# CHATS WITH YOUNG

MEN THE LETTER

The postman whistled down the street

And seemed to walk on lighter feet, And as he stepped beside her gate He knew he carried precious freight; He knew that day he carried joy-He had the letter from her boy.

Day after day he'd kept his pace And seen her careworn, gentle face, She watched for him to come and took

The papers with an anxious look. But disappointment followed hope. She missed the one glad envelope.

He stopped to chat with her awhile And saw the sadness of her smile, He fancied he could hear her sigh The morning that he traveled by; He knew that when tomorrow came She would be waiting just the same.

The boy who was so far away Could never hear her gently say: "Well, have you brought good news

to me? Her eager face he could not see, Or note the lines of anxious care As every day she waited there.

But when he wrote, on lighter feet The happy postman walked the "Well, here it is, at last," he'd

"To end the worry and the doubt."
The robin on the maple limb
Began to sing: "She's heard from

Her eyes with joy began to glow, The neighbors round her seemed to

know
That with the postman at the door
Sweet peace had come to her once When letters bring so much delight,

Why do the sons forget to write?
-- EDGAR A. GUEST

### LIFE'S LITTLE WOES

Each of us has little troubles in life to bear. No matter whether it be a sick parent, a useless child, a fire. but acceptable men in the departed relative, an affliction, a furnace of humiliation." (Ecclesideparted relative, an affliction, a bad indigestion, a sour disposition or whining friends at home, we think we have a terrible lot to put up with.

True, we are professing Christians, and as such we are not only supposed to cheerfully bear our crosses, but willingly to grasp them, yet how do we complain! Devoid of the gospel of cheerfulness, we whine away, and practically assert -at least by disposition-"I will His garments flashed with heaven's

Look about you in the soft, easy-going world: the machine, mechanical and material city; the myriads of foolish people whose only existence is for pleasure and for the gratification of the senses, and then look at the crucified figure of the Saviour and King of mankind on the

What is the practising Christian, the loyal follower of Christ, to find in this world? A bed of roses. ease, comfort, continuous pleasure? If so, then the Saviour's death was in vain. His advice on each bearing His cross, and His Church's warning against the flesh and the devil were useless.—The Pilot.

### DON'T GIVE UP

The story is told that after a big storm, a lobster and a mackerel found themselves high and dry upon a great rock with the ocean Shall conquer all, and from Thy

to flop around in an effort to reach the water fifteen feet below, but the lobster never budged. He simply hung on to the rock, be: moaning his flight and cursing the wave that left him there.

'You're a fool,' he said to the mackerel, "to wear yourself out.

and get all bruised up trying to get down there, wait a while, there'll be another wave come and take us back again. The mackerel refused to make the people in one of the large that the rest of Our your every action in everyday life.

The Echo. to wait, but continued his efforts until he finally reached the edge of the rock, dropped into the water,

and swam away to safety.

The lobster, however, waited for the wave that never came until he turned up his claws and expired.

There are many human lobaters in the sea of humanity stranded on the rocks, who, instead of putting forth their best efforts to better themselves, are waiting for some tidal wave of good fortune to get them afloat.

The moral is plain, no matter

what predicament you find yourself in. Don't lie back and whine, get busy, and "flop" somewhere. Fight hardest when you're on your back. Many a down-and-outer would be an up-and-inner if such action governed them at the crucial time in their careers.—American Extension University.

#### THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS

We are passing through the days of the annual commencement exer-cises, says the Echo, with their thrills for hundreds of graduates thrills for hundreds of graduates from Catholic institutions. Eloquent boy orators are occupying the center of the stage, delivering addresses on profound subjects. Liberation from restraint seems to be the dominating keynote that is sounded. The young men are about to enter the world to rely on their own resources. They are eager to apply their accumulated knowledge; they have finished learning.

That's where they are mistaken:

head a most brilliant star of such beauty and splendor that it seemed to eclipse the sun. The great crowd of people who were listening to the sermon, remained at once frightened and astonished, not knowing what it might indicate; when to their of Bernard, so that rays reflected from his face, surrounding him with a dazzling nimbus.—Catholic Universe.

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Hard Knocks." An entirely new course of studies must be pursued in this school of life, with its lights and shadows, its hopes and disappointments its moments of exuitation and dejection. For some the knocks will be less severe. Those fortunate youths who have a father, an uncle, or a family friend to open a promising career for them, will perhaps be spared the rude jolts which the world delights in giving. For most, however, the future holds in store an arduous struggle for existence, for achievement and final

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For most, however, the future holds in store an arduous struggle for existence, for achievement and final triumph.

The many to whom this lot has fallen are not in any sense to be considered unfortunate. Without struggle there is no victory. Even though, according to worldly standards, they may not be adjudged successful, whatever the issue be, if ards, they may not be adjudged successful, whatever the issue be, if they adhere to the principles which they imbibed at Catholic institutions of learning, and shape their conduct accordingly, they will emerge triumphant from all the trials and tribulations of life.

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industrial world by being merely cast into iron bars; others must pass again and again through the furnace to be tempered into hard steel. It is a similar tempering process through which the youth must pass who is solely dependent upon his own initiative and enter prise but all the greater with prise, but all the greater are the possibilities before him. It devolves upon him to stand the test and show his metal. To the Catholic graduate thus situated, the words of Holy Writ should act as a guiding ster in the days to come. guiding star in the days to come:
"Humble thy heart and endure;
incline thine ear, and receive the
words of understanding, and make

not haste in times of clouds.
"Wait on God with patience;
join thyself to God, and endure, that thy life may be increased in

the latter end.
"Take all that shall be brought upon thee; and in thy sorrow endure, and in thy humiliation keep

'For gold and silver are tried by

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE BEST GIFT

It seemed, I thought, the Lord was here; I stood entranced with joy and

He smiled and said with gracious

mien:-"My child, I'll grant on your

request
Whatever gift you say is best."
At once the wishes, wild and wide,
Whelmed o'er my soul like ocean-Till farthest bounds and farther ranged,

changed.

"O dearest Lord, what shall I say?
I think I'll ask—give me to pray.
If I can pray all yours is mine.
For that I have your word divine; Through prayer I shall hold the key, That opens heaven's treasury. Give me to pray, the child of dust, With firmest faith and fondest

many feet below them.

The mackerel immediately began

Shall summon Thee to be mine

#### -Flavian Larbes, O. F. M. DEVOTION TO MARY REWARDED

St. Bernard had a tender devotion to our Blessed Lady and it was his delight to preach in her honor. In the year 1488 he was at Aquila in the Alerirzzi, on the Feast of Our squares of that town.

of St. John in the Apocalypse (xii):
"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the noon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,"—he applied these words with great talent and fervor to the Blessed Virgin, exalting her with the highest praises, and explaining the meaning of the twelve stars as so many principal prerogatives of virtue, grace, and merit with which she was adorned. By this means did Our Lady

recompense his affectionate devo-tion, and show publicly how acceptable to her was the ministry of this faithful servant, at the same time giving a pressage of the glory which awaited him in heaven a few

the extraordinary value of Mary s virginal purity, when on a sudden in the broad daylight, and in full sunshine there appeared upon his head a most brilliant star of such beauty and appeared who un

Why, how can that be?"

"Well," he answered, remember the morning we walked down together and you left me and went into the church? I had become rather careless; in fact, I had almost given up the practice of my religion. But your little act, so simply performed, awoke in my heart a desire for better things, and heart a desire for better things, and the next morning I also went into the church. After that I made my daily visit like yourself, and soon returned to my duties, and, I need not tell you, to peace and joy of heart. If everyone were as courageous as you, how soon the world would be better." would be better.

"Ah," she thought, "how little he knows what a coward I really am and how dreadfully I was tempted that morning to pass by!" -The Pilot.

#### MORE COURTESY

A short time ago, one of our large civic organizations, realizing the ever growing lack of ordinary courtesy in business, social and home life, inaugurated a campaign of courtesy. What is courtesy? Webster, in defining the word, says, "Politeness originating in kindness and exercised habitually." Let us stress those last three words "and exercise habitually" for in that lies the secret of the whole thing.

Courtesy is ... virtue which should

Courtesy is a virtue which should be practiced everywhere and at all times: at church, in the home, in stores and offices, in the workshop, at public gatherings and on the streets. We are all prone to become so absorbed in our own thoughts and so absorbed in our own thoughts and deeds that we do not take time to think of others, as we should. In the mad scramble of modern business, we fail to stop for a "please" and "thank you," costing so little and yet a concrete evidence of thoughtfulness for the feelings of others, and truly an evidence of others, and truly an evidence of that finer instinct termed courtes; As someone has aptly sa'd, "What As someone has apily sad, what the sunshine is to the poppy, a 'thank you' is to the human heart; without it, life would be colorless. A 'thank you' is a forget-me-not from the Garden of Courtesy, as welcome as the flowers of May." welcome as the flowers of May

Courtesy is good; costs nothing, but often results in happiness and good cheer. We need more of it everywhere, for as one of our poets says, "True courtesy smooths the rough road of life."

True courtesy, however, cannot be instilled by merely hanging a sign in your office or place of business. True courtesy, the genuine desire to be pleasant and help smooth the path of those you come in contact with, can only come from within, from taking thought

#### Taking for his text the passage PUT KLAN CRIMINALS WHERE THEY BELONG

Chicago, Ill., June 22.-Demand that crimes committed under the mask of Ku Kluxism be punished by penitentiary sentences, made by Gov. John M. Parker, of Louisiana, was cheered by several hundred Eiks, whose guest the governor was last evening.

"The Ku Klux have as much right to organize as any other body," said Gov. Parker, after D. F. Kelly, K. S. G., head of the Associated Catholic Charities, Judge Henry Horner, Jewish leader, and William Sinik avalted the William Sinik, exalted ruler of the Chicago Elks lodge, had spoken against bigotry and race hatred.

years later, wither his soul was to ascend from this very town, where he happened afterwards to die.

In the first star he was explaining In the first star he was explained In the first star he w eal their identity while mitting crimes against their fellow "Tear the masks off these people,

who under mask and robe, and under cover of darkness terrorize

they have finished learning
That's where they are mistaken; the greater part of their school is still before them. Graduation from college is but a transition to the threshold of the "University of the transition to the threshold of the "University of the transition to the threshold of the "University of the transition to the threshold of the "University of the transition to the transiti

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