

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

A masterful railroad-man, Edward H. Harriman, died the other day. He aimed to grasp the transportation facilities of the whole American continent.

Robert Scott Lovett.

The man who succeeds E. H. Harriman began life in even humbler circumstances than did his predecessor. He was born in 1860, in San Jacinto, Tex., the son of a poor miller.

Then came his return to the railroad business, when, through the influence of his brother-in-law, Charles Uden, he was placed in charge of the new Shepherd station of the Houston, East and West Texas.

Mr. Lovett was counsel for this road from 1884 to 1889. Then he became assistant general attorney of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company at Dallas.

Practically, he awakes to find himself famous. Yesterday, known in a limited way in American financial and business circles, he is now known wherever interest centers in American enterprise and continental development.

There are Lovetts in our politics, in our manufacturing world, in all the professions, in the banking world, and in the pulpit.

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The same thing had been true at a prior period of the X-ray. Roentgen's discovery of the function of this mysterious vibration caused all the amateur physicists studying in technical schools to experiment with Crooke's tubes.

Now the inventive lads are experimenting with air ships and flying machines. All such enterprising youths should be encouraged. It is always safe to regard them as potential inventors.

A Fair Share For Everybody.

Under the seeming injustice of life and its attendant circumstances, there is more of equalization than we often think.

Let The Other Fellow Do It.

A friend in speaking of a wealthy and successful business man of Chicago, one as widely known in the sphere of Christian usefulness as in the commercial world, said of him in connection with the countless things he did and aided.

Even in this age of the world there are some people whose joy has no present tense. They never have a good, bright day, and if one should come they do not enjoy it, for they say it is a "weather breeder" and will be followed by the unfavorable kind.

There is nothing so beautiful in the character of youth as simplicity of manners and the absence of design in its undertakings; it is this quality that makes it lovable and attractive.

Whatever you may hope to gain. Keep your self-respect. Whatever losses you sustain. Keep your self-respect.

No matter what the world may say. Keep your self-respect. The darkness cloud life's prosperous day. Keep your self-respect.

Opportunity comes to a man once in a lifetime, but there is no limit to the number of visits a man can make to opportunity.

"The world will never understand," said Athelstan, "that there are men born outside common rules—born to scramble through life, like lizards, seeking safe crannies where toil, ugliness and mean cares cannot creep in. Base burdens! I wasn't born to sweat under them, but to follow my desires. This absorption in self has, however, never blinded me to the goodness of others."—The "Rescuer," by Perry White, in Catholic Columbian.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Rear Admiral Franklin and His Commander-in-Chief.

Uncle Jack, of the Sacred Heart Review, wonders how many of his boys know anything about the late Rear-Admiral Franklin, U. S. N., who was a convert to the Catholic Church.

All you Little Defenders are pledged to honor the Holy Name, and Uncle Jack wants to see you fearless and constant and outspoken in your devotion to our Master.

It is not the boy who goes to army, or navy, or fire department, or life-saving corps, that is the hero, simply on that account alone; but the boy who anywhere and everywhere does his duty, on land or sea. The boy who never misses Mass and who goes regularly to the Sacraments, the boy who obeys his parents, the boy who is not afraid never to swear or lie or pilfer, no matter who entices him, the boy who is true and pure and brave, and joyful with a real innocent gladness, that is the boy who is Christ's soldier and servant, yes, anywhere and everywhere.

And now here is the story of Rear Admiral Franklin: "This splendid type of naval officer, whose active service, when it closed twelve years ago, had covered a period of forty-six years, was a brother of the late General William Buel Franklin, corps commander during the Civil War, whose memory is fragrant of glory to Hartford and Connecticut and whom the Army and Navy Journal numbers among America's Immortals.

"During the life of the General, his no less distinguished brother was a frequent visitor at his home on Washington Street, Hartford. And while in the city he was a regular and devout attendant at St. Peter's Church of the Immaculate Conception on Park street, invariably assisting at the High Mass, accompanied by his wife, who was also a Catholic, and occupying a pew well up towards the front.

"The girl who looked dreamily into the fire had been silent during the gay chatter. "The returns are all in except from the fourth ward," prodded Nannette, giving the long braids of the silent one a playful twist.

Just Helpful.

A group of girls sat around a bright fire. It was the half hour, the precious half-hour, before the ominous call "Lights out!" would silence the merry voices.

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man good to look upon, whom one was apt to remember.

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"It is indeed remarkable that two brothers, the one a soldier, the other a sailor should, each in his chosen calling, find the ways of glory and sounded all the depths and shoals of honor."

"Ruth was not so particular about money, but was planning to be an artist and paint pictures that would rival modern artists.

"Dorothy meant to write books. She had always received "excellent" on her themes, and felt sure that if she sank into an ordinary career a great writer would be spoiled.

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"Looking back through the vista of years, and recalling the varying fortunes of these four room-mates, I believe the girl who aspired to be a "helpful" had reaped life's best reward.

"I would be helpful," yet adopt this as your creed; go out with wide-open eyes, and see what infinite vistas stretch before you. You never noticed before how many people needed help—not necessarily money help or hand, though these have manifold uses; but the help that comes from simple brotherliness and readiness to "lend a hand."

Young man! remember that the world does not delly drones. If you would make a place and name for yourself, be up and doing.

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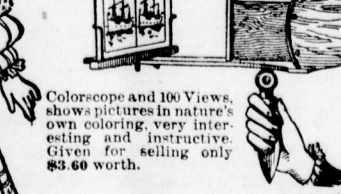
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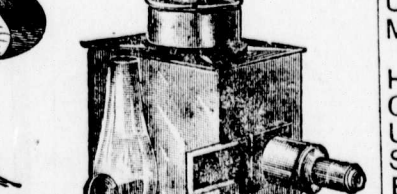
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