OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THE FLOWER OF ROSARIO.

It was Letitia Duncan's, of course that sharp, anguish-stricken voice which, after the moment of stupefied silence following Miss Simpson's announcement, rang through the school-room. Letitia had risen from her seat and stood clutching the lid of her desk -a tall, overgrown girl, whose flaming plaid frock, scarlet ribbons, flushed cheeks and gingery curls fairly dazzled the eye with discordant tones of red.

Letitia's eyes, too, had a hint of garnet in their bright hazel; they were wide, alert eyes, and the pain and bewilderment and appeal in their shining depths made them look like points of flame in her large, appalled face as she started piteously toward the teacher's desk, crying:
"Miss Lily! O, Miss Lily! Say it

isn't so ! Say you didn't mean it-say

There was a subtle undertone of authority in Letitia's piercing accents ; a commanding, imperious spirit pervaded her appeal. The glow and vigor or her personality seemed to leave the little Mexican and miners' children about her pale and apathetic by com-parison—just as her gorgeously toned garments their faded jeans and butter nuts appear of a uniform dust color.

med onite natural, therefore that although every one else was sobbing in a mild fashion of regret, Letitia should be the one to make the general grief articulate, to instil force into it, and, incident-ally, to make Miss Lily Simpson's situation one of great embarrassment.

Miss Lily's round young face began to be reddened with blushes; in spite of herself she felt an apologetic expression stealing over her features as she regarded Letitia, who, besides being the most devoted of her pupils, had ad ditional claims to distinction in being the mine-boss' daughter.

These claims the pretty teacher had always recognized; what she did not in the least suspect was that she was quite as completely dominated by her big. warm-hearted, hot-tempered pupil was the mine boss himself or the smallest of the Baco or Gonzales ninos in the lowest class.
"Dear Latitia," she began, sooth-

ingly, "do control yourself!"
"You did mean it, then?" interposed Lettia, wildly. "That you're going away—that you won't teach us next year? Miss Lily —"she paused, shaken by a sudden conviction, "Miss Lily, tell me one thing. Are you going to get—married?" And seeing that Miss Simpson's eyes dropped guiltily, Lettita drew a sharp breath.
"It's Steve Byers!" she said, in a
stern voice. "I've seen him walking with you -and I never suspected ! I trusted you, Miss Lily! And now you're going to leave us—and go to live down the Apishapa on his ranch and you -like him -better than-us She burst into tears.

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"You'll love your new teacher as much as you've loved me, Letitia,' said Miss Simpson, coming down from her desk to smooth Letitia's rough, red

Never !" said Latitia. "I never want to get attached to any one again as long as I live!

Miss Simpson sighed softly. She could see the windmill of Steve Byers'
'homestead "winking cheerfully at
her above the green alfalfa fields eastward of the arid Colorado coal-camp and perhaps the sight assuaged her pain at Letitia's bitter retort.

"I hope they'll get some one the children will take to," pondered Miss Simpson. She was dimly aware of pitying her successor in case the chil dren-specifically Letitia - did not

ing with his mine lamp burning blue in his cap and giving a lurid glow to

his coal grimed features.
"I told the school board I didn't think it'd do. I told 'em ' America for Americans' was my motto; but they said they thought they ought to hire some one that spoke 'both idioms,' seeing that most of the community here spoke only Spanish. I said considerable, but it seems this Senora Villejos is high up in the require ments-she's a widow woman from Raton-and they'd given their word,'

Mrs. Dancan, a large, soft, amiable woman, looked at Letitia to see how her daughter was receiving the news. Letitia wore an indifferent air, and

her mother, being of an optimistic mind, construed this favorably. "That's right, Letty," she said. "I'm glad you don't take exception to the lady being Mexican. I had no idy that any of 'em spoke English, let alone knowing how to do sums. None of the Mexican wemen up the creek knows a word you can understand, though most of 'em are real good kind of souls. You must encourage this SenoraVillejos all you can. Likely she'il be pleased with any little attention, we being a leading family."
"Of course she won't be Miss Lily Simpson." sputtered the mine boss.

Simpson," sputtered the mine boss, emerging from a great basin of water and groping for the roller towel but you can't expect such luck

When the children of the town trooped into school on the opening day they found the new teacher, indeed, altogether unlike the departed Miss Lily. She was thin and dark, with a long, sad countenance; her mournful eyes had in them the wistful pathos of a vanquished race; her attire was limp and black. Decidedly she presented a complete antithesis to the sad as a lot bloom, the dimples, the smiles, the blond curls, the pink and blue frill-Gallienne.

ings and puffings and dainty trifles CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. sonality of her predecessor. Nor was the Senora's manner reassuring to those who recalled Miss Simpson's car

essing air.
"You make too much noise in eu tering," she said, by way of greeting. I desire you all to go out again. When I ring the bell we shall see how quietly each takes his or her seat."

The children stared ; they began to file out with sufficient docility. Lati-tia Duncan, however, stood quite still with lowering brows. The new teacher seemed neither spiritless nor lacking in force. She spoke with a quiet air of authority; she did not seem in the least dismayed even when Letitia, setting her lips together, sat down resolutely, lifting a rebellious pair of eyes.

"You probably did not understand me," said Senora Villejos, beginning to arrange some pens in an interested fashion and without paying Letitia's ction the tribute of much concern. Please to accompany the others.

Letitia sat sullenly in her seat. didn't make any noise," she said dog-

gedly.
"But you will obey me," said the other, calmly. As Letitia sat still the other, calmly, she added, "Remain

That evening when the mine bos ame home to supper he entered upon a highly disturbing scene. Before the low fire of pinon sticks his wife sat rocking herself excitedly and attempting to soothe the great girl who knelt beside her with buried face and disheveled locks.

"There, now," crooned Mrs. Duncan, patting Letitia's heaving shoulders, "mother knows how you feel! Here's father come, too. Ha'il make " If some one'll tell me what's

"It's the new teacher, pa," ex-plained Letitia's mother, shaking her

head. "She's been and kept Letty in after school—" "Two hours, pa!" burst in his daughter, rushing upon the details of ner story, while the others gave ear with numerous expressions of sympathetic interest. "And she set me sums to do," concluded Letitia, "like was a child! Oh, I can't stand it!

I can't ! "You see, pa," explained Mrs. Dun-can, "Letitia didn't mind being told to stay in. She thought Senora Villejos was aiming to reason with her and talk it all over and appeal to her better nature and such like. She thought the Senora'd kind of apologize for asking her to remain and say she did it so's to get a chance to know her better and come to a friendly un-derstanding. When the Senora never argued at all or said how she was grieved or anything but jest set her sums to work-why, the child's pride was hurt. I don't know but I feel for her some; she was always just so high spirited. Being the only child we've got, mabe we'd ought to have raised her different, but-

"I never wanted her one bit different to what she is!" interposed the mine boss, lustily. "I won't have her spirit broken! I want her to have pride! I won't have her kept in over ours-ruining her health !

'She ain't so awful robust, neither, for all her red cheeks," agreed his wife. "I'd a cousin die of a decline that was as hearty looking a girl as you'd wish to see.

"I'll see this Senora Villejos my olf!" declared Ducan, ominously.
Just wait till to morrow!" self!"

Upon the following day, observing the teacher on her way to school, he did indeed approach her with a face adjusted to purposes of dignified aus

the quiet gaze of her sad eyes did not add to the mine-boss' composure.
"Letitia Duncan is my daughter," he add went on. "She's always been con-sidered a good scholar; Miss Simpson never could say enough about he conduct and lessons always 'way up. And-well-what I started to say this : Letitia's easy to manage : von can lead her with a tread, but she can't be driven. No'm. She comes natural by her spirit, and what I started to say is this ; that keeping her after hourswhy, that's ain't the way to handle her at all ! It won't do !'

The Mexican teacher was surveying him with an air of considerable attention. "You would rather I should use some other system of correction?

The mine-boss scowled at this. He did not like to admit the possibility of Letitia's requiring correction.

"You know," went on the other, in her grave voice, "Letitia's tendency to be rude and over bearing is not easy of control. She is very wilful. If you will suggest some discipline other

"No'm!" interrupted the mine boss "I don't want any discipline practiced on my girl! I don't say she mayn't have faults, but if she has, it isn't for any stranger to take 'em in hand! It's for parents to correct their children and I profer to correct my own dren, and I prefer to correct my own child myself !"

TO BE CONTINUED

Then the Celtic genius, which is supposed to have blended with ours, and, according to some critics, thus provided the best in English literaature-is there anything sadder in the world than the old Celtic music?—
sad as a lonely little river crying to
itself in the starlight.—Richard Le

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Big things require capable men to handle them. Capable men have a fashion of growing old and of dropping out, and other capable men mus follow them. There was never a day when so many capable men were in demand as now. But there must be an ability to do more than merely draw a salary. Big wages are not paid for that alone.

No man is born into the world whose work No man is born with him; there is always work. And tools to work withal, for those who will; And blessed are the horny hands of toil! The busy world shoves angrily aside The man who stands with arms akimbo set, Until occasion tells him what to do; And he who waits to have his task marked out

Shall die and sleave his errand unfulfilled. -JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

To be honest ; to be kind ; to earn a little and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier by his presence; to renounce where that shall be necessary, and not to be embittered; to keep few friends, but these without capitulation; above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself; here is a task for all that a man has a fortitude and delicacy.-R. L. Stevenson.

To Please the Customers.

A fine illustration of the business value of good manners is found in the Bon Marche, an enormous establishment in Paris, where thousands of clerks are employed, and where almost every thing is kept for sale. The two distinguishing characteristics of house are one low price to all, and extreme courtesy. Mere politeness not enough, the employes must try in every possible way to please and to make customers feel at home. Something more must be done than is done in other stores, so then every visitor pleasure. By this course the business has been developed until it is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. No other advertising is so efficacious.

The Call of Duty

To be brave means simply to obey the call of duty-this and nothing more. True courage is not a matter of nerves but of conviction and action along the line of conviction. How one feels when in the line of duty has very little to do with the matter. Feeling is largely a question of temperament There are people so constituted as to be lmost without that nervous tremor which many feel in the presence of danger, or when in strange surround ings, or about to undertake a new en terprise. But the absence of nervous ness is no sign of courage. We may go even further and say that ifear it self is not, by itself, an evidence of One may be nervous and even fearful and yet do his duty. Such a one is anything but a coward. He is one of God's heroes.

Don't Watch the Clock

We would remind ambitious young men, looking for opportunities to show what is in them, not to be too anxious to stipulate that the hours of labor be short, and with the under standing that these must be shortened still more in the near future. Doubt less, some employers are too greedy and inconsiderate, yet the boy or man who is ever casting his eye to the clock will never make a success of anything. Self-made men are self-sacrificing men. Good fortune grows only on the tree that has been nurtured with hard labor. Ambitious young men working for others should not take advan tage of employers so as to leave then in the lurch. Both employers and em-ployes should respect mutual rights dren—specifically Letitia — did not take to her.

'I understand they've engaged a Mexican lady for the next term,' said the mine-boss, coming home one eventher mine-boss mi and not shirk mutual duties. should not be enemies looking for an

Judicious Cheek.

The New Orleans Times Democra tells a story of a Louisiana college graduate who leaves the man that carried a message to Garcia" far in the rear. This young fellow drifted down to one of the Latin American republics looking for a chance to "catch on" to something profitable. "Nothing presenting itself," says the story, "and he was getting desperate, when the authorities of a certain good sized own determined to install an electric light plant and also see what could be done toward utilizing an adjacent water power. They wanted to send an expert to this country to get the necessary machinery, but had nobody in sight competent to undertake the task, and the young Louisianian promptly jumped into the breach and introd nimself. As a matter of fact he didn't know an electric current from a cand-led cherry, but he had to have a job, and, to make a long story short, he was engaged on the spot."

Now comes the distinctively Americau enterprise, or gumption, which so often saves a situation. The young man took the next steamer for New York to purchase the required plantand also to learn how to set it up and run it. On landing "he immediately entered a technical school for a cours in electrical engineering. He also entered a night school for the instruction thus doing double work. Having the constitution of a horse, he stood the strain without breaking down, and in a month's time he had a sufficient knowledge of the profession to enable him to attend to his errand intelligently. He made an excellent deal, and

lived happily ever after. His educa-tion helped him cut, but his grit and willingness to work and shoulder sponsibility were the qualities that made him successful. Modesty is no doubt a great virtue, especially in the excessive and offensive superiority. But after a certain age timidity, not disposition to shirk responsibility or

neglect to play a man's part in the community. "Cheek" based on a community. "Cheek" based on a consciousness of ability to meet a situation is in reality not cheek at all, but only mainy self reliance.

Get Yourself Insured. It is the ambition of good citizens to accomplish that which will result in the greatest possible benefit to them selves and their families. Active and energetic business men naturally strive to honestly increase their earthly possessions, and with reasonable bounds. men commend them for their prudence. They naturally regard the possibility of an untimely death as something to be provided against, and strive in every possible way to so shape affairs as to be able at least, to leave the family in a fairly comfortable position. Beyond this necessity, the possibility of attaining old age, suggests that it will be well to make a timely provision for the comforts and necessities of life,

coming an object of charity, or a burden upon friends. In all the avocations of life, the men who are most successful are those who set before themselves definite objects to accomplish, and then endeavor to ascertain the best and easiest method by which the ends in view may be reached. If a long journey has to be made, the successful business man does not start out on foot in order to save railroad fare, because he knows that in the loss of time, in loss of opportunity, in the wear and tear of bo clothes (that cost money) and in a number of other ways, he would lose lose more than he would gain.

If a crop is to be harvested, no reas onable man in this progressive age would think of employing an old-time reaping-hook; yet there was a time when the reaping hook was the only available implement, and at that time the man of the family had to skimp, and save, and struggle along for many years perhaps, before he could lay up enough to secure his family from a lute want in the event of his death. In those days the men who died in early or middle life necessarily left their families unprovided for; many who lived to old age, were not able to acquire a competency, but (in the absence of children or relatives favorably inclined to undertake the re sponsibility of providing for them) had to go "over the hills to the poor house," and perhaps found their last resting place in the "potter's field." The better way is to prepare for the future and this can not be better done than to take out a safe life insurance

policy. A REMARKABLE CONVERSION.

An account of the following wonder

ful reclamation is g iven in the Mes

senger of the Sacred Heart. A man had for years neglected all his relig-ious duties, and becoming more and more addicted to indulgence in liquor, had finally reached a pitiable physical and mental state. As the fruit of many prayers he realized the disgrace and danger of his life, and felt that only through the Church could be hope to reform. Encouragep, by everyone he approached the sacraments, and with the advice and sympathy of the priests he seemed to recover for a time only to fall back repeatedly. In spite of his apparent good intention, his frequent relapses made the case one of They extreme discouragement, and it is just here when his state became alarming, persons variously afflicted and have impartial and an effective arbitration ances, that the power of intercession with the Sacred Heart was manifested. Even a priest of large experience had spoken sadly of his case as one for which there was little hope. Knowing that, humanly speaking, this was a fact, his family, all Promoters or members of the League, had special recourse to the Sacred Heart, each in an individual manner and all by means of Masses and a family prayer every evening to the Blessed promise was made to have several Masses offered for the souls in Purga tory in thanksgiving if the favor of his reform was granted. In a short time he gave evidence of stronger resolution in resisting temptation, attended to his religious duties in an exemplary manner, and as every day marked an improvement. His family began the Masses of thanksgiving and in gratitude wrote on paper a prayer of thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to His Immaculate Mother, promising if at the end of a year he was still doing well, to publish the favor in the Messenger. The time is past and he is now himself the most levout member of the family, engag ing all his free time in good work He has induced many to approach the sacraments, and his life seems to in-crease in virtue. Abstaining totally from liquor, he is now a good example for others. As a devout client of the Sacred Heart he best testifies to the

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PERILS OF THE DEEP.

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Nova Scotia, who, during much of the year, follow the dangerous occupa-tion of deep sea fishing. When not at and avoid the bitter possibility of be sea Capt. Burns' avocation is that of ship-carpenter. He is forty-three vears of age, and is to day a healthy, vigorous representative of his class Capt. Burns, however, has not always enjoyed this vigorous health, and while chatting recently with a representa-tive of the Lunenburg Press, he said he believed that but for the timely use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills he would have been a chronic invalid. 1895 to 1898," said Capt. Burns. " 1 was the victim of a complication of troubles. I suppose they had their origin in the hardship and exposure I so frequenty had to undergo. My illness took the form of dyspepsia and kidney trouble. The foods which I

quently gave me a feeling of nauses and at other times distressful pains in the stomach. Then I was much troubled with pains in the back due to the kidney trouble. Finally I took severe cold which not only seemed to aggravate these troubles, but which eemed to affect my spine as well, and I became partially rigid in the arms and legs. I was forced to quit work. and doctored for a time with little or no benefit Then I dropped the doctor and began taking other medicines, but with no better result. By this time I was run down very much, had no appetite, and was depressed both in mind and body. While in this condition I chanced to read in a news paper the testimonial of a cure made by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. some respects presented symptoms like my own. The straight forward manner in which the story was told gave me new hope and I de termined to try these pills. I sent for three boxes. Of course I did not expect that this quantity would cure me,

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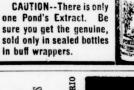
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