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Church bids us meditate on the per-fection of her nature and on the supreme fulness of her supernatural gifts, that we may bless God for her, and that we may be the more encouraged to approach her and ask her interces It is very fortunate that this feast is part of our preparation for Christmas; for, as the dogma expresses it, it was by the foreseen merits of her Son that she was saved spotless from Adam's sin. We enjoy Christmas all the better by understanding the Im-maculate Conception of Mary and spending well the feast which com memorates it ; just as one would better understand the glory of the sun if be-fore he had ever seen it he had enjoyed the beautiful light of the moon. Her light is splendid, fair as the moon—what then must be His light Who is the only light of the world! Now, in thinking of Oar Lady's spot-

less soul, we cannot help adverting to the opposite vice, impurity. How widespread is that vice among the people of to day! How deep-rooted seems that baleful tree whose fruit is the beastly enjoyment of forbidder sexual pleasures! How manifold are the ways in which innocence is wrecked among us! Take the press, for exam ple : what a countless number of death dealing instruments of lust daily, nay hourly, come forth from the press! Great human demons print free love to ruin the family; little human demons print vile pictures to corrupt the young. The silly, disobedient boy who buys cigarettes must be sold a nasty picture to help ruin soul and body. Even reputable newspapers print columns of reading matter that dare not be read aloud. Even some of our merchants cannot advertise their ousiness without attempting to stab their customers' souls through their eyes by filthy pictures.

Then take the theatres. I know that there are some decent ones; ye you know better than I can tell you how hard it is ordinarily to come away from a theatre with an untainted soul. The conductors of some of these theatre answer to the description of the tepro-bates given in Scripture: they "preach their sin like Sodom." They insult our eyes with their immense flaming show-bills, on which Lust flaunts her banners in triumph. Many poor souls are ruined by bad

The general effect of all this, and the many other occasions of sins of lust—that is to say, the effect considered apart from the individuals ruined by it, is to break down the barriers of decency all around. But the conspic-uous result is twofold—the degradation of the female sex, and the lamentable ruin of youth.
Against this invasion of all that is

foul and brutish the religion of Jesus Christ sets that Virgin Mother Immacu-late, whom Holy Scripture describes ate, whom Holy Scripture describes as "terrible as an army set in battle array." Who, but the purest of creatures, hates lust most? Whose heart is wrung with such tender pity for lust's wretched slaves as the Immaculate Heart of Mary? She is Our Lady of Rangery risk propertyl resistant of Ransom, rich, powerful, resistless.
Turn to her, you poor victim, whose
feet are in the snare. Are you weak?
She is strong to aid; one word from her and the demon is vanquished, his head crushed beneath her heel. And the doctor. you, poor soul, writing on the rack of temptation, turn your face towards Mary Immaculate to-day: cry out "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thea?" These words which cone with the "These words which cone is the world not go." Those words, which once with thee." Those words, which once thrilled her soul as soul was never thrilled before or since, cannot fail of a hearing. "Remember," says the prayer of St. Bernard, "that it was not a never known that any one had recourse to thee and was left unaided." her, therefore, in all your troubles and she will lead you to her Son, but especially if you suffer from impurity Arise with courage and enlist under the white standard of virgin purity, lifted up and advanced by the hand of the Immaculate Mother of God.

A Bishop to His People.

In a letter addressed to the clergy and the members of his diocese, Right Rev. Bishop de Goesbriand, of Bur-lington, Vt., speaks the following true and forcible words to parents:

"No father or mother with the least sense of responsibility would allow a child to associate with criminals. And yet the secular papers, which are accessible to the youngest members of the family, are filled with all sorts of In many cases these reports crimes. are so detailed as to corrupt the minds of youthful readers, and incite them to acts of immorality. As for the books, some of the most popular are, at least, dangerious reading. Parents who prefer their sons and daughters unspotted from the world, rather than so easy for num to have made the followers of its fashion, will banish all such literature from their homes as they would exclude criminals. If it had delighted in his engravings, and be dishonorable and demoralizing to pored over them !

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Baby Fingers on the Pane.

Baby Fingers on the Pane.

From the music softly stealing
Down the dim arcade of years,
Come the melodies I treasure,
Hallowed by my joys and tears;
And amid their magic numbers,
Reaching down a zelden chain,
I can hear a baby's fingers
Tapping on the window pane.

When my hands with toil were weary,
And the twilight shadows fell.
And I wandered slowly homeward
To my cot within the dell—
Then my weary steps grew lighter,
As there floated down the lane,
Music sweet of baby's tingers
Tapping on the window pane.

Oft the world in coldness met me,
And would crush me with its pride;
Oft mistortune gathered 'round me
To o'erthrow me with its tide.
Sick and weary, faint and hungry,
I would wander up that lane;
Then how clear was baby's fingers
Calling at the window pane.

But one eve a darkened shadow
Fell across the cottage flor,
And the crape upon the morrow
Hung its folds along the door.
Years of weariness and sorrow
I have listed all in vain
For the sound of baby's fingers
Calling at the window pane.

But methinks within the cottage
Of the city pure of gold,
There is waiting for my footsteps
Papa's baby as of old.
And some Summer day in heaven,
Treading up the pearly lane,
I shall hear my baby's fingers
Tapping on the window pane.

The great majority that fail don't fail for want of brains. Most people have more brains than they know what to do with. Those who have won the grandest laurels are not usually of splendid natural ability. But they set their teeth and planted their feet and moved straight forward girded master passion sweeps all the rest. Do ot dissipate and waste your powers. There is scarcely any limit to the possibilities of persons whose abilities are converged on the one local point.

Too Late.

The old farmer died suddenly, so that when Judge Gilroy, his only son, received the telegram, he could do othing but go up to the farm for the uneral. It was difficult to do even hat ; for the julge was the leading

lawyer in X., and every hour was worth many dollars to him.

As he sat with bent head in the grimy little train that lumbered through the farms, he could not keep the details of his cases out of his mind. the details of his cases out of his mind. Yet bitter grief, he felt, was uncalled or. He had been a good respectful

on. He had never given his father a heartache; and the old man had died full of years and virtues. "A shock of corn, fully ripe." The phrase pleased him; it seemed to close the ory of his father's life, leaving room or no regrets.

The village doctor met him at the station, and they walked up to the

farm-house together.
"I wish to tell you," said the doctor,

"He was greatly disappointed that

No. He never felt at home in the

The judge remembered that he had not asked his father to come down. The old gentleman did not fit into the The old gentieman did not be the first state of his family, who were modern in enchancing the beauty of flowers, and fashionable. Ted was ashamed of and increasing the productive power and fashionable. him grandfather's wide collars; and of plants and fields, so can the sagaci-Jessie, who was a fine musician, ous and conscientious parent render cowled when he was asked to sing the Portuguese hymn every night.

home was iuxurious. The deaf old womau, who had been his father's servant, sat grim and tearless by the side

or the colin.

"Martha was faithful," whispered the doctor, "but she's hard. I don't suppose she spoke to him once in a and consi

He reverently uncovered the coffin,

high part in life," he thought. There is more promise in his face

In the desk were a bundle of old account books which showed the part he had played. Records of years of hard drudgery on the farm : of work in win-ter and summer, and often late at night, to pay John's school bills, and to send John to Harvard. One patch of ground was sold after another to keep John while he waited for practice; to give him clothes and luxuries which other young men in town had, until but a meagre portion of the farm was

The man knelt on the bare floor, and The man knett on the care now, as shed bitter tears on the quiet old face. If he could come back! It would be so easy to make a little home for him in the city, to go to him every day with gossip of his cases, or to take him to hear music, or to see noted men,-to make his life happy and full! So easy! "O, father! father!" he cried. face. He was too late. - Youth's Com-

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Remember in all things that if you raveled on a journey, are all important things: they make a beginning and therefore are a hope, a promise, oledge, an assurance that you are in taken. How many a poor, idle err-ing, hesitating outcast is now creepand guided by a great purpose. You ing, hesitating outcast is now creepwill achieve something if you have a single purpose, if in your breast some world, who might have held up his head and prospered, if, instead of putting off his resolutions of amendment and industry, he had only made a beginning!

Courtesy is a quality which, from every point of view, it pays to cultivate. It is a trait particularly admired and appreciated in young men. It is a trait particularly ad-The habitually courteous youth, who by instinct and self discipline is uniformly affable and considerate of the feelings of others, is always certain of the reciprocal esteem of persons whose good opinion is worth having, and, in a general way this means nearly at mankind. It is so easy to be amiable when it is a habit, and the habit is so easily acquired by healthy develop-ment of the germ implanted in every nature. Of course the person wh was fortunate enough to have been blessed with wise and careful parents particularly with a mother of intelli-gence and prudence, begins the race having a marked advantage over the one not so endowed.

THE ADVANTAGE.

lies in the fact that from the very outset the instinct of good nature and gentleness is tenderly developed and gravely, "that your father's thoughts all were of you. He was ill but an hour; but his cry was for 'John! John! unceasingly."

"If I could but have been with him!"

gentieness is tenderly developed and cultivated with an unceasing solicitude until the habit is fixed and courtesy becomes inextricably intertwined with the other elements of character in the inextricably intertwined with the other elements of character in the man. The personality which in the first early stages of existence is left to you missed your half-yearly visit this grow how, and in what direction, it spring. Your visits were the events of will, is not apt to develop evenly and spring. Your visits were the events of his life. There were no others," said symmetrically. It is sure to follow the ourse of most wild and untrained Last spring? Oh, yes, I took my things in nature expending in useless their being. Just as the expert gardener and the experienced hus-

bandman BY CULTIVATION can improve upon the work of nature, more fertile for good the tender natures entrusted to his keeping. judge humored his children, and had ceased to ask his father into his house. person in whom the best traits of char-The farm house was in order, and scrupulously clean; but its bareness gave a chill to the judge, whose own home was luxurious. The deaf old woman, who had been his father acres.

perish as chance decreed. It is needless to enumerate the ways

suppose she spoke to him once in a week: His life was very solitary. The neighbors are young. He belonged to another generation."

THE HABIT OF GOOD MANNERS and considerateness contribute to the happiness and prosperity of those who possess it. The most sodden mind can comprehend the responsive near the comprehend the responsive and then, beckening to Martha, went out and closed the door.

The judge was alone with his dead.

The judge was alone with his dead. habitual politeness naturally evokes of other extrinsic proof; it is a certain Strangely enough, his thought was still of the cold bareness of the room.

Those hacked wooden chairs were there when he was boy. It would have been so easy for him to have made the tiations for advancement of every in-

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the least labor.

John Gilroy suddenly closed the book. "And this was the end," he said. "The boy for whom he lived from the eyes of the world, the despicable attributes that meanness does spicable attributes that meanness does are completed at home. of all places in the wide world in which the very best side of our

natures should be manifested.

Courtesy is not a vencer, a cloak to conceal the inequalities and deformities of character. By no means. That sort of thing is hypocrisy, easily penetrated and contemptible. A brute who doesn't pretend to be anything but a brute way company during the contemption of the contemp But there was no smile on the quiet but a brute, may command our re spect, but the seemingly well-bred per on beneath whose thin surface of vulgar personality, earns only our dis-

the young Man and the first weed pulled up in the garden, the first dollar put in the ground, the first dollar put in the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings bank, and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings between the true and false — and so will these the first mile article and the first mile article an indespensable adjunct to the savings between the true and false — and so will these the first mile article and the first mile article ar on in any honorable calling or vocation unless he cultivates assiduously that which recommends him to the friendly consideration of others. This fact is becoming more patent to all eyes as the changing conditions of our civilization, especially in the cities, render the relative interdependency of the relative interd men more and more marked.

Time was when a man's skill in a

the good opinion of the community in other respects. But the invention of machinery and the evolution of an changed all that. In a very large measure success or failure, is inflution to promote progress at the very inception of a career.

It is plain, then, that of the tools with which the young man hopes to carve out his destiny from the shapeles block, one of the best in the kit is the gift of courtesy kept sharp and polished with use.

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Ten he was put under the treatment of a celebrated Toronto specialist, but with no better result. After this last treatment failed he determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, at the same time discontinuing all other treatment. At the end of three months there was a very noticeable improvement in his condition, and so much so that his mother thought he could be the ment in his condition, and so much so that his mother thought he could be lifted outside. He was only able to remain up a few minutes as before. When taken back to bed he felt a suddent time treatment failed he determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, at the same time discontinuing all other treatment failed he determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, at the same time discontinuing all other treatment failed he determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, at the same time discontinuing all other treatment failed he determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, at the same time discontinuing all other treatment. At the end of three months and iver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure. Fagged Out, None but those who have become fagged out, know what adepressed, miscrable feeling it is. All strength is gone, and despondency has taken held of the surferers. They feel as though there is nothing to the there is a more remarkable restoration than has been accomplished in Mr. Moffatt's case, and he deems it his duty to mankind to make the facts known through the columns of the Advertier.

Men taken back to bed he felt a sudden tingling sensation going up from the columns of the Advertier.

g in the Newmarket Hat Factory. Chrough the influence of the damp room, and possibly some carelessness in regard to his health, he was attacked with a severe cold which eventually settled in his limbs. For some years he was an almost constant sufferer from rheumatic pains and spent much money in treatment for the slowly but surely regaining his oom, and possibly some carelessness peat much money in treatment for the rouble, but with no result beyond an occasional temporary release from pain. Finally, to make matters worse, he was attacked with malaria and about. The continued use of the Pink rheumatic fever. He was then forced Pills constantly added to his strength for to go to the Toronto general hospital,



when it was found that he was afflicted with torticollis (wry neck). During the first six months in the hospital he was under the treatment of the staff electrician, but the powers of electricity entirely failed, and after a consult Looking now into the kind old face, with dissolute men and women, it is certainly to no one's credit or profit to form their acquaintance in books and newspapers which reveal their corruptminds and describe their shameful deeds."

Nany a Young Man.

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Protection from the grip, pneument by father should have played a Hood's Sarsaparilla. It makes Pure Blood

Looking now into the kind old face, with courtesy is irresistible.

Too much stress cannot therefore be laid upon the importance of cultivating and practicing the had never taken time to notice before—a sagacity, a nature fine and sensitive. Here was the friend, the comrade whom he bad needed so often! He had left him with deaf old Martha for his sole companion.

There hung upon the wall a photograph of a young man with an eager, stored to, then no medicine can be employed with the same beneficial results as Scott's Emulsion.

Protection from their acquaintance in the white hair lying motionless on it, the found something in it which he had never taken time to notice beliating upon the importance of cultivating and old ones, and with women very often, courtesy appears to be regarded in very much the same light as a "dress suit," to be donned only when they go out, or in the presence of cultivating and old ones, and with women very often, courtesy appears to be regarded in very much the same light as a "dress suit," to be donned only when they go out, or in the presence of cultivating and old ones, and with women very often, courtesy appears to be regarded in very much the same light as a "dress suit," to be donned only when they go out, or in the presence of cultivating and office the head never taken time and old ones, and with women very often, courtesy appears to be companion.

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lodged in the arms, and then for some

slowly but surely regaining his strength. Then an invalid's chair

was procured, and he was wheeled out,

eventually he was able to wheel himself

about. The continued use of the Pink

and then the chair was discarded for

crutches, and then the crutches for a cane. At this time (Sept. 1895) Mr. Moffat had so far recovered that he was

local reporter for the paper. The once

utterly helpless invalid is now able to

in March, 1892, was again forced to take to his bed, and those who knew of his condition did not believe be had long to live. At this time every joint in his body was swellen and distorted, with such marvellous cures as this to work of the marvellous cures as this to be the marvellous cures as this to work of the marvellous cures as the story of and he suffered the most exeruciating agony. If a person walked across his bedroom it intensified the pain as though he was being pierced and torn the land, and this case certainly justiwith knives, and if touched he would fies the claim put forth on its behalf scream aloud with agony. In this that it "cures when other medicines state of hopeless suffering he remained bedfast for eighteen months, all the while using all manner of real the

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