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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER'S EYES

saw them first when they revealed To me a world of mother love, And oft, when mutely they appealed For strength and guidance from

above; And ere I learned the rules from I learned from mother's eyes to

know By stern or by approving looks

right way from the wrong, to go.

I saw them slowly fade from blue As bright and clear as summer

skies, And take an even softer hue, Those thoughtful, kindly, loving

6**768**; And though their luster faded, still They beautified the love they told, As fading autumn sunsets will Emblazon all with hus of gold.

Though closed in death, these many

years, They light my rugged pathway yet Dispelling many haunting fears, Reminding, I must not forget ; They also brighten every dream Of home ties of the long ago. Their hallowed light, as sunsets,

More beauteous in their afterglow. -JASON KELLEY

WASTED ENERGY

I used to know a man who was the incarnation of busyness. He are like all others, full of whims, was always in a rush. He seemed to be in the permanent condition of firmities of human nature. I think one running to catch a train, his eyes matters out beforehand and decide fixed glassily on futurity and his how things are to be done and who fixed glassily on futurity and fis coat tails streaming out behind. For some time, judging from appear. I am fair and even mercifal — but ances, I cherished great reverence for this gentieman, considering him or loading. Ordere are given plainly. minds work like lightning and to there is a hitch of some sort, the whom thinking and acting are practi- clerk states the case to me in a few cally one spontaneous process

After studying him closely I found at that he seldom accomplished changes, but the new hands soon out that he seldom accomplished anything objective; he was simply a victim of muscular nervourness. line. I seldom have any trouble His motto seemed to be that any His motto seemed to be that any and as well as I can figure the time spent in thinking a matter out matter out, it is simply an affair of was time lost. I had not been the climinating waste motions." Verbum only one unduly impressed with this sap .- A Looker on in The Pilot. human merry-go-round. He succeeded in convincing powerful and folk that he was a person of busy capabilities. He was even given a job of some importance and responsibility

Then the real tragedy began. Men accustomed to large affairs had dealings with him and speedily discerned that there was little in him except a variant of St. Vitus Dance. They took his measure and let him alone. But there were many others not so fortunate, for the incessantly active man, swollen with an idea of his own importance and endowed with the forgiving disposition of an Iroquois chief, made it his business to employ his position to even up every real or fancied grudge and make life impossible for those who were in no sition to do more than resent what Ah ! even so, sweet Mary, Queen of he did.

Now, this intolerably busy man was a virtuous individual; he had good intentions and not a few excel. Humility's fair blossoms deck our lent ideas if he had only given himself an opportunity of thinking out And flowers of purity our path beproblems, taking proper counsel and acting with deliberative forethought. He did none of these things, for he became obsessed with the delusion that he was infallible and that his snap - shot decisions brooked no For through thy daisied meadows, I have not heard anything delay.

about him in several years, but have reason to believe that he is still alive and working endless mischief. It was a case of excess energy.

passed a chestnut tree, bare and leaf. work day started at 9 a. m. A type less; and there, hanging on one of its boughs was a lovely peach! You can written schedule was always ready for bim at that time, the various imagine how glad he was and how thankful to the good God who had duties, routine or exceptional were properly divided and affairs moved worked this miracle for him and the without hitch or unpleasantness, with an hour's interval for lunch, poor sick woman, and you can guess until the work was disposed of and all desks cleared. I have never oo, which of them was the happier -Franciscan Herald. watched a better or happier office TRUE REFINEMENT

force. In case of illness or some happening that could not be averted, preventive or remedial action was immediately taken. That office worked like a high powered machine

in perfect order. Now it is no small task to run a large office with its diverse person-alities, occasional "grouches," sadden inroads of unexpected toil and all the other matters that come up

when a number of people bend their energies on delicate and nerve-racking work. Yet the office in ques-tion seemed by some benevolent magic or profound psychology to be energied us such troubles

spared all such troubles. One afternoon, after the office force was dismissed, I asked the employer how he managed to do it. He seemed a bit surprised and at first was inclined to suspect that I was practicing a joke upon him. Finally however he told ms :

with lovely womanhood. Perhaps it is due to the hustling, energetic life of the twentieth cen-'I abhor waste energy. It is my humble opinion that any man in tury, which seems bent seriously charge of work and of people should make it his business to study what upon one thing only: to endeavor to is to be done and the most effica-cious way of doing it. This is a hard

sions of a lifetime. So we meet them on our city business to run; it is multifarious and exacting. These men and women So we meet them on our city with his houst was the heasag streets, winsome little girls in their teens, at the loveliest and most ap-pealing age-girlhood, when we should find them "standing with this fair month of May let us not reluctant feet where the brook and forget to ask her who is the Refuge they long for the mystaries and fruit of her womb, Jesus.-The Pilot. pass us talking loudly, pushing rudely through the crowds, powder and ofttimes rouge quite visible upon their baby skin, marring the young beauty words and I make the best decision of their faces, short skirts, silk stock ings, aping their elders quite cleverly, even to the "low-neck" so deplorably learn the ran of affairs and fall into common today, so vulgarly indecent. Bits of their chatter drift to our ears as they hurry by ; laden with slang, till it is almost a foreign language to one unversed in the "latest." The subjects of their conversation, topics

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that are not apropos to discuss public, are absurdly talked over by these "know-it-all" little ladies, OUR BOYS AND GIRLS penctuated by inane side remarks and gum chewing. Such the little

MAY

miss of sixteen summers, in this, our Sweet May ! 'tis through thy tender. twentleth century : golden light, That falls from azure skies (half

white.

we pass

Ah. gone are 'the girls Of the ribbons and curls' veiled in miat), On fresh young daisy-buds, on lilies And the fregcant old-fashioned bou-

quet. On violets by timid zephers kissed-And they have taken with them the 'Tis through thy shiny portals that most cherished of attributes-true refinement. — Worcester Catholic From spring's new morning into

Messenger. summer's noon, And glide across thy crisp and dewy THE MONTH OF MAY grass,

Into the rose fields of the fervid June. The beautiful month of May comes

May, Nursed in the soft light of thy sunny smile.

spring. The warm sunshine, the perfume of flowers, and the music of than show jealousy of our wirds flood the air. This month is we should be careful to fulfill our Nature's alembic in which tired duties." way,

guile ; humanity is purified and energized Swift through the portal of thy stainagsip. less breath month of Mary. Upon her children by the bitter larguage used by in this gladdest month of the year Socialists to excite social revolution

Thy children into God's great summer dart,

She sheds her warm radiance into ing our aspirations by the call of Mother blest! their lives, distills the mild fra- Christian duties instead of over-We reach the rose-fields of Christ's grance of heavenly virtue in their emphasizing the improvement in

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all too few really healthful specimens lives to Mary during her month as so as not to lose eternal fortune. of humanity, especially among the a fragrant offering to her. The That all classes should unite in feminine sex. Place the blame on wreck and ruin of War have made settling the turbulent social question fractors, we the energetic life hours. The factory, society, or the energetic life bavcc with the souls of men. The is the urgent heed of the hour. of today—the fact still remains unal-tered. Yet no matter how good or how companionable a sportswoman a lives, yet during this month of May

we can turn like children to their FIFTEEN MINUTES OF such praise-worthy recommendation, mother and she will heal our hurts, afford to forget that she is the most bind up our wounds, and send us YOUR TIME worshipped thing in life-dowered forth with renswed courage to the

It is frequently said of us Catho The way back to Christ is through Mary. She holds out to us from her arms her Divine Son. Nations olic literature ; and there is no deny. which have rejected the mother ing it that we deserve the reproach satisfy in each day the varied pas- have always ended by rejecting the We are also charged with not being Son. "Yon shall find the Child able to give an intelligent answer to with His Mother" was the message questions asked us regarding our questions asked us regarding our religion. Again we are at fault.

We cannot attempt a defense by saying we need more or better Catholia literature, says the Catholic Tribune. We have the best of books, river meet." But today, 'tis with of Sinners and the Help of Christiana eager fact they hasten to that port of to turn upon the world those pitying and a generous supply of good maga zines and newspapers. We have leaflets and booklets costing only a embarkation, 'tis with yearning heart eyes and show them the blassed dime or nickel, giving us explanation of Catholic truthe.

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And we have the real and only sermons that teach that self same A TIMELY MESSAGE doctrine which Christ Himself taught while yet on earth. Do we appre-ciate all this ? Catholics the world over will read

with interest the latest words of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV., on Social Action. Writing to the Bishop of Bargamo in Italy about No, the fault does not lie on the other side of the question. Blame rests with us, and a shame it is upon us. social conditions in his diocese the We have a well worn and handy excuse for this as well as our bits of neglect, "I am so busy, I Holy Father enunciates principles World

bits of neglect, "I am so busy, I have no time." It is a busy world should take to heart. In this letter and a busy pariod of time. What ary action of a small group of does all our rash and busile extremists who called themselves by amount to. the unauthorized name of Christian Our busiest men and women are

dropping off every day, having their In commending the efforts of the manifold duties, closing their eyes Diocesan Council in bahalf of the on this world and opening them to another. "The workman dies, but working people, Pope Benedict stresses the point that such institu the work goes on." So many of the tions must ever keep before their minds and scrupulously follow the things that we are busying ourselves and worrrying ourselves over, amount principles of social science incul-cated by Leo XIII. in his immortal to so little.

If oaly fifteen minutes a day were encyclical on the Condition of the Working Classes. "Let them espegiven to close intelligent reading on Working Classes. "Let them espe-clally remember these fundamental Catholic subjects, if we carry only one clear idsa, one bit of knowledge points," says the Sovereign Pontiff. of what we have read, it will mean to no man is it given to be truly more than we realize if persevered in. You may insist that you read happy in this brief mortal life, subjected to every kind of misery, more than that every day? Re since true and perfect felicity awaits member that one chapter or page us in Heaven alone, as an eternal thoroughly read and understood, means much more than volume as a welcome relief from the sever ity of winter and the chill of early well. All our efforts, therefore, skimmed over. The point is that must be directed above. Rather we carry the knowledge gleaned.

Our beautiful religion is worth more of study and deep thought than most of us are giving it. It is a thing to be deplored. Let us unite in thought on this matter. Let us talk it over together-realizing our lack and hasten to correct it. Let us not only subscribe for Catholic papers and magazines, but read them, and read them with attention and thoroughness.-Catholic Bulle-



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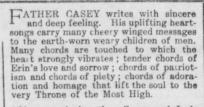
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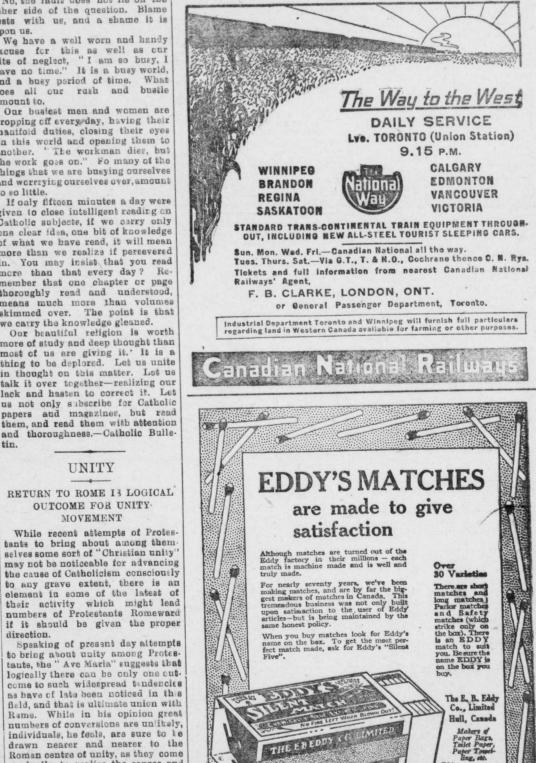
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"And the very striving of Protes mony and mutal understandingtants after unity; the very endeavor can these bring about aught else but to obliterate the centuries old and a deep searching of hear's and an clearly marked lines of cleavage aspiration towards that real unity between the various denominations; exemplified in the Church and the open and anxious deprecating of never broken during twenty centur-all that keeps apart the several iss.-The Pilot.



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SEVEN

Several months ago it was my mis fortune to occupy an apartment above which lived, moved and had her being, a lady who had nothing in particular to do. She was no longer in the first bloom of youth and enjoyed an income that enabled her to busy herself in a multitude of affairs of no importance whatever. Her apartment had a hard-wood floor plentitully strewn with rage of these gifts? Salfishly for just their high and low degree. It was her habit to use up at least two hours of each morning in dragging an eld-fashioned carpet sweeper over these rugs. Of course the obvious thing for her to do was to have these rugs taken into the open air and thor-oughly cleaned, and meanwhile to dust the floor and mopboards with a damp cloth. But she seerned the olic Bulletin.

obvious. Strange to say, this lady still lives, exercises her carpet. sweepsr and continues to arouse homicidal tendencies in her neigh. Yst this lady is a thoroughly religious woman and doubiless esteems herself as a useful member of society, Excess energy again.

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When I was much younger than foday I had the geed fortune to be on friendly terms with a business man of many and large affairs. Daring Nething pleased him better than to eight hours of each working day he and his assistants transacted a volume of business that would friar. When he was living at home, have driven an ordinary office force to neurasthenic words. I never bers of his family as he was to out noticed any signs of hasts or nervous-siders, and this is something to be ness in that large and busy effice. Each parson there from the employer the work in parfect geed humor and intelligent camaraderis. Gen-heme! it. John Jasanh borthose at erally the force was dismissed and than that. Nothing was either too the employer took his afterneen re- great or too little for him to do in the laration at an hour when the major. Way of effices in town were giving a to sick and sorrowful. It is told of

Sacred Heast! -ELEANOR C. DONNELL BE UNSELFISH

There are many things in life that welcome for what it represents. are like the flowers in the garden. They come and brighten a day or an Spring will enter into the devotions hour, and are gone; they are not meant to be hoarded in miserly fashof Mary's children. With renewed fervor they will turn to their Mother, ion, but to be shared and passed on and so made to bring joy to as many as possible while they last. Young folk have youth and energy

and enthusiasm. How are they using own good or pleasure? Or are they sharing them with those who may have none of these beautiful things It is a wonderful and beautiful thing to gather and pass on to others the Rose of Sharon, the lily of Israel, the mystical Rose, and the Garden the resebude of life. Do not wait until the flower blooms and fades Enclosed. The most popular devo-tion in her honer is the Rosary, a and the opportunity is gone .- Cath. gasland of spiritual roser. Her altars are kept decorated with

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SUCH A KIND SAINT

He was a Franciscan friar, called flowers as the most fitting symbols John Joseph of the Cross, who lived of her virtues. And May, the month in Italy about three hundred years of flowers, is tet apart by the Church age, but the virtue for which he was as ker month.

nesed will never grow old, and it is once. But sin with its devastating just as much needed today as in his blight transformed it into a waste, far off times. This special virtue was where weeds rank and foul flour. isked. The couls of men were created to bring forth flowers of ished. Nething pleased him better than to de kind acts for these around him, and this was even before he became a and was permitted to blosm fair and he was as good and kind to the memremembered : for. sad to say, there specimen of the Creator's handi ars many of us who are ready enough feuntain of supplication.

makes melody in their hearts. Twice welcome is May, is given both to employers and to welcome for what it brings, and laborers. The rich and those who

But for Catholics May is the the danger of inflaming workingmen

bestows her sweetest smile. and insists upon the need of temper-

are more highly placed by social Now something of the warmth of position or by education should not refuse to help the workingman with their advice, their words, and their authority. "But," he continues,

The Holy Father warns against

of love and fealty to her. Their little acts of devotion performed in her honor will take on an added little acts of devotion performed in where equity than according to strict may not be noticeable for advancing meaning in this month dedicated to reason. In this way they will gain the cause of Catholicism consciously the fairest flower in God's garden. The purity, the loveliness, the been alienated from them by think-fragrance of flowers have always ing them too much attached to their their activity which might lead numbers of Protestants Romeward wealth." Those of lesser means, the Holy

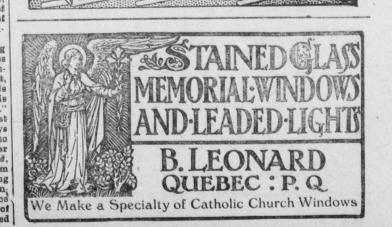
Father reminds that distinction of direction. classes comes from nature and therefore from the will of God, Whe "made the little and the great." "Let them remember that no matter logically there can be only how much they may improve their condition by their own activities and by the assistance of goed men they will still have, as all have, no Rame. While in his opinion great

small amount to seffer. On this numbers of conversions are unlikely, The earth itself was a fair garden account if they wish to act as wise men, they will not strive to follow men, they will net strive to follow usatisatinable Utoplas, but will support in peace and fortitude the support in peace and fortitude the support in peace and fortitude the cause of what is now recognized to cause of what is now recognized to virtus and holiness until sin planted the hope of eternal reward.

the soeds of evil and vice. Of all One skriking throught from the churches, their endless divisions, creatures in the world one only was Holy Father's letter merits the which result not only in a lose of saved from sin's devestating breath attention of certain radical elements efficiency, but in a betrayal of Christianity in the eyes of un-believers and heathens. who are disposed to assert their

unsefled, without spot or blemish. rights by force rather than by Our tainted nature's solitary boast reason. "The sause of trath and was given to us as the choicest justice is not defended with vielence "What is perhaps most striking in a reading of the various addresses dealing with the Inter-Church Meveand disorder; for these are weapons work. But she was given not which injure chiefly the persons merely as an object of admiration, who use them." The Holy Father bat as a medel for imitation, and a 'is the fast that, ment," is says, "is the fast that, while the Catholic Church is nowhere directly attacked, she is duty of pricets to eppose manfully none the less studiously ignered."

As the flowers of spring breathe such declared enemies of faith and "It is some gain that But it adds : forth unsonzeionaly their mute seciety. Any question that contact and tribute of worship to their Creator, the salvation of souls is not merely and mirror the beauties of God's an economic question and is within the bitter animosity of former days has departed, perhaps never more to ity of effices in tewn were giving a life like imitation of Dante's Inferme. The employer's method of manage-ment was simplicity itself. His and mission and mission and is in this method of means and segsed him to get her a peach-she had were a longing for one. It was and its Mether. Let us make of punished according to the measure of carelessness of shiftlessness. The return. When minds are no langer filled with blind, unreasoning hatred,



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