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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MAKING A VACATION PAY

What a miracle of change is wrought in our great city population between the months of June and October!

Many men of great natural ability go through life, doing mediocre work most of the time, because they never learn the secret of re-creating, refreshing, renewing themselves.

It is force, vigor, robustness, spontaneity, that count in one's creative work. If these qualities are absent, the product must be inferior.

Men who have never learned to live heartily and have spent their lives strenuously in a business or profession have a very hard time to learn to occupy the mind in an enjoyable way while not at work.

I know a man who takes his vacation just as people take a disagreeable medicine, not because he wants to, but because he is forced to.

To get the most good out of your vacation you must give yourself to it with your whole heart.

Every day ought to be a holiday. It is all wrong to look upon life as a drudgery, as a hardship.

People who work all the time become as dry, and parched and dreary as a desert without rain.

Do not think, my friend, that because you are hustling every minute, because you "keep everlastingly at it," you are accomplishing the maximum.

One of the best vacation investments is the increasing of one's acquaintances. It is the making of new friends.

NO MUSTS IN A VACATION I know people whose idea of a vacation is an opportunity to write a book, paint a picture, or to do something which they have not had time or opportunity to do before.

Kellogg's TOASTED CORN FLAKES. Say that to your grocer-man, and get more value than ever you get before.

ing and cultivating, what will give you interest, occupation, and happiness in your declining years.

I know a multi-millionaire who with all his wealth is absolutely incapable of real enjoyment, because he can not slow down, he can not shut off steam from his mental machinery after he gets through producing.

He does not know how to stop. All he can do is push on. He has done it so long that he can not slow down, every nerve and fiber in him is pitched to the pace that has been his life habit.

Many men seem to think that they are accomplishing something if they keep their minds on business even when not at work.

What good is a man, no matter what he has accomplished or accumulated, who has paid for his achievements with a slice of his constitution, when he has developed some physical weakness or has so depleted himself that he has lost his resting power and has developed some latent disease tendency that would never have shown itself but for his run-down condition?

AN EXPENSIVE ECONOMY No, do not be niggardly in the matter of your vacations. If you are, you will rob yourself of what you can never get back.

Supposing you do make a little more money, or a little more, sell a few more goods by omitting your vacation? Does this warrant your putting such a mortgage on your health efficiency, your capacity for happiness?

Many a millionaire who has bartered his health for dollar signs in vain for that which his wealth can not restore.

What's'er of work, of care, of strife Day brings to me!

Business and professional workers do not get very much benefit from their vacations because of their mental handicaps.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Outdone by a Boy

He looked very small for a boy of ten as he stood before a group of men.

"You are built," said one, "on a limited plan—You never will make a full grown man."

"I'm small," said he, "and I'm only ten. And you are grown up and know a lot, but I can do something that you cannot."

"What's that?" they cried "It will be a strike as dumb."

To be cast in the shade by young Hop o' my thumb."

THE LUCK OF A LITTLE VAGABOND

A wharf is not a pleasant place for a home, especially on raw, wintry days when one is nearly frozen and half starved.

On one particular morning the little fellow had been poking his nose everywhere for a bite or bone.

But something happened. A cook on a tug-boat dumped a pail of luscious bones over the side of the boat and they fell on floating ice.

EARNING A QUARTER Winslow Homer was a great painter who had the unusual good fortune to have his merit appreciated early in life.

In a little while a voice shouted from the wharf that a dog was going down the river on a cake of ice.

Then another very funny thing happened. The men who had kicked him began running around and trying to find a way to get out to him.

THE ACCURATE BOY The small boy stood in the doorway with his battered hat in his hand.

OUR LADY'S MONTH All the months and all the years belong to God, and some of these are more especially his, in human regard.

PURE MADE WHOLESOME IN CANADA MAGIC BAKING POWDER CONTAINS NO ALUM RELIABLE ECONOMICAL

tongue on your hand, and watch its joyous antics, and see its tall almost wag of if you haven't, you have missed something in life.

THE HABIT OF DECISION "You will find, Stevey," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "a great satisfaction and a great help in being able to make up your mind."

"The ability to decide which course to pursue is more or less a gift. Most of us are often in doubt; we don't know what to do."

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As Catholics we know that there is only one real evil in this world, and that is the commission of sin, the willful violation of God's laws.

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our love were ever to grow cold, the horror of sin and its lamentable consequences may preserve us from offending.

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