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## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

### HANDLING TROUBLE When trouble comes of course I rue

And wish I hadn't to go through it, But since I must I go right to it.

I grapple it and overthrow it, And when it's down I heel and toe

larly

Until its mother wouldn't know it And never hold it till tomorrow To breed another crop of sorrow.

SHOW INITIATIVE TO SUCCEED IN LIFE

Matthew C. Brush was once Chicago newsboy. To day he is the president of the Boston Elevated Railroad. In an article by Alfred Grunberg in the American Magazine we read

The qualities that stand out the strongest in his own amazing career are the qualities which Matt Brush demands most emphatically in his

men. "'What can an employee do to attract your attention the most quickly and surely?' I asked him.

"Show initiative," he replied in-stantly. 'Without initiative any man will have a rocky uphill road, with poor pickings all along. One of the greatest of all handicaps is the fact that it is easier to let other men think for you than to think for your self.

'One of our crane operators was going home around 6 o'clock in the evening when a five-ton girder dropped on the track from a big horse truck. The girder blocked the track completely and tied up traffic.

Now, this man was off duty. couldn't have been censured if he had said to himself : 'This is none of my business. I've done my day's work, and I'm through. Let the night force attend to it.'

'Instead, he called up the road. master of the surface line, told him what had happened and asked permission to get a crane from the yards and clean up the obstruction. In an hour this man had cleared the track, whereas if he had gone on home it would have taken three or four hours to do it. Having initiative, doing things-that is what clears the road to success, "-The Monitor.

#### PREJUDICE

Prejudice is an insidious thing. It creeps into the soul unaware. It That is what mothers are doing to-leads us to say and do wrong things; night. it warps our judgment and leads to injustice, unkindness and even cruel ty. It paves the way for hatred and In proportion as we learn malice. to clear our minds of prejudice we ecome better men and women; we win friends and dissolve enmities we are more worthy of respect and in the garden of Evening and Day said to Night, "Sit down and I will No one wants to be confidence. dice sets up. Beware of judging others in such light. Prejudice on my Day Travels. A gentle breeze judged by false standards that prejuon my Day Travels. A gentle breeze bore along the aroma of sweet scented cramps the mind and the heart; it stands in the way of rightful growth of character. It is wise to search your heart and if you find prejudice there to set about to root it out wholly. Do not be sure you of all men are unprejudiced. That is the danger; for prejudice is guarded by Seek to be just in all things, vanity small as well as great. In all the relations of life, be sure you are not relations of life, be sure you are not merry, merry song of gladness. All nerry, nerry song of gladness. All nature was happy and rejoicing, from your prejudice. For the worst thing about this weakness is that it breeds injustice and unkindness and for his bountiful goodness and gener-It hurts innocent folk and ous kindness. All creation joined in makes no one happier.-Catholic rendering grateful thanks except one, to them cheerily and attends to their Bulletin.

TRY, TRY AGAIN

and beautiful, but you are both wrong. The splendor of the grand It is a great thing for young men to learn this lesson very early in their school or business career. things you have seen must have There are so many bad examples in hurry and rudeness that young men and grandest work is Man's Redempoften are misled by the attitude of their superiors on the question of tion, and God's most beautiful creacourtesy. If a young man only rea-lizes it, there always is time to treat deemer. eople courteously. We forget that instantaneous and CHAPLAIN IS PADRE happy courtesy when one is particu-larly busy and crowded with the

SATURDAY NIGHT

Washing wee faces and little black

Getting them ready and fit to be

That is what mothers are doing to-

Spying out rents in a little worn

hose, Laying by shoes that are worn

Hearing them lisp their evening

prayer ; Telling them stories of Jesus of old,

That is what mothers are doing to-

Anxious to know if the dear ones are

THE MEETING OF DAY AND

NIGHT IN THE GARDEN

OF EVENING

By Rev. D. P. McMenamin

Once upon a time, Day met Night

flowers. Angels' smiles brightened Nature's green mantle. Little fishes

deeply foliaged trees singing the old,

-Washington Star

through the toes ;

fists.

and white,

night.

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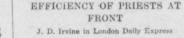
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ungrateful Man.

duties of the hour is a distinctive quality of the Christian business man.—Catholic Columbian. OF ARMY



OUR BOYS AND GIRLS To all his brother officers the chaplain is known as the padre. His pro-fession is that of a minister of re-Placing the little hats all in a row, Ready for church on the morrow, you know ;

and comforter to the troops that he is attached to the army. But while he keeps religion in the forefront, as befits his sacred calling, our padre is underground chapel which was con kissed; Putting them into clean garments a man who sees the essentially hu-structed by a chaplain close to that man side of war, who realizes that in dismal part of our front which conmoments of physical suffering the welfare of the body has paramount claims, and that in his leisure moments the soldier craves for instruction, amusement-and sport. The padre honestly panders to these tastes-whether in times of stress or in moments of recreation and relief. PADRE AT WORK

Looking o'er garments so faded and Who but a mother knows where to I have seen him at work in the many different phases of his strenu-Changing a button to make it look ous and anxious life. Watch him with the troops in the trenches. That, is what mothers are doing to-Shells fall thick and fast. Men are wounded; some are dying. To them the chaplain whispers words of spirit-Calling the little ones all round her

ual comfort and hope. Watch him a moment later when the troops swarm out of their flimsy shelters, mount the parapets and advance against the enemy. The The Shepherd, who gathers the lambs ground is now strewn with wounded. The chaplain crosses with his com-Watching them listen with childish rades of the royal army medical

corps into this shell swept gateway devastation and death. He Creeping so softly to take a last steadies waverers among the stretcher-bearers by his cheery words Silence the token of childhood's he helps to carry in the wounded to some place where hell is not being and the force of his own example, as

raked out of the earth. It is not laid down as part of the Tucking the blanket round each little form ; little form ; Kissing each little face, rosy and thick of battle. But he does it. Very often the padre is the coolest of possible to praise at too high a ratio the value of his personal example. To the men he is a hero rather than a parson. Before they entered into this fight they may have heard him speak of holy things. Perchance he ay have reminded them how man in the midst of life is in death, or he may have spoken of the glorious reward which comes to those who lay down their lives in a great and sacred He may even have adminis cause. tered to them the sacrament of the Church. At this moment they see in him only a man-a brave man, who is one of themselves, their equal in every risk and every sacrifice.

played in silent joy to the music of the babbling brooks and streamlets that nestled beneath the shade of At casualty clearing stations the chaplains are there to receive the wounded, who already have obtained first aid before being handed over to old song of love and happy days gone bye. Down in the green meadow, skipped little lambs in joyful glee while little birds sang out their the Red Cross transport. Each man is docketed with his name, rank and unit and the nature of his wound, and while the surgeons of the R. A. giving thanks to their Loving Creator M. C. are engaged in professional inspection and classification the padre goes around among the men, speaks creature comforts.

Man, the only one God loves with CHAPLAINS POPU

### THE CATHOLIC RECORD

beyond the seas, to which the soldier who has given his life for his country will never return. He will write blinded your vision. God's greatest tenderly of last moments-how souls made strong in the faith, winged their flight, while the bodies they dwelt in tion is the Queen of Heaven, the had been interred with the rites of Mother of Jesus our Beloved Re- Christian burial. I have seen these chaplains on the battlefield uttering the solemn office of the burial of the

dead while the ruthless dogs of war have barked their loudest and fiercest -aye, while the instruments of death themselves have hurtled overhead and one knew not whose turn might WRITER PRAISES COURAGE AND be the next. Frequent Communic is administered to men on the eve of their going into battle.

Little altars, miniature houses of God, are erected in cellars and dugouts. The men gather round and partake of the elements which are the sacred emblems of the Christian faith. It is primarily as a spiritual guide To morrow they may die, but they will yield up their young and precious lives fortified with the rites of their Church. As I write I have before me the sketch of a typical verges on Gommecourt. The altar is built of empty ammunition boxes. its rails are old meat tins, the cross is made of wood cut from a neighbor. ing tree, and the flowers which adorn the altar are simple wild flowers gathered from the hedgerows and

fields. On the right of the altar is a gaping hole made by a Boche shell. Above the altar, in a roof where an attempt has been made to fashion some rude form of decorative work, is a swallow's nest. Men came here to pray. The chaplain held his services and administered Holy Com-This was before July munion. Many of the soldiers who prayed here-are dead. But surely the spirit that led them to this little altar is immortal.

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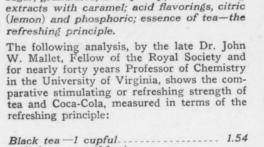


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agements to everybody. Days that dawn bright with hope sometimes close with discouraging clouds hover. ing over the horizon. And sometimes the night settles down cold and black. But then, if we may judge the future by the past—and one eminent authority has asserted that he knew no way to judge the future save by the past—the future holds a bright dawn and a brighter day than the darkness of the night would seem to indicate. It is only more beautiful sights of God's love and gifts to man. I will draw back the royal curtain of my Nightly Kingdom and show you all those cowards who look into the future

And this is true not only withindiyiduals, but with families, towns, cities, even nations, and the whole world. Pessimism is not an attribute of hopefulness. When individuals or very moon is bright and glad when nations become pessimistic, it is an the world is good, but when the indication of loss of faith in the gentle guidance of our Divine Lord. There is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will," very truthfully says the poet. When discouragements come we must look to our Divine Redeemer for strength and grace; for guidance in the meandering path of life that leads us on to heaven.—Intermountain Catho-

TIME AND COURTESY

not depend upon the amount of others does one has at his disposal. Some who are very busy, often fall into the error of supposing that they have scant time for even the most ordin-ary courtesise. They feel so streamly ary courtesies. They feel so strongly the urgency of their inward hurry that their whole outward manner is affected by it. Because duties press so hard upon their consciousness, they feel that they cannot fairly take the time to show their real feeling toward those they meet, surely there is little excuse for any one of us allowing hurry to make us discourteous.

TRY, TRY AGAIN Life has many trials and discour-Calvary's Cross, "This is the Heart

eautiful worlds hanging from my

The other day I came across some that has loved man so much." 400 men-ragged, blood stained and And as Day finished his beautiful weary-at one of the C. C. S's, as they are called. They needed noth-ing so much as sleep. They stretched story of God's Creations, he wrapped himself up in his royal purple gown of gold and crimson and prepared to themselves out on the cool grass. sleep in the arms of evening. "Oh, Day," said Night, "ere you close your eyes in sleep, let me tell you of far more wonderful and far Some of them, parched with thirst, asked for a drink of water or a cup of tea. This was speedily brought to

them. "Now then, boys," shouted a lusty. lunged son of the church, "what do you say to a cigaret ? All of you who would like a cigaret please sit up.' the brave, who, viewing the discour-agements of to-day, can see in the prophetic visions a brighter future before them in the world. And this is true not only will a set up, and the padre went for the world. And this is true not only will be a set up, and the padre went for the windows of God's Eternal Home. 'In 'my Father's House there are many Man-sions.' Behold my graceful They all sat up, and the padre went round the crowd. handing out packets softly gliding in silence through infi-nite space with the world at her feet, popular with the men. too, why it is that the chaplain is so

shedding her beams upon God's beautiful works of creation. My sil-said a wounded soldier to me on thi same occasion. "He doesn't force religion upon you. He will pray He will pray with you if you ask him to. If you don't he will just trot off and fetch world is bad my queenly moon is sad and grasps a passing cloud to hide her face from man and wipe away a tear of pain. See all those rich stars, you a fag or a cup of tea as quick as winking." Then he added, without heaven's brilliant diamonds, millions, the least intention of being profane, of jewels for man's admiration given. "God bless our chaplains. They're All these glide by each other in perdamned fine fellows." WRITES LETTERS

The chaplain is a prodigious letter writer. A disabled soldier will say to him: "Do, please, write home to my Home prepared for his happiness. A writer soul in the state of grace, in God's him: Courteous treatment of others does judgment, needs a Heaven to pass people, sir. Tell them you've seen me; that I'm wounded, but that I am "We both agree then, Oh Night, that all right." Brave lads will say this Creation is God's best and noblest when they know that they are not Greation is God's best and noblest work." "Oh, no," said Evening, "listen to me Oh, Day and you Night for I am in a hurry. My stay is not so long as yours Oh, Night. I am the golden link that binds you both together. I am the Mother of second thought, I am the queen of rest and reflection. I have but one book that I read in

the gloaming, the life of Day's remains. He will collect his letters doings and Night's conduct, Memory is the subject of my story. The des-cription you both have given is good



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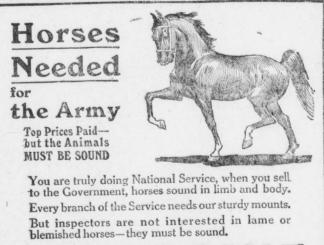
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