CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE CRY OF THE DREAMER I am tired of planning and toiling

In the crowded hives of men;
Heart weary of building and spoiling,
And spoiling and building again.
And I long for the dear old river Where I dreamed my youth away ; For a dreamer lives for ever And a toiler dies in a day

I am sick of the showy seeming Of a life that is half a lie; Of the faces lined with scheming In the throng that hurries by, From the sleepless thoughts' the sl

I would go where the children

play; For a dreamer lives for ever And a thinker dies in a day.

I can feel no pride but pity For the burdens the rich endure There is nothing sweet in the city But the patient lives of the poor. Oh, the little hands too skilful, And the child-mind choked with

weeds; daughter's heart grown And the father's heart that bleeds!

No, no! from the street's rude

From trophies of mart and stage, I would fly to the wood's low rustle And the meadows kindly page. Let me dream as of old by the

river, And he loved for the dream alway; For a dreamer lives for ever And a thinker dies in a day.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY WORDS

Soft words soften the soul. Angry words add fuel to the wrath, and make it blaze more fiercely. Cold words freeze people and hot words scorch them. Bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrath ful. There is such a tremendous rush of words in our day that it is especially desirable for each one of us to see to it that kind words have their chance among others. These are vain words and idle words, hasty words and spiteful words, silly words and warlike words. Don't forget the kinds words. They produce their own image in They produce their own image in men's souls, and a beautiful image it is, to be sure. They soothe and quiet and comfort the hearer. Why not let them have a larger in all our lives?—The Monitor.

THE DESIRE TO KNOW

Marcus Aurelius, discoursing of the danger of indulging in useless or idle thoughts, says succinctly:
"We ought to check in the series of our thoughts everything that is without a purpose and useless, but most of all the over-curious feeling and the malignant, and a man should think of those things only about which, if one should suddenly ask: What has thou now in thy thoughts? with perfect openness thou mightst immediately answer: This or that, so that from thy words it should be plain that there is nothing in thee for which thou shouldst blush."

The appetite for knowledge is a

advertised writer appear, immediately the whole world is talking about it. Those who have read it about it. may frankly avow that it has shocked them. But they never dreamed of putting it down when they awoke to the realization of the poison which it contained.

The desire to know more, to see, to probe for themselves into this filthy ulcer has carried them beyond probe for themselves into this the bounds of conscience. They de-clare that they are scandalized, but they never acknowledge that they have committed a grave transgres-sion in reading this bad book from

cover to cover. They pass their opinion on to wider. The call for new editions taxes the presses to the utmost. And the book takes its place in the world as something which is a part of it and which cannot be crowded

the old pagan philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, when they find a doubtful book in their hands: "What hast thou now in thy thoughts? Is there nothing for which thou shouldst

If, upon opening the pages of a

The surprising facility which some the sacrament. The priest, an enpersons have in excusing themselves lightened soul, asked him various

it should give us no cause for pain or alarm, should we suddenly lift our eyes from the printed pages to find ourselves looking into the most pure countenance of Christ.—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE "GOLDEN HOUR"

There are joys in the "Golden Hour" That banish the clouds of care From the heart of the weary pilgrim Who kneels in the silence there With the Captive Love of the Altar; There are joys that lighten the

way—
The pathway leading for ever
To the dawn of a deathless day.

There is peace in the "Golden "Hour,"
A happy and soothing peace,
That breathes of the joy eternal
When the battle of life shall cease,
That speaks of untroubled moments When the sorrows of earth are past. And the barque of the lonely exile

Is journeying home at last. There is light in the "Golden Hour To gladden the darkest day, When, worn and travel-weary, We fall on the toilsome way; It shines on the pathway lonely, And leads our souls aright
Through the calm of the restful

hours And the stress of the bitter fight. There is solace and hope and cour-

age, And strength for the weary soul When the battle with sin is raging And billows of sorrow roll; There's joy from the world eternal, The earth and the stars above In the beautiful "Golden Hour" With the Sacred Heart of Love.

A CHILD'S TRUST REWARDED Most of us have seen the picture of a little child kneeling upon the

altar, and knocking upon the taber-nacle door. It occurred in the year 1877, in a boarding school conducted by nuns in Ireland. The child in question excelled in piety and devo-tion, and it worried her greatly that her father was but a lukewarm Catholic, who seldom received the sacraments, or followed the tenets of his religion. But she knew who best could help, and so had recourse to prayer, but feeling that she must impress her earnest desire in some way upon her dear Lord's mind, she conceived the idea of creeping out of her bed one night, when all her fellow-boarders lay asleep about her in the dormitory, and going to the chapel. There she knelt and prayed craving with most men. They desire to know everything, to probe all before the tabernacle. Suddenly, mysteries, to explore every path that lies open, no matter how perilous or took off her shoes, and climbed upon dubious it may appear.

This curiousity which is so dangerous and harmful, is particularly true in regard to popular books.

The altar. Then knocking upon the tabernacle door, she asked softly:

"Jesus are you thereo?" Pressing her ear against the little door, she Does a best-seller by some well- breathlessly awaited the answer from within. But all around her a deathly silence reigned. Again she knocked, and put her question, and again listened. Silence. Undaunted, she knocked a third time and asked,

'Jesus, dear, are you there?' lo! From within the tabernacle comes the sound of a voice: "I am here, dear child; what is it you wish?" She replied: "That my father might return to Thee, and love Thee as much as my mamma and I do."

Then, satisfied that she had been heard, she climbed down and softly returned to the dormitory, where she lay down among her sleeping companions and was soon rocked to others who immediately rush to sleep by her good angel. But her procure the book, anxious to find out father was suddenly awakened in all about it. Thus a market is the middle of the night and stricken created which grows ever wider and with the fear of death. Before his eyes he saw, as in a moving picture, his own death, the dread judgment he must undergo, and subsequent punishment, realizing all the horrors of hell. He lost no time after that

Keller; Fronlvichmans-Büchlein.) WHY HE COULD NOT SEE THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT St. Thomas à Kempis relates the ook, we find that the author, either personally or through his character, makes little or nothing of things which we hold to be sacred—then it is not for us to read, and we should lay it down immediately as should lay it down immediately as should lay it down immediately as something tainted.

If we find ourselves reading half fearfully, with qualms of conscience which we are trying to stifle, if we find ourselves striving to justify the book for ourselves, then it is not fit for us to read. For things that are fit need no justification. They stand by themselves, without need of apology.

If, moreover, we would be unwilling to meet with a sudden death holding this book before our eyes, he moved further to the front; still, he was unable to see, so he went as near the altar aspossible, and strained his eyes, to prove to himself whether his sight were failing him or not. But, strange to say he saw every other object clearly, all except the Host, which was always invisible to him. This lasted about a year, when at last he reasoned to himself that there must be some cause for this queer phenomenon. Searching his consultation is necessary to hear Mass, because without it the act would be neither rational and tree nor religious. Therefore one does not satisfy his obligation if he reads profane books or attentively studies paintings or inscriptions while assisting at Mass.

then the book should be cast into the fire, or returned whence it came with a protest as to its character.

science, therefore, he cast about for the reason, and thinking a good confession would help, he received persons have in excusing themselves from conforming to the general laws which bind all-in the Christian life, makes it imperative from time to reiterate the warning of the old Roman: What hast thou in thy thoughts? Is there nothing for which thou shouldst blush?

A book, to be good, to be permitted, should be such that it would not bring a flush of shame to our foreheads should our parents, confessor or other revered friend discover it in our hands.

In a word it should be such that it absolution, the man went to Mass, and when the celebrant raised the and when the celebrant raised the Host—he saw it clearly !—(Dr. Jos. Keller: Fronleichmans-Büchlein.)



Answer to last week's Puzzle picture: At the right, the Good Samaritan (Gospel 12th Sunday after Pentecost.) At the left, healing of the Ten Lepers (Gospel 12th Sunday Gospel 12th Sund 13th Sunday after Pentecost.)



Here is Noe's Ark in heavy weather. If you arrange the 8 words shown on the picture in a certain way you can spell a feast of Our Lady occurring this week. How do these words suggest the date of this feast?

Below in home-made shorthand is a remark one of Noe's sons might have passed to his wife as two of the other passengers came on board via the air line:

ICBBR2-Answers next week.

MOTORITIS

The Catholic Observer quotes a Pittsburgh priest as saying that a disease has broken out among Pitts-burgh Catholics which affects very adversely the sanctification of the Sunday.

He calls the disease "motoritis" and distinguishes three stages in

its development. In its incipient stage motoritis does not prevent the patient from attending Mass. Later on, however, it becomes so acute that attendance at Mass is contingent upon the possibility of reaching a neighboring or an outlying church before the hour of divine service. At this stage of the disease attendance at Mass is secondary, the first thought being the arrangement of the trip.
If the patient gets to the church in time, he will attend Mass; if not, he

will miss Mass without scruple In the last stage the Sunday duty is altogether ignored. In arranging the usual Sunday automobile trip, Holy Mass is never thought of

much less mentioned. The evil effects of this widely prevalent ailment may be gauged by the fact that there is nothing that so tends to weaken and destroy the faith of a Catholic as habitual neglect to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the centre and substance of Christian

worship. So much for the new disease motoritis, which unfortunately ravages many other cities besides

It may be timely, in view of the conduct of many motorists and others to call attention to the teaching of moral theologians with regard to the manner in which Mass should

Two qualities are required, namely, a right intention and due attention.

One need not, indeed, have the informal or expressed intention of complying with the precept of the Church. It is sufficient to attend religiously, i. e., with a view to worship. Therefore, one who would go to church merely to hear the singing, would not comply with his obligation, whereas a boy who went to Mass because he was commanded to go by his parents, would satisfy the ecclesiastical precept.

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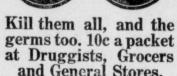
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require that internal attention which is part of the reverence man owes to God .- The Echo.

Great evenness of temper, contin-ual gentleness and suavity of heart, are more rare than perfect chastity, yet very desirable.

A return to God can never be too late to be accepted. He is a father, and loves His children as long as His love can reach them. If all of us would bear in mind

that happiness is from within and not from without, there would be a well-spring of joy in every heart, and the sun would shine forever.



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