

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE CRY OF THE DREAMER

I am tired of planning and telling
In the crowded hives of men;
Heart weary of building and spoiling,
And spoiling and building again.
And long for the dear old river
Where I dreamed my youth away;
For a dreamer lives forever
And a toiler dies in a day.

I am sick of the showy seeming
Of a life that is half a lie;
Of the faces lined with scheming
In the throng that hurries by.
From the sleepless thoughts' endeavor
I would go where the children play;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a thinker dies in a day.

I can feel no pride, but pity
For the burdened one who endures;
There is nothing sweet in the city
But the patient lives of the poor.
Oh, the little hands too skilful,
And the child-mind choked with weeds;
The daughter's heart grown wilful,
And the father's heart that bleeds!

No, no! From the street's rude bustle,
From trophies of mart and stage,
I would fly to the wood's low rustle
And the meadows' kindly page.
Let me dream as of old by the river,
And beloved for the dreamer's sake;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

OUR GREAT GIFT

When we understand our religion
And meditate upon the richness
Of the gift we possess, we realize the
advantage to ourselves of allowing
some of the things we cannot take
beyond the grave to slip through
our fingers for the benefit of our
poorer brethren.

The river mirrors the colors of the
sunset sky, and becomes a picture
an artist would love, but the most
insignificant little stream can take
to itself a little of that celestial
beauty. No matter how unimportant
you are the most glorious things
in the universe, love and faith and
hope, are for you as much as for
anyone.

Never look forward to the accidents
of life with apprehension; anticipate
them with a perfect hope that God,
whose child you are, will deliver
you from them according as they
come.—St. Francis de Sales.

SOME YOUNG MEN FAIL—WHY?

- Here are ten typical cases:
1. Always postponed his task.
 2. Grumbled, complaining others did not do their share and blaming his mistakes on them.
 3. Was not adaptable; wanted to work on one sort of job only.
 4. Undependable except when watched and checked.
 5. Too lazy to work hard when he thought he could "get by" by taking his work easy.
 6. Always late in coming to work.
 7. Did well at first and was promoted; promotion made him "bossy" and unwilling to be directed by others in the office.
 8. (A Plumber) did good work when it was where people could see it, but when it was to be in the ground and covered up, he did work that had to be done again by others.
 9. He revelled at night and was stupid and sleepy all next day.
 10. For the sake of his dead father I strove to make a man of him. I offered him a room in my home, with every chance to get ahead, but he decided that he wanted to see the world, and he is still seeing it on foot.—The Casket.

SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS A HANDICAP

In the first place, what is self-consciousness? It is the fear of making an unfavorable impression. Now, fear, according to modern theory, tends to invite the thing feared. A man learning to ride a bicycle fears he will run into an approaching automobile, becomes rattled, and heads directly for it; and similarly, one learning to steer his way through life fears he will run into unfavorable opinion, and does so.

Certainly it seems that self-conscious persons are continually beset by small social misfortunes. If you are afraid of saying the wrong thing you are the more likely to say it (or to think you have); and if you are afraid of spilling your tea you are the more likely to spill it, and to break the cup and spoil the rug into the bargain. These are matters of equilibrium—physical, mental and perhaps, spiritual.

Obviously it is impossible to think of two things at once. One cannot then, think simultaneously of oneself and of the matter in hand, whatever it may be. Thinking of self definitely destroys our efficiency. The cultivation of the power to concentrate the mind on any given subject is, therefore, an important part of the cure, and it is no less important that a listener concentrate than that a speaker do so. This applies as much to conversation as to the lecturer and his audience. A "good listener" is almost always popular and almost always intelligent. The study of man is not only the proper study of mankind, but is mankind's most interesting study. If you are self-conscious you are not sufficiently engaged with this study, and should give it more attention.

Another point: Self-consciousness is contagious. A person not

normally afflicted with it may temporarily contract it in the course of efforts to put a self-conscious person at his ease. Almost everyone has at times a touch of self-consciousness, but those afflicted are too much engaged with their acute consciousness of self to read the subtler signs of the same malady.

Big men never try to be impressive. I have been so fortunate as to know many big men, from Roosevelt down, and without exception I have found them genuine. No less than the rest of us, important men enjoy wholesome, friendly contacts with their fellow beings, and nothing is more likely to repel them than the exaggerated deference which is sometimes shown them by artificial or self-conscious people.

Of all elementary rules of life, none seems to me more important than that contained in a maxim consisting of two words echoed by sages from Diogenes to Pope. The maxim is, "Know thyself," and "Be thyself" is its implied concomitant.—American Magazine.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

MR. CLANCY'S VIEWS ON THE PAST AND PRESENT

At Clancy's house there's no such thing as lipstick or rouge or jazz, to fling its stupid, weird, nerve-racking strain; That he hates such foolishness is plain. All nonsense, he says each whim or fad, That he is not catering to them, he's glad; Or the frivolous things for which men pay— Massage and face treatments, every day.

Why are the beauty shoppes flourishing so? That's what Clancy wants to know. None of his daughters have bobbed hair, Flimsy dress, or knees that's bare; His womenfolk do not fritter away His hard-earned money on bargain day; He says 'tis enough to make men swear, How much of it the matinees share.

Or the pleasure resorts, where in maddening whirl The banners of evil their colors unfurl. Mr. Clancy's ideas may not meet accord, But I think he is right, upon my word; His old-fashioned notions on home and dress Would save our young folks much distress; For the sweetest charm of womanhood Are her modest ways, be it understood.

They help to guard both home and heart, Wherein a mad world has no part; Music and art and laughter swell The home where Clancy's family dwell; True motherhood, good sense, is seen, Reigns where Mrs. Clancy rules as queen, Rules with love, wherein is blent No earth-born jaded sentiment.

Let our women then more careful be To train loved ones religiously; Buy clothing of cotton instead of silk; Less bakery stuff and more of milk. Such is the gist of Clancy's plan. Believe it or not, he's a very wise man. A hearty welcome awaits me I know Whenever to Clancy's house I go.

A LOVELY TRIBUTE

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt said at a dinner in Oyster Bay: "The more children a woman has, the more unselfish she is sure to be. Let me tell you a story. "A school-teacher said to a little boy: "James suppose your mother made a peach pie, and there were ten of you at the table—your mother and father and eight children—how much of the pie would you get? "A ninth, ma'am," little James answered. "No, no, James. Pay attention," said the teacher. "There are ten of you. Ten, remember. Don't you know your fractions?" "Yes, ma'am," said little James, "I know my fractions, but I know my mother, too. She'd say she didn't want no pie."—Catholic Sun.

GRAMMAR MADE EASY

David Tower, an old-time master of the Adams school at Boston, wrote the following verse as a guide for students: A noun's the name of anything, as school or garden, hoop or swing. Adjectives tell the kind of noun, as great, small, pretty, white or brown. Three of these words we often see, called articles—a, an, and the. Instead of nouns the pronouns stand: John's head, his face, my arm, your hand. Verbs tell of something being done, as read, write, spell, sing, jump or run. How things are done the adverbs tell, as slowly, quickly, ill or well. They also tell us where and when, as here and there, now and then. A preposition stands before a noun, as in or through a door. Conjunctions sentences unite, as kittens scratch and puppies bite.

The interjection shows surprise, as "Oh, how pretty." "Ah, how wise!"

GOUNOD'S REPLY

Camille Bellaigue tells the following anecdote in the Revue des Deux Mondes: "In the papers left by Gounod, I found the following note, dated April 28, 1869: 'Tomorrow is the First Communion of Henry de B...' I am going."

"He came. After we had come out of the Church of St. Thomas d'Aquin, my father went up to the great artist whom he had known intimately since childhood. "Dear friend," he said, while holding me by the hand, "this is my son. He already loves music. Will you add to all the blessings he has just received by giving him your blessing of beauty?"

"Gounod then exclaimed: 'My child, today I am not worthy to undo the latchet of your shoes. Today you bear God in your heart, and it is for you to bless me.' "Then, suiting the action to the words, he knelt on the pavement before me. I did not know what to say, and at first I blushed."

WITH WILLING HEART

A small boy was sent to church by his father with a nickel and a dollar bill in his pocket. "You are to put what you please in the offering box, my boy. Listen to the sermon and make your offering in accordance with the impression made upon you."

The boy had returned. "Well, what did you put in the box?" his father asked. "The nickel. I was going to put in the other when I remembered what the clergyman said in his sermon. "What was that?" "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Once grasp that the Catholic Church is Christ's historical expression of Himself; once see in her Eyes the Divine glance, and through her face the Face of Christ Himself; once hear from her lips that Voice which speaks always "as one having authority;" and you will understand that no nobler life is possible for a human soul than to "lose herself" in that glorious Wisdom which is His Body; no greater wisdom than to think with her; no purer love than that which burns in her Heart, who, with Christ as her Soul, is indeed the Saviour of the world.—Mgr. Benson.

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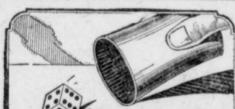
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