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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

KIND WORDS OF WARNING AND
INSPIRATION FOR YOUNG MEN

One of the saddest experiences com-
ing to men who are the victims of
their own improvidence. Such men
may be grouped in two great classes:
First, those out of work; second, those
who are working, but making no pro-
gress. As I have talked with many
men of both classes, it seems to me that
their difficulties may be classed under
three heads: First, when making
money they do not systematically save;
second, they do not use their leisure
time for self-improvement, which will
enable them to change employment or
to advance; and third, they do not culti-
vate friends, nor do they maintain close
touch with those who are in a position
to encourage and help them in time of
extremity.

No young man truly lives who does
not sooner or later, through his own
efforts, provide for his maintenance and
development, as well as for the main-
tenance of those who are justly de-
pendent upon him. A life of idleness
or of dependence upon wealth accumu-
lated by others is a mockery. While it
is true that every young man should
earn his living as he goes, it is equally
true that he, during the period of his
manly vigor and greatest opportunity,
should lay aside systematically, either
in bank account or safe investments, a
sufficient amount to care for him in
times of emergency and in the days of
his decline.

Young manhood seems blighted to-
day by the pernicious habit of living
in advance of one's income, anticipating
in a dangerous way, the uncertain
future. The expending of money on
useless frivolities, the leading oneself
down with desirable but oftentimes un-
necessary things, purchased on the in-
stallment plan, the careless loaning of
money and reckless investing, together
with the waste of gambling—these
things, so common in our day, are
steadily eating up the financial reserve
of our young men, and keep them con-
stantly facing the menace of poverty,
dependence and disgrace. The young
man who is always at his wife's end as
to how to get money enough to meet his
abnormal obligations is subject to
severe temptations to dishonesty, dis-
honesty and theft. The man who lives
within his income, who does not mort-
gage the future, who constantly lays
aside something, even at a sacrifice, for
present comfort, is, after all, the man
freest from temptations, the most settled
in his life and the most content in his
work.

The second form of improvidence—
failure to improve oneself by the best
use of all opportunities and the wisest
employment of one's leisure time—is
not less serious than the failure to save.
One cannot help seeing on every hand
large numbers of young men, who, having
gotten employment that pays a fair
living wage, begin to live lives of de-
structive self-indulgence, and so come
to forsake any hope or purpose of growing
into a more perfect manhood, with
greater powers for service.

It must be remembered that one
works in order that he may live, and
that he does not live for the simple
sake of working. No man has a right
to be simply a human attachment to a
machine for eight hours a day, and a
mere animal for the other sixteen hours.
God intends for him more than that.
No man has a right to become an abject
slave of commercial life—making money
for money, counting money, eating,
sleeping and dying. There are higher
uses for many powers. A young man
who ceases to grow, to improve himself
physically, socially, intellectually and
spiritually, who ceases to grow into a
more highly perfected manhood day by
day, will soon show signs of dry rot, and
before long he will be scheduled with
the mass of human junk, which so en-
cumber every community.

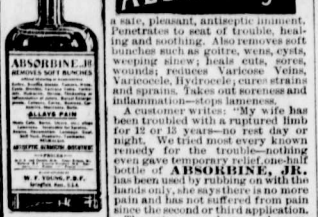
The third form of improvidence in-
vited—namely, the failure to cultivate
friends and to keep touch with them
—is especially evident among young men
in a large city. By cultivation of
friends I do not mean for one moment
those petty unfair and unmanly means
which some use to get a "stand in"
with people of influence. The friend-
ships that come through courtesy,
honesty, helpfulness and excellence of
service rendered are the friendships
truly secured, lasting and worth the
having. The securing of a position, the
gaining of a social place, the acquiring
of liberties and of favors by underhand
or unmanly means, is the purchase of
advantage with a counterfeit coin,
which sooner or later returns to you,
bringing with it the denunciation of
those who sought it, and the promise of
nothing better than disgrace. But he is
not the only man in trouble who has
misused his friends. The man who cuts
loose from those who know him best—his
relatives, his business acquaintances, his
friends—and with the reckless spirit of
daring follows himself into entirely new
surroundings, without anybody or any-
thing to tie to, is almost sure to meet
discouragement and defeat. Many of
the young men walking the streets of
our large cities in the deepest of dis-
tress, buffeted about by temptations
and suffering the fearful sus-
picion that the world is growing cold
and uncharitable, are nothing more
than the victims of their own impro-
vidence that has led them to cut loose
from their mainstays and to drift. A
young man who tires of home and the
acquaintance of those who have known
him, who goes to a strange city without
letters of introduction, and without any
defined purpose or plan, who does not
write home for months, and who seeks
new companionships among the host of
the city's unfortunate, is apt to find most
doors closed to him, and will likely drift
into that fatal state of mind when one
feels that the world is against him, and
that there is no use making an effort to
do anything—W. M. W., in the Pittsburg
Catholic.

THE TRAGEDIES OF FEAR

PANICS
Fear is one of the most deadly in-
struments for marring human life. It
has a paralyzing, blighting influence
upon the whole being. It impoverishes
the blood and destroys health by im-

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if he engages in controversy of any
kind, his disciplined intellect preserves
him from the blundering discourtesy of
bitter, though less educated, minds,
which, like blunt weapons, tear and
hack instead of cutting clean.

"He may be right or wrong in his
opinion, but he is too clear-headed to be
unjust. He is as simple as he is for-
cible, and as brief as he is decisive."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE POPE AND THE CHILDREN

Ever since the elevation of Pius X,
the head of the Vatican has echoed
frequently with the voices and laughter
of children. Pius X. loves to have them
about him, he delights especially to re-
ceive them on the occasion of their first
Communion, and one of the most touch-
ing and beautiful of sights is to see him
on a Sunday morning in his white robes
and with his hair white, surrounded by
hundreds of little ones dressed in white
veils on their heads, fresh from the altar
rails, and listening to the fervor he is
delivering, and every word and phrase
which is within the comprehension of
the smallest of them. Many thousands
of the growing boys and girls of Rome
are wearing the little silver medal he
gave them on that happy morning, and
will carry through life with them the
memory of their first audience with His
Holiness. But there was a special in-
terest and a touch of deep pathos in the
children's audience of a recent Thurs-
day. There were about four hundred
of them, girls and boys, in the Sala Ducale
and before he appeared among them,
not all the efforts of the few grown-ups
among them could keep them still.

They were apparently the happiest
and most mercurial children in the world,
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MOZART'S WONDERFUL FEAT

OF MEMORY

The most remarkable feat Wolfgang
Mozart ever accomplished was when he
was at Rome, where he had gone on a
tour, accompanied by his father. There
was a wonderful choir at St. Peter's, and
it is composed of three hundred boys,
the singers being brought from all over
Europe, while they are little boys,
they are trained in the most thorough
of the choir.

All of the music used by that wonder-
ful body of singers is in manuscript, and
indeed, is the property of the choir. It
is a single sheet of paper, and it is the
hands of some of the choir boys who
carry it. So strictly were the precious
manuscripts guarded that there were
never but four copies made of the fa-
mous Miserere of Allegri. One of these
was given by the Pope to the Emperor
Leopold, the second he had made for
the King of Portugal, and the third was
for the great music master, Padre Martini.
The fourth copy was made by a small
boy, without any permission from any-
one, for genius has a way of doing things
without asking permission from even the
Pope.

One fine small Austrian entered Saint
Peter's, a small, golden-haired boy walk-
ing at his side. The lad was so beauti-
ful that people forgot where they were,
and turned about to stare at him. And
when the silent music began, the child's
delicate, sensitive face became
simply glorified, and many there failed
to even hear the wonderful sound of
the voices of the choir. It was as if they
were under the spell of the music, and
they were by the rapt countenance
before them.

Through the entire service the boy
never moved, but sat as a statue. On
the other hand, the golden-haired boy, as
though inspired. And on and on listened
the enraptured child, his hands clasped
before him, his whole being absorbed
in listening. That night the elder Mozart retired
after paying a good-night visit to the
boy in his little white bed. The blue
eyes smiled happily up to him, and the
father went his way after giving the
golden boy a loving farewell pat. The
great, busy city finally became
silent. And then from his bed slipped
a little figure in a white night-gown.
A candle was quickly lighted, and with
pen and paper the child sat down by an
open window. Hour after hour passed,
and still he bent over his work, some-
times writing as fast as his fingers could
go, then leaning back and drifting off
into a dream, while through his memory
there rang again that wonderful,
thrilling melody he had heard that day
in the cathedral. By and by the child
rose from the chair, and retiring to bed
and nestling down happily among the
pillows, was soon asleep.

In the morning, when the father en-
tered the room, he found the boy sleep-
ing soundly, a number of papers lying
beside him on the cover. He picked
them up eagerly, and found them to be
dropping in his tracks. For there, with
never a mistake from start to finish,
was the entire score of Allegri's great
Miserere, all written out in an ungeni-
ally scrupulous little Wolfgang Mozart.

This feat of Mozart's is regarded by
the leading scientists of the world as
the most wonderful feat of memory that

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\$5 to 90 per cent use Sisal and Standard. In any case, look for the I H C
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