

CHATS TO YOUNG MEN

Recreation, is the title of an article in the Outlook of October 8. From it we take the following extract:

Now, play is as much a need of the man's nature as of the boy's, and if work is to keep its freshness of interest, its spontaneity, and its productiveness, it must retain the characteristics of self-joy. Activity it cannot lose, but joy too often goes out of it. The fatal tendency to deadness, born of routine and repetition, overtakes the worker long before his force is spent, and blights his work by sapping its vitality. Real work always sinks its roots in a man's nature, and derives its life from the life of the man; when the vitality of the worker begins to subside, through fatigue, exhaustion of impulse, or loss of interest, the work ceases to be original, vital, and genuine. Whatever impairs the worker's vitality impairs his work. So close is the relation between the life of the artist and the life of his art that the stages of his decline are clearly marked in the record of his work. It is of the highest importance, therefore, that a man keep himself in the most vitalized condition for the sake of productiveness.

The presentation habit, which seems to be becoming strongly fastened upon our countrymen, says the Home Journal and News, Yonkers, N.Y., is in many ways painful. This is not due entirely to the fact that the things presented are usually cases with good heads and other useful articles, but may be attributed to the speeches that inevitably accompany such presentations. A New York gentleman, compelled to accept a present with the customary "appropriate remarks," told the following story of an incident which occurred in the old volunteer fire department days, which seems to indicate that they did things better then than now: "It was decided by the members of a certain company to present a big silver trumpet to their captain, whose first name was John. A member whose first name was Bill was selected to make the presentation speech. A little supper had been prepared, and when Capt. John appeared, unconscious of what was in store for him, Bill arose, holding the trumpet behind him, and said: 'John, we've bought a trumpet for you. Here is the trumpet,' flourishing it from behind his back. John seized the trumpet and said: 'Bill, is that the trumpet?' 'It is, John.' Then John sat down."

THAT the average young man in business today is nothing more or less than a plodder—a mere automatic machine—seems to be the opinion of a great many people. The Home Journal and News, Yonkers, N.Y., prints the following picture of the young man. It says: "He comes to his office at 9 o'clock in the morning; is faithful in the duties he performs; goes to lunch at 12, comes back at one; takes up whatever he is told to do until five, and then goes home. His work for the day is done. One day is the same to him as another; he has a certain routine of duties to do, and he does them day in and day out, month in and month out. His duties are regulated by the clock. At that point, so he points. Verily it is true of him he is the same yesterday, today and forever. No special fault can be found with his work. Given a particular piece of work to do, he does it just as a machine would. Such a young man, too, generally considers himself hard-worked—often over-worked and under-paid, wondering all the time why his employer doesn't recognize his value and advance his salary. 'I do everything I am told to do,' he argues, 'and I do it well. What more can I do?'

This is simply a type of a young man who exists in thousands of offices and stores. He comes to his work each day with no definite point or plan in view; he leaves it with nothing accomplished. He is a mere automaton. Let him die, and his position can be filled in 24 hours. It detracts nothing from his employer's business; he certainly adds nothing to it. He never advances an idea; is absolutely devoid of creative powers; his position remains the same after he has been in it for five years as when he came to it.

Altogether too many young men are content to remain in the positions in which they find themselves. The thought of studying the need of the next position just above them never seems to enter into their minds. I believe it is possible for every young man to rise above his position, and I care not how humble that position may be nor under what disadvantages he may be placed. But he must be alert. He must not be afraid of work, and of the hardest kind of work. He must study not only to please, but he must go a step beyond. It is essential, of course, that he should first of all fill the position for which he is engaged. No man can solve the problems of business before he understands the requirements of the position itself. Once the requirements of a position are understood and mastered, then its possibilities should be undertaken. It is foolish, as some young men argue, that to go beyond their special position is impossible with their employers. The employer never existed who will prevent the cream of his establishment from rising to the surface. The advance of an employe always means the advance of the employer's interests. Every employer would rather pay a young man five thousand dollars a year than five hundred. What is to the young man's interest is by far greater to the interest of the employer. A few hundred dollars is worth just what a few hundred dollars more is to an employer. But a five thousand dollar man is fully worth five times that sum to a business.

A young man makes of a position exactly what he chooses; a millionaire around his neck or a stepping stone to larger success. The possibilities lie in

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every position; seeing and embracing their rest with its occupant. The lowest position can be so filled as to lead up to the next and become a part of it. WHEN a man is out of health physically, says the same authority, and neglects to take the precautions or remedies which his condition demands he has become, if he has intelligence, a suicide; for he deliberately throws his life away. In like manner, the man who destroys his freshness and force by making himself a slave to work, and so transforming what ought to be a joy into a task, commits a grave offence against himself and society. The highest productivity will never be secured until the duty of recreation is secured on the same plane with that of work. How a man shall secure recreation and in what form he shall take it depend largely upon individual conditions. Mr. Gladstone found recreation not only in tree-cutting but in Homeric studies; Lord Salisbury finds it in chemistry; Washington found it in hunting; Wordsworth in walking, Carlyle in talking and smoking; Mr. Balfour finds it in golf, and Mr. Cleveland in fishing. Any pursuit or occupation which takes a man out of the atmosphere of his workroom and away from his work gives him different interests, calls into activity different muscles or faculties, brings back the spirit of play, recalls the spontaneous and joyous mood, and recreates through diversion, variety, and the appeal to another side of the nature. To work long and with cumulative power, one must play often and honestly; that is to say, one must play for the pure joy of it.

JAMES R. RANDALL, in his correspondence to the Catholic Columbian, says: "Blind men have done marvellous things in the world, when they possessed pluck and spirit, as well as intellect. Mr. Fawcett, though sightless, prominently conducted the postal affairs of Great Britain. There is a blind boy in the vicinity of Clinton, Indiana, who drives a team to and fro, cultivates a piece of land, is a shrewd trader and can distinguish one animal from another on his father's farm. He can unerringly lay out a worm fence, and, in a word, contrives to get along in the world much better than many persons who have sound eyes in their heads. During the war of 1861-65 he became acquainted at Selma, Ala., with a blind man who had accumulated a snug fortune as a bookseller. He began as a pedlar and had a faithful colored man to help him in some things. He opened an establishment in town and conducted it flourishingly. He could get any book asked for in his store and, no matter how complicated the war currency was, he detected its value and gave correct change. He was very fond of the ladies, but did not marry any of them. He coached young men in the art of courtship, but did not push his own precepts in this particular, to conclusions. After General Wilson captured Selma, the business of the blind man decayed and his spirit failed him when the accumulation of years was almost wholly obliterated. He was too old to make another grand struggle under existing difficulties and so pinned away and died. His black man never deserted him for freedom, and, in gratitude, his old master left him a home, about all of the property remaining to him in the general collapse. Whenever I hear of any remarkable blind man I think of my Selma friend and the days of my youth. Selma, in war times, was not an attractive place altogether, though I had some happy days there. Years afterward, I revisited it, but the little glamor it held for me had departed, and I was glad to get away, with no desire to return. But while I live, I must remember the blind man there and some bits of life romance that time has withered like a yellow leaf.

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NOTES FROM AMERICAN JOURNALS.

It isn't every centenarian who has the energy to have a picture taken after the 100 year mark is passed, but that is what Mrs. Catherine Dillin, of Bristol, Pa., did. She is the oldest resident of the town, if not of the entire State of Pennsylvania. She is 103 years old, and to-day she is as hale and hearty as any woman in the town half a century her junior. Mrs. Dillin lives in Otter street with her eldest daughter.

She was born in Ireland on July 27, 1795, in County Westmeath. Fifty years ago she came to America and went to live in Bristol. She has five children living. One of them is Mrs. Ann Duffy, of Long Branch. She has ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

"Yes," laughed Mrs. Dillin, when a World correspondent called at her cozy home, "I'm feeling as spry as I did fifty years ago, when I first became a grandmother. My health is still good, though I was a hundred years old three years ago. I walk a mile regularly every Sunday to go to church. I can remember the stirring days of '98—that's a century ago—when I was a little girl. The riots come back to me just as if it were yesterday."

Wednesday last was a great day for old Mrs. Dillin. Miss Kate Eonis, one of her great-grand children, was married at St. Mark's Church. The ceremony brought together all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the old Eonis home in Bristol. Everybody took part in the merrymaking, and old Mrs. Dillin bustled about as spry as the youngest of her grandchildren, already past the half-century mark.

"Bless you, my dear," she cried when the knot was tied. "I wish more of you would get married. Marry as soon as you can, if you've got the right man."

Mrs. Dillin quite eclipsed the pretty bride, so quaint and old-fashioned did she look sitting there in her cap and kerchief. Hundreds of Bristolites took occasion to drop in and congratulate her as well as to wish her many more years on earth. "I'm ready to go any time now," she said to all when they talked in this strain.

The following despatch, dated Toronto, October 15, appears as a special in the New York World:—Montreal and Quebec, the two great cities of Eastern Canada, are to be strongly fortified. The work will begin immediately, on the recommendation of the Imperial Defense Commissioners. Starting at Mount Royal, Montreal, powerful batteries, mounted with the latest extreme range guns, will be erected at strategic points along the frontier, and thus Quebec and Montreal will be linked by a chain of defensive positions. The Quebec fortifications will be entirely reconstructed, the obsolete guns removed and up-to-date armament introduced. The military authorities received notice today that the British Government intend to place at least one gunboat on Lake Ontario for a training ship for a naval volunteer force, to be organized on exactly the same lines as that of Great Britain.

That Quebec and Montreal will be linked by a chain of defensive positions is worthy of the scribe who manufactures such rot for the edification of the American public. The larger part of the estate of the late Fanny Davenport, the actress, has been willed to her husband, Melbourne MacDowell, although her relatives have been remembered with legacies and bequests of her personal property. The estate is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Blanche Davenport, the only unmarried sister, is given \$8,000 and a half interest in the Davenport family home at Canton, Pa. May Davenport, the wife of William Seymour, has been bequeathed \$8,000 in cash and a block of Ontario Water Company bonds, the value of which is not given. Another sister, Florence, has been granted a half interest in the homestead at Canton and \$8,000. To Edgar L. Davenport a legacy of \$2,000 is left, and Harry receives a like amount. Seven nieces and nephews are bequeathed legacies of \$3,000 and \$2,000 each. These bequests aggregate \$55,000. She leaves the remainder of the estate to her husband.

Martin O'Donnell of 446 Bergen street, Brooklyn, got \$25,000 damages in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn in his suit against the American Sugar Refining Company for the loss of his hand, which was torn from his arm while he was employed as an order in the Kent avenue refinery. O'Donnell was putting on a belt when the power was started and his hand was dragged into the machinery.

The New York Herald refers to the divorce evil in the United States in the following manner:—All accounts agree that there is no failure in last year's or

this year's crop. The divorce mills are working on full time and grinding out decrees with remarkable celerity. In twenty-three towns scattered over the country 7,044 divorces were asked for in 1897 and 4,406 granted. Thus far in 1898 4,634 applications have been filed and 3,187 granted. It is notable that in notorious Northern Dakota twenty-five per cent. of the applications were made from New York State, and most of these from New York City.

The report comes from Columbus, O., that Fred S. Lyke, Western representative of the United Shirt and Collar Company, of Troy, N. Y., is responsible for the statement that a gigantic trust is about to be formed of the different collar and shirt industries of the United States.

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It is one of the misfortunes of our age that we have so little leisure. The haste of life brings many disadvantages; it hinders thoroughness of work; it destroys largely our reverence for life, since we hardly cherish much respect for that which we do hurriedly. The result is that the world is full of hasty judgments; men are driven to decide almost before they have had leisure to deliberate. The spirit of this haste is infectious; people ask for rapid conclusions, they become impatient of a wise hesitation. The demand brings the supply. On all sides dogmatic utterances are heard. A swift survey is made; a few facts are gathered; an immature conclusion is reached and immediately announced; oracle succeeds oracle, contradicting or confirming; those who counsel deliberation are elbowed out of the way. In the multitude of oracles there is confusion. Men grow bewildered; they drift to one side or the other, having lost their vantage ground to calm observation. Such a state of things is hardly helpful to truth. What is wanted is a quiet thought. Out of it may come clearer views, better methods of study, and the reverent spirit which is essential to the discovery of truth. God reveals nothing to the hasty. The calm waters best reflect the stars.

It is announced that Archbishop Chapelle, of New Orleans, has been named by the Holy See as Apostolic Delegate to Cuba.

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DAIRY PRODUCE.

Stagnation still rules in the cheese market, and there does not appear to be any immediate prospect of buyers and sellers coming together. The former have paid pretty high prices for goods on hand, and as the latter are bidding away below cost, business to outside lots that can be parted with for less money. Finest western cheese continue purely nominal, and even 9c would be difficult to realize at the moment. Eastern makes range all the way from 8c to 8 1/2c with business within the range. Receipts were 8,629 boxes.

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