another stone. He who shows justice and charity in his conduct accomplishes the noblest of all works. An upright man is in his own way the greatest of all artists.

The ready concession of minor points is a part of the grace of life.—Henry Harland, "The Cardinal's Snuff Box."

vord spoken in vain. What art thou, in truth, or what dost thou possess, to make thee proud? Yea, what hast thou for which thou

shouldst not humble thyself? Deeds are the proof of love. Therefore whosoever keeps My commands, the same loves Me in truth.

How busy men are to-day about work, business, money, pleasure and polities! And how busy they were in the same way a hundred years ago! And how busy they will be similarly a hundred years from now! And all these things pass away and they pass with them.—Catholic Columbian.

When you read of a deed heroic or come in contact with a courageous soul, come in contact with a courageous soul, you find yourself wishing that you had an opportunity to prove your devotion to an ideal or a cause. The opportunity lies before you. Say to yourself: "Soul, here is a test for thy heroic qualities!" And over all things that heroism demands, stands cheerfulness. Never believe that any here was ness. Never believe that any hero was dragged to death, however ignominious however unmerited. The martyrs of every cause were chaplets of flowers and went their way singing.—Anna C. Minogue "The Garden Bench," in the Rosary.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. STORIES ON THE ROSARY

The Scourging at the Pillar. By LOUISA EMILY DOBREE.

It was all over in a few minutes, and Dreda clattered quickly down stairs, banged the door after her, and Mrs. Jervis was left to herself, her cat and

her thoughts.

Of course in the eyes of the worldly of course in the eyes of the worldly wise her action had been more than foolish: the prudent even had they seen the reason of it would have urged her waiting a little and making further investigations. But Mrs. Jervis was quite devoid of either of these qualities, and it procrastination runs in your blood, and if you have come down from an indelent ancestry, you will be obliged to

repancies in the story had struck her; simply, for she was perfectly unsuspici-ous by nature, and besides the girl had come so manifestly in answer to her

prayer. Smut, who was pleased at the fire, sat blinking before it, the work box stood open, the untidy remains of the little meal were on the table. Nov it was all over, and Mrs. Jervis realised in cold blood what she had done; tears rose to her eyes, and before she tempted to clear away she sat down and tempted to clear away she sat down and had a good ery. This being a luxury very rarely indulged in, it tired her out, and all the time she had a feeling of contempt for herself at what she severely called her cowardice.

There was the empty compartment in the work-box and the bag was staring her in the face. There was no mis take about it. But presently comfort came to her in the thought that she had weigh, consider, and dread a mever amount to anything.

A habit of delay is destructive to energy, which does things. More boys fail to get on in the world from this fatal habit of "putting off" than from the gradual than girl from the gradual th actually been the means of saving the girl from the grave sin she contemplated;

That was what her spirit said, but her flesh was weak all the while as she pictured it all to herself. Well, there was no use denying that the sacrifice was a very big one, greater to her than my one could imagine, and she was bound to feel that, glad as she was at having been able to make it.

Altogether as she drew her patch ork quilt over her that night, she felt contented and thankful, and soon was fast asleep.

She never doubted for one moment out that Dreda would write, and she listened eagerly for the postman's knock down the street. Hitherto his advent had been extremely uninteresting to her, save twice a year when he brought her her annuity, for she never received any letters. However, now it was different.

The days passed, and if the postman came at all to No. 40 Wickham Street, there was no letter for her. On the Easter Monday morning when she came in from Mass, the landlady handed her a letter with the remark

that she did not get very many. No, I do not," said Mrs. Jervis

apologetically.

"Hope it's good news," said Mrs.
King inquisitively.
Mrs. Jervis smiled, holding her pre-"The best news I think I ever had in my life by post," said she.
"Lor," now!"

"Yes, and I must go upstairs now," said Mrs. Jervis, who was distinctively flurried, and besides, extremely anxious

to read the letter.

Her landlady, who was very anxious to know more about it, offered for a wonder to come up then and there and help to get her breakfast, but Mrs. Jervis refused, and was glad afterwards

that she did.

She opened the letter with a trembling hand, then laid it down and fixed her spectacles firmly on before beginning to read it.

It was written in a sprawling hand on very soiled paper, no date or ad-

dress being given.
I'm as good as mi wurd you see written to you when I promised. Me an one of mi mites at the place were I works at are going to have a jolly ole spree on Bank Holiday with the money you give me you thought I was going to drown myself no fear I didn't have no such idear only just a bit of a lark when I met you to see if you'd believe me and then I went on an told you all that tile about a brother in America never had one, but you were a soft one I must say and I'm goin to henjy miself very much, they always says I'm a good one telling tiles, It was lovely when I opened the bag and found such a lot.

Varied deeds.

Yours dreda. Mrs. Jervis's face was white when she read the letter and learnt what she Never was right thing done or wise had never for one moment suspected,

in.
"It was a failure," she whispered to herself with trembling lips, "and the sacrifice was of no use at all."

All that day Mrs. Jervis as idle, a very unusual thing for her, for she was generally occupied in one way or another. Her rheumatism made her movements very slow, and it took her a very long time to sweep and dust her room, prepare and take away her little meals, fill her scuttle from the cuphoard whore she kent her provision of room, prepare and take away nor little meals, fill her scuttle from the cup-board where she kept her provision of half a bag at a time. Then she knitted so slowly that the stockings she always kept going progressed almost impercept

ibly.

Besides these things she read a little.

Besides these things and that day she thought very much, and that day she gave herself up to her thoughts, for she had no heart for anything.

Her landlady obtained no information from her any the same that t

from her on the subject, and the story never passed her lips.

When she went to confession on Satur when she went to contession on Saturday evening she had to admit that she had found it very difficult to forgive some one who had treated her badly. But even as she confessed that the thought of His Precious Blood and the One Who foregree all who covered it to One Who forgave all who caused it to be shed made her feel at peace even with the girl whose face haunted her.

with the girl whose face haunted her.

The summer was a late one that year, and the cold winds were very trying to Mrs. Jervis. She had never felt so well since Easter week when she had received such a severe shock following on the experience which was so novel to her. The cold spring was succeeded by a very hot summer, in which Mrs. Jervis's strength failed gradually but steadily, and in the early antumn, just after she received her half-yearly dividend, all of which was owing, she was dividend, all of which was owing, she was

The Perfect Table Salt.

taken very ill with an attack of bron-

A month later a pauper's funeral left that house, and Mrs. Jervis was laid at rest in the crowded churchyard, her few possessions when sold just sufficing to pay the landlady. Thus as far as one could see ended her earthly story

and her failure.

That Easter Bank Holiday on which Dreda or Mary, for that was her real name, had gone out with some companions to have what she called a good happened to be a cold but gloritime, happened to be a cold but glorious bright and sunshiny day. The girls were full of spirits, and dressed in their best from a very early hour. Mary, on the strength of the money which was burning a hole in her pocket, had treated them to new hats apiece, gorgeous in her wonderful in trimming, and ous in hue, wonderful in trimming, and enormous in size. Mary's dark hair had been in curl-papers for two days, and was now in a thick idiot's frill round her face. She had a new jacket and skirt on with a stiffly starched blouse, and altogether she felt extremely pleased with herself, that being her normal state of mind.

Left an orphan when she was six years old she had lived ever since with an aunt, who was not a Catholic and in deed possessed no religion of any kind or sort. She had promised her sister, Mary's mother, on her deathbed, to let her only child be brought up a Catho-lic, and to a certain extent had kept her promise. Dreda had gone to a Catholic school where she had been taught her religion, but had at the age of fifteen to earn her living by going into service where she had been roughly treated and overworked, and continually prevented from following the practices of her religion. Little by little she gave up all effort to get to Mass or to her duties. Her aunt died, and with her the only person she had belonging to her.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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