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and stamina to be original, prompt and decisive. to stand squarely on one's own feet, and to trust entirely to one's own judgment. — O. S. Marden in

Not Small in Consequences. "It is a small matter," men often say, but men are judged by trivial things. The man who persists in conveying food to his mouth with his knife when eating is sure to lose place and standing in the eyes of men with whom he would desire to stand well and who sprely put him down as a boor because such table manners. Small matters n dress and manners are noted as indications of breeding and character, and no man can afford to ignore them.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

There is only one great leader to housand of followers. It is easy to

Effective Originality. There are a thousand people who will do faithfully what they are told, to one who can lay out a programme or ex-ecute it; a thousand who can only to one who can lead. It is

follow to one wno can lead. It is a rare thing to find a young man who has the power of accomplishment, the ability to put a thing through with the force of originality.

Whatever your work in life, do not follow others. Do not imitate. Do not do things just as everybody else has done them before, but in new, ingenious ways. Show the people in your speciality that precedents do not cut much of a figure with you, and that Show the people in you will make your own programme. Resolve that, whether you accomplish much or little in the world, it shall be original—your own. Do not be afraid to assert yourself in an original way. Originality is power, life. Do not be afraid to let yourself out. You grow being original, never by copying; y leading, never by following. Re-blve that you will be a man of ideas, always on the lookout for improvement. Think to some purpose. There is always a place for an original man.—O.

The Quality that Counts. The great prizes of life do not fall to the most brilliant, to the cleverest, to the most brilliant, to the most long-headed mer, to the men of soundest judgment. When a man is wanted for a responsible position his shrewdness is not con-sidered so important as his sound judg mdnt. Reliability is what is wanted. Can a man stand without being tripped; and if he is thrown, can he land upon his feet? Can he be depended upon, relied upon under all circumstances to do the right thing, the sensible thing? Has the man a level head? Does he lose temper easily, or can he control himself? If he can keep a level head under all circumstances, if he cannot ethrown off his balance, and is honest, he is the man wanted.

Who is the Strong Man? Each one is in himself a whole army of faculties, thoughts, feelings, passions, purposes. The efficiency of an army depends on its power to maintain order and march together. The general must command and the ranks obey, or he will go down in defeat. A man must keep all his powers in subordination and make them move together or he will go to pieces. If one of his lower powers to pieces. It one of his lower powers, such as appetite or anger, gets the better of him, he is gone. A man's power is in proportion to his self-control. However strong he may be, if he heads a few to he had been a man be a man lacks self-control he is weak. A man in convulsions is not a strong man, though it takes ten to hold him; he is the strong man who can hold himself. If one cannot control himself he cannot control anything else. Temperance is but another name for self-control.-

The Indispensable Man.

Some of the most successful business men in this country make it a rule to dispense with the services of any man in their employ, no matter how im-portant his position may be, as soon as he comes to regard himself as "indis-

the man who is up to the times, thoroughly posted in regard to the world-wide trend of the twentieth century, will realize that there are very few people in the world, no matter what their talents or ability, who cannot be replaced. It is a very rare character, indeed, that is imperatively necessary, and the man who actually reaches this point does not brag of it, nor act as if he considered himself "indispensable."—Success.

A Skilful Mechanic. A young man, who at twenty one had been before the mast, had worked in the chemical department of a mill and had lectured upon nitrous-oxide gas throughout the country, patented the rotating chamber for a pistol, says Arthur Goodrich, in the World's Work.

for defense, and he was the first to lay One day a young man from Vermont came to his works.

trail, to lean or to hang on to the one who leads, but it takes courage, grit and stamina to be original, prompt and "What can you do?" asked the superintendent.

'I'm a machinist, a tool naker and a diesinker, and I can play a horn in a band," was the reply.

He went to work the next day. A few years later he multiplied by forty the value of certain labor in anothe factory, and by another invention saved the company \$50,000 on contracts already made. Later, with a sewing machine company, he forged shuttles from one pione of her steel and cut from one piece of bar steel and cut previous costs in half. Since that time he has made forgings by the use of drops weighing as much as a ton drop-ping with dies sometimes six feet up on iron, steel and copper. An example of his inventive genius is the instance of his forging offhand from a single piece of copper commutator bars for electric dynamos after the electrician in charge had said that such a scheme was impossible

Some Helpful Thoughts.

Youth is the time when habits are formed which will stay during life. It is vain to think that you can be careless and lazy, and perhaps even worse while you are a boy and then become energetic when you grow up to be a man. Bad habits formed in youth are very hard to get rid of, and in most cases the disposition to get rid of them is lost before the age of manhood, and the habits stick. Get rid of them now and form good ones while you may.

Defeat is our great strengthener. Through it alore can we become fine and noble and beautiful. Adversity, which is only another form of defeat, is the universal inspirer and corrective Men generally may not realize this, and it may seem, at first thought, a careless statement. But when analyzed and considered, it looms up as about the most useful attribute life has.—Leigh Mitchell Hodges.

Thoughts which illumine, strengthen, and cheer are useful, if light, courage, and joy are useful.

A few insecure bricks at the base of a foundation will make the whole unsafe. One day wasted spoils the week. If you live a single year with no higher standard than the wish to please yourself, all the years which follow suffer Remember that youth is the time for laying the foundation. Do not imperil the future by carelessness now.

Every spring the farmer goes out his plows, plants his crops, and chooses his harvests. So the man who has a life to make, should see what he desires to reap and plan his actions accord-

The defalcations of the president of the Milwaukee bank have set the public thinking. The huge sums of money which he diverted into unlawful usages grow bigger when we consider the absolute trust and regard in which he was held by his friends and business men generally for his talents and supposed integrity. Like many before him he has tried to get rich too quickly. It is the old story of a man who thinks he can make money by dishonest methods. And now when his well-laid plans have been his ruin he has no future before him save disgrace and the common prison.

The unfortunate president has made a clean confession of his guilt. He had a clean confession of his guite. He had speculated in Wall street stocks and Chicago grain. He had plunged deeper and deeper into the market to cover the losses on his early speculations until he found himself completely swallowed up in financial disaster. His stolen money was gone. He could not possibly recover his losses. And in despair he cover his losses. And in despair he made his open confession only to save himself from being detected by those who had respected him and honored him by their confidence. The confession is no palliation of his crime. He is not deserving of pity so far as the world knows. But it is impossible not to be recorded to sorrow when a most world knows. But it is impossible not be comes to regard himself as "indistinuable."

This may seem harsh and even unaspiness like: but if we look into it, it is impossible not proved to sorrow when a most respected citizen wrecks his own life and the honor of his family, and, were it not for the generosity of his fellow.

reduced hundreds of families to misery and starvation.

The faculties which have helped him to rise to that indispensable point. He downfall of the Milwaukee bank prise to that indispensable point. He downfall of the Milwaukee bank prise to their ability the penance imposed. Let them also receive, at least of the faithful, who has attained the age of discretion, confess secretly all their sins to their confess secretly all their sins to their own pastor at least once a year, and let them take care to perform to the best of their ability the penance im small beginnings just as all thieves do. When his first roberies were success. When his first robberies on until baffled by his own importance is as disastrous in its results as utter lack of self esteem. It is really evidence of a narrow mind, and ignorance of general conditions; for the man who is up to the times, have a definited to missery and the faculties and starvation.

There is a lesson to be derived from the downfall at once appropriate a million and a half of the Milwaukee bank profess the downfall at once appropriate and let them take care to perform to the best of their ability the penance of the start where the second the received in the fact of t superior talents and shrewdness to the superior talents and shrewdness to the quest of fabulous wealth which he must horde up only for others to enjoy? Had he resis ed the temptation to steal the first dollar he would never have been held up to the world as an embezzler of millions.—Church Progress.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. STORIES ON THE ROSARY

BY LOUISA EMILY DOBREE. The Crucifixion

A FOOL'S PARADISE. A difficult life possibly, and one needing all the helps which every child of the Church has within reach. Many the Church has within reach. Many kings and queens and those entrusted with riches and power have not only been good practical Catholics but some have risen to the greatest heights of sanctity, are enrolled among the saints of God and whose prayers we implore.

They are at Ballynacoon now and intend They are at Ballynacoon now and intents to spend their summer there, relinquishing by so doing a couple of yachting tours which they had planned but felt it better to give up. For they had decided not long ago that part of the year should always be spent on the Irish estate, and there both husband and wife found, pearly to interest and occupy found p'enty to interest and occupy

them.
Giles has just come in, and has a frown of displeasure on his face.

"What is the matter, Giles?"
"Only that I am finding out more and more how shamefully my people have been neglected, and how infamously I was taken in by Jackson.

was taken in by Jackson."
"I like the look of Mr. Sanders very much better," says Cora.
"Of course, the fault is mine, to a certain extent. I ought not to have lefteverything in the hands of an agent, but have seen to things more myself after my father's death but I did not

but have seen to things mire myself after my father's death, but I did not care to live here. You can have no idea, Cora, of the state of matters, says Giles, "the insanitary cottages—the want of water—the poverty and misery. I saw Father Murphy last night effor you had gone to had and misery. I saw Father Murphy and night, after you had gone to bed, and night, after you had gone to bed. Then the he rather opened my eyes. schools. As a matter of fact he had written to me pretty often about them, but I am ashamed to say that I paid n attention to his letters, and what I did send since I have been a Catholic was quite inadequate—not what I see it was my duty to give. I did not take the trouble, and I am grasping the real

at hand."

"I always thought I should hate having anything to do with the poor, and now I shall like it."

"Playing Lady Bountiful—eh?"

"Not exactly. I don't want to give indiscriminately," 'ays Cora, who has been thinking the matter and talking it over with those more experienced than a over with those more experienced than a consult FatherMurphy.

"I always thought I should hate having anything in anything of Great Britain and Ireland.

A party of nuns, eleven in number, forced to either give up their sacred calling or to leave France, had made arrangements to establish themselves in a quiet, beautiful little city of England not far from London, and started land not far from London. towards the poor—about that—and so on their journey many things; I lived in a kind of Fool's third class tickets

Giles and his wife no longer live as fools who act thus may live in a Para-dise, but it is one opposed in all its esentials and conditions to that attitude sentials and conditions to that attitude towards God, that relation to time and the things of time, which a true Catholic should have. They live in the world as they did before, but when the destroying angel of worldiness passes by the lintel of their hearts, he sees the scarlet sign and they are safe. For the note of mourning in the Church is as truly a and that is because of the Sacrifice joy, and that of Calvary.

TO BE CONTINUED.

#### THE OBLIGATION OF EASTER.

According to the fourth precept of the Church, we are commanded, under severe penalties, to receive the Blessed Eucharist at least once a year. The time specified for the same is at Easter that its partners that its between the time specified for the same is at Easter or thereabout. That is, between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sun-day, both inclusive.

That the Church should have

found it necessary to enact such a law is certainly no compliment to man's appreciation of the sacrament. Neither does it indicate a lively faith on the part of those who merely content then selves with the requirements of the obligation. Both, however, clearly point to the change which has come over mankind since the days of the early Christians.

The Church, always watching with a

motherly care over her children, saw the tendency. Consequently, we find the fourth general council, which was held in the Church of St. John Lateran, Rome, in the year 1216, making the Easter obligation a solemn precept.

Catholics hear the law preached to This may seem harsh and even unbusiness like; but if we look into it, we shall find that there is wisdom in this practice. Experience proves that the moment a man looks upon himself as absolutely necessary, he usually cases to exercise to the fullest extent the faculties which have helped him to the downfall of the Milwaukee bank the moment and the honor of his family, and, were it many have read the law business men, would have robbed the poor of their hard earned savings and the mother has a guarantee that however, if many have read the law business the contain reminder, it is doubtful, however, if many have read the law business the contain reminder, it is doubtful, however, if many have read the law business carriage, and again mentioned to the gentleman that they cortain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail their class tickets. On being as used it made no difference, and the mother has a guarantee that however, if many have read the law mentioned to the gentleman that they cortain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail they would not be asked to pay any-they would not be asked to

to its language and its penalties Nothing remains for the faithful but to follow it if they hope for the Christian benefits in life and death.—Church Progress.

### MARY, QUEEN OF MAY.

The brightest days of all the year have come, and our hearts are filled with joy. Nature is lovely with its sunshine and flowers. The air is pure and balmy. The blithsome birds are heard on every side, singing their loveliest. on every side, singing their loveliest carols, and holy hearts rebound with joy and exultation and give renewed thanks to God for the new life and new

hope the May month always brings.

But what shall we do with all this beauty and loveliness, all this brightness, and all this joy but wreathe it as a crown for our Blessed Lady, our lovely Queen of May? She was the fairest of court of the deapthers, and so should have It was not considered particularly valuable until after the first company that made it had failed, and fights in Texas and with the Seminoles in Florida proved its worth. The Mexican war made a demand for it.

The same mechanic who did so much for early ax-making developed details in revolver making. The American plan of not hesitating at the cost of new appliances was never better shown than in this big armory. The owner was probably the first man to suggest the mining of harbors with torpedoes

of her own spirit by recalling her immaculate life. We grow noble and re-fined in our nature the more we ponder and venerate her as our Mother, for so good and great a mother must needs have pure and holy children. The saints have increased in sanctity

by communing with her, the Queen of heaven and earth, and men and women have become angelic in loving her, the Queen of Angels. "Thou art all fair, my beloved, and there is neither spot nor stain in thee," is Heaven's eulogy to her worthiness, and Holy Church takes up the strain and sings it to the farthermost ends of the earth, till it is echoed back from every holy heart. Let, then, these joyful May days find

even greater joy as we give our Blessed Mother marks of our love in the lights and flowers we bring to her altar, as with gladsome hearts we sing her praise and listen with rapt attention to all that is said to her honor and glory. As we tell her thus our love, she will love us the more and ask for us an increase of grace to make us loved of God, and by her motherly care she will bring us to that land where all is fair and beautiful, all joy and happiness in the beatific vision, in Heaven.—Catholic Union and Times.

#### THH KING OF ENGLAND AND THE FRENCH NUNS

A PLEASING INCIDENT REPORTED BY A PARIS CORRESPONDENT.

The New Orleans Picayune of recent state of things I hope better times are at hand."

date had, in its Paris correspondence, a story about Edward VII. and a party of French nuns, which shows how thor-

stone. Be it noted that not one spoke a word of English, not even the Mother "A case of two fools you may say,"
remarked Giles quietly, "for I was careless and indifferent to all but pleas
Boulogne to Folkstone had been rather
Boulogne to Folkstone had been rather rough, and had considerably fatigued the poor Sisters, whose first sea voyage if life had no responsibilities, and as if though created for immortality this world ought to be an end in itself. For them at Foldstone on arrival of the boat, the Sisters consoled themselves with the thought that they would soon get over the little inconveniences of the sea. Well, the boat did arrive at Folk-

stone, and the Sisters followed the crowd along the great quay to the station. Arrived there, almost among the last, because they were timid and lacked the somewhat uncouth aggress iveness of the veteran travelers, they saw the train; O yes! But found all the third class seats taken. Their feelings at this discovery can better be imagined than described when—O good fortune!— they espied a gentleman whose headgear was a white cap. As all station-masters in France white caps, the good Sisters naturally thought that this gentleman was the one to address themselves to, and the Mother Superior went to him with reverence, and asked him if he spoke French. The gentleman, taking off his cap, answered in the purest French accent, asking what he could do for her and her companions. The Mother Superior quickly explained their dil-emma, showing the gentleman her third class tickets. The Sister was assured a carriage would be immediately at-tached to the train, and that he would soon return, and see they were comfortably seated. The gentleman left at a brisk pace, while the Mother rejoined the other Sisters, all anxious to know the result of the interview. Needless to say they were all happy when the Mother had told them. Presently a locomotive came with a first class carriage, which was attached to the train. The gentleman with the white cap had arrived at the same time, and, bowing politely, bade the Sisters to get in. But the Mother Superior had noticed them repeatedly, and there is need of the constant reminder, it is doubtful, it was a first-class carriage, and again sured it made no difference, and that they would not be asked to pay any-thing extra or be annoyed on that account, the Sisters took their seats, the gentleman wished them "bon voyage," bowed, and the train left.

woyage," bowed, and the train left.

Now, King Edward was the gentleman with the white cap, according to the Picayune's correspondent. He was on a cruise, and his yacht was at Folkstone. By the merest good fortune for the nuns, his Majesty happened to be at the railroad station when they arat the railroad station when they arrived; and it goes without saying that this charming little episode had been respectfully watched by all those on the platform who knew the gentleman with the white cap was none other than

the King.
A few months had elapsed when a gentleman, who had been an admiring witness of the proceedings, was stopping, for a few days, at the place the Sisters had chosen as their new residence. Luck would have it that he met the Mother Superior, and he respectfully approached her, asking what impression King Edward had made upon her. The good soul answered she upon her. The good soul answered she did not know the King, never having met him. "Oh, yes!" replied the gentleman, "you know and have seen his majesty;" and then he related to the grateful but amazed Sister under

what circumstances she made the King's acquaintance at Folkstone.

The good lady laughingly remarked that she and her companions had unanimously voted that the French railanimously voted that the French lar-road officials, proverbially known for their courtesy, were very much out-done by their English colleagues, whose kind, respectful and generous treat-ment on the Folkstone occasion they

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would never forget, and she incident-ally remarked that the good King of England, though a Protestant, could teach a lesson to M. Combes! M. Combes, who has probably been in-formed of the incident, must think

#### WHEN IN CHURCH.

IT IS THE CORRECT THING Always to be in time for Mass and other services in church. To take holy water upon entering

To make the sign of the cross on ne person and not in the air.
To genuflect on the right knee and to

have it touch the floor. To remember that the King of kings is present on the altar and to order e's conduct accordingly. To avoid whispering, laughing and

looking about in church.

To walk gently up the aisle if one is unavoidably detained until after the services have begun. To make a short act of adoration on

bended knees after entering the To be devout and resollected at the

different parts of the Mass.

To remember that mere bodily presence in the church with the mind wandering to temporal concerns, does not fulfill the precept of hearing Mass. To pay attention to the sermon, and make it the subject of one's thoughts during the day, as also during the

To remember when special collections are to be taken up, and to have a contribution ready in your hand.

To give the usual offering every

Sunday To teach children to make a little offering every Sunday.

To listen to the music as a means of

elevating the heart to God. For all persons occupying a pew to move in when others wish to enter.
To avoid coughing, moving the feet around, or making any noise to the

nnoyance of clergy and people.
To leave babies at home or ne or with a eighbor when going to church For a mother who has a child with er at church to get up and take it out

when it begins to cry or fret.

To be punctillious in following the ceremonials of the church, standing, sneeling, etc., at the proper times. For non-Catholies who go to Catholie churches to conform to the services

ment of good breeding.

For Catholics to keep away from Protestant services.

For members of the choir to sing for the glory of God and not for their

and to remember that this is a require-

To take an earnest Protestant to hear a good sermon.

To remain kneeling until the last prayers have been said and the priest

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Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable

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