## CHATS WITH YOUNG

DON'T WATCH THE CLOCK

In this world of ours the clock plays a very important part; but, like many other necessary items of life, there are times to let it go on its own course; in other words, just to let it severely alone. In this repect we refer to the man especially who is everlastingly watching the dial and measuring—ever measuring—the hour and the minute when he will be free from his labor. Such a man never achieves success.

Just think it over! Suppose, in-stead of being the employee you were the employer, how would you like to have such a workman as yourself on your pay-roll? Not much

Do you desire to be a success, not a failure? If so, don't be a clockwatcher. Do you desire to be re-spected and not looked upon as a loafer? Then don't be be a clock-? Then don't keep up the Do you desire, some day later on, to be accounted as loyal instead of a traitor? Then abandon the practice. Do you hope ever to be called on as a citizen who, having one all that was required of him, is called to higher honors in the com munity? Very well, quit those dial gazing propensities of yours.

Quoth the raven "Nevermore." Yes, nevermore look at the clock to find out how late you are in the morning, or how soon lunch time will be, or how many minutes more until the bell strikes the parting hour and you can rush out on the

On the contrary, if you love all the good qualities enumerated above be at work ahead of time, utilize all the day loyally for your superior's or employer's benefit and progress, don't be watching the hour of de-parture, and very soon, more quickly than you can figure it out, you will be known as a diligent, careful, thoughtful and worthy young man, and just so soon shall you be marked

for selection and promotion.

Remember ever that parable,

"Well done, thou good and faithful
servant."—Catholic Union and Times.

FAILURE, THE HIGHWAY OF SUCCESS Keats says: "Failure is, in a sense the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterward carefully avoid." But there is a kind of failure that is perhaps harder to recover from than the failures with which we meet when we are simply trying to succeed along some line of effort that will advance us in life. That is, the failures resulting from our attempts to be as good as we should be—the failure to control our tempers, our ongues, the failure to be true to the things we know to be right and true, the failure to achieve moral victories in life. I once heard a woman say that sometimes when she started in to be better than she had ever been before she met with greater defeat than she had ever met with before. Most of us have had our experience with this kind of defeat. It takes a good deal of real moral heroism to rise above a series of defeat of this kind, but ten of thousands of persons have risen above them. And some people have discovered that they were never so near victory as when they had met with the worst defeat of this kind. Another and more determined effort won the victory. I'll tell you one thing, readers, that we simply must have

> -True Voice. THE CHEERFUL PERSON.

when we are trying to rise above the

patience with ourselves. Someone has called patience the "ballast of the soul." That is what it is, and

we need a lot of it when sailing on the great and tempestuous sea of

An atmosphere of habitual gloom very unwholesome for human beings. Cheerfulness is as neces-sary to the glow of health as is fresh air, good food, and tranquil living. It is the duty of everyone to cultivate a cheerful expression. Nothing is so infectious as natural cheerful ness, its influence is far-reaching and always for good. The depressing individual is everyone's enemy, a person to be avoided. We are sorry to see him arrive, and pleased when he gets up to go. However short a visit he has paid us we feel the evil effects of his cheerful personality.

THE HEART OF A FRIEND

The story is told of a plumber who presented a bill of \$50 to a retired millionaire for repairing a pipe. The millionaire glanced at it, and

handed out \$5, saying : "Receipt that bill."

But. sir-"Don't 'but' me," interrupted the rich man. "I know what I'm about; I used to be a plumber myself."

The plumber smiled, receipted the bill, and returned \$2 change.

Unhappy spirit, cast down under thy sins, burdened as thou art, and pierced through with sorrows, thou mayest look to God, and hope, for He delighteth in mercy.

We are unfair to ourselves, and we are conducting ourselver in a manner which is hardly Christian when we take too much thought for tomorrow. It is well to be foresighted spiritually and temporally, but too many people destroy to day's peace by worrying over to-morrow's possi-ble mishans.

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE VALUE OF KINDNESS

We must remember that God created all men, and they all have a right to their labor unless they have committed some grievous crimes.

We should be generous with the poor whom God may have smitted for

some reason; we should practice politeness towards all, not only for the sake of others, but to show our own good manners.

Not long ago a boy who had just graduated from the High school, was graduated from the High school, was guilty of performing an unkind trick upon a poor workman. The next day the boy, well dressed and with good credentials, presented himself at one of the large offices in New York to apply for a position. The manager saked that the boy be sent to his private office, and the young lad pictured himself as occupying the desired situation.

The manager read the letters of

"You understand, my boy," said the gentleman, "that there is no place in this establishment where we

went to the man and learned that the small bottle he held broken in his hand contained medicine for his poor sick wife. He had no money to have the prescription refilled, and it was difficult for him to restrain his tears. I saw that the man got the medicine, and walked home with him to see his family. Among the group of children I found a boy about your age, who was acting as nurse and house keeper.

Ah! I see he is a graduate of the same school which you have attended. I told him I would send a competent nurse to care for his mother, and that I wanted him to

come into my employ to day.
"Understand that I do not say l would never employ you nor anyone else whom I saw act as you did yester day; but I assure you no one would employ you who knew your character as manifested yesterday, until sure you had thoroughly reformed.

"One greater than I saw you yesterday, and to him you must go for assistance in overcoming some of the characteristics which you now

The boy was manly enough to thank the gentleman for his rebuke, and to say: "When I think I am worthy I shall return to ask you to

try me."
He did return in time and was given a position. In one of our large cities his name is often heard in con nection with deeds of kindness, especi ally kindness to the poor and lowly He regards the man who gave him such a severe reprimand when he first asked for a position as his best friend in the business world, or indeed outside of his own family and day Companion.

A PLACE OF PEACE

Have you an oil can?" asked some out of that door." "Ah," was the answer, " there are

never any squeaks in anything where There is hardly any end to the defeats that come from our efforts to be good, and that is patience—

very important service, too, for so many small frictions are likely to come up where a number of people live together, that unless the oil of love and thoughtfulness is constantly in use, there is danger of the home being a place of anything but peace

You need not set yourself up conspicuously as the family oil can, but you can keep your eyes open and do considerable quiet scothing that no body knows about except as they realize the comfort of its result.

Probably the best place to begin is with your own tongue, for those "unruly members" make more disturb-ance than almost any other one thing among friends and families, and if yours is kept in order there is a much better chance that the rest will be. You can keep back the criticism or the quick work of fault-finding. You can refrain from conclose your lips over the "auswering back" that springs to them.

You cannot try to hurt anyone's

feelings or give reason for worrying about you. Oh, you can do and not do so many things that will make for peace in that place you love best of anywhere on earth! And you remember that a very wise and loving voice once said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."—Girl's World.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

"I beg your pardon," and, with a smile and a touch of his hat, Harry Edmond handed to an old man against whom he had accidentally stumbled the cane which he had knocked from his hand. "I hope I had knocked from his hand. "I hope I had knocked from his hand." did not hurt you. We were playing too roughly." "Not a bit," said the too roughly." "Not a bit," said the ligious liberty granted to all. old man. "Boys will be boys, and it is best they should be. You didn't to the Catholic citizens of Mexico to

been frolicking at the time of the

accident.
"What did you raise your hat to
that old fellow for," asked his companion, Charley Gray. He is only
old Giles, the huckster."

"That makes no difference," said Harry. "The question is not whether he is a gentleman, but whether I am one; and no true gentleman will be less polite to a man because he wears a shabby coat or hawks vegetables through the streets instead of sitting in a counting house." Which was right?"—True voice. was right ?"-True voice.

#### NEGLECT OF THANKS-GIVING

If we had to name one thing which seems unaccountably to have fallen out of men's practical religion altogether, it would be the duty of thanksgiving. It is not easy to ex-aggerate the common neglect of this duty. There is little enough of prayer, but there is still less thanks lad pictured himself as occupying the desired situation.

The manager read the letters of recommendation, asked the boy where he lived, and finally where he was at a certain hour the day before. The gentleman then said that he was on the same street at the sam the same street at the same hour the day before. He told him the unkind trick he had seen him perform on a poor workman, and that he at once ascertained the name of the boy.

"You understand, my boy," said the gentleman, "that there is not same this. Our own interests drive us obviously to prayer; but it is love alone which leads to thanksgiving. A man who only wants to avoid hell, knows that he must pray; he has no thanksgiving. It is the old store. will employ anyone who is unkind or cruel (and you were cruel) to the poor and helpless.

"Directly after your unkind act, I went to the man and learned that it." never did prayer come more from the should be angry it they with their foul disease came too near Him. Alas! they did not know that dear Lord, nor how He had lowered Him-self to be counted as a leper for the sins of men. They lifted up their voices saying: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When the miracle was wrought, the nine went on in selfish joy to show themselves to the priest; but one, only one, and he an outcast Samaritan, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face before our Saviour's feet, giving thanks. Even the Sacred Heart of Jesus was distressed, and as it were astonished, and He said: "Were not ten made clean? And where are the nine? There is no one found to return and give glory to God but this stranger!" How many a time have not we caused the same sad surprise to the Sacred Heart?— Father Faber.

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#### MEXICAN SITUATION

ways you can use to avoid or soften sign of improvement. The conference of revolutionary chiefs at Aguas you are thoughtful about it. It is a Calientes has selected Eulalio Guster. The situation in Mexico shows no rez as Provisional President of the epublic: but General Carranza who is in actual control in Mexico City, shows no disposition to retire in favor of the new chief.

Whether the government of the United States will recognize the new Provisional President or not depends upon his ability to establish a stable government. The disturbed condi-tion of affairs in Mexico at the present time makes the restoration of law and order almost impossible without the help of the United States Carranza is at loggerheads with Villa, Zapata and Villareal, who control the disaffected portion of the Constitutionalist army and neither side is willing to yield as long as there is anything left worth fighting for.

The American troops are still at Vera Cruz. The evacuation of that port has been made the subject of diplomatic notes between the State Department at Washington and Carranza. The American government says that the withdrawal of troops will take place as soon as Carranza guarantees the protection of Americans in that city, and gives assurance that Mexicans, who served the United States during the American occupation, will be protected, and that a satisfactory understanding is reached regarding the customs receipts. In all this there is no word about the persecution to which Catholics have been subjected in that Republic, no mention of any guarantee that the interests of the Church will be safeguarded by the new administration and fullest re

"I'm glad to hear it," and lifting his hat again, Harry turned to join the playmates with whom he had for the future of the Church in the exercise of her rights. Had the American government not intervened in Mexican affairs in the beginning, she would not be morally responsible for the conditions now prevailing in that country; but



granted, as all must grant, the fact of intervention, then the American government is in duty bound to put end to the intolerable situation as far as Catholics are concerned that has arisen in Mexico as a result of its policy. Nothing less than this will rectify the original mistake. Nothing less than this will satisfy the eighteen millions of America Catholics who look to President Wilson to do justice to their co-religion-ists beyond the Rio Grande. Just at present the Mexican question is the most important that confronts the Wilson administration whose future

500 other purposes.

## RUSKIN ON REVERENCE FOR THE MADONNA

depends so largely on the way in which it is settled.

John Ruskin, in a celebrated pas sage of the Fors Clavigera, writes as follows: "After careful examination neither as adversary nor as a friend of the influences of Catholicism, I am persuaded that reverence for the Madonna has been one of its noblest and most vital graces, and has never been otherwise than productive of holiness of life and purity of character. There has, probably, not been an innocent home throughout Europe during the period of Christianity in which the imagined presence of the Madonna has not given sanctity to the duties and comfort to the trials of men and women. Every brightest and loftiest achievement of the art and strength of manhood and womanhood has been the fulfilment of the prophecy made to the humble Lily of Israel, 'He that is mighty hath

NTIMATE IMPRESSIONS OF THE LATE MONSIGNOR BENSON

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When Monsignor Benson stayed with me on the occasion of his two visits to Philadelphia last March, I realized as never before his utter simplicity and great charm. He would talk about and discuss his books freely and as if they were written by another person without any of the self-consciousness of an

The first time he came he arrived a whole day later than expected, owing to a blizzard, and gave his first ing to a blizzard, and gave his first lecture in Philadelphia the same evening for the Ladies of Charity, who had secured him. The second time he arrived shortly before 8 o'clock, having first lectured at the University and having gotten out of bed to come to Philadelphia.

He seemed exhausted and really ill; but when Law him in London

in June, after hearing him preach a magnificent sermon in St. James' Church, Spanish place, he told me group insisted upon getting farther that on his return to England after | away until at last the photographer

Easter he had felt extremely well and that he attributed this to the fine, bracing air of New York ("that magnificent air," I think he called it.) While he was staying here I asked

him as to the truth of a story I had heard about his mother. It was said that when he paid her his first visit after being ordained in Rome she had had one of the rooms in her house fitted up as a chapel in which he could say Mass. Monsignor Benson told me that this was true and that he always said Mass while staying

He was utterly unspoiled by success. The crowds that came to hear him in London or Rome or New York never turned his head or made him

priest and gentleman. Amongst his last articles were some beautiful ones on the late Pope and others on the war .- A. I. M.

anything but a noble, unassuming

#### A WITTY CHINAMAN

THE CHAPEL CAR "ST. AN-THONY " POSSESSES ONE

The St. Anthony, one of the cars sent out to bring back fallen away Catholics by the Catholic Church Extension Society, has much to recommend it to the curious, but Joe, the Chinese cook, is a source of per-ennial enjoyment both to the "crew" on board and to the Catholics at the various stopping places en route. The superintendent of the car is an Irishman, and he sept in a couple of

funny stories anent Joe.
"One day," he said, "we were giving a mission in a town where the only church was an Episcopalian chapel. Joe was looking out of the car window and as I passed him he pointed to the church.

What kinde churchee over there Missa Hennessy?" he asked. I told bim it was an Episcopalian church and at the same time tried to ex-plain it to him. He said in the course of the conversation, topee church cross like Catholic, but he have little round thing on cross what thatee ?

That," I solemnly assured him, "is an Irish cross. They stole it from the Irish."

Joe looked at me a minute with an expression of blankness on his face, then he blurted out excitedly, "Why you no lick him, Missa Hennessey? Another time we were "taking pictures" to send back to the society, and one little fellow in the

told him to move up closer. "I can't be in the picture," piped the child, "I'm a Presbyterian." Joe pushed him into the group again, "Dat alle right," he assured him, "dat make no different. It no showee in picture."

Joe is fast becoming an Irishman.

THE PERSECUTION IN MEXICO DISGUSTS AN UNBELIEVER

MURILLO MASTERPIECE EXPOSED TO DESTRUCTION-SOLDIERS IN ARCH-BISHOP'S PALACE MOCK PASSERSBY Early this week a well known Philadelphia Catholic received from a correspondent in Guadalejara, Mexico, whose name, for obvious reasons, is withheld, a letter which

contains, among other things, the following: "You, as an influential Catholic, may be glad to know some facts of the hard case of the Church here. The great picture by Murillo (Madonna) has been taken away from the Cathedral and lies propped against a wall in the office of Amado Aguirre, chief of staff, in the Government Palace. It is within reach of the backward stepping foot of any-body, and crowds pass and re-pass it daily. This is the picture for which fortunes have been offered and which was given by Carlos V. of Spain to the Cathedral of Guadalajara. Then there has been no Mass said or sung in any church in this

with her.

It seems to me as much a tribute to the tactful, loving son as to the noble, loving mother—the widow of a very distinguished Archbishop of Canterbury.

His entirely new way of looking at old subjects, his originality and his simplicity were among his chief characteristics. these places also. Soldiers people all the churches and the Archbishop's Palace, mocking and jeering at those who cross themselves as they pass. While from a religious standpoint lam an indifferentist. I have the decency to be disgusted, and what you feel, or any really religious person I

can quite well conjecture."-Phila-



#### Mrs. Newlywed says:

"I can't imagine how you manage to be dressed by the time your husband comes home on a washday"

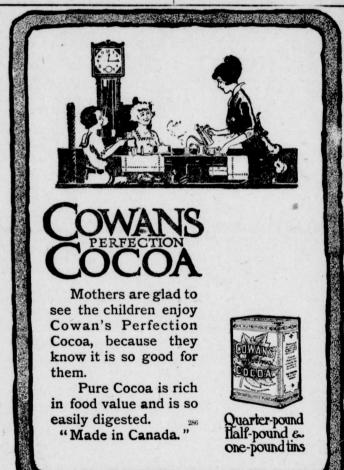
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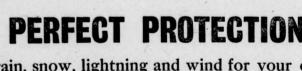
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