The history of the human race is full of the most horrible tragedies caused by carelesaness and the inexcusable blunders of those who never formed the habit of accuracy, of thoroughness, of doing things to a finish.

Multitudes of people are hobbling around on one leg, have lost an eye or an arm, or are otherwise maimed, because dishonest workmen wrought deception into the articles they manufactured, slighted their work, covered up defects and weak places with paint and varnish.

How many have lost their lives because of dishonest work, carelessness, criminal blundering in railroad construction? Think of the tragedies caused by lies packed in car-wheels, locomotives, steamboat, boilers, and engines; lies in defective rails, ties, or switches; lies in dishonest labor put into manufactured material by workmen who said it was good enough for the meager wages they got! Because people were not conscientious in their work, there were flaws in the steel, which caused the rail or pillar to snap, the locomotive or other machinery to break. The steel shaft broke in mid-ocean, and the lives of a thousand passengers were jeopardized because of somebody's carelessness. How many have lost their lives be

How many serious accidents have occurred because of lack of care in the casting of steel girders and all sorts of iron building material! Even before they are completed, buildings often fall and bury the workmen under their ruins, because somebody was dishonest—either employer or employee—and worked lies, deceptions, into the building.

The majority of railroad wrecks, of disasters on land and sea, which cause so much misery and cost so many lives, are the result of carelessness, thought-lessness, or half-done, botched, blunder-ing work. They are the evil fruit of the ideals of slovenly, careless, indiffer-

ent werkers.

Everywhere ever this broad earth we see the tragic results of botched work. Wooden legs, armless sleeves, numberless graves, fatherless and motherless

less graves, fatherless and motherless homes everywhere speak of somebody's carelessness, somebody's blunders, somebody's habit of inaccuracy.

The worst crimes are not punishable by law. Carelessness, slipshodness, lack of thoroughness, are crimes against self, against humanity, that often do more harm than the crimes that make the navaetrator an outcast from society.

more harm than the crimes that make the perpetrator an outcast from society. Where a tiny flaw or the slightest defect may cost a precious life, carelessness it-self is a crime.

If everybody put his conscience into his work, did it to a complete finish, it would not only reduce the loss of human life, the mangling and maiming of men and women to a fraction of what it is at present, but it would also give us a higher quality of manhood.

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higher quality of manhood.

It takes honest work to make an honest character. The habit of doing poor, slovenly work will, after a while, make the worker dishonest in other things. The man who habitually slights his work slights his character. Botched work makes a botched life. Our work is a part of us. Every botched job you let go through your hands diminishes your competence, your efficiency, your ability to do good work. It is an offence against your self-nespect, an insult to your highest ideal. Every inferior piece of work you do is an enemy which pulls you down, keeps you back.

Nothing kills ambition or lowers the life standard quicker than familiarity with inferiority—that which is cheap,

life standard quicker than familiarity with inferiority—that which is cheap, the "cheap John" method of doing things. We unconsciously become like that with which we are habitually associated. It become, part of us, and the habit of doing things in an inferior, alovenly way weaves its fatal defects into the very texture of the character. We are so constituted that the quality which we put into our life work affects.

which we put into our life-work affects everything else in our lives, and tends to bring our whole conduct to the same level. The whole person takes on the characteristics of one's usual way of doing things. The habit of precision and accuracy affects the entire mentality, improves the whole character.

On the contrary, doings things in a loose-jointed, slipshod, careless manner deteriorates the whole mentality, demoralizes the entire mental processes, and brings down the whole life.

Every half-done or slovenly job that goes out of your hands leaves its trace of demoralization behind, takes a bit of demoralization behind, takes a bit from your self-respect. After slighting your work, after doing a poor job, you are not quite the same man you were before. You are not so likely to try to keep up the quality of your work not so likely to regard your work not so likely to regard your word as sacred as before. You incapacitate yourself from doing your best in proportion to the number of times you allow yourself to do inferior, slipshod work.

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The mental and moral enect of handoing, or carelessly doing things; its power to drag down, to demoralize, can hardly be estimated, because the processes are so gradual, so subtle. No hardly be estimated, because the pro-cesses are so gradual, so subtle. No one can respect himself who habitually botches his work, and when self-respect drops, confidence goes with it; and when confidence and self-respect have

gone, excellence is impossible.

It is astonishing how completely a slovenly habit will gradually, insidiousstoventy has been used to the action of the country of the country

I know a man who was extremely ambitious to do something very distinctive and who had the ability to do it. When he started on his career, he was very exact and painstaking. He demanded

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

DO IT TO A FINISH

Years ago a relief life-boat at New London sprung a leak, and while being repaired a hammer was found in the bottom that had been left there by the builders thirteen years before. From the constant motion of the boat the hammer had worn through the planking, clear down to the plating.

Not long since, it was discovered that a girl had served twenty years for a twenty months' sentence, in an Alabama prison, because of the mistake of a court clerk who wrote "years" instead of "months" in the record of the prisoner's sentence.

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Multitudes of people are hobbling

How quickly a youth of high ideals, who had been well trained in thoroughness, often deteriorates when he leaves home and goes to work for an employer with inferior ideals and slipshod

methods!

The introduction of inferiority into our work is like introducing subtle poison into the system. It paralyzes the normal functions. Inferiority is an infection which, like leaven, affects the entire system. It dulls ideals, palsies the aspiring faculty, stupefies the ambition, and causes deterioration all along the line.

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The human mechanism is so constituted that whatever goes wrong in one part affects the whole structure. There is a very intimate relation between the quality of the work and the quality of the oharacter. Did you ever notice the rapid decline in a young man's character when he began to slight his work, to shirk, to slip in rotten hours, rotten service?

service?

If you should ask the inmates of our

service?

If you should ask the inmates of our penitentiaries what had caused their ruin, many of them could trace the first signs of deterioration to shirking, elipping their hours, deceiving their employers—to indifferent, dishonest work.

A prominent business man says that the carelessness, inaccuracy, and blundering of employees cost Chicago \$1,000,000 a day. The manager of a large Chicago house says that he bas to station pickets here and there through the establishment in order to neutralize the evils of inaccuracy and the blundering habit. Blunders and inaccuracies cost a New York concern \$25,000 a year.

Many an employee who would be shocked at the thought of telling his employer a lie with his lips is lying every day in the quality of his work, in his dishonest service, in the misspent hours he is slipping into it, in shirking, in his indifference to his employer's interests. It is just as dishonest to express deception in poor work, in shirking, as to express it with the lips, yet I have known office boys, who could not be induced to tell their employer a direct lie, to steal his time when on an errand, to hide away during working hours to smoke a cigarette or take a nap, not realizing, perhaps, that lies can be acted as well as told, and that acting a lie may be even worse than telling one.—O. S. M. in Success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE INDIAN BOY

The small tattered town of Bournley in California, lies close to the desert which stretches at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains. Not far from this town is an Indian reservation; and somewhat nearer are the orphan asylum and industrial school for the Indians, conducted by Sisters.

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dian; and I'd soon show you so, too, only
the Father has forbidden us to fight,
especially with white boys."

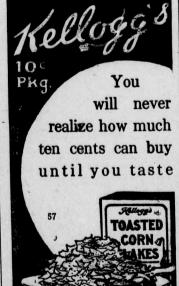
"I should think he would! You are
an ignorant little coward all the same."
Just then a pretty, fair-haired girl
came up and put her hand protectingly
on the Indian boy's shoulder.

"It's you who are a coward, Harry, to
insult Tomaso just because you think
he would not dare to pay you back.
And as for being ignorant, you needn't
talk; for you are always at the foot of
your class, and Tomaso knows lots of
things that you don't."

Harry flushed scarlet with anger;
for Irene Hammond was the girl of all
others in the school whom he admired,
and whom he particularly wanted to be
in favor with just then, as he knew she
was about to give a birthday party.

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"I didn't mean anything. He needn't have answered as he did," he growled, as he retreated shamefaced to the other



end of the playground with some of his chums; while irene, after a smile and a few kind words to Tomaso, went to join the girls who were preparing for a game of basket-ball.

A little while later, Harry had edged up to her and was vainly trying to win back her good graces by exaggerated praises of her playing. Suddenly there was a shrick of terror among the children and all sprang back in horror, as they saw a large rattlesnake, which had somehow made its way into the playground, and was preparing to strike Irene, who stood as if petrified, gazing at it with blanched face and dilated eyes. Without even attempting to at it with blanched face and dilated eyes. Without even attempting to drag her with him, Harry had sprung away with a yell of fear; and all expected to see the poor girl bitten by the venomous reptile, when Tomaso rushed past the children, and, springing between Irene and the snake, struck it with his rake and killed it.

"O Tomaso, how could you do it! It was so dangerous!" exclaimed one of the younger teachers.

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"Indian or no Indian, you are a hero, my lad," said the head master, who had beheld the scene from the window and hurried to join the group, "and I feel sure you will get your reward. Who was the ignorant coward this time, Master Harry?" he added, with a twinkle in his eye. "Let this be a leason to you, my boy, not to think yourself better than others because they happen to have been born in less fortunate circumstances. Tomaso has not had as much schooling as you have, it is true; but he is desert-bred and knows many useful things of which you are quite ignorant. He is a brave boy, too. You might have made an effort to protect the girl you were standing by, but you thought only of yourself."

When Irene's father heard of Tomaso's bravery, he vowed he would fully repay the boy who had so nobly saved his only child from a horrible death. That very day he went to the Indian's poor cottage and asked Tomaso what he would like best in the world. The boy replied that his great wish was to receive an education at the mission school. Mr. Hammond, who was a wealthy man, was determined to do his very best for the boy; but, as he was a Protestant, he hardly knew how to set about it.

After some hesitation he called on the priest of the mission to consult him on the subject, and was delighted to find him a most cultured and interesting man. The friendship which sprang up between the two on that day proved a deep and lasting one; and very soon Mr. Hammond became deeply interested, not only in Father Houghton and his little protege, Tomaso, but in the Catholic religion, as well.

To the good priest's intense thankfulness, he had, before the year was out, the happiness of receiving the entire Hammond family inte the Church. Thus the Indian boy, by his brave deed, had brought about the conversion of the whole family.—True Voice.

PEANUTS

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Boys and girls are fond of peanuts, and some of the fathers and mothers do not refuse them when they are passed. The children of some countries do not know how the peanuts grow. One boy said he wished he could climb up a peanut tree, sit on a big branch and eat his sil.

all.

The seed put in the ground is the mest or kernel, and care is taken not to break the skins. The plants grow like a vine and the nuts hang on it like pea-pods. A single vine in good condition will, it is estimated, produce about 100 nuts. That is, the yield per acre is 40 bushels.

The peanut grows in many parts of Africa and is the chief food of many re-gions of that continent. It is found in South America and in some parts of

Europe.

In the United States it is cultivated in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and in some of the prairie states where the climate is warm. Three varieties of these nuts are grown in the United States—the white, the red and the Span-

ish.

The next time you eat a peanut with two kernels very white, with pink skins, you will know it is of the white variety, which is the most valuable. The shell of the red nuts sometimes holds three or four kernels, and its skin is dark red. The Spanish nut is smaller, and its skin is lighter than either of the

Several million bushels of peanuts are used each year in the United States alone.

WHEN OFFENDED

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To think about something else is the best and only sure cure for offended feelings. To think about the offense—its unkindness, its injustice, its meanness of spirit, and all ite other ugly aspects—only adds to its sting and deepens our own suffering or anger. This hurts us and helps no one. Eggs are not the only things that are given added life and power by being brooded over. If we want to enlarge and multiply everything unpleasant in that which has offered us, brooding over it will do it. If we want to have done with it and get it out of our life quickly as possible, to turn deliberately away from it and concentrate our thought and energy upon something else is our sure road to success "When any one has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it." Descartes is credited with saying. But we cannot lift ourselves by mere will power. We can lose ourselves by devotice to something else, and thus we can lose the offense.—S. S. Times.

A RARE FLOWER

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One of the rarest and most wonderful orchids known is a native of the Isthmus of Panama. The early Spanish settlers there named it Flor del Espiritu Santo (Flower of the Holy Ghost.) and those who have seen it readily understand why. It grows in marshy places from a decayed log, or sometimes from the crevice of rock. The leaf stalk ranges several feet in height, and the flower stalk, which grows from the bulb bears twelve or fifteer bulbs. The flower stalk, which grows from the bulb bears twelve or fifteer bulbs. The flower is pure white and is shaped something like the jack in the heart of it, is a perfect image of a dove with drooping wings, snowy breast, golden head and crimson beak. It is a

perfect image, exquisitely beautiful in tints, and giving off an odor that no perfumer could imitate. It was for its resemblance to the emblem of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity that the devout Spaniards gave it so beautiful a name. The native Indians worshipped it as an idol and would not touch it nor the ground upon which it grew.—Catholic Telegraph.

PERILS OF SOCIALISM

Rev. M. I. Stritch, S. J., has been re-cently delivering a series of able lec-tures on "Socialism" in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Detroit. The following is his closing lecture, his subject being, "Perils of Socialism:"

"Socialists have tried scores of ex-

They have all failed because members of such communities have found the life unbearable. Idleness, jealousy, favoritism, dishonesty, tyranny have led to quarrels, dissensions, desertions, starvation and final dissolution.

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"Socialists attribute these failures to hostile capitalistic environment. The members found it too easy to escape the socialistic conditions and return to capitalistic society. But let the world be organized on a socialistic basis and then socialism will succeed, for atthough there will be idleness, jealousy, quarrels, slavery and tyranny there cannot be any escape or desertion. There will flourish a social regime from which every one will decide to escape, but there will be no place to escape to.

"If a majority of the people of Detroit were to vote to-morrow for social democracy the men of ability, enterprise and capital would shake the city's dust from their feet and betake themselves to other communities where their talents and services would be appreciated. Detroit would languish for a while then starvation would bring a change of heart to the majority, the capitalists would be invited to come back on their own terms and it would be a long time before the honest and industrious worker would hearken to the call of the Secialists.

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"If this be so why do not these evils follow in cities where the socialists have captured the city government? There is such a city not a thousand miles from Detroit. Here are some of the results reported to me by a man who has had every opportunity to learn the truth. Domestic servants in said city have become indolent and dishonest; piece workers in the the factories have an understanding with their socialistic foreman whereby they receive pay for more work than they turn out; and the excess of pay, frequiently taken from their employers' pocket is divided among the workmen and foremen; checks on the banks are freely forged and all this is justified by the Socialists on the ground that they are only

and all this is justified by the Socialists on the ground that they are only taking what of right belongs to them.
"But why do they not proceed openly and introduce socialitic democracy? For two reasons: The shrewd Socialist politicians know that such an experiment would reveal the hollowness of their promises and pretensions and ruin their success as a political party; secendly, if they dared to confiscate private property the state and federal authorities would soon lodge them behind the bars.

CITIZENS FOOT THE BILLS

"For this reason all the Socialists have done in Milwaukee is to oust honest men from public employment, fill their places with incompetent, socialistic loafers, raise the salaries of the latter and compel the citizens to foot the bills.

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their propaganda among workingmen they enumerate the evils of society with sand times worse that they really are.

They know that a large proportion of these evils came not from social but individual causes; from laziness, unthrift, drunkenness, dishonesty and other vices; yet they mendaciously ascribe them all to the capitalistic system of economics. They see no redeeming feature in the capitalist. They are ever indulging in capitalist. They are ever indulging in gross and oriminal vituperation against the men who, more than all others, are responsible for the magnificient econ-omic progress of the past hundred years. The energy, enterprise and genius of the leader have filled the world with every description of economic goods that heart

can desire.

The Socialist is only too willing to admit that capitalists have been in control for the past hundred years, but he does not dwell upon the undentable truth does not dwell upon the undeniable truth that during the reign of capitalism the face of every industrial country has been covered with schools; the children of the poor are educated free of charge; that the poor man to-day can travel to any part of the earth more conveniently any part of the earth more convenient, than the prince could travel formerly; that the poor man to-day can load his table with food that the precapitalist nobleman could not afford; that great cities have grown up with paved streets, electric lights and all material conveniences; with public libraries, law and order and police protection; with homes

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alike.

SETHES IN MORBID DISORDER

"Do I expect the Socialists to accept these statements as true? No. The confirmed Socialist is like a confirmed lunatic, his brain is seething in morbid disorder; his imagination is running riot with no control of reason; lurid visions are looming all around his horizon. I write not for diseased imaginations, but for the people who have not yet taken leave of their senses; who have not yet learned to take apparitions

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for predetermined realities.

But did not Karl Marx, the prophet and apostle, the father and founder, the genius and inspirer, the philosopher and scientist of Socialism, did he not see this

vision, and is not this vision therefore real? Yes, Marx saw visions, but they

were not real. He saw the materialistic conception of history which has been discarded as a mental nightmare by the

great thinkers of the world. He saw that God was nothing more than a fabri-cation of the superstitious imagination

cation of the superstitious imagination of ignorant men; and all that is noblest in humanity; from the greatest philosophers to the humblest peasants have turned in astonishment to pity or despise the impious imbecility of the prophet of

MARY SAW VISIONS " He saw that the dream of social de-

"He saw that the dream of social de-mocracy would be realized before the end of the nineteenth century and we all know how admirably true was the inspired revelation of the preternatural insight of the seer. He saw that there was no unchanging principle of morality; and lo, the Ten Commandments are still written as indelibly as ever on the con-sciences of men: at least of men who

written as indelibly as ever on the consciences of men; at least of men who have not put socialistic theories in the place of the light of reason and the aspirations of the heart. He saw the speedy crumbling of the Catholic Church that had weathered the storms of nine-constant and declarations.

that had weathered the storms of nine-teen hundred years and the Catholic Church still stands mightier than ever before and venerated as a bulwark of justice and civilization even by millions of men not members of her communion. "Marx and his followers have chosen to attack Catholicity and Christianity as well as capitalism. The capitalists may fight their own battles, but Catholics and Protestants alike all that know it to be their solemn duty to defend, to ex-

be their solemn duty to defend, to ex-tend and to secure the triumph of Chris-tian truth, Christian precepts and Chris-

tian conduct must oppose with all energy and earnestness the progress of the

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been the fall of the House of Marx. If it be said that in this paragraph I have given mere assertions not arguments, I answer that I have stated patent facts admitted by all economists, even by educated Socialists. Still if anybody cares to hear the argument in clear and forcible form, he will find in the Detroit public library a little volume written by the forement authority of our time in by the foremost authority of our time in economic science. I refer to the volume entitled, 'Karl Marx and the Close of His System,' written by no less a scholar than Bohm Bawark.

" A detectable feature of Socialist "A detectable feature of Socialist argument is as follows: When you quote the doctrine of their chosen and trusted guides, their Bible writers, they repudiate the doctrine and grow pathetic over all the iniquity the Catholic Church has experienced at the hands of renegades. Then they appeal to us not to treat Socialism in a like unfair manner, not to rely on the testimony of traitors not to rely on the testimony of traitors or enemies of the Socialist movement. This has a soothing sound in the ears of Catholics who stand on the dividing line between Socialism and Catholicism. Catholics who wish to calm the clamors Catholics who wish to caim the clamors of a conscience that accuses them of treason to the Church of Christ. But these same Socialists are most eager to take advantage of the services of every renegade they can find from the ranks of Christianity.

"We return due thanks to the Social-"Democracy and constitutionalism in government have gone hand in hand with the predominance of the capitalistic class. Never in the history of the world has there been more pay, shorter working hours and more solicitude for the rights and comforts of the working classes. Suppose there are some heartless capitalists and monopolist; the political power at present in the hands of the people can bring such within the bounds of justice and compel them to carry on their great social functions and at the same time be fair to their competitors, employees and the consumers of their products.

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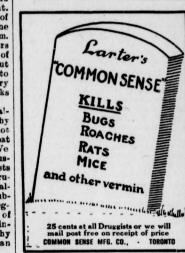
we return due thanks to the Socialists for their crocodile tears of sympathy and we assure them that we quote not from renegades, but from the great authorities and cherished masters. We quote from the very works most zealous-ly published and distributed by Socialists themselves as the most effective instruments for propagating atheism, material-ism, class conflict, confiscation, the sub-version of individual liberty, the integrity of the family, the destruction of Christianity, and the other choice prin-ciples elaborated in their philosophy embodied in their action,"—Michigan

THE MESSAGE OF THE LILY

"But if Marx is thus glaringly false in his moral, religious and metaphysical theories, he is not less so in his social and economic teachings. Marx based his economical doctrines on the theory that all commodities derive their exchange value exclusively from the amount of labor embodied in them. From this principle he drew the conclusion that employers gain all their profits from the surplus value created by the employees. There is not a scholarly economist in the world to-day who does see that falsity and the absurdity of both the conclusion and the premise. "Das Kapital," the work of Marx and the Bible of Socialists was thus built on a foundation of quicksand. The rain and the wind have come and great has been the fall of the House of Marx. If it be said that in this paragraph I have given mere assertions not arguments, I answer that I have stated patent facts

As I stood there by the window, the shop door opened, and a small boy appeared carrying in his chubby hands the dead litter of a day's sales. As he passed me, something eluded his grasp and fell at my feet. It was my lily, but now withered, yellowed and quite dead. Robbed of its youth and beauty, stained and crumbling, it had been cast aside as useless.

How many flowers there are in our great cities, fresh and pure from fragrant fields, who get contaminated by the impurity of the streets. They have lost their freshness, bloom and beauty, and are cast aside as worthless? Has it been carelessness? Has it been ignorance? Virgin Mother, thou upon whose chaste bosom the Saviour rested, protect and help them well!—Paulist Calendar.





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