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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN HOW DO YOU TREAT YOUR

MOTHER ? To remember that she is still girl at heart so far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

To give her flowers during lifetime and not to wait to heap them on her casket.

To make her frequent, simple presents, and to be sure that they are appropriate and tasteful. To write to her and visit her.

To do your best to keep her youth ful in appearance as well as in spirit, by helping her to take pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.

If she is no longer able to take her accustomed part in the household duties, not to let her feel that she is superannuated or has lost any of her importance as the central factor in the family.

Not to forget to show your appre-Lady. ciation of all her years of self-sacrifice

To give her credit for a large part of your success. To be generous in keeping her

supplied with money, so that she will not have to ask for it, or feel like a mendicant seeking your bounty. -Pictorial Review.

"IF I REST. I RUST"

The pithy inscription found on an ing glory is called "our Lady's matter." In Italy the common mint a forcible truth when referred to human action. Even the industrious might adopt it with advantage to serve as a reminder that, if one allows his faculties to rest like iron in the usual key, and the source of the truth of the truth of the serve as a reminder that, if one allows his faculties to rest like iron in the usual key, and the source of the truth of the truth of the serve as a reminder that, if one allows his faculties to rest like iron in the usual key he will soon show a set the Virin the usual key, he will soon show who would attain success and keep a rose. first place must keep their faculties burnished by constant use, so they will unlock the doors of knowledge in every department of human endeavor. Industry keeps bright the key that opens the treasury of achievement to the ambitious, and every man may observe the force of this statement in his own experience. When one gets off work for only a felt short time, a little effort is necessary to get fully into harness again, and the longer the vacation the more rusty some men become. Remember that labor is invincible if well direct. Lady caused her flowers to turn a ed to a worthy purpose, just as truly as industry is the price of enduring success. Beware of the canker of day. rust.-St. Paul Bulletin.

LOOKING BACKWARD

The constant looking backward to what might have been, instead of forward to what may be, is a great weakener of self confidence. This worry for the old past, this wasted energy, for that which no power on earth can restore, ever essens a man's faith in bimself, weakens his efforts to develop himself for the future to the perfection of his possibilities. Nature in her beautiful love and tenderness says to assumption her tomb, according to the weakened and worn and weary pious legend, was filled with lilies and

with the struggle : "Do in the best way you can the Thomas. trifle that is under your hand at the moment; do it with good intention; do it with the best preparation your thought suggests; bring all the light of knowledge to aid you."

worry, no struggle, no suffering, nor agony of despair can change it. It is as much beyond your power as it it were a million years behind you Turn all that past, with its sad hours, tender humility so in contrast to her its weakness and sin, its wasted own self-satisfaction, she blushed opportunities and grace, as so many with shame. That is why one sees end. But for all that, they are not lights in hope and confidence upon the red tongue in the lily even now, The present and the and why she never holds her head the future.

the germinal period of mankind, you will feel like chasing them with a thick stick and crushing their skulls wonderful light which shone in the to see if there is any brain tissue on the inside .- Bob Burdette.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE FLOWERS AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN

To the Franciscans of the Middle Ages, says a writer in the Living Church (Protestant Episcopal) we owe some of the loveliest legends of flowers that gather about our

scattering the flowers about the handfuls of these from the wintry earth and poured them into Mary's lap.-Sacred Heart Review. THE MONTH OF MAY

With the exquisite sense of fitness which characterizes all that the Lord and His Mother, for these fol-Church does she has dedicated the lowers of the Saint of Assisi were fairest of months, the month of May, to the fairest of God's creatures, the thought with a pure love of the glad ever blessed Mother of our Lord. revealing of God's redemptive love The May time is pre-eminently through all things outdoors. With Mary's season; it is then that devotheir love of Mary, whom Dante calls "the terminus of Creation," they distinctive features of the exercises dedicated many of their flowers in her honor. All that bear the name of Catholic piety. To honor God's mother is an important part of the of Catholic piety. To honor God's of Lady have in mind her as our religious life of all the faithful at all Such common names as times; to honor her in a particular lady's-slipper," "lady's smock," lady's garter," are part of our commanner is the desire of th Church in the days set apart for her special Above their heads their nattern

mon parlance used generally with-out thought of their origin. Our veneration. Anyone who has a proper appreciamaiden's hair fern really means "our tion of the exalted dignity conferred by Almighty God upon the Blessed Virgin will easily understand the Lady's hair." Marigold, which the old English poets used to call" golds," is " Mary's gold." One of the Gerreason why the Catholic Church man names of the daisy is "Mary's attaches so much importance to deflower." In Mexico the blue mornvotion to Mary. In God's Providence she was chosen to be the Mother of the Redeemer, and this office brought with it special graces and gifts which made her higher than all other created beings. It was not alone because of her exalted office in the divine plan of World's Redemption, in the usual key, he will soon show signs of rust and, ultimately, will not Lady." The resurrection plant is that the Church holds her up as the do the work required of them. Those often spoken of as "our Lady's example to be followed and the ideal to be copied. Her character was The little roadside flower "our adorned with all those virtues which God desires to find in every member

Lady's bedstraw " is familiar to any child, and this is the lovely story of His great human family, and the they tell of it. When the different plants were summoned to form a bed Church therefore keeps Mary before the minds of the faithful and bids for the Virgin and her Child in the stable at Bethlehem, they all began them in season and out of season to model their lives upon the humble to make excuses. Some were too maid of Nazareth. There has never been a time in all busy, some were too proud, others the history of the world when Caththemselves too insignificant, or olic womanhood needed to be that it was too early or too late for devout to the ever pure Mother of their appearing. At last a pretty God. The world is filled with templittle white star flower offered herself for Ethe bed, and as a reward our tations of every sort. Evil has as

golden yellow, their color to this all seem to be conspiring to degrade and debase : under such conditions it The white lilv has in the symbolism is more imperative than ever that of the Church been dedicated to the devotion to the Blessed Virgin should Virgin because of its purity. The be assiduously fostered and developed lily was used by the Angel of the in the soul. She has in the words Annunciation. There is a legend that when the Blessed Virgin was of Cardinal Newman "the gift of making the young heart chaste." She will protect her clients here on walking in the garden of Zacharias, whither she used to go to meditate earth if they but have recourse to her. She will keep them pure and on the message of the angel, she touched a flower that hitherto had undefiled amid all the wickedness no fragrance. Thereafter, it gave and degeneracy of a thoughtless age, forth a sweet perfume. It was these and she will endow them with "Madonna lilies" that burst into bloom at Easter dawn. After her character beautiful in the sight of God, and worthy of admiration even for the eyes of the world, if they strive to copy her virtues, to imitate roses to allay the doubts of St. her life, to implore her assistance.-Providence Visitor.

The reason why the lily always droops her head dates from the time of our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. That night every other THE MEANS OF GRACE flower in the Garden bent its head in Prayer and the devout reading of the Sacraments are means to true had bent before Him, and, feeling His they are means of Divine appointment, they are sure, if faithfully and devoutly used, to bring about the

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

wind and tide. No question but shunning occasions, strictness and severity in duties, watchfulness, etc., heavens and guided the shepherds do well in their place and order. Howsoever, it is Christ crucified Catholic Church especial material which is the power of them all. It is Christ lifted up, as Moses lifted up fields. At daybreak Joseph gathered the serpent, which strikes more soundness into the wounded beholder, than any other way; wherein some have toiled all their time for power over corruptions, and, like Peter, have caught little or nothing (Luke v, 5) because Jesus Christ was not in the company of their mind.

Rome because the city gave

Church always declare.

Rome.

mere man-also the Arian heresy of the 4th century which held that Christ was the best of all men, but And we may add this: all elo-quence of persuasion, all edifying example, can make no converts, ex-cept Christ the Good Shepherd be not divine. This Pope Victor, it was, who threatened to cut off the Asiatic constantly called upon for the secret aids of His grace.—The Missionary. churches with excommunication if they refused to celebrate Easter at the same date as the Catholics of Rome. Victor was the thirteenth

Bishop of Rome (Pope) since Peter, TAPESTRY WEAVERS said Hippolytus, as quoted

Eusebius. Let us take to our hearts a lesson-Evidence is also given by writers no lesson can nobler be in those early days as to the rigor the ways of the tapestry with which sacramental observance

was insisted upon ; thus, baptism, the sea. which is spoken of by many writers in detail, and in the "Didache" or hangs; they study it with care: Teaching of the Twelve Apostles. Pliny in the third century A. D.

And while their fingers deftly work, their eyes are fastened there. (Trajan's time) spoke with Christians in Bithnyia who "were accustomed to They tell this curious thing, besides, of the patient, plodding weaver:

sing by turns a hymn to Christ as God" (Epistles of Pliny, 10). A works on the wrong side ever-more, but he works for the He Christian page-boy in the imperial palace is also made fun of for worright side ever.

It is only when the weaving stops, shipping a crucified God in 120 A. D. Though Father Lattey does not and the web is loosened and turned,

mention it, we can always consult the story-books of Newman and Wiseman, "Callista" and "Fabiola," That he sees his real handiwork, that his marvelous skill is learned. Oh ! the sight of its delicate beauty as giving perfect historical pictures

How it pays him for all it cost! and accounts of early Christian and Catacombian Rome by men who were No rare, daintier work than his was ever done by the frost. among the most scholarly of their own, or indeed, any age. It is

Then his master bringeth him golden hire, and giveth him praise as indeed, surprising how Catholic readers of the present generation well, how happy the heart of the And

overlook these thrilling romances of weaver is, no tongue but his the days of persecuted Christianity own can tell. and the germinating Church. ears of man are the looms of The

The story of Nero again is told in "Quo Vadis," and here the history is, God let down from the place of the sun; if somewhat floridly decorated, at least fundamentally correct, intro-Whereon we are weaving always till

the appointed task is done. ducing us not only to the sinister last Weaving blindly, but weaving surely, descendant of the Julian family, but

e more

each man for himself his fate. also giving us life-portraits of some may not see how the right side of the world-characters of that agelooks, we can only weave and Petronius Arbiter, for example, and

wait. sumed many varied and attractive But looking above for the pattern, no St. Paul and St. Peter and other forms; literature and amusements

weaver need have fear ; Only let him look clear into heaven— Apostles who sat at the feet of Christ. the perfect pattern is there.

If he keep the face of the Master forever and always in sight, His weaving is sure to be perfect, his

ence as the result of this war of the nations. Religious revival has been work is sure to be right. And at last, when the task is ended, always the sequel to great conflicts and the web is turned and

with such revivals, two particular shown, styles of literature-especially in the He shall hear the voice of his Master

domain of the historical novel-have it shall say unto him : " Well followed, namely, Christian or Religious literature and fiction of done! the white-winged angels of the Romantic School. Those writers

heaven to bear him thence who are gifted with what has been shall come down; termed the "double-event faculty, And God for his wage shall give him, namely, of instructing and entertain

not coin, but a golden crown ing at one and the same time, might do worse just now than make a study of the growth of the Early Church in Rome.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

THE EARLY CHURCH

Father Lattey, S. J., in a current historical publication deals with the history of the Early Church, taking Prayer and the devout reading of Holy Scriptures and the partaking of the Second century A. D. as his point of departure. It was in this century -so little known to average Cathoreligion, as every practical Catholic lics-that the Bishop of Lyons, learns from his catechism; and as Irenaeus, wrote his work "Against Heresies." This prelate was the

visited Rome.

chief figure in Gaul and had also lic It read : "My record is as follows: "I am He tells us that in his early youth sixty eight years old, and have gone the end taken apart from God ; and he had seen Polycarp, who had been to church every Sunday and holy

the Stoic, Seneca ; to say nothing of

It may not be out of place to say

here that a literature of Early Chris

tianity is likely to spring into exist

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to the person having the best record

for church attendance. Numerous

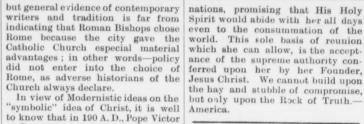
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future are yours ; the past has gone back, with all its messages, its history, its records, to the God who lent you the golden moments to use in shed tears for Him. And the tears obedience to His law.-Pittsburgh Observer.

THE OLD MAN

Ichabod, my boy, methought I heard you speak of your father this morning as "the old man." You are eighteen years of age, are you not ?

That is the age when callow youth had its first attack of bighead. You imagine at this moment that you know it all.

I observed by the cut of your trousers, the angle of your hat, the tip of your head, the flavor of your breath, the style of your toothpick shoes and the swagger of your walk that you are badly gone on yourself.

This is an error of youth which your uncle can overlook; but it pains him sorely to hear you speak in terms of disrespect of one you should never mention save by the sacred name, "father."

of ill-favour.

rose

He may not be up to your style in the modern art of making a fool of himself, but ten to one he forgets more in a week than you will ever

He may not enjoy smoking gutter snipes chopped fine and enclosed in delicate tissue paper, but he has borne a good many hard knocks for your sake and is entitled to all the reverence your shallow brain can muster.

By and by, after you are through knowing it all, and begin to learn something, you will be ashamed to look in the glass and wonder where the fool-killer kept himself when you were ripe for the sacrifice. And then, when the "old man"

grows tired of the journey and stops to rest, and you fold his hands across his bosom and take a last look at a face that has grown so beautiful in death, you will feel a sting of regret that you ever spoke of him in so disrespectful a manner; and when other sprouts of imbecility use the language that so delighted you in He that was born King of the Jews

erect. The next day as our Saviour of thought, which may very possibly passed by, bearing His Cross to Calvary, the lily with every other flower of the Imperial Lily are still to be exercises we have specified are absolutely essential (in all cases where seen in its hanging bell clear as a they may be had) to the spiritual life. drop of water, until God shall wipe

it away at the last day. In the Middle Ages the rose, like out of the category of means, and make them ends without the inner the lily, was the Virgin's flower, still commemorated in the rosary. The spirit. A scaffolding is the means of building a house ; nay, more, it is an violet, too, belongs to her. The roseessential means; for how could the mary, which, of course, is not a rose, upper stories ever be raised without does not take its name from Mary, but from the Latin source ros a scaffolding? But in material things of this kind, no one ever mismarium, because of its fondness for the water. It is supposed to have takes the means for the end. No one ever confounds the house with been one of the flowers which hid the Virgin and her Child from the scaffolding, or imagines that the Herod's soldiers, a legend also associated with the fig, the juniper, object of the builder is achieved, if nothing should ever be exhibited to the eye but scaffolding, if there be no the sage brush, and the palm The broom and the chicken-pea by their foundation dug, and no layers of brick and stone begin to rise above rustling and snapping nearly dis-closed the hiding place of the Virgin the earth. But in matters spiritual and Child, and so have been plants there are hundreds who are satisfied with themselves, if they exhibit day

The story of the Christmas rose, by day nothing but an outward religapparatus, if they have literally the hellebore, every Italian mother tells her child. On the night when nothing to show but prayers duly and attentively said, the rosary carefully the heavens were singing to the shepherds of Bethlehem, a little shepherdess followed her brothers, repeated, Mass duly attended, sacraperiodically and solemnly ments keepers of the flocks, over the frosty received. St. Ambrose ages ago earth by the gleaming light of a star. taught

Mistake not, I pray you : These When she saw the wise men present their costly gifts to the Holy Babe, duties must be had and used, but she wept, for she had not even a flower to offer Him. An angel, standing by, struck the frozen ground where her tears had fallen. still a man must not stay there. Prayer says : "There is no salvation in me;" and the Sacraments and fasting say, "There is no salvation in Up there sprang a pale green stalk, bearing a pure white blossom with a us :" all these are subservient helps. no absolute causes of salvation with golden crown. As she gave it to the Christ Child, He turned from the out sincerity of soul. A man will use his bucket, but he expects water gems of the Magi, and with a smile, accepted from a humble barefoot from the well. These means are the buckets, but all our comfort, and all peasant child the first Christmas our life and grace, is only in Christ to Whom they lead. Vows, promises,

All the legends of the flowers conshunning occasions, removing temptations, strictness and severity in nected with the birth of the Holy Child are beautiful. The chrysan-themum is the flower which told the duties, fear of hell and judgments these in themselves without wise men by its starlight rays that they had reached the place where advertence to God are but weak means of prevailing against sin like the mighty sails of a ship without

day of obligation since I was four church of Smyrna, and that there us shoot very wide of the mark. It is true, no doubt, that the religious exercises we have specified endinged of Shiyrna, and that there by were then alive persons who heard Polycarp speak in detail of John, the disciple of Christ relation to the specified of the spectrum of the spectr years old. I missed one Sunday while at sea when I was on my way to Nova Scotia. I am a member of St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church Apostle and all who adhered to his Sixth street, and never miss Mass on teachings, abhorred and fled from all Sunday. If I am late for one Mass I who taught a doctrine different from go to the next one."-The Tablet. But even this fact does not take them that which they—as Christ Himself -had taught.

Irenaeus refers to the Apostolic tradition of the greatest and most

ancient and universally known church—founded at Rome by Peter If the many Conferences for the and Paul ; a church (he says) which reunion of the Churches," which have sprung up during the last gen-eration, bring men to their knees in although spread over the world, teaches, as if the establishment were humble supplication to God our Father, they will not have been held 'in a single house." Germany, Spain, the Kelts, the East, Egypt, Africa (he says) all preach the same religion in vain. God listens to the praver all practice it in the same of the lowly; the infinitely merciful ritual. Heart of Jesus Christ is quick to

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch-one hear the sincere cry of those who of the four centers of Christianity wander in the darkness. It is a (Jerusalem, or Ælia, Antioch, Rome victory, too, over ancient error, if the and Alexandria) wrote, as had also multitudinous Churches which have Irenaeus showing that he who did done their part in stirring up " the not belong to the true and universal Church "had no fellowship with the Passion," and could therefore "not pale of the Catholic Church, begin inherit the kingdom of God. Another in some dim way to comprehend, witness to Apostolic Succession is that Christ founded but one Church Saint Hegesippus, who wrote about with an absolutely consistent and 180 A. D., and declared that when "I authoritative doctrine, and not three had come to Rome, I made a succeshundred or more warring sects. These Conferences then, if ruled

sion list down to Anicetus whose deacon was Eleutherus."

According to writers in the second prayer, and directed toward a proper century, it clearly develops that Peter, at Rome, as holder of the first See, had been looked to as possessing reunion appreciably nearer. If, on a superior status over the remaining the other hand, their followers beguile themselves with the hope or Apostles, although the sense of their belief, that the Catholic Church will omentous pioneering was, comprehensively enough, not yet wholly ever renounce the smallest part of the deposit of Faith, of which she is realized by the Twelve.

In the opening of that century, the divinely - appointed guardian, Pope Clement wrote to the disturbed their efforts are doomed to complete and rebellious church at Corinth in failure. The Church prays that all a tone which fully showed (as non-Catholic historians admit) that he in Heaven and made in His image, may be united in charity and in the was in no uncertainty about the status of Rome as against the other confession, not of a compromise, but Sees of the Church. Doubtless, says Father Lattey in effect, there was much in Rome's position that fitted all alike, the Gospel given her by it well to be the site of a primacy; Jesus Christ who bade her teach all

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