OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. JIMMY'S ENTERPRISE

The old merchant handed the charterparty copies back to young Jimmy Evans, and remarked:

Evans, and remarked:

"These are very nice, my boy. I like to see them done so neatly and ruled so correctly. Little things like that add greatly to the reputation of our office. Keep on as you're doing, and we'll see if we can't make a firstclass ship broker out of you,"

The lad's face flushed crimson with

mixed pleasure and embarrassment, and, saying nothing, which was a very good answer under the circumstances, he hastened back to his tall desk.

"Gee-whillikens!" ejaculated Ralph Connor, after Mr. Grenhard had left the I've been here over a year now, and the old man has never given me any such dose of taffy in the whole

Good reason why," growled the elderly office manager, who could not help overhearing the conversation of the two lads. "You take a whole day to make a set of copies, what with tearing up expensive blanks and beginning ain, and even then they're so adgy and blurred that it's all one can do to read, let alone admire them. The trouble with you, Ralph Connor, is that you don't understand the meaning of what you are writing. You go at it ist as if you were a parrot. Evans has pretty nearly bothered the life out of me by asking questions, but I will say that he seems to profit by what he is told."

I'm sure, I'm very much obliged, Mr. Waldron, for all your kindness to me," said Jimmy. "I know that I owe

Oh, it's all right," interrupted the manager. "Come over here and check these commission accounts with

At the close of this lengthy task, young Jimmy fidgeted about a moment or two, and then said:

Mr. Waldron, may I ask-" Ralph Connor, over at the next desk, commenced to snicker and work one arm like a pump handle. The office manager turned on his high stool to glare at the humorist, and then back to

nervously, "may I ask why Mr. Grenhard is so excited about not getting this two thousand ton steamer charter?"

"Captain Patters other, beckening a getting this beckening a getting the control of the c

Can't get the steamer," replied the office manager, without turning around.
"But there are lots of them in the I saw dozens when I came over in the

ferry-boat from Jersey this morning. "Yes, I dare say; but they're all either liners or ready chartered," said Mr. Waldron fussing with some docu-ments as he spoke. "You see this war in South Africa has made a great scarity in tramp steamships at New York, as well as at other ports. The British government is using a great many in its transport service. I'll venture to say there are a dozen firms waiting to snap up just such a ship as we want, the moment she arrives. I don't suppose you really know what a tramp steamer

'No. sir," said Jimmy, "I do not. I've always lived inland until we came here, and am not posted on any kind of shipping, very much; but, now that I'm in the business, I'm going to learn

I'm in the bashess, it going all I can about them."

"That's right," returned the manager, admiringly. "Here's a little pointer for you, now. A tramp steamship is one belonging to no regular line, seeking cargoes from one port to

another, wherever she can get them."
"And we have an order to charter a two-thousand-ton tramp steamship, and have not been able to find one as yet?"

inquired the lad.

"Just so," assented Mr. Waldron;
"but what makes the thing worse is,
this order comes from our biggest customer, and he declares that, unless we
can secure the charter for him by tomorrow magning, be will take his busiinquired the lad. morrow morning, he will take his business to another ship brokerage con-

cern."
"Whew!" whistled Jimmy, dole-

fully. "So I shouldn't wonder if we lost our biggest account," went on Mr. Wald-

he concluded by nodding his head, significantly, over toward the piled up work on the junior clerk's desk.

office staff of Grenhard and Company, ship brokers, of New York city, were soon immersed in the details of their regular labors.

Late that afternoon Jimmy left the home. In going to the ferry he had to pass along a portion of West street, and became very much excited on noticing a certain craft in the North River. The vessel was heading inshore, and evidently was about to come alongside of a dock. Any longshoreman, and half the city landlubbers, could have told at a glance that she was a private yacht, but Jimmy never asked. He was pos-

counter, "what are you trying to do?

"Please, sir,—er,—captain,—excuse

'Hey?" snorted the other, wonder-

Because, if she is, I can offer you a fine charter," went on the guileless Jimmy, "that is—er,—if your boat does not run much over two thousand tons."

"Bless me! The boy must be crazy," exclaimed the portly individual.
"If I'm right in my guess that this vessel is a two-thousand ton tramp eamer, and I do hope I am, you really must give our firm the chance of char ering her," rattled on the enthusiastic

"What is the name of your firm?" queried the other, commencing to be in-terested by the lad's combination of

ignorance and earnestness.
"Grenhand and Company, one of oldest and best in our line," declares Jimmy, proudly.
"And what share may you have in

the firm?" questioned the elderly man.
"Me? Oh, I'm only a junior clerk,
the lowest in the office. I supposed I ought to be really called the errand y, but Mr. Waldron—"
'If the errand boy of the concern runs

around hunting up steamships for char-ter, I wonder what duties the head of the firm reserves for himself?" commented the portly gentleman much "But you have not answered my

question yet," put in Jimmy, fearing that he was not making a good impression. "I don't mind telling you that it is a very important matter for us. ss we make this charter by to morrow morning, we shall lose our big-

"Dear me, dear me," cried the other; "that's too bad!—after all cion!

"Then you've not a two-thousand-ton tramp steamer?" queried the boy, with a falling inflection in his voice. No, only a two hundred thousand dollar steam yacht," replied the portly individual, gravely;" but I like your spirit, and I'll tell you what we might do. We might help you to find what you're looking for."

Jimmy, merely saying, "Well?"

"Er—may I ask" repeated the boy,
"Er—may I ask "repeated the boy,
tones of the other, and stood abashed,

but secretly hopeful.
"Captain Patterson," called the
other, beekening a grizzled old sailor
to his side, "this young man is in search of an incoming tramp steamer of about two thousand tens, that may be open for charter. See if you can help him out. I wen't need the yacht again

and speaking as if such an order was ng out of the common way.

"And, by the way, young man," said the portly individual, interrupting Jimmy's torrent of thanks, and turning Jimmy's torrent of thanks, and turning to descend the gang plank, "you would better send a telegram to your home people, so that they won't be worried, should you be absent over night."

And away he went to a waiting cab, with an attendant valet and two sailors oaded down with small luggage. After followed the suggestion of the thoughtful yacht owner, Jimmy re-turned abroad, the gang plank was thoughtful yacht owner, taken in, hawsers cast off, and the little steamship departed upon her odd mis-

sion, steaming directly down the New York Bay and into the open sea. On the following morning, the senior partner of Grenhard and Company showed some excitement in his face as

eried a thin, undersized personage, with bright red hair, entering at the moment. bright red hair, entering at the moment great mistake to live in this world with are you such a man?" "I hope you've got that charter all

"Mr. dear Mr. Lawson," commenced

biggest account," went on Mr. Wald ron sardonically.

"But such a tramp steamer may come into the harbor by to-morrow morning," spoke up Jimmy, eagerly.

"Yes, but if it should, how can we be sure of getting her? The Maritime Exchange serves us all alike in the matter of reporting arrivals. Other Other brokers have the same show as we do," observed the manager. And we do," observed the same show as we do," observed the same show as we do," observed the same show as we delivering this tirade, Jimmy Evans had come in, the feet of the old broker, in an evidently apologetic manner: "I trust you." "I am a man of my word," interrupted the newcomer. "It you haven't that steamer for me, I'll transfer my custom elsewhere. Grimshaw has cut in ahead of me twice now, and if you can't supply the vessel."

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Mr. Grenhard glanced carelessly at office and hastened toward his suburban home. In going to the ferry he had to busily-engaged junior, in open-

mouthed amazement.
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"—I'll simply have to do as I said," continued the would-be charterer, "and make a new connection."
"I would remind you that I, also, am a man of my word," replied the head of the firm, throwing back his head; "and I never promise unless I can fulbut Jimmy never asked. He was possessed with the iname idea that she was a tramp steamer, just arriving. The question to follow probable towards

A young man must exhibit to the my haste, but are you a tramp?—er,—that is, your vessel, I mean,—is she a tramp steamship?" interrupted the extramp steamship?" interrupted the extramp steamship?" one would attempt to entice him from his practice. Such a young man will free himseff at once from the importunities of those who would tempt him to sin; for they will try no more when they see that he is in good faith, immovably attached to religion, and that he does not draw back.—Mgr. Dupaning of a genuine successing of a genuine succession.

A Noble Ambition,

The truly successful, helpful soul is he who has the power of automatically oiling the machinery of life, whether in the school, the college, the counting room, the court room, or the sick room. He is the really successful man who has the power of scattering sunshine, of inspiring a spirit of helpfulness, of encouragement, wherever he goes; who makes you feel a little more determined to overcome in the battle of life, a little more ambitious to get on and up, a little more willing to wrestle with obstacles to overcome.

A Youthful Delusion.

stacles, to overcome obstructions .-

there will be no more lessons to learn, no more commands to obey, no more scolding to endure. They will be no longer children in the nursery, pupils in the schoolroom; therefore they will be free, independent, above rebuke and beyond coercion. It is a helpful belief, lending them the aid of hope wherewith to assist patience during the dark days of the actual in the dark days of the dark days of the actual in the dark days of the dark

Do You Know

That it is better to be tired out with work than tired out looking for it. That it is better not to express a ositive opinion unless you are perfectsure that you understand what you are talking about.

That it is better to think too little of

a domestic mishap than too much.

That it is too much trouble to contradict people, even if you are right sure they are wrong. Let them

find it out themselves.

That it is foolish to imagine anyone is happier than you are. You don't know the secret troubles of your best

First.—If possible, be well and have good appetite. If these conditions are yours the battle of life is already "Aye, aye, sir," replied the mariner, touching his cap with a foreinger, arise really in the stomach, though it

may seem strange to you.

Second.—Be busy. Fill the hours so full of useful and interesting work that there shall be no time for dwelling on your troubles, that the day shall dawn full of expectations, the fall full of restrange to you.

Third.—Forget yourself. You never will be happy if your thoughts constantly dwell upon yourself, your own perfections, your own shortcomings, what people think of you, and so on.
Fourth.—Expect little. Expect little of life, nor too much of your friends.
Fifth.—Trust in God. Believe that

God is, that He really knows what is best for you; believe this truly and the bitterness is gone from life.

The Secret of a Light Heart,

The world is full of heavy-hearted people. We meet men every day of

out cultivating friends. We do not mean doing it in any commercial way in order that they may stand by you when ou need them; but we mean that our hearts should come into sympathetic touch with good people, so that we shall draw daily gladness and sunshine from the knowledge of their sympathy and

stances, it is often of great importance for the creditor to be indulgent without

negligence, and firm without rigor.
When a tradesman is in the habit of When a tradesman is in the nabit of giving credit to any extent, and his capital is limited, it follows, of necessity, that he must also take credit himself. Here we see the evil of the system of the system of the system. To preserve his own character, he must, of course, make good his payments on the very day whereon they bements on the very day whereon they become due; whereas, his customers only pay their debts when it suits them, and

ALCOHOLISM CAN BE CURE 0. Rev. Father Quinlivan's Opinion.

but Jimmy never asked. He was possessed with the inare idea that she was a tramp steamer, just arriving. The question of her probable tonnage bothered him.

"I'm sure I can't guess whether she is of two or ten thousand tons," he muttered desperately.

But putting this detail aside for a mement, the lad dodged his way across the street, in and out among the recklessly driven teams, entered the freight shed, very much out of breath, and waited for the craft to make her landing. This was accomplished in short order, and searcely had the gang plank touched the wharf before Jimmy was running up it, very nearly bowling over a portly individual who was about to commence the descent.

"Well, young man," began the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter, a trifle brusquely, as he staggered back from the shock of the entart of the product of the latter of

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. very frequently not at all! It is not the brightest intellects of this House, very frequently not at all! It is not our intention to go fully into the question of the pernicious system of credit, seeing that, in some cases, it must be given; but we warn all tradesmen from trusting any but those whom they know to be respectable and honorable people.

A man who does a "cash" business to the permit of the pernicious system of the conversion at the brightest intellects of this House, a law lord, who gave in his adhesion to convert the least of the Church of Rome long after he had passed the span of life." Even a senior to Lord Brampton was the late Sir over eighty—nevertheless used to say that a still more venerable relative, the permit of \$2.00 era enyme is done. better than he who sells on credit \$5000 at the risk of losing one-half of

Ballast in Business Many good qualities go to the insur-

ng of a genuine success: a strong, hopeful heart, industry, patience, perseverance, a largeness of aim and view, tenacity of purpose, power to control the tongue, swift precision of mental sight, a clear view into the future, and the strong concerning plans the submissions. for want of a specific name, may be called "ballast." Ballast is really many virtues, in nice proportions. It is to know ourselves, our position, and the power we possess for any task to be done. It is the making for a desired point, with the steadiness of a locomotive, and as directly as a grow flies. If we accuse a

If health is needed to enable us to do or well, let us do what we may towards fulfilling out duty, and that is all that will be required of us. We can readily see how personal afflictions may humble and subdue and sanctify, and thus redound to the good of the individual; but for all that, the great cause of humanity must suffer by it. The Almighty may permit disease, as Ae permits sin, and we cannot believe that He has any agency in sending either; we bring both ourselves; but for all that, both may be overruled to our good and

CATHOLIC RESPONSIBILITY.

On the following morning, die school partner of Grenhard and Company showed some excitement in his face as he entered the office.

"Where's Evans?" he demanded, looking over at the unoccupied desk.
"Not here yet, sir," chirped Ralph Connor.
"Sick, I guess," growled the office manager.

"Well, well, I hope not, returned the kindly old man. "Mr Lawson has not been here yet, Waldron, has he?"

"No, but he telephoned that he would be in a few minutes. Here he is now.""

"Good morning, Mr. Grenhard," eried a thin, undersized personage, with horight red hair, entering at the moment.

And you could say sweetly and humbly: It is because I am a Christian and a Catholic. I believe in God, I believe in His divine Son, who become incar-nate for me, and I believe, I pray, and try to live under the inspiration

try to live under the inspiration of the spirit of God. I try to make my life a supernatural life and use all things of appreciation.

Credit or Cash.

Illin giving credit, there should be caution without mistrust; and when debts are contracted with parties that become embarrassed in their circumstances, it is often of great importance for the creditor to be indulgent without friend.

All these things are a war against the All these things are a war against the Spirit of Ged, which is the spirit of life, the spirit of truth, the spirit of justice.
You know the world, you know it
better than I do, you know its crimes better than I do, you know its erimes better than I do, you know its wants better than I do. Have you any sym-pathy for Christ who died for all this world? Have you no care for this city, for this State, for this nation? Have you no care that the people do not for this State, for this nation? Have you no care that the people do not acknowledge the reign of the spirit of God in the world? Have you no care for these things? If you have not, then you have not the spirit of God in your soul. You are lacking sympathy and zeal for Christ.—Western Watchman.

writing to him about his conversion, at

In speaking of the saints whom Catholics revere, he said: "I, too, have a favorite saint—St. Francis of Assissi." —"Final Memorials of Longfellow."

Enthusiasm is a flame which leaps no from mind to mind, but from heart to heart. It is blown into intenser hea ecision of mental by a single heroic example more than

CAREWORN MOTHERS.

All babies should be good-natured well babies, if there is no outward reason for discomfort, are always good worn out caring day and night for all the trouble and make both mother fering and crossness may be caused by any one of the numerous ills that make baby lives a misery to themselves and a constant source comfort to the mother, such as colic irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, etc. When baby is cross do not, if you value your child's future welfare. lending them the aid of hope wherewith to assist patience during the dark days of the actual, in expectation of the cloudless skies of the ideal. And it is about as baseless as the mist-wreaths of the morning. As if we were ever free the morning. As if we were ever free the morning. As if we were ever free the morning. Coerage for their deeds are this day expectation of the morning that the well bone. To do anything well, there should be a sound mind and a healthy body. There have been men who were perhaps never well, never for an hour enjoyed deaden without removing the cause of the trouble. What is needed is a simple, vegetable compound such as good nearlin, and yet care the following specific purpose, for their deeds are this day exerting a happifying influence on mankind. William the Conqueror was a wheezing asthmaticall his days. Bishop Hall was a martyr to pain as ceaseless. The trouble well and happy. The best proof of this is the high praise wheezing asthmatic all his days. Bishop Hall was a martyr to pain as ceaseless as it was severe. Baxter had infirmity of constitution, and, from early youth to the grave, labored under bodily disease and wearing pains. No doubt the sufferings of these men aided in moulding their characters to a form which the age required. The most we can say of these cases, is that their diseased condition was overruled, and good was brought out of it.

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What greater good might have resulted had they been men of stalwart constitutions, we may never know, but certain it is, that when we are well, if, but above all things I think they thought is a pleasure, and labor is a pleasure, but when sick, both are a burden, and every thought, and every act, is she result of an effort. We shall never do anything perfectly until we get to heaven; but there pain, and get up with her many times during the night. No matter how much she ate she kept growing thinner. kness, and disease can never enter. It was then I began the use of the tablets, and she grew plump and fat, r duty well in a perfect state, much and I had no further trouble with he and any well are to help us perform at night. I can recommend the tablets to any mother who has a sickly, cross or fretful baby, and I am sure she wil never be without them again." Baby

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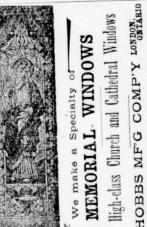
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