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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. About Ambition, Ambition is sometimes treated as though it were a vice because by an unworthy ambition the angels fell, but,

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petition. They are statious and atten-tive because they enjoy their school work and realize the value of training, and they think little of themselves or of

and they think noted or their own fortunes. They want to do good work in their chosen line irrespective of the rewards therefore. If those

who aim at mere prizes can win by trick-

ery they are content; it is the prize they are after, not the substance which

it represents.

But the man with a worthy ambition

motto. Hang it up in your room, in your store, in your office, in the factory where

you work, where it will stare you in the face. Constant contemplation of it will make your life broader, larger, and deeper.

One of the most difficult things for

you to do in any career is to keep growing. You leave school, fresh and responsive, hopeful and expectant of the

great things that you will accomplish. You dream of study for self-improvement, of travel, of the delights of social life,

and on ideal home life; but, when you get into business or a profession, there will be an almost overwhelming tempta-

tion to neglect your friendships; to cut off a little study here and a little there.

to postpone the reading and recreation.
Your visits to art galleries will grow
less and less frequent. You will take a
hurried breakfast, instead of eating

moralized, you will still be rich, you will have a larger wealth,—one which cannot be taken away from you. You will have the consciousness that you have, at least, improved your talents, instead of hiding them in a napkin. You will prove to the world that you can be rich without money, and that misfortunes cannot touch the real man, that the highest wealth cannot he swent that the highest wealth cannot he swent unworthy ambition the abgess left, but, as a matter of fact, ambition is one of as a matter of fact, ambition is one of the great moving forces of the world, and proper ambition is a great virtue. It is, after all, nothing more than a it is, after all, nothing more than a desire to advance one's self, but it takes many forms, both as to its object takes the means employed to attain that the highest wealth cannot be swept away by fire or flood. You will have grown to the stature of true manhood. takes many forms, both as to its object and as to the means employed to attain the object. The man whose ambition is wealth and who is unscrupulous irrespecting the means he uses to gain money, may degenerate into a common thief. But the man whose ambition is success in his calling may acquire wealth as the consequence of that success, and may

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

What a Daughter Can Do.

There is so much a daughter can do for her mother that it is hard to know

where to begin.

Suppose we start with how she can help with the housework and care of the younger children.

For years the mother has had the en-

success in his calling may acquire wealth in consequence of that success, and may be scrupulously honest in all his actions. The object of one's ambition is generally speaking a test of its quality. Some men desire a knowledge irrespective of the fame or money it may bring hem. They are under little temptation to employ unfair or dishonest means in the attainment of their purpose. Their tire charge of both, and it was time she was relieved.

Patiently and uncomplainingly she has drudged along with no thoughts but for her children's welfare and comto employ unfair or dishonest means in the attainment of their purpose. Their ambition is honest and may be honestly pursued. Others make knowledge the means to an end. Their ambition is notoriety or fame or wealth, and such men are seldom scrupulous about the means they employ to accomplish their purpose. The character of these ambitions is exhibited even in the miniature meals—the school-room.

It should be the daughter's joy, as well as duty, to bring a little recreation and pleasure into her mother's

Remember girls, that all your lives your mothers have been sacrificing themselves for you. Now you have a chance to reverse

world—the school-room.

Some pupils work for the prizes or for class honors. They care nothing about acquiring a solid foundation of knowledge that will serve them in after years. Their sole object is to shine on commencement day. Others have a high ambition and neglect the prizes of competition. They are studious and attentive because they enjoy their school Your shoulders are young and strong; help lift the burden a little from the tired shoulders that have borne it so

Let her see that you appreciate all that she has done for you.

Take the heaviest part of the houseork off her hands.

Make her stay in bed in the morn-

ing while you get the breakfast.

Send her out to enjoy herself while you look after the children.

Of course you cannot do this every day, but you can do your share of it.

The Soft Answer. "Is this the Foster Manufacturing Company?
"No, this is the Whittimore Electric

ould not be content to succeed except by merit. A prize would have no value in his eyes if he did not feel that he had earned it. Sometimes the prizes fall to those who have earned them without "No, this is the Whittimore Electric Supply Company, North 7652."
"Oh, dear!" A little, impatient sigh came over the wires. A moment later Gladys was addressing the telephone in an accusing tone. "You

operator in an accusing tone. "You gave me North 7652. What I wanted was North 7642."

"If I gave you 7652," said the operator, cripily, "It was because you asked

those who have earned them without making them the object of their labors; more often they fall to those who have earned them without making them the object of their labors; more often they fall to those who seek them, and this may, perhaps, account for the fact often observed that prize-winners, as a rule, seldom do more than win prizes.

Ambition is a most useful incentive to labor, it deserves encouragement rather There was an appreciable pause. A There was an appreciable pause. A sharp answer was on the tip of Gladys' tongue. She longed to reply. "My father has been bookkeeper there for ten years. I should think I might know his telephone number." Other retorts quite as over-powering flashed through her mind. Strangely enough she said none of them. Instead, her answer was a gentle one. Amouton is a most east a factor at her than repression, but it should be a worthy ambition honorably pursued. How are we to tell whether an ambition on a Though the state of is a worthy or an unworthy one? The only fallible test, is the relation of ambition to selfshapes. bition to selfishness. If one's ambition is altogether selfish—if the desire is to

a gentle one.
"I'm sorry if I gave you the wrong number. I'm sure your work is hard enough without the mistakes of many

is altogether selfish—if the desire is to office, it is an unworthy ambition; if the desire is to do 'good, to promote the public welfare, to add to the enjoyment of the world in art or literature, to advance knowledge or to alleviate su fiering, the ambition is most worthy, and may bring to those who follow it the prizes that of themselves are unworthy. The operator made connections quickly
If the little murmur that came over the wire partook of the nature of apology, Gladys never knew it. Nor did she know the thoughts that filled the mind of the other girl through the long, hot prizes that of themselves are unworthy objects. To counsel any one to fling away ambition is to counsel him to aban-

trying afternoon.
"It was sweet of her to answer me that way," thought the to hone operator, "when I snapped at her so. I don the incentive to earnest labor. Am-bition should be encouraged, but it should be the ambition to acquire knowbition should be encouraged, but it should be the ambition to acquire knowledge for the benefit it may confer upon humanity; the ambition to excel in art for the sake of the influence of that art upon others; the ambition to do good rather than the ambition to acquire something for one's self, as money or something for one's self, as money or fame or official distinction.

Keep Growing.

If I could give the young man but one word of advice, it would be that which Micheal Angelo wrote under a diminutive figure on a canvas in Raphael's studio, when he called and found the great artist out, Amplius, meaning larger. Raphael needed no more. The larger. Raphael needed no more this this cover, and the summer stretches before you, the dear, delightful summer with its blue skies and warm breezes and its days so full of good times that some of them have to overflow into the long evening.

times that some of chemical control into the long evening.

And how about mother's vacation?

Some of you look puzzled by that question. For even though warm weather is here, there is just as much work for

"Well, I am the county fish and game warden."

You cannot help it, you say? Do not be too sure of that! "Many han.'s make light work," the old proverb tells us, and this is true even if some of the hands are small. One does not need to hands are small. One strong to wash the very old or wise or strong to wash. be very old or wise or strong to wash dishes or sweep a kitchen or dust a

parlor neatly.

Besides helping in the work that has

Hesides helping in the work that has to be done, you can be careful about making unneces ary work. In a thousand little ways you can keep from adding to the burdens mother has to carry.

Even though you do your best, still there will be plenty of hard work mixed in with mother's vacation. But if you are thoughtful and loving and ready to help, you can make the summer a rest. hurried breakfast, instead of eating slowly with your family, as you have dreamed of doing, and you will stay at your store or office until late at night. There will be constant temptation to drop to the commonplace, to lower your standards, and to get into ruts. You will find it exceedingly difficult to avoid becoming a part of a machine for doing routine work. Unless you are in just the right place, and your work is a perpetual delight to you, there is great danger that the dry, dreary drudgery after a while will rob your life of all higher enjoyment. You will find your life narrowing as you advance in years, unless you are unusually determined help, you can make the summer a rest-ing-time for her heart as well as for her tired, body.

The Fault-Finding Habit.

How "dead easy," as the boys would say, it is to fall into the habit of finding fault! Like all other bad habits, this one grows fast, and once it has become a real habit it is hard to shake off. The moral is:

Don't form the habit. That is easily

danger that the dry, dreary drudgery after a while will rob your life of all higher enjoyment. You will find your life narrowing as you advance in years, unless you are unusually determined and persistent in striving for larger and better things. You must make a constant herculean effort to keep growing. That life is a failure which does not expand into greater and grander proportions with advancing age.

Make up your mind, then, that, whatever comes to you, whether you make a large fortune or none at all, there is one thing you will do,—you will keep growing; that no day shall pass which will not find you a little larger, a little wiser, a little better. Then, if you lose your property, if misortune overtakes you anywhere along life's course, or your hopes are blasted, your ambition de-

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criticism of others. I never knew a neal critical person who was not ready to dare right up, if anyone criticized her or him in the least. Nothing irritates some people more than a reflection on

their own faults. Now the fault-finding habit is one that Now the fault-finding habit is one that is absolutely certain to deprive its unfortunate owner of a great deal of the real joy of life. It narrows one's vision. Indeed, it totally blinds one to many of the beautiful things of life. One day I was in the home of this girl and I took note of the fact that in one hour she found fault with eight different things and two of these things were done for her special pleasure. Really I didn't blame one of her younger brothers when he burst out with:

"Say Sis, is there anything under the sun, moon or stars that you wouldn't find some fault with?"
"Well, I guess I can't help my own natural feeling, can I?" she said, rather

tartly. 'They are not your 'natural feelings,'

Sis, for it is unnatural for one to be forever finding fault," said her brother. "It is a cultivated bad habit, and if you don't weed it out, root and branch, I—I—well, Sis, I pity the man you marry!"

I do too, girls. This girl may some

I do too, girls. This girl may some day have a home of her own, and I really pit; all the members of a home with a chronic fault-finder at its head. I have enronic fault-inder at its head. I have been in one or two homes of that kind, and the Angel of Happiness seemed to have sadly and quietly folded her wings and departed.—Catholic Chronicle. How to be Happy.

- An exchange relates an incident in real life which reveals the cure of dis-

content and misery: There's a certain old lady, who lives in a little old house, with very little in it to make her comfortable. She is rather deaf, and she cannot see very well, either. Her hands and feet are all out of shape and full of pain because of her rheumatism. But in spite of all this you will find her full of sunshine and as cheery as a robin in June, and it does one good to see her. I found out one day what keeps her so

"When I was a child," she said, "my mother taught me every morning, before
I got out of bed, to thank God for every od thing that I could think of which He had given me—for a comfortable bed, for each article of clothing, for my breakfast, for a pleasant home, for my friends, and for all my blessings, calling each by name; and so I began every day with a heart full of praise to God for all He has done and is doing for me." Here is the secret, then, of a happy life—this having one's heart full of

life—this having one's heart full of praise, and when we do as this dearlittle old lady does, that is, count our blessold lady does, that is, count of theissings every day, in a spirit of thanks-giving for them, we shall find many reasons why we should praise God. The trouble with most people is that they think much more of their troubles and sorrows, disapointments and privations than they do of their joys and blessings, and this makes them miserable instead

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Doin' any good?" asked the curious individual on the bridge. "Any good?" answered the fisher man

in the creek below. "Why, I caught forty bass out o' here yesterday." "Say, do you know who I am?" asked the man on the bridge. The fisherman replied that he did

"Well, I am the county fish and

"No," the officer replied.
"Well, I'm the biggest liar in eastern Indiana," said the crafty angler with a grin.-Recreation.

A lad was standing with his donkey and barrow selling vegetables in London one day, when a smartly-dressed young

man came up and asked:—
"I say, boy, would you like to drive
me to the Mansion House?"

me to the Mansion House?"
The boy thought for a moment and then replied:—
"Yes, guv'nor; but I don't think the 'arness would fit yer."

It was on one of the Clyde steamers. Some of the passengers were relating their experiences of fogs.
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A BISHOP AS COACHMAN.

It was a former Archbishop of York—
Dr. Thomson—who appeared once in role of coachman. He had attended an evening party and, on leaving the house, discovered that his coachman was

There appeared nothing for it but to There appeared nothing for it but to drive home himself, and the Archbishop, after placing the smiling but unconscious coachman inside the carriage, mounted the box and took the reins. mounted the box and took the reins. The monotony of the homeward journey was broken by a wheel of the carriage coming into violent collision with a stone just outside the entrance to Bishopthorpe.

The lodgekeeper, unable to recognize the approaching figure in the darkness, called out chopyily:

The lodge the proaching figure in the darkness, called out chopyily:

responded His Grace.

After Death. Replying to a correspondent who asks "What is the Catholic idea and belief with reference to the future, after death, of non-Catholics, such as—?" (several specifically named individuals), the Bombay Examiner answers:

We do not profess to know the future fate of any man except by forming a judgment from his manifested conduct every man who dies in what we call a "state of grace" is saved, saved the state of grace" is saved, saved the state of grace" is lost. In speaking with outsiders, it will be enough to explain the "state of grace" as a state of the saved as he has been a state of the saved as he has been as the saved as he has According to our theological principles with outsiders, it will be enough to explain the "state of grace" as a state of friendship with God, implying a good life according to the man's lights, and either freedom from grievous sin or else sincere repentance. This rule applies not only to Catholics, but also to non-Catholics, so far as they are sincere in their convictions, and fail to realize the claims of the Church and their duty of

fog was sometimes so thick that we use! to sit on the rail and lean against it! We were sitting one night, as usual, with our backs up against the fog, when suddenly the fog lifted, and we all went flop into the water. A bit thick, wasn't it?"

joining it. These being our principles, their application depends on a question of fact. Do the various persons enumerated answer to the above description. If so, we may assume they will be saved, through God's accepting their good faith and their good intentions. This is all we can say on this subject. all we can say on this subject.

Appropriate Approp knowledge of Catholic doctrines among those outside the Church—and missions to non-Catholics are certainly dissemin ating those doctrines very widely—the less likely is the plea of "invincible ignorance" to be valid. Most educated norance" to be valid. Most educated non-Catholics, it would seem reasonable to suppose, must nowadays entertain at least a doubt as to the fact of their sect's being the true Church of Christ, and another doubt whether the genuine-

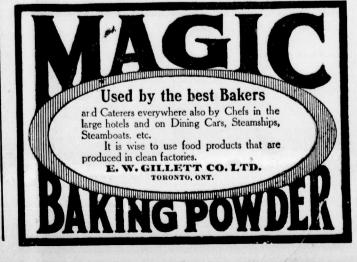
called out, cheerily:

"Hello, Bill! Drunk again: And blowed if you ain't got the old cock's hat on!"

"It's the old cock himself," gravely

"It's the old cock himself," gravely absolving words be said over me and the holy oil sign and seal me, and Thy own Body be my food, and Thy Blood be my sprinkling; and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace to me, and my glorious Saints smile upon me; that in them all, and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to live, in Thy foith, in Thy Church, in Thy service, and in Thy love.

About that one word-mother-island-



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