

Almost too trite to be worthy of mention is the familiar proverb, "Many a mickle makes a muckle." Yet there is fresh interest and value in noting that what seems at first so small a net profit as four cents per barrel of flour has given one of the Minneapolis companies a net profit in the year, of \$160,000. Small things are not to be despised whether it be in the business world or otherwise! Another old proverb receives new emphasis: "Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves."

One of our gentlemen, says a diocesan paper, took four well-dressed people into his pew the other Sunday; at the offertory the whole four gave—one cent. Another two; they gave—nothing. There were four hundred nickles in the plates on the first Sunday in September and between one or two hundred pennies. Nickles seem just made for church contributions.

Children's Department.

MADE OF THE RIGHT STUFF.

On the corner of one of the business streets of the city, the other morning, a shoe-black had just finished polishing the shoes of a well-dressed and gentle-appearing man. The latter was unfortunate in having a deformity which compelled him to wear a shoe on one of his feet with an exceedingly thick sole, thus endeavouring to make up mechanically for what nature had denied him. "How much shall I pay you?" he asked the boy. "Five cents, sir." "Oh, but you should have more than five cents for polishing my shoes," said the gentleman, tapping the thick sole significantly with his cane.

"No, sir," said the boy; "five cents is enough. I don't want to make no money out 'o your hard luck." The customer handed him a coin, laid his hand on the youngster's head for a moment, and passed on. Who says the days of chivalry are over?—*Exchange.*

TO BOYS COMMENCING BUSINESS.

Be on hand promptly in the morning at your place of business, and make it a point never to be late, and perform cheerfully every duty. Be respectful to your employers and all in authority over you, and be polite to every one; politeness costs nothing and it will help you wonderfully in getting along in the world. And above all, be honest and truthful. The boy who starts in life with a sound mind in a sound body, who falls into no bad habits, who is honest, truthful and industrious, who remembers with grateful love his father and mother, and who does not grow away from Church and Sunday school, has qualities of mind and heart that will ensure him success to a remarkable degree, even though he is endowed with only ordinary mental capacity; for honor, truth and industry are more than genius.

Don't be foppish in your dress, and don't buy anything before you have the money to pay for it. Shun billiard saloons and be careful how you spend your evenings. Cultivate a taste for reading, you will find in books friends ever true and full of cheer in times of gloom, and sweet companionship for lonely hours. Other friends may grow cold and forsake you, but books are always the same. And in closing, boys I would say again, that with truth, honesty and industry, and a living faith in God, you will succeed.