### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A LITTLE LESSON CONCERNING THINGS PRACTICAL

Practical folks are prone to make a fetish of their distinguishing trait. They are not satisfied to make pets of facts, those "brute beasts of the intellectual domain;" the pets must be trotted out for the presumed admiration of all and sundry on every possible occasion. It demands an exceedingly limited outlook and un-limited narrowness to be, in the language of the tribe "a practical

I am a practical self-made man, asseverates the successful skinflint, "and I have no patience with idle idealists, who never pay their bills." He had made a virtue out of paying his bills (after he had dickered as cent not wrung from him.

Being practical is a good trait, a useful characteristic but there is no meed of swelling the chest over it, for it as common as potatoes. Prac-tical men see to it that the race continues; they monopolize the toil of life, they are the stokers of the world dynamite; but it would be a sorry thing for civilization if it had

depend on "practical men" alone. There are people who boast that they never forget an umbrella; others who have the first dollar they ever earned. This is all very well as far as it goes, but dollars and um brellas are both far from being the most important things in life. Most the men who have made humanity their great debtors never minde

We have often heard Mr. Solid Citizen express his opinion of those who had the misfortune to gain ais full enmity. He will tell you "He is nothing but a maker of rhymes," or "he is one of those painter fellows," or "a mere singer of songs," or "he is forever pottering ever contrivances that amount to

nothing. Now the cosmic joke is that the unpractical men have ever been the benefactors of the practical. Watt solved the problem of steam propulsion while lazily watching a tea-kettle boil. Fulton was esteemed an idiot until the "Fulton" made time. Newton found out the law of gravity when an apple had dropped on his head as he was lying on his back in his orchard. Galileo also discovered many things while observing the swaying sanctuary lamp in the Cath.

edral of Pisa. One and all, they were anything but practical, and yet see what they accomplished. As a matter of fact the "practical men" are as so many freight cars on a siding until som idealist comes along and pushes them forward. Then they shake their heads and congratulate one another on the world's debt to them

Undue familiarity with material things and absorption in them begets a mental atrophy, a sort of blind insanity. The infidel scientist digs among stones and bones so long that he resents the idea that God had any part in the creation of the world. The laborer works so long in mud or iron that he generates a scorn for all those who do not labor

with their hands.

These fact fanciers have allowed their brains to become parched and their higher impulses to dissolve

It is ever the man lifted in spirit above his work who accomplishes. A mule can work a tread-mill. A squirrel can make his cage revolve. Few there are with moral physique who there are with moral physique who thought Jerry, resentfully; "money, closhes, horses, carriages and comit necessary. All this is the merest groping among elemental things

There is a superman. Every normal man has it potentially, but enly a few develop it. Just as the saint by ceaseless prayer and good works rises above the plane of the ordinary Christian, so does the man of thought and ideal rise to be a benefactor to all mankind in the things of this life. It is exaltation that brings progress into substantial

The wonders of electricity, steam and air navigation are the outcome of exaltation in the minds of those who made the wonders facts. The great creations of genius; moving orations, etherial poetry, marvelous tone pictures, the speaking marble the breathing canvas, music that for a few minutes.

the nonce galvanizes the clod to an "I woncer what's the matter with undreamed of life, are all the pro duct of exaltation.

The spirit moves the genius, he is wrapt out of himself, he forgets the vulgar facts of life, aye, sometimes hunger, cold and keen misfortune, and in this mood, under this guid-ance he creates for posterity a mas-

We live in a material world. There is need of a certain amount of prac-ical good sense to enact the part of sut it were folly to stop here. This is the barest minimum of life and accomplishment. The real realm of highest manhood or truest alternatives.

His mules never answers.

commonplaces.

Take counsel with yourself of your potentialities and then if you are potentialities and then if you to be common and driven horse, when ever he put him in the stable.

As he walked along, the Colonel's the colo

#### DON'T FEEL TOO SMART

been so full of smarter, better and younger men than yourself, that their feet stuck out of dormer windows, but when they died the old globe went joggling along, and not one person in ten millions went to those who needed his aid, and now to lose everything.

"I declare 'tis rough," thought Jerry, "plaguey rough! but the old man's been too careless," he con-

the funeral or even heard of their the funeral or even heard of their death. Be as smart as you can, of course. Know as much as you can without blowing the packing out of your cylinder-heads. Shed the light of your wisdom abroad, but don't think that you dazzle people with it. And don't imagine a thing is so, simply because you say it is so. Don't be too sorry for your father because he knows so much less than Don't be too sorry for your father be-cause he knows so much less than you do. The world has great need of young men, but no greater need than the young men have of it. Your clothes fit you better than your father's fit him—they cost more money, they are more stylish; your mustache is neater, the cut of your hair is better, and you are prettier, oh, far prettier than "Pa." But, stop a moment, young man, and re-flect: The old gentleman gets the biggest salary, and his homely, scrambling signature on the busi-ness end of a check will drain more money out of the bank in five min-utes than perhaps your bandsome autograph will do during the balance of your mortal life. Young men are useful, and they are also ornamen-tal, and we all like them, and it would be impossible to successfully engineer a picnic without them but they are no novelties, son, oh, no, nothing of the kind—they have been here before. Don't be so modest as to shut yourself clear out, but don't be so fresh that you will have to be put away in a cooler to keep from spoiling. Don't be afraid that your merit will not be discovered People all over the world are looking for you, and if you are worth finding they will find you. - The Young Catholic Messenger.

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

JERRY'S INVESTMENT

Jerry Dodson took a buckskin purse from the pocket of his overalls, and carefully counted its contents into his horny hand.

Ten golden twenties shone brightly in the sunlight.

Jerry looked at them with a hard,

bitter feeling in his young heart. Those twenties meant six years of getting up at 4 o'clock in the morn ing, of driving mule teams, walking behind a harrow over rough clods nd sweltering long days on a harvester.

he was sixteen, and less than what one year's wages should have come

He had tried to be so saving, never drawing a cent, save for clothes or going to town Saturday night with

the rest of the boys, for a good time. He had built such hopes on that accumulating money; he meant to buy a team and rent a piece of land, and this very fall he had planned to lo it. "There was the Webster place do it. —grain land and pasture, with a bit of alfalfa; everything for a hardworking man to succeed, and he had the first chance for it, too, but now he must go on being nothing but a hired man after all."

Colonel McClatchy had failed—his colonel whom he believed to be as

good as a bank.

It was hard to believe it, looking over the fine fields of the great ranch and the almost palatial home. Yet it was all gone for mortgages and debts, and the \$200 was Jerry's share of the wreck. There was a bitterness in his heart as he looked at the great house, with its beautiful lawns, flowers and orchards looking as bright in the sunlight as if no

blighting ruin had come. They always had everything, every place. What business they going on spending other folks' money they'd worked hard for? money they'd worked hard for? They never worked—just went along having a good time, though," he added, "I won't say but what the old man's acted square; he's turned over everything. What's the use of trying to save anything? Why shouldn't I have a good time?—and I will! I'll go to the city, and trot the till every red cent of this

it high till every red cent of this money is gone; that I will!"

He thrust the bag back into his pocket and looked over the pasture, his young face set in lines of deter-

Suddenly a quick, alert look cam into his eyes; he gazed intently for

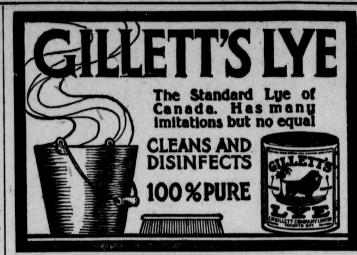
that black cow over by the pond," he though; "she's acting queer, away off that way from the others. Like as not that calf of hers is in trouble pesky thing. I'll have to go and see," and Jerry started with his long swinging stride across the grassy sloughland, for an animal never ap pealed to him in vain.

He might fuss and grumble, yet he would get up in the night to feed a crying motherless lamb. If a horse

accomplishment. The real real to highest manhood or truest altruism he was, he would give an extra rubbis far beyond and above mundane down to a nard driven horse, when the stable.

your potentialities and then if you will make potentiality into fact; then you will have a fact worth while.—A looker on in Boston Pilot.

DON'T FEEL TOO SMART DON'T FEEL TOO SMART of pity stole into their heart for the Colonel himself. What must older than you are by several years; this ruin be to that old man! He that for thousands of years it has thought how generous and good he



tinued his resentment still stirring out then, he's old. If he was twenty years younger I'll bet he'd get it all back! There's the women folks too back! There's the women folks, too.
I guess, after all, there's a good many

Jerry found that the little calf had gone along a sheep track on the adge of the pond-until the bank rose steeply. Here it stopped and blatted while the cow mother lowed above him. Jerry turned the small animal thinking at the same time "that it was the biggest fool-calf he ever

As he turned leisurely to walk back. he heard a strange sound, and paused to listen, then he walked quickly towards a clump of willows not far from the pond. He pushed in among them, then stopped in embar-

"Why—why — Miss Jeannie," he stammered. "W—what's the mat-

A young girl was lying on the soft salt grass, sobbing as if her heart would break.

She looked up startled, "O Jerry!" she cried. Anybody been a misusing you Miss Jeannie?" he asked, his hard hands involuntarily clinching. they have, it's me that will have a

settling."

He looked so flerce that Jeannie McClatchy smiled a wan little smile.
"No," she said, "it's only my foolishness. There, I'm better now. It's only that papa has to sell my piano and oh, it's so hard to give it up."

Her chin quivered again while
Jerry looked as if some fresh calam-

ity had come to him.
"Oh come now," he said, "it can't

The girl shook her head, "No," she said, "he's going to sell everything that will bring money. I'd been thinking I might give music lessons to help him. He's going to rent the Webster place, and begin over right

here. Jerry could hardly speak for aston-

ishment. The Colonel living where he had planned to live! Miss Jeannie, too!
"Well, well," he said, for want of something better, "that's all-fired

If you only knew how badly papa feels. It has nearly killed bim. You see, Jerry, in the beginning he signed some notes for a friend and had to pay them, then some speculations failed, and hard years came, and now it is this !"

the Colonel than anybody else. Now cheer up. Miss Jeannie, do cheer

baby of myself again. I ve had my little weep, and now I'm going to be brave like papa's daughter ought

It was the day of the McClatchy

auction. The great house was full to overflowing. People felt of the velvet carpets, and tried the springs of the satin chairs. Jerry was out in the hall talking crops. He had stood over the sale of every colt and calt on the place, for two days, and now his keep cars caught avery word the his keen ears caught every word the auctioneer said in the parlor. "I offer to you now this piano, ladies and gentlemen. Look at it well, note the make, and see polish, listen to the tone," and he ran his fingers rapidly over the key board, where so often Miss Jeannie played.

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dollars," said a stout " Fifty "Seventy five," called a voice from

the doorway.
"One hundred," piped a brighteyed little woman nervously.

Then it went up by fives and tens

to one hundred and forty.

The auctioneer used more eloquence. The stout farmer had invested too largely outside; he would go no higher to please the women folks: the little woman had long been

"Going—going. A \$700 piano selling for a song. Do I hear more? Going going, gone! Sold to the gentleman in the hall.

Jerry had bought the piano. He came forward and paid for his purchase, then slipped away from the jokers and merriment of his friends. "Oh, Jerry," said Jeannie when she met him on the porch, "I had rather you had it than anybody else.

It was so good of you."
"I don't want it," answered Jerry stoutly. "It is yours. I'm thinking the Colonel and I will want a littlemusic, when we come in tired of evenings from working on the Webster place. I've got the mare, too, Miss Jeannie, and your pa will just start over again, with this pair of etout hands to help him."

CHILDREN'S TABLE MANNERS "So-called "table manners" are not outside show, but are based on correct principles. Special care should be taken to teach young chil-

dren to eat properly and behave properly at meal times.
Good example will help, but a grow-"Oh come now," he said, "it can't ing child, anxious and hungry for be so bad as that, your papa'll fix it food, will not stop long enough to notice how others are eating it. Very young children should not be allowed

at the table.

Wait until they can feed themselves, and then show them at each meal how to do it properly. A mother should strive to have her child with her at meal times as often as possible so it can be watched and corrected. Good manners in eating, just as in everything else becomes a habit. As an incentive to using the knife

and fork properly, give the child his own little set of silver, marked with his initial, and if he makes a special point of wanting a napkin in place of how to use it. Children should not monopolize

the conversation, and in the event of "company" they should adhere to the old adage of being "seen and Yes," said Jerry, "it's harder on not heard."

"Please" and "thank you" should

feature strongly at the family table, and should there be boys and girls I'm better now. I shan't make a present, help the girls first and so teach the little men not only polite. ness, but patience.

A child entering the breakfast room should be taught to bid ing" to those about. If the mother will make this a habit, the innate desire to imitate will readily respond in the child. Induce a child to keep its hands on

its lap when not eating; otherwise he is apt to make trains and music of the silver and glass nearby! A WORD TO BOYS

The boy is the man; you will be later what you are now. It is there-fore important that you be properly fashioned in the plastic period of your youth. You should be like waxen figures in the hands of your teachers; let them make of you good Catholics and good ortizens; wax will harden and preserve the impressions given to it in the mold. The trouble is that students do not know what is before them. They wish to get through school in the shortest time and with the least effort. But I would urge you to take upon yourselves a personal respon-sibility in the matter of your education. Determine to get all you can, and then go forward, encased in the armor of scholarship, to do battle and you will succeed. At present, and still more in the future, the Church needs great and good men.

BIBLE CONVERTS

The fruits of "Bible study" are often of a character to surprise the non-Catholic teacher of Holy Writ. The Catholic Sentinel mentions a

We have in mind the case of a Protestant missionary in Mexico, now a resident of Washington, D. C., who devoted some seven years to the preparation and publication of a Spanish Concordance to the Holy Scriptures. The minute and careful study that he was compelled to make of every text in the Bible revolted in his conversion to the sulted in his conversion to the Catholic Faith, and the year that followed the publication of the Concordance witnessed the baptism of the author in the church of Sar Lorenzo in the City of Mexico.-The Missionary.

#### THE BIBLE BEFORE LUTHER'S TIME

A non-Catholic reader of The Indiana Catholic, says that excellent journal, wrote us a polite query reently as follows:
"Why did the Catholic bishops and

priests refuse to permit the people to have the Bible? Is it not true that there were no translations of the Bible until Luther began his Reformation movement?"
We will gladly answer our friend's

strange query, strange indeed, com ing from one who is an "educator" in our own state and a man who is regarded by all who know him as fair and broad-minded. Before Protestantism existed there

were more than twenty translations of the Bible in most of the modern languages. Here is the enumeration of some old Catholic translations :

Bible of Just, Mayence, 1467. Bible of Bender, Augsburg, 1467. Malermi's Italian Bible, 1471. The four Gospels in Flemish (Bel-

The entire Bible in Belgian, Cologne, 1475.

Bible of Julien, 1477. Edition of Delft, 1477. Bible of Ferrier, Spanish, 1478. Edition of Gonda, 1479. Edition of Des Moulins, French

Four translations mentioned by Bausobre (Histoire de la Reforme. livre iv.) printed before 1522. To this enumeration it is as well

script translations : Of the Bible into English, 1290. Of the Bible into Anglo-Saxon

erse, 1300. Of the Bible into German languages, Of the Bible into Italian, 1970

Ct the Bible into Spanish, 1280. Of the Bible into French, 1294. Before Luther's time three transations of the Bible appeared in taly; four translations and a multitude of editions were published in the Gælic language, and in French two Belgian translations, which passed through several editions. A translation at Prague in 1488; at utna, in 1493 : at Venice in 1506 and 1511. Many other Catholic transla-tions into almost all the languages

of the world were published at Rome, the sanctuary of "Popery." The anti-Catholic prejudices of certain writers are so deeply rooted, that it is with the greatest difficulty we succeed in making them believe that Luther was not the first translator of the Bible in the vulgar German tongue. Before the apostasy of the two famous Augustinian monks, there existed twenty-one German translations (fifteen in Hochdeutsch. and six in Niedersæchsisch) in Ger many. Luther himself made use of the translation of Nicholas of Lyra, which appeared in 1473, and passed through several editions before the Reformation. Luther made such good use of the translation of Lyra that a comic poet has rendered this proverbial. Pius VI, writing to Martini, Archbishop of Florence, regarding his translation of the Scriptures, congratulates him on his zeal in publishing this translation and exhorts the faithful to read it. This letter, dated April, 1788, is placed at the beginning of all English Catholic

" DOIN' GOOD'S NO NEWS " Dooley's friend said to him Dooley, the world is going worse

every day. Just look at the papers There is nothing but murders and burglars and graft and divorces and all kinds of divelment reported. Dooley replied; "That's so, Hinnessey, according to the reports, but ye must remember that doin' good's no news." Our Irish wit and philos opher spoke to the point. Evil attracts notice more than good because it is exceptional. It is sensational because it seldom happens. If evil were common and good rare, then good would be the sensational thing and would crowd evil off the front page of the newspapers and the newsboys would be crying it in special edition on the street. When a man eats his wife, the whole town knows shout it, but not even a remark is made about the many husbands who treat their wives with unfailing courtesy. When the sun is all splendor nobody looks at it, but when a tiny spot flecks its brightness everybody looks at it. If the sun were commonly dark, a bright spot on its surface would set the extraord. conversion that took place recently in one of these institutions:

"Daniel J. Richardson, of San Diego. Cal., is a recent convert to the Catholic Church. Mr. Richardson was for four years a student at the Bible University of Eugene, Ore. Bible University of Eugene, Ore. British, into which he was baptized on June 6 in the Benedictine Monastery, June 6 in the Benedictine Monastery, Just now the newspapers are all ter Curtin er Br. Casimir, June 6 in the Benedictine Monastery, Lacey, Wash. Next month he will return to the monastery to continue his studies for the priesthood,"

light, but good is modest and retiring and has little to say about its work. Just now the newspapers are all attame with war news, as though the whole planet had burst into a vol.

cano of fire and blood. Hardly a good deed gets mentioned amidst the mass and flood of war stuff. But underneath the blackest storm the grass is still green and tender flowers are blooming, and underneath all these wars and rumors of war the old world is still green and fruitful with human affection and service and goodness. Goodness is in the majority. God is with it, and it will yet prevail.—Presbyterian Banner.

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