

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. THE FLOWER OF ROSARIO.

It was Letitia Duncan's, of course—that sharp, anguished-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...

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

It seemed quite 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 instill force into it, and, incidentally, 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 additional claims to distinction in being the mine-boss's 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 as was the mine-boss himself or the smallest of the Baco or Gonzales nitos in the lowest class.

LOGS AND PUFFINGS AND DAINTY TRIFLES

logs and puffings and dainty trifles which had made up the delightful personality of her predecessor. Nor was the Senora's manner reassuring to those who recalled Miss Simpson's caressing air.

"You make too much noise in entering," 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. Letitia 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 Viljejos, beginning to arrange some pens in an interested fashion and without paying Letitia's action the tribute of much concern.

Letitia sat sullenly in her seat. "I didn't make any noise," she said doggedly. "But you will obey me," said the other, calmly. As Letitia sat still the more obstinately, she added, "Remain after school."

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Big things require capable men to handle them. Capable men have a fashion of growing old and of dropping out, and other capable men must follow them. There was never a day when so many capable men were in demand as now.

No man is born into the world whose work is not 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 leave his errand unfulfilled.

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 dexterity.—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 the house are low price to all, and extreme courtesy. Mere politeness is not enough, the employees must in every possible way to please and to make customers feel at home.

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.

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 must be short, and with the understanding that these must be shortened still more in the near future. Doubtless, 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.

Judicious Cheek. The New Orleans Times Democrat 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.

Now comes the distinctively American enterprise, or gumption, which so often saves a situation. The young man took the next steamer for New York to purchase the required plant—and also to learn how to set it up and run it. On landing "he immediately entered a technical school for a course in electrical engineering. He also entered a night school for the instruction, thus doing double work.

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

CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT A CROSS.

"Among the street decorations set up to greet President McKinley in San Francisco, was a representation in flowers of one of the old missions. It was exquisitely executed and was very attractive. Of course it was surmounted by a floral cross. This did not suit the taste of some enthusiastic body of His Excellency's welcome, remarks the Western Watchman, "and they tore down the cross from the top of the decoration. And we claim to be a Christian people! Paul, who was 'not ashamed' of the cross of Christ, would be very much ashamed of those California Christians."

PERILS OF THE DEEP.

Great Hardship and Exposure Endured. Capt. ADNAH BURNS, OF DAYSPRING, N. S., TELLS AN INTERESTING STORY FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE.

From the Progress, Lunenburg, N. S. Capt. Adnah Burns, of Dayspring, Lunenburg Co. N. S., is a prominent representative of a large class of men in Nova Scotia, who, during much of the year, follow the dangerous occupation of deep sea fishing. When not at sea Capt. Burns' avocation is that of ship-carpenter. He is forty-three years of age, and is to day a healthy, vigorous representative of his class.

In 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 boots and clothes (that cost money) and in a number of other ways, he would lose more than he would gain.

A REMARKABLE CONVERSION. An account of the following wonderful reclamation is given in the Messenger of the Sacred Heart. A man had for years neglected all his religious 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 he hope to reform. Encouraged, 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 extreme discouragement, and it is just here when his state became alarming, not only to his family but to acquaintances, 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.

The Kidneys and the Skin. In the spring, the kidneys have much to do. If they are weak or torpid, they will not do it well, and the skin will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words. It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

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