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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

DON'T GIVE UP

Many of the men in the great failure army today might be compared with what twenty five years ago were called "worked-out" mines, in Cali-fornia and other parts of the West. Science and efficiency rediscovered these "worked-out" mines and found a large amount of precious metal which the old-time ordinary methods had not been able to reach. They are so-called failures who are still full of precious energy which would put them on their feet again, if they would only arouse themselves and make use of it.

There are multitudes of people who have never amounted to any thing because they allowed themselves to become discouraged after a few disappointments and failures. They did not realize that there is no such thing as ultimate failure until a man gives up. They didn't have the grit and pluck to keep on and keep on trying. When a man loses courage and

allows his ambition to sag, when, So shall you grow to age after being repeatedly beaten, he loses his grip, he is like a fish thrown up on the beach by a huge wave. He still has fins but he cannot use them. If he could only get back into the water his fins would mean something again, his life would

mean something. There are thousands of men in this country who have utterly failed in one occupation or profession, perseveral, and finally triumphed in some other field where their bent found expression. There are thousands who had reached middle life, without attaining even a competence, but whose indomitable will and energy held them steadfast time until they finally won out in their chosen fields.

Don't give up. Don't lose courage. Keep up your health. Make a new effort. Look up and try once more. effort. -Catholic Columbian.

A "JIM" HILL STORY

Under his gruff and domineering exterior, says a writer in the New York Sun, the late James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, had a generous heart. He never megaphoned his good deeds, however. Here is a story that came under my notice. It shows the soft side of Jim Hill.

Some years ago a twelve-year-old boy, stealing a ride on one of the Great Northern trains, fell under the wheels and had a leg cut off. Soon after, an adjuster of the Great Northern interviewed the boy. He asked the little fellow what the thought the Great Northern owed him.

'Oh, that's all right," replied the "You see, I hadn't any busiboy. ness to be on the car. I'd run away from home, and I stole the ride on the railroad, and I just got what was comin' to me-that's all.

adjuster, marveling, went He told the story at the The away. He office, and in time it reached Jim Hill.

Someone who admits that a raiload doesn't owe him anything ?' r r. Hill asked. "Is he human ?" answer. M"Less one leg," he was told: "Of course, he's only a boy. That may account for it.'

'I think this youngster is worth investigating," replied the "trail blazer.

He investigated him. To begin with, he bought him the best artificial leg that money could buy, and he purchased bigger legs as the boy grew. He put him through pre-He paratory school and college.

pure lips the Bread of the strong and infinitely precious as it is practically On that day they were even. The salary, the debt of affection, was paid in full. Later on, the child, thus saved from danger might be seen mounting the altar in his turn, the home a fruitful cause of conten tion, a dangerous source of friction and blessing the Angel of his life. and a latent menace to domestic harmony. It is because it will tend The two priests, one aged, the other young, realized that the gift of one-self is worth far more than the most of the womanly woman, equal to man but different. brilliant oration, and that, in forming a child's career, in training him to a manly life, nothing equals the It will substitute for the old

fashioned woman the woman who thinks she can only show her equalgift of God contained in the bestowal ity with man by doing the things that men do. It will give us the of wise affection. This story is in no way a fictitious one. It was narrated during the Eucharistic Congress of Rheims, by foolish woman who thinks that an empty ballot can add dignity to the Monsignor Dulong de Rosmay, one of the two heroes.—Catholic News. divine mystery of motherhood and add influence to the irresistible charm of wifehood .-- Intermountain Catho

lic.

THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

TO A BOY

Whatever the place you fill Steadily do your part With manly courage and will And a gentle boyish heart.

And the honest heart of a child. -E. S. B

TWO SALESGIRLS

Alma Drake looked in vain for a that such an honor was not neces sary for the Blessed Virgin. In other words it was the subconscious feeling price mark on the bolt of braid that she was showing a customer, and turned to the girl beside her with of opposition which Protestantism has toward the Mother of God.

the question : "What's the price of this braid, Miss Kirkman ?

Forty-five cents a bolt," the other effort on the part of non-Catholics to "It seems to me, Miss Drake, minimize the Blessed Virgin. One said. that if you weren't very stupid you would think that it was a special would have learned the stock by this tribute to the Son to degrade His Mother. And in nothing is that seen

Miss Kirkman was tired. It was a so well as in the attitude toward the "braid season" and all day long the counter was thronged. There were our doctrines there is nothing half a dozen women clamoring for her attention now. She saw the hot stood than this same dogma. There is no dogma of course that sets so many misinterpretations as flush that sprang to Alma's cheeks at her hasty words, and turned away half ashamed of what she had said. this one. But he who runs may After all, three weeks was hardly read. The meaning of the dogma is very simple. It is this: Mary because she was chosen to be the Mother of enough to make one very sure of prices. She began to wish that she had not spoken so hastily, and to wonder how Alma would take it. Suffered to be under the bondage of Will you tell me the price of this Satan. From the very instant in which her soul was united to her

piece of braid, please." A tall girl in a brown suit held out body she was preserved free from the emnant of wide black silk braid. stain of sin. Original sin makes the

soul an enemy of God. Now no one will deny that God could preserve a Have you any more of this ?" "We have more braids similar to that at 65 cents and 80 cents a yard." soul free from the stain of original Mary Kirkman answered and turned to take down a box from the shelf That he did so in the case of sin. Mary because she was to be His behind her. But just at that moment the floor man called her. She was Mother is the simple statement of the dogma of the Immaculate Concep detained for five minutes or more, tion and as she came back to her customer Th The eternal fitness of things

she was just in time to see the girl in demands the Immaculate Conception. It is what we call the argument of brown holding out a piece of braid to Alma Drake. theological reason. It is the argu ment that is expressed so beautifully Oh, you're waiting on her, are

answer.

you ?" she said coldly to Alma and in Wordsworth's "ourtainted nature's solitary boast." There is something swung on her heel. "The young lady was in a very great hurry, so I thought you wouldn't mind my getting her what

she wanted. But you must make the Son. That is why we find so many check," said Alma. non-Catholic writers whose tradi 'I don't care to," was the curt tional beliefs are against any honor

"Oh, but you must," Alma "She is your customer, above themselves and paying to her and you have a right to the check. a tribute which their very nature knows ought to be hers. I just waited on her as an accommo-But with us Catholics at any rate

dation to you and to her." A dull flush colored Mary Kirkthe dogma of the Immaculate Concepman's cheeks as she wrote the check tion, wondrous as it is, is not surand added the amount to her own prising. How little it seems in comparison with that great fact of all in For an hour she had no chance book. the life of Mary, that she was the to speak to Alma except to answer an directions as to where certain stock Mary is the Mother of God, all these was to be found. But later in the other privileges are but corollaries. afternoon there was a lull, a space of And the practical result of a few minutes when not a single us? It is that she is also our Mother, the celebration of the Eucharist is customer stood at the long counter. our friend at court. If God has so In that lull Mary Kirkman came honored her what a love He must slowly to Alma's side, the dull flush bear her; and if she loves us what oring her face again. Why did you insist on giving me t check ?" she asked. "I couldn't we of the United States have a special coloring her face again.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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they have gathered for his work of Christian charity. To employ the women and girls is not difficult because of the various household duties which they can perform, but

We were reading the other day the statement made by a convert to the where they plant vegetables and raise fowl; others are not able to Catholic Church wherein he told of work at all. A recreation room and his former difficulties in regard to the a small library have been fitted up acceptance of Catholic dogma. One of the stumbling blocks to him for a for the lepers and a Brother has organized a band. "The lepers canlong time was the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. As he not play at 'quick tempo' because they cannot move their stumps of explained, his opposition to the dogma was a kind of subconscious feeling fingers fast enough." Owing to the terrible odor of each individual, unbearable to the lepers themselves. every patient must have his own Total separation is neceshouse. sary, and this is an expensive item. "Is leprosy contagious ?" asks the That has always been a hard thing to understand ; why there is such an Vicar Apostolic, and significantly answers : "Three of our European Fathers took the sickness and died here. And now one Sister, having been twenty years among the lepers, has fallen a victim of char-Thus is practised the greatest love that man can have for his fel low-man. To those afar is given the privilege of aiding with their alms in this heroic work. "Would you not wish to rest and return to your native land and the friends you have left there ?" the Vicar Apostolic asked one of the Sisters. The answer that came directly was that

there would soon, she hoped, be rest enough in heaven. How then could she weary of her work ? Such has ever been the argument of the saints. What is most distressing to such heroic souls is not the hardness of their daily task and the greatness of the sacrifice, but the indifference of so many of the same faith to the cause for which they themselves have gladly offered all to Christ. America.

SOME WRITERS

TEACHING

W. MALLOCK

world-time goes on and the view

men take of it is changing. It is becoming fast recognized on all sides

that it is the only doctrine that can bring a belief in future rewards and

punishments into anything like accordance with our notions of what

its being a superfluous superstition

it is seen to be just what is demanded

at once by reason and morality, and

a belief in it to be not only an intel-

THORNDIKE

"The practice of the Church in

TENNYSON

I have done

wrought by prayer

but thou,

again,

day.

or goats

of prayer

call them friend ?

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of God.'

Both

(" Just Weights and Measures," c, 16)

lectual assent, but a partial harmon

izing of the whole moral ideal."

just and reasonable. So far from



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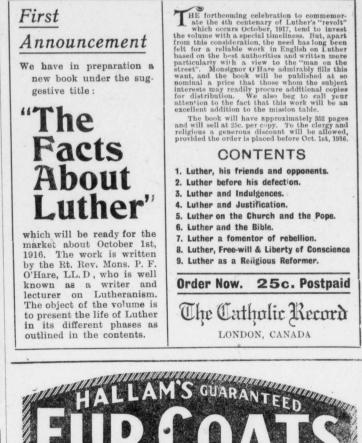


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it is more difficult to occupy the men. Many have a bit of ground

figured that the boy was worth a substantial start in life, and reports are that the young man is turning out as the veteran expected. Moreover Mr. Hill hunted up the boy's He was a discouraged strug father. gler. Mr. Hill started him in business, encouraged him, and now he is prospering .- Catholic News.

A CHILD'S SOUL

One day a priest in Paris sat in his room composing a discourse, destined, perhaps, to set the seal on his reputation as an orator. His attention was concentrated on his

At that moment, a little chimney sweeper half singing, half shouting his refrain, passed by. His services were needed and he was called in He climbed up with professional alacrity, sang some couplets while working and reappeared, sweating and grimy, beside the writer's desk. 'Mister, it's 10 cents," said he.

"Ten cents? Well, here they are," answered the priest, taking a coin from his purse. "Now we're even." The boy went away, and the friends priest picked up his pen once more. but it seemed as if an iron hand had gripped his heart. Pangs of remorse seized him. "Even! I said we were even," he

murmured to himself. "How could that be? Was that child a machine? Had he not an immortal soul, a soul for which Jesus shed His Blood ?" At this reproach, the priest bounded, called after the boy questioned him about God and his mother, catechism and First Communion. But he knew nothing of catechism and First Communion.

Yet the two seemed to feel a a long look of hopeful expectancy on and intelligent men are opposed to the priest's face.

was going to happen ?

This is what happened. The minutes of her time to cast her vote. little sweep was instructed, and two months afterwards in a retired take woman's time from the home inam in a letter wherein he thanks that so many oppose it. It is because the members of the American Lepday vestments, laid on the child's it will tend to take something as rosy Society for the subscriptions

that check ?" she asked. have said anything if you had kept it ownership. It is under this title yourself."

She was really your customer, and I had no right to the check," said Alma

How can you feel that way after Rome.-Boston Pilot. the answer I gave you a while ago? Mary persisted.

Alma's eyes met the other's in evident surprise.

"That doesn't count. The check belonged to you because that girl was your customer, and I wouldn't think of keeping it.'

what I said. Say, Alma," catching Alma's hand impulsively and giving it a close pressure. "I oughtn't to expect you to know the stock as well ittle wooden houses, at the right as I do. Forget what I said and be

Alma gave an answering pressure of the hand. 'Indeed I will," she said heartily.

It's a lot pleasanter to be friends of Charity and He sends alms that

And so the little flash of temper that might have made two girls uncomfortable for days was van-quished by the generosite the quished by the generosity that thought only of what was the right thing to do .- Catholic News.

DESTROYING OLD IDEALS

The home loving suffragists canmutual attraction. The child fixed not understand why so many fair They argue that the their cause.

ninutes of her time to cast her vote. It is not because the suffrage will given by the Vicar Apostolic of Sur-

that to interceding for them so general, and so ancient, that it cannot be thought to have come in upon imposture ; but that the same aspersion will take hold of common Christianity."

farthing has been paid.

of life?

me.

STANLEY RUSSELL (In the Christian Commonwealth." Sept., 1916)

that Mary was by the First Council of Baltimore in 1846 chosen as the Patron of this country, a decree that was subsequently confirmed by

LEPER COLONY OF SURINAM

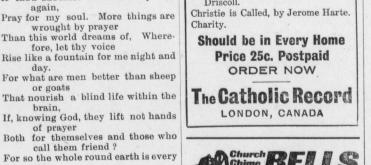
Flowers, parks of roses, and a gar den with beautiful trees is all that "I know plenty of girls who wouldn't be so square as that after a distance at the leper colony of Surcan be seen by a visitor looking from for the men and on the left for the women. In the background is the chapel with the same Lord who cured the leper of old, but seldom does so now. He sends the Sisters

where forty boys are being in-structed in reading or writing. Many and there is no intention of procuring a position in the world for them. but only to keep them occupied and to teach them to read good books." Nearby is the kitchen and not far off is the sewing room where children who have not lost their That nourish a blind life within the

fingers are repairing their clothes. Behind this is the laundry where one What was he going to do? What ballot will not take woman from the of the Sisters washes and irons the home, as it will require only a few clothing of 110 patients. Such is

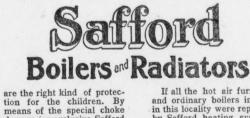
Bound by gold chains about the feet

CATHOLIC Home Annual FOR 1917 Jesus referred to a prison from BETTER THAN EVER which there should be no exit until the 'uttermost farthing' had been CONTENTS paid, but that very sentence postu-lates a release when the uttermost Contains a Complete Calendar, also gives the Movable Feasts, Holy Days of Obligation, Fast Days and Days of Abstinence. But," says someone again, " this is the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory. Oh, those labels ! What care I whether it be Roman Catholic, The Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Rev. John E. Mullett. The Day of Reckoning, by George Methodist or Unitarian, if only it helps me to live and gives me strength Barton. Rome, by Cardinal Gibbons. to die, and finds corroboration in my touch upon God, and my experience Catholic Maryland, by Ella Loraine Dorsey. What does it matter whence Ecclesiastical Colors. it comes ? I got it from the stage of The Wings of Eileen, by Mary T. His Majesty's Theatre, and turned to my New Testament and my heart, Waggama South America, by James J. Walsh, and both assured me that it was true. No other consideration interests M. D., Ph. D. Fount of Divine Love, by Lady G. A Chain of Circumstances, by David I have lived my life, and that which A. Driscoll. Helena Desmond's Marriage, by Marion Ames Taggart. May He within Himself make pure ; Saint Philip Neri, by Rev. James F. thou shouldst never see my face Pray for my soul. More things are Charity. Than this world dreams of, Where-fore, let thy voice Price 25c. Postpaid Rise like a fountain for me night and



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