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CHATS WITH YOUNG

MEN

AN IDEAL

I wish I were as big a man, As big a man. As bright a man,

wish I I were as right a man in all this earthly show. As broad and high and long a man,

As strong a man, As fine a man.

As pretty near divine a man as one I used to know.

I wish I were as grave a man, As brave a man,

As keen a man, As learned and serene a man, as fair to friend and foe.

I wish I owned sagaciousness And graciousness

As should a man

Who hopes to be as good a man as one I used to know.

I'd be a creature glorious. Victorious,

A wonder man. Not just-as-now-a blunder man whose ways and thoughts are

slow If could I only be the man

One half of one degree the man, I used to think my father was, when

I was ten or so. BERTON BRALEY, in McClure's Magazin

DOING THE HARD THING FIRST

If you have anything to do that you ought to do and can do, do it. Do it now. Don't put it off until tomorrow. If it is hard, if it hurts, no matter, do it, keep at it, go for-ward, look to the end. Victory will make you forget the pain.

When you were in school did you have a special leaning towards certain subjects and hate others with all your strength ? Of course you did—unless you hated them all ! If you enjoyed history, wasn't it your habit to study that lesson first and spend a great deal of time on it because it was so interesting and you lost yourself in the past and didn't realize the flight of time? That was just because that history lesson wasn't work for you but pleasure.

How about your algebra? Oh, yes, you hated that. It was the hardest work you did in the course of the day to get that algebra lesson. You tackled everything else first and always that old algebra stared you in the face. Finally you took it up most reluctantly—by this time you were tired and you decided you'd get it in the morning. But the time to get it in the morning never came and you usually went into the class unprepared. You didn't have many compunctions about it either for you did hate that old algebra, but your history lesson you could recite brilliantly. Now there was no special credit to you in that, was there You did that without half trying where, had you given a good recita tion in algebra it would have meant

Has this habit of procrastination where the hard thing is concerned stayed with you through your later years or have you learned to get the best of it by doing the hard thing said. first ?

That's the only way, isn't it, and when you have made it a habit to tackle your most unpleasant task first, isn't it curious how you find it not half so unpleasant as you anticipated ? Haven't you had that experience 1

STICK IT OUT "What I learned at the sweeps is to ride away.

what made me," is the testimony of a Yale graduate to the benefit his

effort; all the trouble of planning, struggling and striving to overcome the difficulties in front. They are tempted like the Israel ites to go back to the fleshpots of Egypt, to the place in life they ought to leave ; its advantages are exagger-

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him away.

then

shining face.

howled that morning over the

nselves into pictures.

'What's going on here ?" shouted

The barn door flew open wide, and

you, and Big Buck, and Big Buck's

Go home, scamp, and tell your father

ated because they are temporarily deprived of them and they have not vision enough to see the Promised Land; they have not courage enough to go forward into the unknown. We all have Red Sea experiences of one sort or another. Many times in our lives we are discouraged and want to turn back. But the victory is never to those who go backward, only to those who go forward, who

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

form the habit of going on. - Catho-

lic Columbian.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CLOUDS The clouds of dawn rose angry and fire-streaked over the desert.

Little Piute Pete and Big Buck, his father, stood outside their tepee, in the Piute Indian Reservation, watch-

ing them. "Look !" said Big Buck, pointing "the Great Spirit rides ! The God of the Indian ! The black cloud is his war-bonnet ; and the fire-streaks are his arrows. He rides for revenge !" nead ; the burning cloud is his bright "Why, father ?" asked Little Piute

'Because the reservation agent has threatened Big Buck the Brave. The reservation agent has said : Speak no more against the white man to the Indians, raise no more the voice. trouble-or I will send you far from your people to the reservation of Wabuska.' And so the Indians' God there stood the reservation agent. "I thought so !" exclaimed the agent. "Big Buck's son! Today rides to revenge Big Buck.

'But the priest who visits us," protested Little Pete, "the good priest mahali, and all Big Buck's papooses will take the long trail to Wabuska ! says that up in the clouds no one is angry. He says that the Blessed Virgin lives up there, and she holds always in her arms a Little Babe that from me! that she loves and always she smiles and smiles. He showed me her picture—all bright and shining." "No !" Big Buck scowled darkly.

"It is the Great Spirit, and He rides alone, for revenge

Big Buck stalked back to the tepee but Little Pete sat down upon the ground, and thought. Revengerevenge on the reservation agent ! he wouldn't cry."

Suddenly he jumped up, clapped his hands, and started to run. He Suddenly he jumped up, clapped his hands, and started to run. He ran till he came to a corral, on the outskirts of the reservation. When he had come, he took down the bars of the corral, and called "Wise Chief!" I will give rour fether. of the corral, and called "Wise Chief! I will give your father another chance. Go home and tell your Wise Chief !

A shaggy brown pony galloped to meet him. "Wise Chief," explained Little

Piute Pete flew home as fast as he could; and outside the tepee he found Big Buck waiting for him. Pete, patting the pony's nose, "you and I will ride for revenge !" Big Buck sat watching the dawn

He climbed on the pony's back, and they rode and rode till they came to clouds fading. Only one cloud was left-one soft and shining cloud. the wooden house where the reservation agent lived. The agent was today !" muttered Big Buck, looking sitting on his front porch, watching puzzled. his little boy play on a rocking horse Pete rode up to the steps. "I will all my pony to your little boy," he

Great Spirit has gone, and the Blessed Virgin stands there instead. her, so soft and bright and The agent laughed. "Want a fine smiling Then Piute Pete told Big Buck all

'No !"

steed, Freddy ?" he asked the little boy, who had left the rocking-horse about Wise Chief, and the reservation and was admiring Wise Chief. agent, and Freddy, and what the Blessed Virgin had done, and what 'Yes !" cried Freddy. "How much ?" asked the agent of the reservation agent had said.

Pete. "Five dollars," replied the latter. very hard at the shining cloud. "Maybe the Blessed Virgin's way is

"H-mm," responded the agent. That's \$4 too much." 'Good bye," said Pete, and started

again to the reservation I will ask "I want it! Aw wow wow !" Magazine. him."-Zychariat Mayheir in Rosary

### THE CATHOLIC RECORD

So the agent bought Wise Chief something which entails a great deal of self-denial. Now it may That night, again, Piute Pete crept out of the warm tepee. The road be correct for them to regard the taking of a pledge to abstain from intoxicants in this way, or it may not, and either outside was dark and the coyotes barked sorrowfully as he walked to the agent's house and to the barn back of the house. He took Wise hack of the house. He took Wise the night of the barn is the taking of the the barked to the barn is the taking of the barked to the barn back of the house. He took the night of the barked to the barked to the barn back of the house. He took the night is the barked to the barked to the barn back of the house. He took the night is the barked to the

man's life as to call forth an act of The coyotes howled more sorrowheroic self-denial, then it only goes fully than ever, which reminded Pete to prove what a dangerous hold liquor has upon that person. When loss it requires such sacrifice of personal of Wise Chief. This reminded him that the Little Babe the Blessed Vir-strate the use that person has been gin held in her arms was never made making of his " personal liberty. sad enough to cry—the Blessed Virgin protected Him; the good priest said that she protected all children. Could she protect Freddy?

self-denial has become necessary in As he was wondering about these things, and trudging homeward, the the interests of self-preservation. In fact the harder it is for one to night faded and the clouds of dawn keep the pledge the more that person rose over the desert. They were should be convinced of his necessity of taking the pledge. And if the taking and keeping of the pledge soft, white clouds, and they rolled One of these cloud pictures looked just like the Blessed Virgin herself, requires no effort or sacrifice, if it calls for no radical change in one's life, then that person should realize the obligation which rests upon him in fleecy robes ; and in her arms lay the Little Babe, with a beautiful "Oh !" whispered Pete, softly. to set a good example by identifying himself with the temperance workers, by giving companionship to those who are less fortunate, to He turned straight around, and those

encourage and strengthen the individ ual, and to give the cause of Catholic go home-made for the agent's barn. sobriety his most emphatic "imprim-When he had the pony tied in the stall, and just as he was locking the door from the inside, before climbing atur.' A good deal is being written now

a-days in regard to men meeting with out at the window, he heard footsteps close at hand and a loud voice. accidents in factories and mines while under the influence of strong drink, or while not fully recovered from the effects of a debauch. The writer had a striking example of the truths of these statements one Monday morning lately. When calling at a house on business he enquired how a certain man who boarded there was getting along and if he was likely to have a job for all winter at the place where he was then working. The lady of the house said she had no doubt that the

'But I-I-have brought the pony back !" pleaded Pete. "I came out of my tepee in the night to steal him man would have a position for the winter if he only kept sober. He had been warned hore than once but she whiter if he only kept sober. He had been warned dore than once but she bad discovered that morning that he had been drinking in his rooms durshe had the Little Babe in her arms ingthenight. The words were scarce The Blessed Virgin is good to little children. Then I ran fast to bring the pony back to your little boy, so three mangled fingers. The man did not deny the fact when she told him

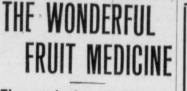
that if he had not been drinking the accident would have been avoided. The papers gave an account of the lamentable accident but as usual said nothing about the real cause. People do not know one-tenth of

the harm which is caused by drink, if they did there would surely be a more spontaneous effort to annihilate the custom and the traffic. - Casket.

## DENYING CHRIST

We have not read George Moore's blasphemous book, "The Brook Kerith ;" we do not intend to read it; asphemous book, indeed, it would be sinful for a Cath

olic to listen to the blasphemies which, judging from the reviews of it, it contains. It is enough to know that it is a book which should be avoided quite as carefully as the rationalistic studies of Strauss and Renan. And there is plenty of good literature to read without wasting one's time and exposing one's faith to danger in reading bad books. It is enough for us that George Moore has set himself the task of undermining Christianity, of proving that



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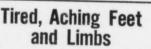
nothing less than loyalty to the memory of a man who confes he had deceived himself. Call it ration-alism or Unitarianism or what you will there is still that anti Christian spirit that hides itself under the pro fession of Christianity. No man that rejects the Divinity of Christ is a Christian. It is the height of presumption to pretend anything else. And how true that is is evidenced by the fact that the Transcript can allow several columns to a glorification of a book in which Christ is made to confess that much of what He said on the Cross in the most solemn moments the world has ever seen seemed to Him "evil and blasphemous."-Boston Pilot.

> WHAT THE GRACE OF GOD CAN DO

"I would rather follow a friend to the grave than hear he had taken such a step." These words were once uttered by a celebrated man commenting on the conversion to Catholicism of someone he knew. 'Could any statement be more emphatic in its expression of hostility to the Church?" asks the Sacred Heart Review.

"Yet, a few years later, the man who made it became a Catholic himself; and he was, before his death, the leading churchman in England for it was none other than Cardinal Manning that had once been so firm in the belief that the Catholic Church was to be avoided. Time and the grace of God wrought a change in this great man, and he was receiv into tue Church, April 6, 1851, 'with the fullest conviction of reason of conscience,' as he wrote to Robert Wilberforce, that the Catholic Church was 'the one true fold and Church of God on earth.' The history of conversions is full of such instances.

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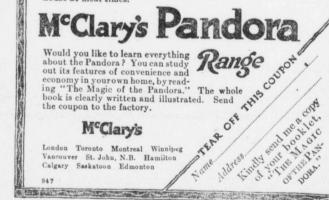
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SEVEN

athletic training had been to find in the point its neck. college days. A writer in the June It ended in the agent buying Wise number of Scribner's thus quotes Chief-for \$5. him:

"As I look back on my career at and crept softly out of the tepee and be curriculum, i leel, so fitted me for the bard give-and-take game of life that followed graduation, so qualified me for the struggle out in agent's wooden house, and to the agent's wooden house, hack of the began to walk away from the tepee ; drunkard : every one pretends to drink moderately. But constant moderation in drinking is exceedingthe world. When things have house, He hunted all round the restraint, or self-denial; and this is the world. When things have messed themselves upinto the tangle that makes for discouragement, when affairs have pressed and burdens have seemed too heavy to he horne at such times the thought. He house. He hunted all round the sharn till he found a window that was open a little way, and through this window he squeezed himself. In a few minutes he came out by the he horne at such times the thought. Few, indeed, have be borne—at such times the thought door, I hat e has come : 'You've got to keep at halter. that stroke of yours until you get it right; for there is a right way which dawn clouds were rising over the you haven't hit,' or 'Now we are abreast of the navy yard ; two more "Ah !" exclaimed Piute Pete, "the hard miles to go. Stick it out: keep fighting; never quit.' What I learned at the sweeps is what made

obstactic anead, the order was always<br/>to go forward, to move on. There<br/>was never any suggestion of a<br/>retreat. And their great leader,<br/>following the command of his Lord,boy crying for him ; so I hunted for<br/>many hours, and at last I found the<br/>pony, far over the hills. For \$5<br/>I will give him back to you."health. Our moderate drinker who<br/>knows when to stop, on their invita-<br/>tion, joins them, for he does not wish<br/>to be upbraided with singularity,<br/>meanness, scrupulosity or the fear in spite of their trembling and disaffection, their cowardly cry to go back to Egypt, led his people on to the Promised Land. begin to see through this game. You keep your pony and I'll keep my \$5. You're the son of Big Buck, aren't you ? I thought so ; and

Many people go under when they come to their Red Sea difficulty. tand yproper bysome as your father !"ARGUMENTthey are weak.To go forward is so"Good-bye," said Pete, hastily, andARGUMENTthey think it ought to say.they are weak.To go forward is sostarted to ride away.Catholic people often speak of theGeorge Moore has but put theirthard ; to go back is so easy, and it is"Aw-wow-wów-wow-wow !" yelledtotal abstinence pledge as a greatGeorge Moore has but put theirthard ; to go back is so easy, and it is"Aw-wow-wów-wow-wow !" yelledtotal abstinence pledge as a greatCatholic people often speak of theth saves so much exertion, so muchporch floor.porch floor.Catholic people often speak of theChrist was a good man.

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That night Piute Pete woke up

HABIT other habits, is acquired gradually. No one actually intends becoming a

father that from me !"

"The Great Spirit does not ride

"Huh !" grunted Big Buck, staring

better. When the priest comes

cried Pete. "No! The

door, leading Wise Chief by the already enough. Few, indeed, have the courage, the firmness to stop at

As he rode home on the pony, the the proper moment. Many begin their career of drunk-

enness under the plea of necessity. "I must take a drink," they say,

me." "Stick it out; keep fighting; never quit." That is the slogan of every brave soul who ever work is every and it is not good for the agent's house. because the weather is hot, and I feel very thirsty; and it is not good for me to drink so much cold water; because my work is very hard on me

begin to see through this game. of his wife. He drinks and drinks to his own and everybody else's health, until he has lost the use of his reason !

TEMPERANCE DRUNKENNESS A GRADUAL

The habit of drunkenness, like all difference to the world whether he

goes into ecstasies over the book. "He has sought the Bible," says the reviewer of Moore, "he has sought all the legends and historical tales of the time of Christ that are none the less interesting and perhaps none the

less believable because they lack its canonical authority." And again : "Mr. Moore is a great imaginative artist. Even when he is dealing with stark realism, he does not fail to throw a glamor of fantasy around his scenes and characters; here in 'The Brook Kerith ' which in its conception and working out touches the furthest imaginative reaches, he al-

quit." That is the slogan of every brave soul who ever won a victory over himself or circumstances.
WHEN WE WANT TO GIVE UP
When the children of Israel because discouraged, as they weres of speak to the Children of Israel and tell them to go forward. Whether at the Red Sea or in the wilderness, no matter what the obstacle ahead, the order was always to go forward, to move on. There
the agent's house.
''It is Freddy, crying for Wise Chief,'' he said to himself. "Now I will ride for more revenge!'' He climbed on the pony's back, and he rode till he came to the agent's house. The agent was thing on his front porch, watching is little boy scream.
''None of us, no matter what the wilderness, no matter what the obstacle ahead, the order was always to go forward, to move on. There

It is one of the signs of the times in religion outside the Catholic Church. Christianity has been played with fast and loose. The bluff is put forth of absolute devo-tion to the Word of God. The Bible is everything. And then the avowed defenders of it proceed to interpret it, to emasculate it, to tear it into breds to make it arrow with

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