KEEP BUSY

If you real happiness would find, Keep busy

If you would have true peace of mind, Keep busy. Don't work too hard; that doesn't

pay, But have some work for ev'ry day. 'Twill be contentment lead the way. Keep busy.

No matter if you've wealth untold,

Go in for joy, if not for gold, Keep busy.

The lazy man finds life is slow, For idleness brings naught but woe. (It's feeding time; I've got to go.) Keep busy.

FAULT-FINDING THE WORST POLICY

-New York World

Clara Morris says that when she was trying to establish her reputa-You never did better than tonight." This kindness at a discouraging moment, she says, meant more to her than anything else she had ever experienced.

What miracles praise and encouragement, and real heart felt appreciation and interest have wrought!

There is no tonic like praise. There is no remedy in the world for Includes the courage of the courage is up, when they feel that their work is appreciated, and when they are long continue enthusiastic and interested in his employer's welform. gets no response in appreciation, or praise, or helpful sympathy.

ourselves. It gives us hope that, after all, there may be something for us in the future as well as for others who have succeeded.

The efficiency of employees depends almost wholly upon their courage, because, without courage, enthusiasm and zest are impossible. No one can be original, creative, and prolific in his work under fear and suppression. Spontaneity is absolutely necessary to the best results. If employees are hemmed in, watched, suspected, criticized, their work must be restricted and of an inferior quality. Courage and hope are great elements in pro duction. They are powerful assets in employees, which many proprietors entirely cut off. Things which create antagonism and put the employee constantly on the defensive suppress individuality, and make him a mere machine. There must be freedom or a loss in the ideal service.

Fault-finding is the shortest sighted policy in the world. It does no good. It is energy wasted. There is an infinitely better way. When a person makes a mistake or does wrong, speak to him kindly. It will act like magic. And never lose an opportunity for showing your appreciation of a good piece of work.

Your employees are not going to give you their best for your worst; their admiration and devotion and loyalty in return for your suspicion and meanness. If you scold and mag them, and look down upon them, you cannot expect them to admire you, to look up to and love you.

admiration and love in return

If you are mean and selfish, you will get stinted, stingy service, as a rule. If your employees feel that And even our God Almighty you do not care anything for them, Is speaking thy blessed name. except for what you can get out of them, they will feel the same way toward you and only care for their salaries and for an easy time.

Their respect and admiration are worth everything to you. They hold your success or failure largely their hands. They can often turn to the tide and make all the difference between good forture and bad. It pays to keep employers contented and happy; it increases the quality of their service very materially.

It is an employer's duty as well as the best possible policy to praise his people for doing well. Yet I know business men who never express appreciation of an employee's work no matter how faithful or painstaking he may be. They say that if they show any appreciation it will not be long before the employees will think that they are as good as their employers, will get "swelled heads," and will become dissatisfied and dis

contented. One large employer boasts that he has working for him, for twelve hun-dred dollars a year, a young man who is easily worth five thousand. and that he would pay five thousand rather than lose him. When asked why he did not pay him more, he said he "didn't have to," that the young man had a family and he did to hear the famous singer. not dare to take chances of throwing The next day the boys, to express up his job. He said he calculated to the emotions that her wonderful keep his employers in a condition voice had stirred in them, called on

in this country today who are cap-able of doing great things, of build-ing up large businesses of their own, ship, she accepted the invitation. but who are discouraged from starting out for themselves, kept down, to luncheon, and she accepted that

y their employers.

I know s man, who is at the head of a firm which employs a large came on board with her companien number of people, who says that, no the captain saw her from his cabin matter how able a young man may be, no matter how much executive "Tell the gentiemen of the steer." ability or leadership he may develop age mess," he said to the orderly, whatever you do.—Father Faber.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN in the firm's employ, its policy is to discourage him from going into busi-ness for himself. Although his possi if they care to use it." employers may really believe he is capable of conducting a larger business than their own, they keep him pleasant meal was over the boys

> This is a most selfish policy. the employee has been unusually faithful, if he has shown marked ability in your employ, and you have had all the benefits of it, you have no right to try to keep him down. On the contrary it is your duty to encourage him to start for himself, your duty to urge him to do the and sat on the top deck above, sing-

largest thing he is capable of. Many employers who do not under-band the effectiveness of the encour-tend the effectiveness of the encourstand the effectiveness of the encour aging philosophy are continually taking the heart out of their employees, keeping them in a condition of hopeless discouragement much of the time by their constant depreciation

and selfish efforts to keep them down. I realize that there are also many who feel very kindly disposed toward tion in New York, Mr. Augustin Daly, her manager, used to watch her from to do the best thing for them, but the audience in order to criticize her. who lead such strenuous lives, are so One evening, after she had had a pushed and crowded all the time, One evening, after she had had a pushed and crowded all the time, great many discouragements, he came up to her and said, "Good girl! tunity to encourage those who are doing good work and who deserve to rang out from the St. Lawrence, and

But, just try the experiment of dropping a word of praise as you go

Steamers blew their whistles, and

Steamers blew their whistles, and about among your employees, when you see them doing especially well, even if you are very busy, and you will find that it will work wonders.

I know employers who work like ably never hear it sung again.—Cath-Trojans when their courage is up, olic News. ested in his employer's welfare, in with them, or scold them, or they feel the success of his business, when he that their work is not appreciated, on her cheeks which told that her They study the secrets of Nature, and they become discouraged and lose their interest.

If all employers understood the uplifting power, the tremendous stimulating influence of appreciation and praise, they would get a very much higher quality of service, while their employees would be infinitely happier. And happy employees are much more productive and resource ful than unhappy, discontented ones Happiness is a great vitality gener ator, a great strength sustainer, and a powerful health tonic.—O. S. M. in

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

A song for thy birthday, Mother-What need is there I should sing?
Is it not enough that the morn is

sweet With the blithe birds carolling? A song for thy birthday, Mother-There's a song in the cradling sea;

There's a lullaby that the winds and Are crooning this morn for thee. A song for thy birthday, Mother -

If you sow thistles and thorns among them, do not expect a harvest of roses and the sweet perfame of admiration and love in returns

A song for thy birthday, Mother-When the saints are telling thy fame.

A song for thy birthdez, Mother-How poor is the song I sing.

The stumbling speech of a little obild, But a mother is listening.

-REV. HUGH F. BLUNT HELPFUL SERVICE

A material help for boys to prepare for future life is to serve at the altar. He who sacrifices his morning sleep, overcoming sloth, to minister to the priest at Mass, is already by a privilege fulfilling the functions of one of the minor orders. devout server at Mass shares in its graces next to the celebrant, and more than the ordinary faithful who assist at it, and many an altar boy, as he glided about the sanctuary, mingling with the invisible angels who hovered about the Victim of Sacrifice, has felt the seeds of voca-

tion sprouting in his soul .-- The Rev. Francis Cassilly, S. J. JENNY LIND'S SALUTE TO FLAG

Fifty years ago, when Jenny Lind was singing in New York, the American frigate St. Lawrence, returning

The next day the boys, to express where they would be afraid to ask for a raise of salary lest they should be discharged.

They hardly expected that she would receive them, but she did; and she was so charmed by There are thousands of young men | their youthfulness and ingenuous Then, growing bolder, they asked her invitation, too.

When, on the appointed day, she

"that the captain is going ashore, and that his cabin is at their dis-

The luncheon, however, was eater down just as long as possible, proudly invited their guest into the because it is for their interest. captain's cabin, where they took

their coffee.
"Ask her to sing something," whispered the paymaster's clerk.
"I will thrash you if you dare!" returned one of the midshipmen under his breath.

The wardroom officers and guests came, too. They brought up guitars ing "The Swanee River" and other

with enthusiasm, clapping.
When at last she was leaving, she

paused on the step between the carved sides of the gangway. Looking up at the floating Stars and Stripes, she said: "I wish to salute your flag !" Uncovering her head and holding

her hat in her hand, she began to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." As she sang the first verse every officer and every man came silently on deck. When she had sung the song to the end, deatening cheers

every man within reach of thrilling voice knew that he had heard one of the most inspiring songs in the world, sung as he would prob

ROSALIE'S PRESCRIPTION

Rosalie sat very straight on the extreme edge of her chair. There usual sunny temper was consider. ably overcast.

ever make, Mr. Employer, is to let your employees know that you appreciate their work. Be generous with your praise, especially when your employers do unusually well.

Appreciation and encouragement make an employee think more of himself; and anything which will increase his cell account and the works until they burned out complete the content of the property of the content of the pour of the content of the property of the content of the increase his self-respect will increase his confidence in himself, and that multiplies his efficiency. common sense, and Rosalie would go away restored to cheerfulness and

good humor.
Dr. Dell often said that Rosalie was one of her most interesting cases
—hardly chronic, but of a pronounced intermittent type.

Today Rosalie was fuming over a new variation of an old difficulty. "I'm so slow, Dr. Dell!" she cried.
"So absolutely stupid! My ideas are always forty minutes late! I never think of what I want to say until the time to say it has gone by."
Dr. Dell laughed. It was after office hours and she could relax a little while attending to Rosalie's

herself worsted because her report had arrived "forty minutes late."

about saying it that it never amounts

Things which cut," observed Dr. Dell in her very best professional his God.
manner, "are sure to hurt. And It is an axiom of the ages that true the sharper a thing is the worse it knowledge leads directly to God. stings.

Yes," agreed Rosalie. back in her office chair and looking to look aloft, lest perchance they keenly over her glasses at her might perceive the God of Nature pet'ent," "if I understand you cor rectly, you are all worked up because you haven't hurt Anabel. And you are out of patience with yourself because you are not able to go around predding people with sharp

Why!' gasped Rosalie. "I'm t! I never said any such thing."
Didn't you?" asked Dr. Dell with a quizzical smile. Well, if it sounded that way I

didn't mean it," protested the gir after a moment's thought. How did you mean it ?"

And Dr. Dell's patients are familiar with her method of hunting a symptom to its lair. Why-why-I means-" began

Rosalie lamely, and went no farther. I know," nodded Dr. Dell wisely, you wanted me to sympathize with you because when you have hurt you can't turn around and hurt | destined not to survive, for it lacks some one else in return. Sympathize? I'll do more than that! I'll it must live in the hearts of the congratulate you.

up a prescription pad and wrote busily for a moment or two.

There," she said briskly as she handed it to Rosalie, "take this founded on tradition no culture when you feel another attack coming possible for a race save that founded on. Repeat the dose as often as necessary until relief is obtained." And this is what Rosalie read :

"Full many a time a thought has That had a bitter meaning to it, And in the conversation's hum

I lost it ere I could begin it.

A lot of bitter thoughts I've had To silence people and to flay 'em, But next day always I've been glad I wasn't quick enough to say 'em.'

Look out to God, love His glory, hate yourself and be simple, and you will shine fortunately without knowing it or thinking of it, with a Carist like splendor, wherever you go and

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FAITH AND SCIENCE

One of the practical results of sending young people to non-Catholic institutions of higher learning is to allow them to imbibe false principles and views of life. Human science is presented before them entirely divorced from its necessary relations to the Author of all knowledge and science. They are led through the mazes of human relations and told that the material world spans all things knowable. The idea of a restive Power, of a God, is gently but firmly removed from their minds through the force of ridicule and an appeal to their intellect. Like Eve, they stand before the tree of knowledge and believe that one bite of its fruit will open their eyes to all possible science.

It seems incredible that men of learning, professors, will really limit their mental horizon to such an extent as to shut out all view of the ignore the Author of Nature, thus falling into the most illogical pass The knowledge that our ability is recognized makes us think more of ever make, Mr. Employer, is to let infrequent intervals did these inner teaches them to study the real cause

universe.

Not infrequently do we meet a young person whose mind has been poisoned and whose faith has been shattered beyond repair simply through a one-sided development of the soul; a study of material things without an appreciation of their Science and faith live in beautiful harmony: defective science light is too strong, and science denies that those wonders exist at all. It is the argument of the blind man who refuses to believe in the light.

True science is not content with a partial unfolding of the secrets and truths of Nature : it desires to rise and rise until the very First Cause has been uncovered, until the very last Why has been successfully and "Meaning just what?" she mened.
Then it all came out—the story of a girlish tiff in which Rosalie felt wenu, the "scientific" upstart, the materialistic "professor," is so satured that the pride of intellect that "And I'm always like that!" she he refuses to admit a higher Cause hailed. "I never think of anything lest his myopic vision be imputed. cutting to say until it's all over. Or unto him as blindness. He fears if I do happen to think of something that the discovery might cause his real sharp and clever I'm so slow heart to lead captive his much vaunted intellect and he prides bimself on the utterly detached nature of that faculty : detached even from

Wherefore so many men today know not God because they follow the track "Then," said Dr. Dell, leaning of material effects alone and refuse resplendent above the horizon .-Catholic Bulletin.

> NATIONAL TRADITION IN IRISH LITERATURE

Beneath the melting cloud land of theory and shadowy region of abstraction is the solid and immovable framework of tradition. Tradition is to the nation what memory is to individual. It contains the record of a nation's greatness; it is the foundation and basis of a nation's learning. "All that the preceding generations have suffered or achieved, all that dead generations have wor shipped, loved, imagined or dreamed is stored for the future in tradition. A movement limited to the cultured been and addressed only to the cultured is the essence of permanence, viz., that orgratulate you."

Turning to her desk Dr. Dell drew distinctive nationality. A culture which touches merely the giants of the people or influences merely the intellectuals of the nation is not possible for a race save that founded on tradition.

It has been urged that the true inspiration of the Celtic genius lies in the pagan past, that the truest out-look of the Gael has its sources in Celtic tradition not in Christianity. But whatever may be due to pre-Christian tradition, whatever sources have their origin in the distant past,

the fact remains that Ireland's Chris tianity is her most distinct charac teristic and her common label in the world outside. No one will deny the poetic sources to be found in pagan saga and fairy lore; but how-

ever great its amount may be, there is a still greater stock of saintly tradition and Christian lore. Whatever still lingering lack of harmony may exist in the mind of the people between Christian and pagan ideals, the exploitation of the one must not mean the exclusion of the other. To do so is to run counter to Irish national tradition. No one better understood the inco-berency than Pearse, and in his imaginative representations we have a proper mediation, a harmonious mingling of both strains. He accur ately interpreted the Irish mind, un locking the gates of the Irish fairy world with true Celtic naivete and verve, and Ireland has rewarded him by giv ng his works a brilliant recen on and shedding tears, sait bitter over his grave.

The greatness of Ireland is to come, a greatness which grows out

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