

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

GOD KEEP YOU!
God keep you, friend! We may not know
All that this parting means for you and me...

LOST TIME

Some people have a positive genius for losing time—just a plain throwing away, with not a thing to show for it...

COMPANIONSHIP AND CHARACTER

The things that bring success are the things that belong to character. To an good one must mould the character right...

FATHER AS A CHUM

One of the best men I ever knew gave to this country three splendid sons, loyal, capable and conscientious...

TIP YOUR HAT

Who has not seen a circus parade with its camels from the deserts of the Sahara, its elephants from India...

The laudable custom of lifting the hat, as one passes by, to greet our Lord resting in the tabernacle, is growing...

Just recently we were all edified by a touching incident that occurred at Altoona, Pa. Michael F. Kelly met with an automobile accident that resulted in death within half an hour...

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THE COMING OF THE REDEEMER

The Catholic Church, ever speaking and acting in the name of her divine Founder, keeps constantly before man his duties and obligations towards God...

Advent is a period in which every Catholic, every Christian, should practice introspection. He should during this time visualize the eternal truths as summed up in creation, sin, the Fall, and the Incarnation...

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

TROUBLE

O! Mistah Trouble, he come aroun' one day,
An' say: "I gwinetar git you, so you better run away!"

THE GENUINE LADY

A true lady may stand behind the counter, be mistress in her own home, or busy all day at a desk, but she is not a housewife in the life...

She is not a housewife in the life, she is not a housewife in the life, she is not a housewife in the life...

She does not become intimate with you after twenty-four hours' acquaintance. She is always courteous and kind, even to strangers...

A BOOK'S APPEAL

Once upon a time a library book was overheard talking to a little child who had just borrowed it. The words seem worth recording, and here they are...

"Please don't handle me with dirty hands. I should feel ashamed to be seen when the next little child borrows me..."

single sheet of thin paper. It would strain my back.

Whenever you are through reading me, if you are afraid of losing the place don't turn down the corner of one of my leaves...

Remember that I want to visit a great many other little children after you are through with me. Besides, I may meet you again some day...

THE DOG AND THE CRANE

Once a poor crane was caught in a net, and could not get out. She fluttered and flapped her wings, but it was of no use...

Now, Trusty was in the next field, and heard the poor crane's cries. He jumped over the fence, and setting the net in his teeth, quickly tore it to pieces...

"Who knows?" said Trusty. "Some day I may need help in my turn, and then you may remember me. My old mother used to say to me: 'Do a kind deed wherever we can, is good for bird and beast and man...'"

Then Trusty went back to his master's sheep, and Mrs. Crane flew to her nest and fed and tended her crane babies.

Some time after this she was flying homeward, and stopped at a clear pool to drink. As she did so, she heard a sad, moaning sound...

"A bone has stuck in my throat," said the dog, "and I am choking to death."

"Now, how thankful I am for my long bill!" said Mrs. Crane. "Open your mouth, good friend, and let me see what I can do."

"To do a kind deed wherever we can, is good for bird and beast and man."—Catholic Bulletin.

ADVENT

The season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, embraces the time between the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30, and the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity...

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these words are true of the reception accorded Him on the part of His people. The world's unrest at the present, is a reality. Men are seeking peace in life and quiet in conscience, and assurance in prospect...



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CURE FOR DIVORCE

SUPREME COURT JUDGE ADMITS THAT MANY PERSONS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LAX DIVORCE LAWS

The following statement made in a memorandum by Mr. Justice Russell, Justice of the Supreme Court, sitting in Brooklyn, is reported in the New York Times of September 21, 1920:

"It has become my firm conviction, after many years' experience upon the bench, that the only really effective way to curb the so-called divorce evil would be to make it practically impossible for either party to the marriage to marry any one else during the lifetime of the other party."

"I am aware that such a rule would, in a small number of cases, work an apparent hardship. After listening to the evidence in many hundred actions of this sort, I believe that a very large proportion of these actions would never have been brought if the plaintiff were prohibited from contracting a new alliance, arrangements for which are not infrequently made before the suit is begun."

"The justices of the supreme court of this State are in the main, constantly striving to lessen the evil, which, while not prevalent in this State, is much more so in other States, where the laxity of divorce laws is greater than with us."

"Judicial records demonstrate that where dissolution of the marriage is so easy of accomplishment it is more frequently resorted to. Efforts are being continually made in this and other States to loosen the marriage relation. Such Socialistic attacks, however veiled they may be, should be combated at every point if the sanctity of marriage is to be preserved."

"The efforts of the court to stop fraud and detect collusion require constant care and watchfulness, and even with the greatest vigilance these efforts are not uniformly successful."

WHEN IN TROUBLE

Have you felt that curious unrest that envelopes you when in time of distress you have tried to crush your burdens to One Who has promised us that if we seek we shall receive? Your mind whirls from one thought to another and often strange thoughts, words and bits of disjointed sentences. You try to force yourself to calmly consider your great need, so that you may better petition the Almighty God to lift the sorrow from your soul and to give you peace.

Though you desire that favor more than anything in the world, you cannot concentrate your thoughts upon it and again your heart-aching desire is buffeted about like wisps of gossamer in a storm. You begin to feel that God has hid His face from you and that He has found you unworthy of His care. You feel that God has been very hard to you in denying you health and means.

But if you have the will to struggle you will reach a plane of thought that is to be compared to a beautiful upland where fragrant flowers and cooling waters seem to bloom for you and those you hope to lift out of want.

Some seeker of peace out of trouble has written, "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." This old saying has comforted many a sad heart. "The severer the storm, the sooner the sunshine," bears an old and familiar bit of optimism that never fails to cheer. "God never shuts the door on your hopes, but He opens the door to something better." All these sayings, and they are truths, show us that God loves those who persevere, even though brought to win everything necessary to life.—The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament.

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