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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

LIFE'S LITTLE THINGS

ome one must, do life's little things, The duties of each passing day, Which, doing, to the door brings A joy no one can take away. want to do some great, grand things,

But often wait and idle go, Dreaming the hours will something

bring So we can make a mighty show Think it not vain to do the tasks That Fate has given to your hand Of one the world but this much asks, That at his post he true shall stand. Whoever does Life's small things well

Is almost certain to advance ; Doing one's best means to excel, And opens to a larger chance. But in a true and noble sense There are no little things to do, For Heaven bestows a recompense On those who to their rank are

true. The work to us by Heaven, assigned Is right, and good, and fair, and clean,

And, though it be of hand or mind, Carnot be either small or mean The little things in mart or home, In mill or shop, in hut or mine, Have over them a splendid dome. Illumined by a Light Divine. -THOMAS F. PORTER

ARE YOU FIT?

"What a strange question !" you y. "Fit for what ?" say.

But the question isn't a strange one at all if you stop to think. Are you "fit" to do the work you want to do? Are you "fit" for anything? There are good positions all over the world waiting for men and women who are "fit" to fill them. Business men are watching the school boys and girls, trusting that they may find there young people who are training for service or rather making themselves "fit " to do hard tasks and shoulder responsibility. In order to make themselves "fit,"

boys and girls must take care to build strong bodies and minds. This means to eat and dress properly, take plenty of outdoor exercise, study hard and keep clean.

Keep clean is a broad term. It not only means that we should wash our hands and our faces when they get dirty, brush our teeth and bathe frequently, but it also means that we should have clean thoughts, words, and habits. If the mind is full of ugly, unkind, jealous, hateful thoughts, there is no room left for those that are pure, kind, loving, and worth while. No one can do good work who is always thinking and The one who is " fit " dare not be guilty of uttering vulgar or profane words either. Then much depends on the habite.

Down the street, at the butcher shop, works a young man who has smoked away nearly all of his possibilities. He is what we call a cigarette flend. He is thin and sunken chested. His complexion is sallow and his eyes bloodshot. He used to have a fairly good job at the milk factory. Now he delivers meat for the corner butcher-work that any twelve year old might do. If he keeps on at the present rate, he'll soon not be " fit for anything."

Then to be "fit" we must be anxious to work, be polite and kind. There is no place for the sluggard, and no one likes the boy or girl who is impolite and cruel.

lic Columbian.

with the French, Italian and German. Thus he was not isolated intellectu ally, but entered into the goodly companion of the elect of all time. Hence was it a distinct pleasure to sit in his company, to converse with him, to exchange views, to argue, even on questions that affect the human family as a whole or in its individuals. Today, however, the average gentleman has but a limited horizon.

The lads blushed and scrambled Even where he has enjoyed superior out of the court room. educational advantages his outlook usually is confined to the world of one tongue, his views narrowed by THE MONTH OF MAY

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Michael.

a single perspective, his interests centered in the quest for lucre, pre-ferment or empty bonors. The aver-With that exquisite sense of fitness age man of today draws his mental pabulum from the news, sporting, and fairest of months, the month of May, financial page of his single daily paper, and from an occasional exto the fairest of God's creatures, the into a magazine of more or less doubtful value. The gentleman of the old school is sadly missing in numbers, and we regret his passing. -The Echo.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

MEMORARE Remember, holy Mary, 'Twas never heard or known That any one who sought thee And made to thee his moan, That any one who hastened

For shelter to thy care, Was ever yet abandoned And left to his despair. No, ever Blessed Virgin, Most merciful, most kind, No sinner cries for pity

Who does not pity find. And so to thee, my Mother, With filial faith I call; For Jesus, dying, gave thes As mother to us all. To thee, O Queen of Virgins, O Mother meek, to thee run with trustful fondness, Like child to Mother's knee. Oh, scorn not my petitions But patiently give ear, And help me, O my Mother, Most loving and most dear.

OUR LADY'S MONTH May is Our Lady's own month !

maid of Nezareth. There has never been a time in all We hope you are going to honor our beautiful Mother by your every act, the history of the world when Cath that bring about the change in mind. dear children. The story of her life olic womanhood needed to be more However, he overlooks the fact that tells us how obedient and loving devout to the ever pure Mother of the average convert from the Episco-Mary was to her parents, how modest God. The world is filled with temp pal Church believes that he has been and gentle in her conduct, and how tations of every sort. Evil has in possession of the truth, and that she loved to read or hear of holy assumed many varied and attractive he is a member of the true Church. things. The girl who wants to be a forms; literature, art and amuse-true child of Mary must follow her ments all seem to be conspiring to example. And do not forget to invoke her often; she never forgets conditions it is more imperative her children, and, like your own good than ever that devotion to the the validity of his orders. The mother on earth, she rejoices to Blessed Virgin should be assiduously decision, therefore, becomes hard to grant your requests. So make a fostered and developed in the soul. In a communion that has all the gueen of May how much you love Newman, "the gift of making the her and want to be like her. Say an young heart chaste." She will pro-textra Hail Mary now and then, and text her clients here on earth if they has calls attention first to minor text here accurate the here chaste. herd your voices gladly to singing her praises. Uncle Jack knows some keep them pure and undefiled amid young folke who think they are mak. all the wickedness and degeneracy ing a great sacrifice if they sing at the May Devotions. Why, it is a great honor, children, to be asked, ful in the sight of God, and worthy and if you respond gladly Our Lady of admiration even for the eyes of will be so pleased and happy. the world, if they strive to copy her will be so pleased and happy. A holy religious wrote a book about virtues, to imitate her life, to im-the Blessed Virgin's feasts in which plore her assistance.—The Tablet.

she related some pretty stories. One is about a parrot that learned to

say "Hail Mary!" The bird escaped from his cage one day, and immedi-INDULGENCES In a recent issue of the Bombay

to be followed and the ideal to be

copied. Her character was adorned

with all those virtues which God

desires to find in every member of

ately a hawk pursued it. The poor terrified parrot screamed : "Hail There is a great deal more con-tained in this little word "fit," but it is not necessary to write it here. For the thoughtul boy or girl knows it already and is putting it into prac-tice as fast as he or she can.—Cathoitself. The average man who comes into the Catholic Church may indeed speak of the defects of his former communion, but he certainly is far that invoked her," comments the good Sister. Another tale tells of a boy of seven who was being carried time of the Reformation, Father Hull away by a rapid corrent. He was thus deals with this much-confused It is rare today that we meet the gentleman of the old school. He has been superseded by the man of business, of affairs. The old school type of gentleman was a man of culture,broad understanding, scholar. Is mind and refined tastes. His fold of Jesus Christ .- New World. THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY never swum before. "Truly one may ask oneself," writes the Archbishop of Bombay in his first pastoral, "whether ever before, since the days of the coming Long ago a saint wrote these Reformation-and some undoubtedly existed-were not nearly so bad as they had been pictured. The accu-sations against Tetzel in particular protect, Which to her name and triumph we erect. Great indeed is the power of Mary quite uncerupulous in their con-troversial methods, and ready to is not only that nation is opposed to fake up scandalous stories either nation; not only that nation is opposed to nation; not only that class is encour-freely invented, or at the most based aged to hate class; but, worst of all on an unfair twist of some loose there is that growing up among us which makes every man's hand to rhetorical expressions which overzealous preachers occasionally made lifted up against every other, which use of. The meaning of indulgences fosters mistrust, which assumes came to light on Monday in surrogate Court in Buffalo, N. Y., says the Union and Times. Two twelve year. Id how a preaching of indulgence in the preaching a spirit of comradeship with the great thinkers of the ages, and he loved to dwell upon the singular merits of his favorite outboard and the structure of the Church of the Holy required to make contrite contents rector of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesue, who died the previ- of all their past sins, and obtain Name of Jesus, who died the previ-ous week. Michael Meyer and John Muellez were two of Father Reilly's to be in a state of forgivenes, before they would win it by universal This old fashioned gentleman could discourse intellectual virtues of the world's most renowned minds. Fre-quently did he quote the classics of his own and of alien tongues in order to drive home a point or to embellish a phrase. He lived will?" asked the surrogate.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

Almighty God to witness the truth of what you are saying." sinned most signally in completely abolishing the fear of Purgatory in what you are saying." "Where did you get that definiwhose existence all the ages of Christianity had believed, as the tion of an oath ?" asked the surro-Church believes in it today and Protestants themselves have fast 'Out of our catechism," said good question of alms-giving, perplexingly The "Well, that's a mighty good definition of an oath," said Judge connected in the Protestant mind with the indulgences granted at the Hart. "I want to compliment you boys upon being such excellent wittime of the Reformation, is thus luminously explained by the same

writer Protestants must recognize that alms giving, not only to the poor but also to pious objects, is a virtue

act pleasing to God. Now the build-ing of St. Peter's was in those days considered to be a very picus act for which characterizes all that the the glory of religion; and it was for Church does she has dedicated the this purpose that the Popes bethis purpose that the Popes be-thought themselves of a universal collection from the Faithful. Know ever blessed Mother of our Lord. ing that the self-sacrifice and charity The May time is pre-eminently and piety of contributing to such a Mary's season ; it is then that devo-tion to her forms one of the most and devout work was pleasing to God Mary's season; it is then that devo-tion to her forms one of the most distinctive features of the exercises of Catholic piety. To honor God's mother is an important part of the religious life of all the faithful at all is productive of favors and form of a remission of the purgator is productive of favors and form of a remission of the purgator is productive of favors and form of a remission of the purgator is productive of favors and the idea of spiritual reward in the form of a remission of the purgator is productive of the purgator times; to honor her in a particular confessed their sins contritely and manner is the desire of the Church received absolution followed by Holy received absolution followed by Holy in the days set apart for her special Communion,' would make a certain contribution.

Anyone who has a proper apprecia-tion of the exalted dignity conferred punishment did not, of course, by Almighty God upon the Blessed Virgin will easily understand the attaches so much importance to devotion to Mary. In God's Provi-attaches to much the state to solve the devotion to Mary. In God's Provi-attaches to much the solve to the solve to the solve to the solve to the attaches to much the solve to the solv dence she was chosen to be the Such condonation was obtainable Mother of the Redeemer, and this only, then as now, "by confession only, then as now, "by confession with contrition and purpose of office brought with it special graces and gifts which made her higher amendment, followed by absolution than all other created beings. It from the sins thus confessed and was not alone because of her exalted repented of." These are trite facts office in the divine plan of the for Catholics, yet Protestants seem World's Redemption, but also for never able to grasp them.—America what she was in herself, that the Church holds her up as the example

ANOTHER SIDE



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OLD.FASHIONED GENTLEMEN

It is rare today that we meet the gentleman of the old school. He business, of affairs. The old school type of gentleman was a man of ly mind and refined tastes. His esent day counterpart is taken up with strictly material interests

The gentleman of the old school had a solid foundation in the study of the classics. His perceptions had been clarified by familiarity with tempered by a consideration of the monetary value of a given master piece. He was not unacquainted with the life and work of the great artists of all countries; their trials and triumphs were to him a source

merits of his favorite author, sculptor or painter.

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order to drive home a point or to embellish a phrase. He lived above the present, while at the same time taking a keen interest in the things that passed before his gaze. But he dwalt chiefly in the realm of thought and of beauty. He en-deavored ever to select the bast and the most palatable viands from the world's mental store placed before all."

"Father Reilly made his will," replied young Mueller, "and then made his will," gences any bad effect, this could only take the form of diminishing in their minds the fear of Purgatory, seeing ind is gences any bad effect, this could only take the form of diminishing in their minds the fear of Purgatory, seeing that its punishments could be looking with so much doubt and mis-avoided by the use of indulgences and I signed our names. That was all."

Is it wonderful that in the midst of such chaos, and with such feable light to guide them, men should be looking with so much doubt and mis-avoided by the use of indulgences gave a license to sin—an idea' which is

him; ever seeking to improve his mind, to enlarge his vision and to cultivate a kinship with the bright-est and most elevated intellects of the race. His Latin and Greek were well polished, while he rejoiced in more than a passing acquaintance "The statute is complied with," ejaculated Surrogate Hart. "Now for another test. Michael, what is an oath?" Without a moment's pause young Meyer replied: "An oath, judge, is the calling upon" "An oath, judge, is the calling upon" "The statute is complied with," ejaculated Surrogate Hart. "Now for another test. Michael, what is an oath?" Without a moment's pause young "An oath, judge, is the calling upon" "An oath is upon the subject." It dismissing the subject." It dismission the subje

words :

happenings of ephemeral interest. Lat Mary's prayer this house of God protect,

Great indeed is the power of Mary through her Divine Son. Honor and the best thought and intellectual ablievement of all ages. He was a connoisseur in the field of art and literature, and his views were never through all the months and years .--Sacred Heart Review.

DEFINITION OF AN OATH

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from alleging these as the reason for his conversion. If he touches on his own little way, conthem at all, it is to show those who tributes his bit towards helping remain behind the difficulties that Uncle Sam win the war. they must surmount in order to come into the possession of the one true

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