

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The very struggle to keep one's head above water in a world of constant change, of a little capital over a large business and adjusts means to ends, develops managing ability, leadership, developing power, stamina, and grit which no amount of working for others in an ordinary situation could ever produce.

Every Citizen in Politics.

The privileges of citizenship rest on the duties of citizenship, says the Catholic Columbian. In this country all citizens are in politics. They ought to share the responsibility of government.

Self-Reliance in Business.

It is true that some people lack initiative, leadership, and executive ability sufficient to enable them to go into business for themselves where they must employ others; but there are a great many things which even those people can do which will not require the employment of others.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Miss Y. gave up her school to travel abroad with friends. After a year's absence she returned, and sought and obtained a position in another school. "I'm afraid I'm giving you more than you can manage," said the principal, "sizing up" the little Dresden-like figure.

Hero of To-day.

There is no need to go back for heroes to the age of Homer or to the days of chivalry—there are heroes to-day who yield to none in self-sacrifice and nobility of achievement. On Friday of last week a fireman, Maurice Lynch, sixty five years old, an employe of the Standard Gaslighting Company of New York, proved himself a hero.

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to crush out competition—to destroy He built up, he developed, he sought new ways, he wanted to live and let live; he thought that there was room enough for all.

Born a farmer's boy, beginning life as a clerk in a dry goods store in a small town, he went West to Chicago, and soon struck out for himself. Quiet, modest and unassuming, but energetic, frugal, enterprising, persistent and determined, he began to prosper from the start.

He went from success to success, and when he died his estate was valued at \$150,000.00.

He laid down principles for himself in business life which he himself set forth as follows:

"He never gives a note.

"He never buys a share of stock on margin.

"He is against speculation.

"He is no borrower.

"He has made it a point not to incur his business with mortgages.

"He does business on a 'cash basis'.

"He tries to sell on shorter time than his competitors.

"He tries to sell the same grade of goods for a smaller price."

"He holds his customers to a strict meeting of their obligations."

"His dry goods emporium in Chicago was one of the sights of the city. He had stores in other places. He owned real estate. He had stocks and bonds.

The acquisitiveness that was useful to him in the beginning of his career, clung to him to the end. He was not a miser, but he was interested in art, but he kept accumulating money to the end.

His character would have been finer if, after he had amassed sufficient means to do great things in the business world, he had put the rest of his possessions and his superfluous income to some noble work of beneficence. But habit is a master. He went on adding property to property, directing, planning, deciding, until the very end.

He was not without his sorrows. His wife died. His only son, who by the way became a Catholic after marriage, was accidentally killed only a few months ago. He had other griefs that need not be mentioned.

And now he is dead and has been judged. He has been taken to task for the manner in which he used his wealth.

He has been made to give an account for every dollar. So far as the public know he has been able to say that it was made honestly and honorably, with suffering and loss to no one, but with benefit to all who helped him in its acquisition.

When you are having a good time," she began. "How would you like to be in pain, night and day, and weary from want of sleep?"

No answer. A general kindness. "There's a little boy up there," indicating the sick room windows. "He is making a brave fight for his life."

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partly, aproned figure trying to return unobserved, dug their nails into the snow crusts and pelted her most unmercifully with the frozen ammunition.

Now, the Merceria, although no diplomat, was a natural fighter. In fact, this Amazonian quality so overbalanced her really admirable talents, a la Korer, that the powers that were were forced to part with her at last. On this occasion, however, her warrior spirit did no harm.

She retired into the house and returned in an incredibly short time with a scuffle of hot ashes for bounding across the street, and by the suddenness of her attack routed them temporarily. The "Lady of the House" heard her satisfied "heow!" as she scattered the ashes on the ice.

Again the front door slammed, and yet again the Merceria made her second trip. This time she wore a huge sunbonnet to protect her eyes from half a hundred snowballs. And the scuffle was a weapon now, it held red hot coal.

The resentful Merceria had dumped her kitchen fire that she might the more effectually destroy the citadel of the enemy. Surprised, the sliders retreated to a respectful distance, and with angry eyes watched the burning coals hissing and sinking into the perfect smoothness of the slide. It was ruined. Merceria had triumphed, and when she had built her new fire in the kitchen she came up stairs and declaimed the Hiss of her conquest.

The next afternoon the youthful foe-men recruited for repairs. It was Merceria's day out, and they gleefully snowballed her all the way to the car. They returned to the field. If those boys exert themselves through life as they did that day they should capture the highest rewards of persevering industry. Two of them fetched and carried bucketsful of hot water for a full hour, and a whole brigade worked with hoes and fine shovels to root out Merceria's conquering ashes. The "Lady of the House" was in despair. They shouted and cat called and blew defiance trumpets, and all the while the small sufferer moaned and tossed and implored for an impossible silence.

At last he sat up straight, poor little lad! still beautiful with his fever flushed face, his wildly bright eyes, his sun-drenched yellow floss of hair.

"Tell me, how it hurts me!" he pleaded. Who could resist his hoarse little appeal? Not his hearer, who a few moments later stood among the shouters.

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boys. Aren't you going to help him to live? This noise is killing him. He is suffering tortures. Now, you don't want to give him more pain, do you?"

One thin, sharp nosed lad threw down his shovel. "It's the little kid with the flax head. He was in the baby room in our school. Come on, fellows; let's give him a chance!"

"That's right," said the largest boy, approvingly. "Why didn't what's her name tell us, 'stead of spoiling our halit with her old ashes?"

"We ain't going to have all this water here to night and make a new slide. It's nobody's business; people don't owe both sides of the street!"

So said a freckle faced urchin, when the largest boy tumbled him into a snow bank and scrubbed his screaming face.

Then Sharp Nose spoke up: "Fellows! I know a patch of a slide just a little way from here." An impressive gesture, and then: "They's fences both sides of the street!"

Irresistible argument! The small workmen shouldered their tools and followed their leader to the houseless street of the peachy slide. And the Lady of the House wore the honors of arbitration. "Bobby," in Catholic Standard and Times.

Many of those who row look upon all reference to the "Godless common schools" as an attack of a corrupt hierarchy upon republican institutions may wish to see this form of government, so dear to them, in the hands of a generation of infidels, educated at the public expense in a philosophy that has no religious sanctions, who, having no fear of God, will soon come to have little regard for the highest well being of man.—Editor Stone in N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

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MUST GO ABROAD TO LEARN.

Writing of the recent reception at a Catholic, in Rome, of Sir Cyril Stanley Rose, the North West Review says that this new convert is a grandson of Mr. John Rose, a Scotchman who went to Canada as a young man and who, after a career of some prominence there, returned to the old country and lived in England. Our esteemed contemporary comments: "Had the family remained in Montreal it is not likely that any of its members would have found the pearl of great price. Protestantism is a social life as if it were not energizing around them in its most practical and edifying forms. But when such persons get transplanted to England, they not seldom realize that many of the very best people in what is to them the very greatest country in the world are staunch Catholics, and this leads them to reflect and examine the claims of Catholicism as they never would have done in a Canadian city where our faith is supposed to be identified with the French and Irish elements. Some twenty years ago there appeared in England a booklet entitled 'We Catholics,' which enumerated the celebrities in art, literature and the professions, who belonged to the Catholic church. It was an astonishing and irrefragable revelation of the fact that no other religion in the British Isles could point to so many distinguished men and women in proportion to the total number of its adherents; for it must be borne in mind that Catholics still form but a small fraction of the entire population of England and Scotland."

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