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A PLUCKY LAD.

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"Good morning-Nr. Wilson, I be-

The pleasant voice gave the speaker a welcome at the desk of the swell florist not always accorded to visitors possessing no business cards.

"That's my name, young man What can I do for you?" The florist looked keenly over the young fellow's face and took note of

his sturdy figure and roughly neat clothing. "I am out of work, sir, and ventured to ask to see you personally I need a job protty badly. I will do anything-sweep out your office, tend

hothouse or drive team-" "Sorry," and the florist looked it. "but we have no vacancies. This is our duli season. We laid off several men last week, You'll have to excuse me now," he said, rising abruptly "I

Nino men out of ten would have accepted defeat and departed then and there, but this young applicant was the tenth man.

see a particular customer has just come in. Good morning," and the man hurried to the front of the

He lingered with a vague notion that perhaps he could think of something to say to the proprietor that he needed. The florist returned to his desk presently.
"Still here, ch?" he said, shortly

"Yes, ' replied the young man "I just waited because—well, because people sometimes change their minds. and I'm not throwing away even the slimmest kind of a chance '

"I have nothing for you," was the curt answer, and in disappointment the young chap turned on his heel. Before he reached the door he was

'Just a moment," said the florist, "do you know anything about orchids? I have a rich customer - she was just in - who commissions nie to secure new and rare varieties for her, and it has just occurred to me that you might - hit - well, the hunt for orchids is difficult and dangerous-"

"Let me try, eagerly "I'll not ston for a little danger Il you'll tell me where to go and what to get I'll not come back empty-handed "
The florist told the young man that

he had recently lost one of his best hunters in a Philippine jugle He explained the danger, the uncertainty of reward and the probability that the head waters of the Amazon would furnish the best specimens if they could be reached

He would pay the ocean passage both ways and advance \$50 in addition if the applicant was determined to try his luck, but would not advise him to go on a long trip withnut wages or certainty of success "I'll risk it," said the young man,

"If you are willing to trust me " "I'll do it. You Lavo grit Perhaps you'll win out You are sure of selling rare orchids to my customers at a high figure if you get them "

Six months later a half-completed rait lay moored to a gum tree on the upper Amazon A haggrad young man was putting the finishing touches to it. He had neither hammer nor nails, nor saw, nor axe, but he was happy in the possession of a wonderful lot of orchids.

Away up on the rugged cliffs of the Andes he had gathered the choicest specimens. No human being had crossed his path for a full months. He was not sorry, seeing that his last visitors had been savages, who had shot his horse to death with poisoned arrows along the river bottom.

With saddle, rifle and hunting knife he had managed to escape, after hanging an ozier crate of brilliantly beautiful orchids high up a tree to await his return. He had no need to mark the spot. The peril of his adventure had fastened the place indelibly on his mind and the orchids were safe from the unappreciative native matauders.

The saddle leather served him well in the raft making. So did the willow-like reeds from the river, which he bound into ropes for the lashing of the saplings. His ride of 2,000 miles was begun one morning with the precious crate of wood orchids transferred from its tree cradle to the raft.

Twice he was shipwrecked in the treacherous rapids of the broad river, and twice he had to rebuild his rait. Once his craft stuck last on a jutting atump two miles from shore, but he hung on and was rescued by a friendly Indian.

From the scaport town, which he reached at length, he cabled the florist of his success. Thirty days later he stood once more before the desk of Mr. Wilson. But this time he left the shop with permanent employment -rnd a check for \$3,000 - New York

FAMOUS DUNCES

One of the noblest utterances of the late William E. Gladstone is his observation that "in some sense and in some effectual degree there is in every man the material for good work. not only in those who are brilliant, but in those who are stelld and even golden words that should be taken to heart by every young man who is tion," a work full of inspiration and ulne made by Davis & Lawrence Co., espondent on account of his mediocro ripe wisdom, which, when published Ltd.

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or mean ability. All experience shows that there is nothing in this fact which should dishearten any beginner in a calling It is not brilliant ability, but resolution and persistence that as a rule win the prizes of life It is proverbial that "slow but sure wins the race" A tortolse on the right road will beat a horse on the wrong road Slowness is far less a foo to success than sloth Quickness of parts often proves a disadvantage, since a boy who acquires knowledge quickly will often forget it as quickly, and again, because he sees no newould please him or interest him, cessity for that strenuous applicaand that would be the opening wedge I tion and dogged perserverance which a dull, slow youth is compelled to manifest and which are the surest means of success in every career

It is a notorious fact that worldly success depends far less upon the general superiority of one's infellectual forces than on special adaptation to the work in hand Moderate talent, steadily applied, will achive more useful results and in the end win higher respect than ability of a high order whose temper is too fine for the drudgery and mechanical parts of a profession. The astonishing varioty of talents which some men display is often acquired at the dear price of comparative feebleness in every part

In reading biographies of eminent men one is surprised to learn what great things have been achived by men who in youth were pronounced dunces Histories of their careers are full of encouragement to timid, self-distrustful beginners in life Among the illustrious dunces-dull and even stupid boys, but most successful men - were Justus von Liebeg, called "Booby Liebeg," by his school-mates, who, when he replied to a question by his teacher, said that ne intended to be a chemist, and pro-voked a burst of derision from the whole school, yet lived to become one of the greatest chemists of the nine-teenth century, Tommaso Guidi, the incl. vet who was known as "Heavy Toni" when a boy, Thomas Chatterton, who was sent and idle boy at school, but in manhood a celebrated mathematician and preacher, Dean Switt, "plucked" at Richard B Dublin University, Sheridan, the brilliant wit, playwriter and orator, but "an incorrigible dunce" at school, Thomas Chaimers, one of Great Britain's most noted pulpit orators; John Howard, the noted philanthropist, and even William Jones, who, besides writing various legal and other solid works, distinguished himself as a judgo in India and at his death, at the early age of forty-eight years, had master-

ed twenty-cight lansuages Not less illustrious than this roll of dunces were Robert Burns, a dull learner at school, Adam Clarke, "a grievods dunce," as his father said, n his boyhood, the "dull scholar," Napoleon, and Wellington, characterized by his mother as a dunce, who was only "food for powder," "Useless" Grant, as Ulysses was termed by his mother, and "Robert Clive, 'the heaven-born general," as Lord Chatham styled him, who, a dunce at school, was sent, to get rid of him, as a clerk to India, proud, poor and irritable, but who entered the British army, rose to high command and laid the foundations of that mighty Oriental empire which has been the source of such enormous wealth to Great Britain Last, but not least-perhaps the most marvelous blockhead of all in the long roll -was Walter Scott, of whom his teacher, Prof Andrew Dalzell said that "dunce he is and dunce he will remain," and who, visiting the school then at the realth of his fame, usked to see its dunce, and, when taken to him, gave him a half-sovereign, saj-"There, take that, for keeping my scat warm.

Let no one, therefore, despond or despair of success because he thinks be has little ability. He may be mistaken, but if not, his one talent, if carefully cultivated and strengthened, may win for him an enviable success If he is dull, his duliness may be but temporary, like Oliver Goldsmith, he may be one of these plants that flower late Like Stephen A Douglas, when he was studying law, he may be slow in grasping a principle, but, ar with "the little giant," when It to cure the worst case of backache, In those who are dull." These are is once grasped it may be his own headache, stitches. Avoid everything forever The author of "Self-Forma- said to be just as good. Get the gen-

in 1837 by Charles Knight, fell almost dead from the press, but which wish could be read by every young man who cares for self-culture, goes so far in the following stirring passsage us to say that if he were to begin life anew he would actually prefor to start as a dunco rather than as a genius. "Above all else," he says, "away with the cabalistic nonsense of the prerogative of the man of genius, the predominance of the natal star. If the plea of inability to rise above his nature is good for the dunce, it is good for the knave also For myself, I declare solemnly

• • • that if I were to begin life anew, without any other experience than the certainty, such as I now hold it, of intellectual quasi perfectability, I should choose to begin it as a dunce rather than as a boy of genius The certainty that I have spoken of would sustain me and animate me and move the in my endeavors to improve myself from the lowest to the highest tank, and I should have all the pleasure of the pursuit - an inchtimable pleasure in such a region - together with the conscious anticipation of success, the assurance of the crowning glory "-William Mathews in Success

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Cecil Rhodes and Loyala

(From The Messenger for May) Gratuitous as the comparison between Ignatius of Loyola and John Bunjan in The American Catholic Quarterly Review for April may seem the comparison between the Saint and Cecil Rhodes, which some of our newspapers are at present attempting, and which, according to Mr Stead, of the Review of Reviews, was suggested by Mr Rhodes himsell, is much less to the purpose Indeed it serves no purpose at all, except to emphasize the contrast between the two men. All who are familiar with the plan and scope of the society founded by St. Ignatius, know that he did not limit his view to a British-American or other racial federation, but to a world-wide union of men seeking to establish not merely an empire or, to express Mr. Rhodes' idea precisely, an oligarchy of this world, but the universal kingdom of Christ. He wanted no secreey, no accumulation of wealth, no monopoly of power, on the contrary, he required his followers to renounce these very means and to cut themgreat painter—the percursor of Ra- selves off by vow from the possibility phael - whose works were studied by of spending in pursuit of them the the latter and by Michael Angelo and time and energy they were sworn to devote to the spiritual wellare of Least of all men did he and his followers subscribe to the maxim home from school as "a fool, of which seemed to be a first principle in wisely and economically for the home, whom nothing can be made," Isaac the philosophy of the British Imperior is a true and sympathetic wife and Barrow, a quick-tempered, pugnacious lialist, that the end may justify un- | devoted to the interests, moral, phylawful means, and last of all would he be to suggest to men such an unworthy motive as to pool their wealth in a vast commercial enterprise simply to be rid of the annusance of thinking to which of their incompetent relatives they would leave their ill-gotten or inherited wealth Ignatius had his day dreams, but like all truly great men, he labored until he made them realities. Like the great mine owner, he had indulged in visions of worldly greatness to be achieved by feats of arms and by loyal service in the enpire which in his day seemed destined to be of paramount influence among the nations, jet, noble as this ambition might be, he recognized the fact that but too often it is used as a prefext for the schishness and miustice which are at the root of all the ciffs of society, and accordingly be resolutely enlisted himself in the service of Christ as a means of working more effectually for the peace and welfare of the world Incidentally, Mr Rhodes- "secret society, organized like Loyola's, supported by the accumulated wealth of those whose aspiration is a desire to do something." may serve to show how men who are keen to appreciate the value of material things and the possibilities of mental cultivation, allow themselves to be deceived by hearsay and traditional prejudices about religion and its higher spiritual creations No doubt the fortunate winners of the Oxford scholarships founded so generously by Mr Rhodes may strive to make his dream a reality, and it is not improbable that some of them will learn what the Jesuit Order truly is, how its first recruits were obtained in the University of Paris and, like so many of their predecessors in Oxford they mar recognizo that it can do in-

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THE WANDER-SPIRIT. (By Charlotto Becker) When the Earth is warm with pro-

mise, And the springtides overflow-The old Wander-Spirit calls me Over all the world to go.

Ev'rywhere I feel its bidding. Ev'rywhere its mysteries-Laughing from the blowing blossoms. Singing from the budded trees

Down the dykes I hear a whisper Spells that change the twilight's Into one sast snare of beauty, Luring solitude away

And, as children in the sunset, Long to seek the not of gold -Eager for the far-off treasure Their slight rands may never hold

So I long to reach the secret Of the distant, unknown ways. Where the Wander-Spirit's vassals Reap glad Harvest of the days

WOMAN'S TRUE GREATNESS

(Written for The Register) If women would but realize that

can occupy in this fair Dominion of onrs, is being queen of the learth and home, and mother of men and women, born and bred with noble and lofty aspirations for the well being of the race, a great deal that we hear of "their want of scope" and 'proper sphere," ate, would die a

natural death God Himself gave to woman her mission in this world - that of maternity - I do not mean the mere bearing of children, I mean the perpetuation of the human race. What a mights trus" What government be it ever so kindly disposed, would in trust to her such a responsible

God and nature have given to weman the very first opportunities of sowing in the hearts of men the seeds of uprightness, truth and honor, and if woman fails in her mission it is largely due to her own unfitness for the responsible and honorable position of "Mother."

Nature is generous to women, but she is also just, and I feel satisfied that even to-day, when women have received tonorable distinction in almost every walk of life-have held their own in science, arts, the learned professions, etc., her highest, holiest delight has been in clasping her

own wee babe in her arms The life of the mother of a halfdozen or more children is not necessarily a life of drudgery even though means be very limited. Love, and there is love in the world yet, can make the duties of a mother very sweet and light And if she legislate sical and intellectual, of her children, her life can not be monotonous, and no son of such a mother will ever legislate against her highest claim on

This seems a large bill to fill, but the mental strain and fatigue are not more than that endured by the everage fashionable woman and then the Golden Reward, the sweet "old age" with your children and your children's children blessing you

NANNO BOURKE

HOW TO GROW CARNATIONS The carnation likes a sunny situation and should be free from the immediate neighborhood of tailer plants A little soot and ashes may be scattered between the rows and work into the soil with benefit to the plants They should be cultivated thoroughly during the symmer ad abundantly supplied with water Carnations, from seed grown in he open ground will not give many dowers the first season, being properly a biennial, but should be well protested during winter, and the following summer will give quantities of flowers until cut down by frost The plants that have been grown in pots should be shifted into larger pots from time to time as the pots all with routs disturbing the ball of earth as little as possible, weak liquid manure may be given once a week after the plants are in four inch puts, increasing the amount somewhat as fall approaches and buds appear By November the plants should be in four or five inch pots and ready to bloom Buds that appear during summer sheald be remosed and the strength of the plant reserved for winter blooming

A sunny window in winter, where the temperature will not rise much above 33 degrees, is most congenial fare of the world than the secret soto the carnation, the usual air and temperature of the living room being precipitated a war which has cost much too warm and dry for them A room away from direct heat, that is one that receives its heat from another 100m, sults them admirably and this room should be thoroughly aired every day, care being taken to protect the plants from drafts while this is being done. A screen that can be pushed between the plants and the open door is a great consenieuce and protection,-Ira D. Bennett in Mag

THE GARDEN OF WILD FLOW-

May is the month when everyone

wants to make a garden. In the back yards of happy homes you will see the children working intently with miniature hoe, rake, and shovel, or peoring with rapt interest into their open packets of seed. Now is the time to make a wild garden! A wild garden is not a garden run wild; it is a place where wild flowers are cultivated. This idea comes as a surprise to many people. "Why, I d dn't know that wild flowers could be cultivatedi" they evelaim. They do not stop to think that every cultivated plant must be a wild flower somewhere, or at least have a wild prototype. The next question is, "Are there enough American wild flowers to make a garden of them?" The answer is "There are hosts of them." Think of our showy native trees and shrubs, the flowering dogwood, magnollo, rhododendron, laurei, pinterflower, and shadbush Remember a few of our charming vines, bittersweet, Virgin's bower wild grape, Dutchman's pipe, and trumpeterceper And when one comes to the herbs, the highest, holiest station they where shall one begin? Their name is thousand American plants are cultivated in the gardens of the world. while American nurseries contain hundreds of wild flowers, which we should never suspect of being in cultivation If moss pink, shooting star, Virginia cowslip, and cardinal flower are absent from your neighborhood or are so rare that you cannot conscientiously take them, you can buy these plants from the nursery, and in a few years work up a colony in the home yard that will surprise you There is scarcely a wild flower so rare or precious that you cannot buy a plant of it for Pitcen cents from a specialist in "Hardy herbaccous perennials," and if you do not find the name of your treasure in your plant catalogue, write for it anyway, and if your dealer is a good man, he will get it for you Trailing arbutus and fringed gentian are the only two important exceptions to this rule that I can remember, and even arbutus is successfully cultivated.

On the other hand, if wild flowers are pientiful in your vicinity, you need no spend a cent for plants Every plant that is mentioned in this article, except the hollshock, is native to the United States or has escaped from cultivation and run wild. A wild garden, therefore, may require less care and expense than any other form of gardening. It may be confined to a narrow strip of back vard or spread over acres of ground and include wood, stream, and meadow A fundamental idea is to plant in groups or masses, in order to make nature-like pictures. One may be compelled to start with isolated, single plants, but the ideal is a series of self-supporting colonies. After the seeds are sown or the plants established, they should require little or no care beyond the removal of briars burs and other weeds that you leef are obnovious, and the occasional checking of too lusty growth -Wilhelm Miller in Va Pil-

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