

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A FRIEND'S GREETING
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I could but repay a portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way.

A MOTHER-MADE MAN
Dr. Lorimer tells this story of one of the most distinguished men, who was introduced at a great public meeting as a "self-made man."

"Well," said the great man, "it set me to thinking that I am not really a self-made man."

"Why," they replied, "did you not begin to work in a store when you were ten or twelve?"

"Yes," said he; "but it was because my mother thought I ought to."

"But then," they urged, "you were always such a great reader, devouring books when you were a boy."

"Yes," he replied; "but it was because my mother led me to it."

"But then," they urged again, "your integrity was your own."

"Well, I don't know about that. One day a barrel of apples had come to me to sell out by the peck, and after the manner of some store-keepers, I put the specked ones at the bottom and the best ones at the top."

SMILES A SOURCE OF POWER
No person ever gained popularity who did not understand how and when to smile.

Nine persons out of ten rise in the morning not inclined toward good nature. They may not realize the fact, but it is so.

There is a wide variety of smiles. The perfunctory sort is best unnoted. No one likes it because it lacks sincerity.

Then there is the rollicking smile. It comes upon you like a breath of fresh air on a close day. It is infectious. One feels immediately

as if he must smile, too, and he is certain to feel pleasantly inclined toward the person bestowing the smile.

The person who calls on business and smiles when he greets you, pleasantly but not effusively, stirs your own kindness.

All the world loves a sincere smile. The possessor of an infectious smile has one of the best weapons that exist for use in the fight for the common goal of success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE THROAT BLESSER

How would you like to be a Christian if the children who live next door and who go to school with you were pagans?

Saint Blaise had no playmates who were Christians. He grew up in the town of Sebaste, a town in Armenia, near Turkey.

Here he would sit so quietly that the wild beasts would go on with all their domestic work just as if he were not there at all.

As he did not have any children to talk to he often told his troubles to his furred and feathered friends.

What are you going to do in honor of the Saint's feast day? He loved children, and did much for them.

HISTORY PROVES THE GREATEST TOLERANCE OF CATHOLICS

By Alex. St. Clair Abrams
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"I shall not discuss what occurred in Europe several hundred years ago because such discussions have no bearing whatsoever on the situation in the United States.

POLITICS NOT RELIGION
As a matter of fact, the student of these days is bound to recognize the fact that politics and not religion were their primary causes.

IN THE UNITED STATES
In the territory of the United States Spanish Catholics originally peopled Florida, parts of Alabama, Louisiana and our Pacific Coast.

IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES
The New England States were principally settled by British Puritans seeking a refuge from the intolerance and oppression of the governing Cavalier element of Great Britain.

eyes closed, too absorbed to hear the soldiers, were all the leopards and tigers, and lions, and wolves of the near-by country.

"Oh, excellency," they exclaimed, "in the forest we came upon the god Orpheus whose music hath charm in it enough to soothe the wild beast.

When the soldiers entered the forest this time the animals were all dozing the hot afternoon away.

When the little company passed down the streets of the town of Sebaste the people crowded after, not to call names at the Christian, but to plead for mercy for him.

According to the orders of the governor, the soldiers took Blaise in a boat out in the neighboring lake.

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enact ordinances and laws ostracising and prohibiting the exercise of all religious faith except that which they believed.

"Virginia and the Carolinas were originally colonized by the British Cavalier element, they in turn leaving the mother country to escape the religious intolerance and persecution of the then dominant Puritan element in Great Britain.

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FAMILY DOCTOR'S GOOD ADVICE

To Go On Taking "Fruit-a-tives" Because They Did Her Good

ROCHON, P. Q., JAN. 14th, 1915.
"I suffered for many years with terrible indigestion and Constipation. I had frequent dizzy spells and became greatly run down.

I consider that I owe my life to "Fruit-a-tives" and I want to say to those who suffer from Indigestion, Constipation or Headaches—try Fruit-a-tives and you will get well.

Catholic Church and its members in the United States have been uniformly consistent in their unbending hostility to any union of State and Church.

I recall one instance in this city where a Catholic was a candidate for an office and a majority of the Catholics in Jacksonville voted for his opponent, while the mass of his votes came from non Catholics.

Never think that any storms of temptation or evil dispositions can separate you in the least from our Lord.—Father Dignam, S. J.

It is an astounding fact that when the non-Catholic element got the control of the colony of Maryland, entirely forgetting and ignoring the course adopted towards them by the Catholics, they immediately passed ordinances and laws disfranchising and ostracising Catholics in Maryland.

When the revolution of 1776 broke out the spirit of religious tolerance had become general throughout the territory of the United States.

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"The Facts About Luther"

which will be ready for the market about October 1st, 1916. The work is written by the Rt. Rev. Mons. P. F. O'Hare, LL.D., who is well known as a writer and lecturer on Lutheranism.

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