CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE THINGS WE DO It isn't the thing you do, dear; It's the thing you leave undone Which gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun. The tender word forgotten, The letter you did not write The flower you might have sent,

dear, Are your haunting ghosts tonight. The stone you might have lifted Out of a brother's way, The bit of heartsome counsel You were hurried too much to The loving touch of the hand, dear, The gentle and winsome tone, That you had no time nor thought

With troubles enough of your own.

The little acts of kindness, So easily out of mind; Those chances to be angels Which every one may find-They came in night and silence— Each chill, reproachful wraith— When hope is faint and flagging And a blight has dropped on faith.

For life is all too short, dear, And sorrow is all too great; So suffer our great compassion That tarries until too late And it's not the thing you do, dear, It's the thirg you leave undone, Which gives you the bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

THE ACTIVE MIND

Age and life are very relative orms. Many men are old at thirty and youth smiles from the eyes of others who have passed the seventieth milestone. The real distinction is between the open and the closed mind. The average man early becomes indifferent and case hardened. He falls into ruts and does not take the trouble to get out of them. He is convinced that it is of no use to spend time on anything that is not of immediate use and has to do with the personal money prob-

lem. He reverts to type.
Comparatively few men who suc seed markedly or exhibit high qualities of resource in a crisis are groove men. Of course, success is not to be taken as a synonym for money mak-ing, which after all is a crude affair. Nor is resource to be interpreted as the faculty of doing an ordinary act at a critical time. Success and re-

source come from the open mind.

The great benefactors of mankind were enabled to accomplish much by virtue of close observation of man and things and an intelligence that accepted each new phenomenon as having a bearing on their work. Creative ability in literature comes to its own and delights readers because the men who have it and utilize it let nothing escape them in the world in which they live. The smallest trait of individuals, the tricks of physiognomy, the moving effects of passion and conscience are all pigeon holed almost uncon-sciously and every day adds to the collection and changes it. The makers of fiction are of necessity men whose minds are as sensitive as

The great inventors have been all their lives wide awake to every small happening in inanimate Nature. They who gave us the steam engine and the electrical dynamo, communi-cation by wire and wireless and all that long list of appliances that are today a household word solved their great problems and perfected their machines because they were ever gross forces.—True Voice. alert for something new in their chosen fields. The journeyman me chanic toils at his place mechanically; the inventor is ceaselessly exwork a thousand times, yet he is on the watch for the next time when a and honest, and who at heart are slight deviation will unlock to him a really sincere, have no scruples of changed his whole attitude to secret.

whose instrumentality miracles of tions as truths. grace have been performed were men to whom each new soul was a not evil-minded; they may have grace have been performed were book newly opened. Average spirit- given many evidences of good-heartual advisers divide people into groups as one would grade vegetables, groups as one would grade vegetables, but the sages of the spiritual life know that each soul is a distinct would become indignant it they were entity and demands a minute inspec-

The attitude in each case is the same, one of vigilant expectance. The conclusion of yesterday may at all phantasy are addicted to this The conclusion of yesterday may at all phantasy are addicted to this any moment be modified by the fault, that of exaggerating for the developments of today. Any other sake of effect.

position is indicative of mental laziness and means the loss of valuable may be observed. developments of today. Any other position is indicative of mental laziness and means the loss of valuable material and knowledge. One has said that genius consists in seeing what others are looking at. With certain modifications, every characters with the control of the contr ter of literature, every important discovery of mechanics and science, it is more effective to say "Willie is always hitting me." She seems to sense instinctively that discovery of mechanics and science, it is more effective to say "Willie is always hitting me."

able curiosity of children. In a tell the exact truth, the mistake measure it is a faculty we all had, but killed by neglect. We go through life incessantly grouping experiences. The alert mind does falls into the same error. indeed group them also but always Oriental diplomat who sojourned long among us was celebrated for his ceaseless questions. Reporters went to interview him, and instead went to interview him, and instead collid is "swell." Hundreds of child is "swell." Hundreds of significant feature of the report.

Divorce is steadily on the increase. and met the same fate. That man ated. has been able to do wonders for his

sphere who ever met him. He was the personification of the open mind.

A singular acquaintance who remove effective. A husband has met

given life real study. He also remarked that nothing in the world was without interest, and that a out somewhat, his wife receives him really wise man could write volumes on his return with the complaint, on the turning of a worm.

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enlivens monotony and makes each the matter is that the good woman new day a progress through some wonderful museum or a ticket to an enthralling drama. Humanity in the mass is a sleeping world. The won-work learning of the door that works her. mass is a sleeping world. The world drous pageant sweeps by and they see it not. But there are a few, too of exaggerations for the sake of exaggerations. intervals of our slamber they tell us what we have missed. They are the men of the open mind.—A Looter on in Boston Pilot.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

TO A LITTLE GIRL

A rosebud 'neath the gentle sun Will be a rose ere June is done. The tiny song-bird in the nest In time will sing its prettiest fly away when Summer

through
The way the old birds always do,
But, dainty little girl of three, Your future no one may foresee.

I look at you sometimes and try To penetrate the by and by, I wonder just what beauty lies Behind the laughter in your eyes; What gentle deeds those hands will

When all your girlhood days are

behind. 'Oh, little girl upon my knee, How many charms I cannot see Are hidden deep within your heart? How many smiles are there to start, When wakened by the coming years? And, oh! I pray not many tears Must dim the beauty of those eyes

Now dancing with a child's surprise. You're just a dainty bud-and small, And yet within your soul lies all The beauty that shall blossom soon

When you shall come to girlhood's June. And I'm the plant! May I be strong And guard you well from hurt and

Remembering in my daily care That you must bloom in beauty

-EDGAR A. GUEST

GRACIOUSNESS It is the duty of all to cultivate a spirit of graciousness, to remember their friends in a graceful way. It is the manner in which the deed is done rather than the deed itself which makes it either pleasant and agreeable or distasteful to the receiver. Wrongs are done every day by actions which though meant well are turned from the right channel by the way they are per-

formed.

The rough diamond is a very dis agreeable looking stone and the individual represented by this type is equally objectionable in these modern days, when quality is more sought for than quantity in all work, and gentleness and refinement more than

EXAGGERATIONS OF SPEECH

Why is it so many things are exthe inventor is ceaselessly expected and falsified? It discovered that the soldiers who had ant. He may have done a bit of is not to be denied that frequently a religion and a conscience were man and honest, and who at heart are riger' lost his claws and teeth and really sincere, have no scruples of changed his whole attitude toward conscience in that matter of twisting the Church (which France is of The masters of souls, the men by facts or presenting their own inven-

> into edness. Love of lying, deceiving and accused of lying or deceiving. Some-times, a too fertile imagination seems

every great truth of the higher life was passed unheeded by myriads until the right man came and made it his own.

We are often bored by the insati
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With age the habit of exaggeration on the watch for something that cannot rightly be grouped in the allotted places prepared. A certain Oriental diplomat who sojourned with a torn dress is referred to at

A singular acquaintance who recently called upon me stated that the great mystery is "that which is called life." It was his opinion that three books were worthy of study—White's "Selborne," Thoreau's "Walden Pond," and Walton's "Angler," He said that these three men had given life real study. He also received was very enjoyable, the evening was very enjoyable, the evening was very enjoyable.

But the boon of the open mind to account I have been lying awake the ordinary man is its bounty to himself. It exercises melancholy, enlivens monotony and makes each the matter is that the good woman and makes each the matter is that the good woman and makes each the matter is that the good woman and makes each the matter is that the good woman and mad good to held early and had been and and had sent to be a solution.

> gathering Miss Winning and Mr. Good, a popular young man just on the threshold of bachelorhood, have found a subject of common interest. They discuss the subject with such animation that they are observed, among others also by one Miss Gossip On the following day, on occasion of an afternoon Miss Gossip gives her version of the events of the preceding evening.
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> "It was very noticeable how Miss
> Winning had something to say to
> Mr. Good all evening she wouldn't
> let go of him; in vain he tried to get rid of her; she surely was trying to nab him, etc." What a triumph, to have riveted the attention of all the ladies present for fifteen minutes. For the same price Miss Gossip would

prove false to her best friend.

This practice of exaggerating for the sake of effect is a deeply rooted and widely extended evil. Many through;
What wondrous beauties I shall find
When you have left these charms is wrong opinions and interested at drawn as a result and much mischief is wronght. Therefore, mothers should is wronght. take pains not to permit their children to resort to speech calculated merely to produce a greater effect. The children should be taught to speak the truth precisely and without exaggeration. Not a word too much, even though it be more impressive and effective. We elders, particularly we parents, must give good example in this respect.—Adapted from P. Tillman Pesch, S. J.

FOCH AND CLEMENCEAU

The Lutheran, which cannot be

coused of Catholic bias, says:
"No two men could stand further apart than Foch the general and Clemenceau the statesman. The one is a devout Roman Catholic; the other a free thinker, if not a down belongs to the Clerical Party-and the other to the Anti Clerical Party-the two parties were like fire and water, they would not mix. Every-body knows of the bitter feuds between these two parties, and of how the free thinking government of France harassed and humiliated th Roman Catholic Church and unseated it as a power in political affairs.

But the war has wrought a great change. It was this same Clemen-ceau who despised the Church that called Foch to the head of the army. When Foch said to him: to consecrate my armies to the Sacred Heart of Jesns,' Clemenceau gave the characteristic answer: 'Consecrate them to whatsoever you will so long

as you win.'
"When the political barriers had broken down and the people fought and suffered as one, and when it was course predominantly Roman Catho On the day the armistice was lic.) signed, he spoke of General Foch in the Chamber of Deputies as 'the soldier of God.'

"While we as Protestants could wish that the evangelical Christianity were more in evidence in France than it is, we may well rejoice that the attitude of the government toward the Church has undergone a radical change. Carlyle was wont to say that so long as there was a soul of good left in any religion or institution, it would not die, and Protestants will wish the Roman Catholic Church well in that country; for as between unbelief and a Protestant liberalism which knows not what it believes, on the one hand, and Roman Catholicism on the other, it would not be hard to

A SHAMEFUL RECORD

The report on marriage and divorce prepared by the bureau of the census for 1916 shows that 112.036 divorces were granted during that year in the United States. The proportion of divorces to marriages was about one to nine for the whole country. The report shows that in proportion to population the divorce evil is growing apace. In 1890 the number of divorces granted was 53 for every 100,000 of population; in 1900 it was 73, and in 1906 it was 84. In 1916 it Where is it to end?

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to some extent. Where there are no children to bind the family together laws of God. instability of the bond results in many cases. Selfishness reigns supreme and there is no spirit of

sacrifice with which to soften the asperities of temper and to lighten the burdens of the married pair. There is little doubt, too, that in too the lack of religious principles and the same spirit of selfishness that wonder, indeed, that men who have

ber mat is simply a nesting place for germs and filth, an accumulator of dirt and disease, an intolerable receptacle of muck and mire—a survival of the dark ages.

of the report. Lack of children ultimately lands the parties in the seems to accompany looseness of the divorce court. These are but two seems to accompany looseness of the divorce court. These are but two marriage tie. Perhaps it explains it phases of one evil, and that evil re-

If we estimate that Catholics constitute about one fifth of the population, and taking into account that among them divorce is very rare in-deed, we can readily see that the prothe burdens of the married pair. portion of divorces to marriages be-There is little doubt, too, that in too many cases lack of children is due to Catholics. And this proportion is

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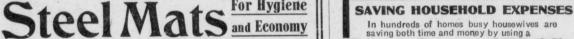
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at heart the welfare of our country are becoming alarmed over the situare becoming alarmed over the situation. It is a shameful record that we have made in this respect during the past quarter of a century. And we fear that it will be much worse in the next twenty-five years. And yet we are a Christian country! We wonder what other nations think of our record. We have reason to be heartily ashamed of it.—True Voice.

Let us force ourselves to be affectionate, gentle, and humble in our intercourse with those whom God has given us as our companions. Never let us corsent to be of the number of those who, out of their own house, appear like angels, but more live dev. Is at home.

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