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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Competent Boy.

Abram S. Hewitt, a business man whose name is familiar to the country, says he believes that competent boys have just as good a chance to get ahead now as they ever had, but he particul arly emphasizes the word "compet-

In the interview referred to he says: "We need competent boys now I need five or six of them : boys who are willing to begin at the bottom and

work up."
And the word "competent" is the key to the whole situation. The trouble to day with boys is that their eager ness to get ahead and climb the ladder toward success rapidly, really keeps them from reaching the goal at all.

When you are building a house, you must first lay the foundation, and the more solid you get the foundation the more substantial will be your house. Many boys of to-day build the foun-

dations to their prospective business careers on sand or similar unsu stan tial material. That is, they dislike to start at the bottom and perform the necessary amount of drudgery required in all cases to prepare a suitable foundation upon which to build a successful business career.

The boy who wishes to achieve success in business has no particular need to be in a hurry. If he doesn't really get started on his career until he is thirty five years of age, there will be time enough for him to make his mark.

Competent boys can always find profitable employment, and the only way to become competent is to start at the bottom of a business and learn every detail of it by hard work. There is no other way to accomplish this. Hard work will bring success to even mediccre ability.

What a Book Said,

Once on a time a library book was overheard talking to a little boy who inst borrowed it. The words seemed worth recording, and here they are " Please don't handle me with dirty

hands. I should feel ashamed to seen when the next little boy borrowed "Or leave me out in the rain.

Books can catch cold as well as chil-" Or make marks on me with your pen and pencil. It would spoil my

looks. "Or lean on me with your elbows when you are reading me. It hurts.
"Or open me and lay me face down on the table. You wouldn't like to be

treated so. "Or put in between my leaves a pencil or anything thicker than a single sheet of thin paper. It would Goulds.

strain my back. "Whenever you are through reading me, if you are afraid of losing your place, don't turn down the corners of my leaves, but have a neat little bookmark to put in where you all hope. "I shall never forget," stepped and then close me and lay me said he, "the relish and delight I felt down on my side, so that I can have a

good comfortable rest. "Remember, I want to visit a great many other little boys after you are through with me. Besides, I may meet you again some day; and you would be sorry to see me looking old and torn and solled. Help me to keep fresh and clean and I will help you to be happy.

Confectioner Saint,

Those of us whe like sweets perhaps do not know that there is a saint who was a sweetmaker. His name was Macarius and he lived in the great city of Alexandria in the fourth century. He made cakes and sweets for all the rich people of

the city and did it so well that he became quite famous. But while he was still a young man Macarius decided to become a hermit, one of those men who give up every-thing pleasant in life because they

wish to go to the desert and spend their days in praying for other people. The hermits of the desert where Macarius went lived in a very simple manner. They made baskets and mats, weaving them out of straw and Each man lived in a cell all to himself, and all met together on

Saturdays and Sundays to hear Mass and to recieve Holy Commuton. Macarius was so hely that he was soon made a priest, and a story told of him shows not only that he was holy, the least, for contentment is nature's

Someone brought Macarius a nice, fresh bunch of grapes and he sent it to the next hermit, who was ill. This good man, thinking another needed it worse than he, sent it on to the hermit spondent, "I do; and I know that it in the next cell ; this one sent it to another, and so it went; a regular game of "Pussy wants a corner." It kept on going "to the next neighbor" until at last the very self-same bunch came back to St. Macarius, who, the old story says, "thanked God very fervently for the fair grapes, and more for the right spirit of his brother her-

The story of St. Macarius, the confectioner, ought to remind us every time we have any sweets to be generous and unselfish.

Scrofula the Cause

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A man may make militons and be a failure still. Money making is not the highest success. The life of a well-known millionaire was not truly successful. He had but one ambition. He coined his very soul into dollars. The almighty dellar was his sun, and was mirrored in his heart. strangled all other emotions and hushed and stifled all nobler aspira-He grasped his riches tightly,

tions. till stricken by the scythe of Death ; when, in the twinkling of an eye, he was transformed from one of the rich est men who ever lived in this world one of the poorest souls that ever went out of it.

Lincoln always yearned for a rounded wholeness of character; and his fellow lawyers called him "perversely henest." Nothing could induce him to take the wrong side of a case, or to continue on that side after learning that it was unjust or hopeless. After giving considerable time to a case in which he had received from a lady a retainer of two hundred dollars, he returned the money, saying : "Madam, you have not a peg to hang your case

right. I can't take pay for doing my Agassiz would not lecture at \$500 a night, because he had no time to make money. Charles Sumner, when a senator, declined to lecture at any price, saying that his time belonged to Massachusetts and the nation.

All honor to the comparative few in every walk of life who, amid the strong materialistic tendencies of our age, still speak and act earnestly, inspired by the hope of rewards other than gold or popular favor. These are our truly great men and women. They l.bor in their ordinary vocations with no less zeal because they give time and

thought to higher things.

King Midas, in the ancient myth, asked that everything he touched might be turned to gold, for then, he thought, he would be perfectly happy. His request was granted, but when his clothes, his food, his drink, the flowers he plucked, and even his little daughter whom he kissed, were all changed into yellow metal, he begged that the golden touch might be taken from him. He had learned that many other things are intrinsically far more valuable than all the gold that was ever dug

from the earth. The "beggarly Homer, who strolled, God knows when, in the in-fancy and barbarism of the world," was richer far than Croesus and added more wealth to the world than the Rothschilds, the Vandebilts, and

An Arab who fortunately escaped death after losing his way in the des-ert, without provisions, tells of his feelings when he found a bag full of pearls, just as he was about to abandon on supposing it to be dried wheat, nor the bitterness and despair I suffered on discovering that the bag contained

pearls. It is an interesting fact in this money getting erathat a poor author, or artist, or college president, has more standing than many a million-This is due, perhaps, to the malaire. ign influence of money getting and to the benign effect of purely intellectsuccess in the money failure and misery of hundreds of an-tagonists. Every success in the world in such a manner that death may never of intellect and character is an aid and

Who would not choose to be a millionaire of deeds with a Francis Xavier, a Columbus, a Father Damien, a millionaire of ideas with Shakespeare, with Moore, with Dante, with Wordsworth; a millionaire of statesmanship with a Gladstone, an O'Connell, a Washington?

Some men are rich in health, in con stant cheerfulness, in a mercurial tem perament which floats them over troubles and trials enough to sink a shipload of ordinary men. Others are rich in disposition, family and friends. There are some men so amiable that everybody loves them; some so cheerful that they carry an atmosphere of jollity about them. Some are rich in integrity and character.

"Who is the richest of men?" asked

"Do you know sir," said a devoted is all you are worth."

A bankrupt merchant, returning home one night, said to his noble wife: "My dear, I am ruined; everything we have is in the hands of the sheriff. After a few moments of silence the wife looked into his face and asked, Will the sheriff sell you?" "Oh, no." Will the sheriff sell me?" "Oh, no." "Then do not say we have lost every-thing. All that is most valuable re mains to us-manhood, womanhood, childhood. We have lost but the results of our skill and industry. We can make another fortune if our hearts

and hands are left us."
"We say a man is 'made,' "said a
great orator. What do we mean?
That he has got the control of his lower instincts, so that they are only fuel to parts. There is one at Mafeking, his higher feelings, giving force to his nature? That his affections are like vines, sending out on all sides blos soms and clustering fruits? That his tastes are so cultivated that all beautiful things speak to him, and bring him their delights? That his undersence to see them personally, but it was

feelings are so developed and quick. ened that he holds sweet commerce

"And we say a man is 'ruined.'
Are his wife and children dead? O, he lost his reputation through crime! No. Is his reason gone? O, no; it is as sound as ever. Is he struck through with disease? No. He has lost his property, and he is ruined. The man ruined! When shall we learn that a

No man deserves to be crowned with honor whose life is a failure, and he who lives only to eat and drink and accumulate money is surely not successful. The world is no better for his liv-He never wiped a tear from a sad face, never kindled a fire upon a frezen hearth. There is no flesh in his

There is scarcely an idea more infectious or potent than the love of money. It is a yellow fever, deciminon." "But you have earned that money," said the lady. "No, no," replied Lincoln, "that would not be ating its votaries and ruining more families in the land than all the plagues or diseases put together. In-stances os its malevolent power occur to every reader. Almost every square foot of land of our continent during the early buccaneer period (some call it the march of civilization,) has been ensanguined through the madness for

heart : he worships no god but gold.

treasure. Speak, History, who are life's victors? Unroll thy long scroll and say, have they won who first reached the goal, heedless of a brother's rights? And has he lost in life's great race who stopped "to raise a fallen child, and place him on his feet again," or to give a fainting comrade care; or to guide or assist a feeble woman? Has he lost who halts before the throne when duty calls, or sorrow, or distress? Is there no one to sing the paean of the con quered who fell in the battle of life? of the wounded, the beaten, who died overwhelmed in the strife? of the low and humble, the weary and broken-hearted, who strove and who failed, in the eyes of men, but who did their duty as God gave them to see it?

How many rich dwellings there are, crowded with every appointment of luxury, that are only glittering cavof selfishness and discontent Better a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox with hatred there-

with. No one can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich or poor according to what he

is, not according to what he has. If our thoughts are great and noble, no mean surroundings can make us miserable. It is the mind that makes

the body rich.

Howe'r it be, it seems to me,
Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets.
And simple faith than Norman blood.
Tennyson.

Be noble! and the nobleness that lies In other men, sleeping, but never dead, Will rise in majesty to meet thine own. —Lowell.

IMITATION OF CHRIST. The Thoughts of Death.

In the morning imagine thou wilt not live till night; and when evening ual pursuits. As a rule every great comes, presume not to promise thyself

find thee unprepared.

Many die suddenly and when they ittle think of it; For the Son of Man will come at the hour when He is not

looked for. (Matt. xxiv, 44). When that last hour shall come, thou wilt begin to have quite other thoughts of thy whole past life, and thou wilt be exceedingly grieved that thou hast

been so negligent and remiss.

How happy and prudent is he who
striveth to be such now in this life as
he desireth to be found at his death. For it will give a man a great confidence of dying happily if he hath a perfect contempt of the world, a fervent desire of advancing in virtue, a love for discipline, the spirit of penance, a ready obedience, self denial, and patience in bearing all adversities for the

ove of Christ. Thou mayst do many good things whilst thou art well; but, when thou art sick, I know not what thou wilt be

Few are improved by sickness; they also, who travel much abroad, seldom become holy.

"YOU ARE BOTH ENGLISH ?"

"Oh, No, Your Majes'y, We Are Both Irish"—Queen Victoria and Two Nursing Nuns,

By command of Queen Victoria two heroines of Mafeking, Mother Superior Teresa and Sister Evangeline, who devotedly nursed the wounded during the siege, visited Windsor Castle the other day. They were driven from the statton in a royal carriage, and, after having lunched with the members of the royal household, were re-ceived by Her Majesty in one of the

drawing rooms.
"These Sisters," says the London Daily Chronicle, in an account of the audience, "belong to the community whose convents of mercy are in many another at Crispin street E., in the heart of Whitechapel and here Mother Teresa and Sister Evangeline, home from South Africa on a visit, were

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. standing is opened, so that he walks through every hall of knowledge and gathers its treasures? That his moral Windsor. She held out her hand to little ones delicate matters apt to bring them that they might kiss it, and she thanked them most cordially for their with Heaven? O, no-none of these things. He is cold and dead in heart, and mind, and soul. Only his passions was accompanied by Prince Henry of are alive; but-he is worth \$500,000! Battenberg, put a variety of questions as to the experiences of the Are his wife and children dead? O, during the siege. 'You are both Engno. Have they had a quarrel, and are lish?' was one of her inquires, and the they separated from him? O no. Has answer, 'Oh, no, Your Majesty, 'we he lost his reputation through crime! are both Irish,' delighted her greatly. She laughed heartily, no doubt at the naturalness of the reply. She was concerned about the risks of the bombardment, which the nuns had to run, say ing once: 'Oh, that was dreadful. man's life consisteth not in the abund. Again, she showed deep emotion when a sympathetic aliusion was made to the ance of the things which he possessdeath of Prince Christian Victor. audience being ended, Her Majesty once more held out her hand to be

kissed by her visitors. "As to the Convent of Mercy at Mafeking, it may be added that it had only been opened two months before the siege began. It was built at an ex pense of £3 000, and to the debt which remained on it there will now be added the expense of repairs, since the bombardment did it extensive damage The nuns, of whom there are eight, with Mother Teresa at their head, were given the opportunity of leaving be-fore the siege began. They decided, without a moment's thought, to remain at the post of duty, and the rest we know.

THE WORLD WITHOUT.

BY S NOYL.

He was in the world, but he cared not for it; so he resolved to leave it. Turning his face in the opposite direction and keeping his back to all the world he walked on in silence.

The road which he traversed was hot and dusty, and nowhere could he find a spring to quench his now almost burning thirst.
"I have been in the world," said he "and despise it. I have met decitful

men and women at every turn, and even the honest ones were often, unconsciously, not true. Why should I stay in a place where love does not exist and selfish-ness is the predominating influence;

where men have no souls, where every thing is a sham and people are but animals of a higher class?" So he stumbled wearily along the parched road in silence. Not a living thing to be seen in any direction; barrenness on every side. The same an-phangeable white road stretched out as

far as the eye could reach. Night did not come because it was always night upon this road. He grew faint and weary and won-

dered even if there was a God.

The grinning skeletons of several who had traversed the road before him caught his eye, but he heeded them not, parsistently plodding on, he knew not where, but becoming more and more fatigued and feeling an unconquerable desire for something - he

knew not what. After a while he reached the end of the road. Here his progress was impeded by a high stone wall which seemed to reach to the very heavens.

Throwing up his hands, he was about to sink down in despair when there appeared before his startled gaze

Be therefore always ready, and live times that do the most harm. The world will not stand abuse any more than will you yourself.' He started to retrace his steps in the

same dismal silence, but with an easier mind. He reached the door again which led to the world. Had he been a minute later he might have been shut out as the gate

PAWNSHOP IN MANILA WORTHY OF IMITATION.

was being locked for the night.

Rev. Joseph P. McQuade, of San Francisco, a Catholic priest who was an army chaplain in the Pailippines, in giving his observations on that country, says:
'One of the best known institutions

in Manila is what is popularly called the Archbishop's bank. The good man does not own any of it, but is its predoes not own any or t, say is as siding and guiding spirit. It is not exactly a bank, but agreat, big pawn-shop, and a mighty good one. It was designed to help the poor and all these who might find themselves temporarily in financial embarrassment. The Church founded the institution and controls it even to this day. It is a place where one may borrow on any thing of value, whether furniture, jew

elry or wearing apparel. It was intended by its founders to offset usury. "There are no small pawnbrokers in the Philippines. There is no field for them, because at this bank money may be borrowed at the yearly rate of one per cent, interest. One may present a watch, for instancee, and the value of it as appraised at the bank will be given him. He is given as much for it as he could possibly re ceive on sale. At the end of six months or a year he may redeem or rebuy his articles at the same price, paying simply for the use of the money in the meantime the extraordinarily low rate

SCANDALIZING CHILDREN.

of interest above quoted.

Some parents take no pains to avoid scandalizing their children. They do and say things before them that shock the tender morel sense of the young. They lead them into evil speech.

Those reckless parents are most apt

on thoughts not pure; or they gossip about the faults of their neighbors; or

they offensively criticize their pastor. They seem to forget that little pitchers have big ears, that the inno-cent may easily have the dirty road of sin opened to them, that their example of backbiting their acquaintances and of insubordination to the priest, are

likely to be followed. They should remember that even a pagan philosopher declared that the young deserve great reverence. Still more they should recall the direful warning of the Lord, that whososver should scandalize a child had better have a millstone tied to his neck and be cast into the middle of the sea .-The Catholic Columbian.

ON A FLOWER PROM MY MOTHER'S GRAVE.

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Fragile little flower drooping,
O'er that still and pulseless breast,
Tender rootlets softly creeping,
Where those pale hands lie at rest,
Blossom smiling up to heaven,
Thus you brighten, where you wave.
Like a star of comfort beaming,
O'er my mother's distant grave.

Come and stay with me forever, Freshened by my heart's best tears, Once she dried such tears so gladly, In my childhood's thoughtless years. Little flower! when I kiss thee, Bid her spirit watch and save, Be to me a sweet remembrance Be to me a sweet remembrance That she lives beyond the grave -Mercedes.

A STORY FROM LIFE.

Showing How Suffering Can be Over-

MILL OPERATOR WHO SUFFERED FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE SPENT MANY DOL-LARS IN USELESS EXPERIMENTS TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH-DR WIL LIAMS PINK PILLS ACTED PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

Good health is the chief requisite to happiness. Low spirits, moroseness and irritability can in most cases be traced to ill health, and in not a few instances are direct symptoms of kidney trouble. These, added to the severe pains in the back which accompany the disease, make the life of the sufferer one of ab ject misery. One such sufferer was Mr. Darius Dean, of Jordan, Ont. Mr. Dean in an interview with a reporter recently gave his experience as fol-lows: "I am a saw and grist mill operator, and naturally a strong man ; bu the life of a milier is a hard one, with long hours of labor and frequent exposure. Some years ago as the result of this exposure I was afflict ed with kidney trouble, and although I spent much money in various remed ies I did not find a cure until I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink In the autumn of 1898 the trouble began to assume an aggravated form. I suffered from most severe ed form. I suffered from most severe pains in the back, and a feeling of and astronomical calculations.

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pain that many a night I scarcely closed my eyes. My appetite was poor, I suffered from headaches, lost flesh, was miserable and wholly unfit for was miserable and wholly unfit for work. It was while in this condition that I was adulted to the condition that I was adulted to the condition that I was adulted to the condition to the condition that I was adulted to the condition to the cond that I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and procured three boxes. Before I had finished the third box I felt much better, and I then procured a half dezen boxes more. I used all the following:

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