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#### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE MEMORY OF MAY

There are memories that linger howsoever men may change, Howsoever Fortune lures us into places new and strange; Howsoever on our hearts the hand

of sorrow may be laid, There are bright and blessed pictures of the past that never

Many a happy dream of boyhood in remembrance still remains, a picture of the past my saddened spirit still retains, But the sweetest, best reminder of the days I used to know Is the memory of May-time in old Ireland long ago!

Ah, the memory of May-time! Ah, the skies so sweetly blue! Ah, the scented apple-blossoms in

the orchard, wet with dew! if, on the contrary, we are supicious, Ah, the race upon the river and the men learn to be cold and cautious hunt upon the hill!

vainly striving to be still! Ah, the call so clear, so luring of the cuckoo in the glen! offense are vastly incr Ah, to follow him, the herald of the olic Union and Times.

summer-time, again! leave the years behind us with the burdens that we

For our youth and all its sweetness in the May-time long ago!

Let the city's trade and traffic roll before me as it will, I can see the hawthorn shake its snow-white blossoms on the

Let the city's noise and bustle roar around me as it may,
I can hear a linnet singing in a

woodland far away Let the city's smoke enshroud me, I can pierce its deepest gloom, By the rush of the silver seas. I can see a mountain purpled with the heather all in bloom,

I can see the children hieing to a place where flowers grow— Ah, those flowers for Mary's altar in the May-time long ago! -DENIS A. MCCARTHY

#### MARY'S MONTH

The distinctive mark of a practi-The distinctive mark of a practi-cal Catholic is devotion to the great Mother of God. The surger indice. From the depths of a heart in pain. Mother of God. The surest indica-tion of future reprobation is disdain for her whom God Himself O God, it was far, far more! chose as the human medium for His And the whirlpool of hell's temptaentrance into the world. In writing and speaking of the wondrous mysteries of the faith the Fathers and Doctors of Holy Church have fathomed the profoundest depths. When their discourse, however, centered about Christ's Mother they rose to the sublime heights of poetry as well as of theology. They are as well as of theology. They exhausted human language for terms of endearment and of veneration towards the Maid foretold by the sakes us.

prophets of old.

All generations shall call me blessed! This was the magic utterblessed! This was the magic utterance that foreshadowed the wealth ness. whom God had deigned to honor. The mighty intellect, the genius and the splendor of Christianity of all ages combined to rear a monument of devotion in obedience to the prophecy. Scarcly an artist, a sculptor, a painter, a poet but has given of his finest and most devoted efforts to exalt her who was declared by the Angel to be full of grace. The faithful of every age, on every strand and under every sky have if he showered encomiums, while they nated.

extolled.

One of the very worst, one of the most fatal errors committed by the unfortunate peoples who drifted from safe Catholic moorings in the sixteenth century, was to deny the prerogatives and the dignity of Mary. Had they retained at least this doctrine some hope might even now remain for their recovery of the faith. But with the devotion to Mary lost, all was lost.

The first two words that the lisping babe learns from a Catholic mother to articulate are the names mother to articulate are the names

of Jesus and Mary. These same holy Names accompany him throughout life, and his dying lips in their last feeble struggle with dissolution breathe forth the same sacred Names, Jesus and Mary.

This month Mary's supreme dignity and holiness calls to our Christian hearts to echo her praises and to emulate her sanctity. Woe and to emulate her sanctity. Woe of Jesus and Mary. These same

and to emulate her sanctity. Woe to him who refuses or neglects to heed the summons. His libs may close in death unsanctified by the fragrant perfume of Mary's name.—Catholic Bulletin.

## THE SQUARE DEAL

Before and during my time on the farm my father used to count on building forty or fifty rods of stone building forty or fifty rods of stone wall each year. They were the only lines of poetry and prose father ever wrote. They are still legible on the face of the landscape. These lines of stone wall afford a good lesson in many things besides wall building. They are good literature, good philosophy. They smack of the soil, have local color, a bit of chaos brought into order. When you deal with nature only the you deal with nature only the square deal is worth while. She searches for the vulnerable points in your structure, the weak places in your foundation, the defective materials in your building.—John

THE TOUCHY PERSON

There are people—yes, many Catholic actions.—Greenle—always looking out for in Brooklyn Tablet.

slights. They cannot carry on the daily intercourse of the family without finding that some offense is designed. If they meet an acquaintance who happens to be preoccupied with business they attribute his abstraction in some mode personal to themselves and take umbrage

accordingly. They lay on others the fruit of their irritability. Indigestion makes them see impertin-ence in everyone with whom they come in contact. Innocent persons who never dreamed of giving offense are astonished to find some un-happy word of momentary taciturnity mistaken for an insult. It is far wiser to take the more charitable view of our fellow beings and not suppose that a slight is intended unless the neglect is open and

After all, too, life takes its hues in a great degree from the color of our own mind. If we are frank and generous the world treats us kindly; hunt upon the hill! with us. Let a person get the reputhe vagrant-hearted laddie tation of being "touchy" and everybody is under restraint, and in this way the chances of an imaginary se are vastly increased.-Cath-

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE SHRINE OF MARY I remember a lonely chapel With a tender claim upon me; It was built for the sailor's only

And they call it the Star of the Sea. And the murmuring chant of the Vespers

Seems caught up by the wailing breeze; And the throb of the organ is echoed

And the votive hearts and the anchors Tell of danger and peril past; Of the hope deferred and the wait-

ing. And the comfort that came at last. I, too, had a perilous venture An a stormy and treacherous main,

It was not a life in peril;

Lay between the wreck and the

Thick mists hid the light of the beacon. And the voices of warning were dumb:

So I knelt by the altar of Mary, And told her, her hour was come. sakes us,

Till we know our own efforts are vain:

of love and admiration that agrateful people should pour forth to her remain. remain.

And now in that seaside chapel, By that humble village shrine, Hangs a heart of silver, that tells

Of the love and the gladness of

ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR YOU'RE A BRICK

When Tom says admiringly to larry, "You're a brick," I wonder Harry, "You're a brick," I wonder if he knows how the saying origi-

"There you behold the walls of Sparta—every man a brick."

few in number.
Circumstances forced me

were employed. Their dress, conversation and general deportment were so dignified and modest that I could not but be impressed. They freely discussed their religion, freely discussed their religion, across the frontier of Austria to Switzerland and Germany. Tyrol Switzerland and Germany. Tyrol St. Peter's church on Barclay street, spending the greater part of their lunch hour in prayer. Suddenly by the grace of God, I now think, I became appropriate the grace of God, I now think, I all countries.

Every one must do his best; he must sing must pray his best; he must attend his best. If we did all, it would be little, not worthy of Him if me all countries.

MAY, THE MONTH OF PROMISE

By Cardinal Newm Why is May chosen as the month in which we exercise a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin? The first reason is because it is

the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of

A man may say, "True, but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May." This can-not be denied: but still, so much is true that at least it is the month of promise and of hope. Even though the weather should happen to be bad, it is the month that begins and heralds in the summer. We know for all that may be unpleasant in it. that fine weather is coming, sooner or later. "Brightness and beautifulness shall," in the Prophet's words, "appear at the end, and shall not lie; if it make delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and

shall not be slack. May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of promise; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated? The Prophet says, "There shall

come forth a rod out of Jesse, and a lower shall rise out of his root.' Who is the flower but our Blessed Lord? Who is the rod, or beautiful stalk, or stem, or plant out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of our Lord, Mary, Mother of God?

was prophesied that God should come upon earth. When the time was now full, how was it announced? It was announced by the Angel coming to Mary. "Hail, the Angel coming to Mary. "Hail, full of grace," said Gabriel, "the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women." She then was the sure promise of the coming Saviour, and therefore May is by a special title her month.

### AUTHOR OF HOLY NIGHT

At Obendorf, a little village of Salzburg, a monument has been erected to the memory of Father Joseph Mahr, whose beautiful and touching hymn, 'Silent Night, Holy Night,' is now heard round the world each Christmas tide. The shaft is not so much a tribute to his fame-for his few sweet stanzas have insured that as an additional token of the affection with which the townsfolk still regard him. It was Christmas, 1818, that

It was Christmas, 1818, that Father Mahr, then curate at Obendorf, wrote the words that have since softened millions of hearts in all lands. When he had finished his verses he was eager for music to go with them. There was little time to get a score, for it was already Christmas Eve. He went to the village of Arnsdorf, where lived his friend, Franz Gruber, who was a teacher of music and organist at Cheederf.

bent low in humble prayer, upon the Queen of the angelic hosts. All generations, each in its own way, have united in calling blessed her whom the Redeemer Himself has seed to build a chapel to St. Anne wherever they should land. A log chapel was the first of a series of an overflow of the River Salzach, and was shown by the land overflow of the River Salzach, and was the first of a series of churches and basilicas that have whom the Redeemer Himself has prised to find no walls around the and when the score had been comcity. "Sire," he exclaimed, "I have sung for the first time to the accompaniment of a guitar.

REASON FOR PLAINTIVE NOTE Eve were still mourning the loss of their little child. The father's feelings are here and there mingled feelings are here and there mingled in the music with the joyous strains of welcome to the Saviour of the hundreds of thousands who annually

beginning it was destined to win the beginning it was destined to win the beginning it was destined to with But such calamities have a way Catholics but also with those of all other creeds. One person seems, however, to have understood its worth and foreseen its fame. That was druber's wife. On their way home from the church after the Circumstances forced me to change my position, and I found myself in a large office in which a marked to her husband—so the story goes: "Franz, that song will story goes that song will story goes the song w

speaking of going to Mass on holy days, to confession, of fasting and abstaining, etc. By accident I noticed many of them going into



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of his hymn rising from myriad voices from the earth below.—The Casket.

### THE LOURDES OF NORTH AMERICA

The fire that destroyed the famous basilica of St. Anne de Beaupre is the second disaster that has befallen famous shrines in North America within a few months. Last November a bomb partially destroyed the shrine of Our Lady of Guadaloupe, near Mexico City. In both disasters the loss was severe but the precious relics which both famous churches housed were preserved. The miraculous statue of the Blessed Virgin in Mexico and the relics and statue of St. Anne in Quebec have both been saved for the veneration of the myriads of devout pilgrims who annually journey to these centres of devotion and scenes of so many miraculous

St. Anne de Beaupre internationally known as the Lourdes of America is one of the most remarkable shrines in the world. forty years the lame, the halt, and the blind, and those afflicted with divers diseases have flocked thither in large numbers. Last year it is estimated that three hundred thou-

sand pilgrims visited St. Anne's. Every year witnesses miraculous cures that have astounded the incredulous and strengthened the faith of devout believers. The huge pile of crutches festooned around the statue of St. Anne's, every one a memorial left by some grateful recipient of the super natural healing of the good St. Anne, bore mute but eloquent testimony to the multitudes that have successfully sought the intercession

Deendorf.

At Father Mahr's request, Gruber

Breton peasants, faced with ship-wreck off the coast, who promised if saved to build a chapel to St. Anne wherever they should land. A log chapel was the first of a series of arisen in honor of St. Anne near Petit Cap twenty miles below Quebec. The edifice just destroyed was the fourth Church. It was erected in 1876 and raised to the rank of a minor basilica by Pope

That note of sweet pathos in Gruber's music has an explanation. He and his good wife that Christmas

The burning of St. Anne's Basilica brings a feeling of personal loss to brings a feeling of personal loss to millions of people in America especially in New England. It was in Such was the origin of that simple but wonderful song of Christmas time. No one could have imagined that from so humble a haring it was destined to win the visit quaint Quebec and its sacred

> of working out to the greater glory of God and for the spiritual welfare of His people. In the present case, there is offered an opportunity to honor St. Anne by rebuilding on the site of the destroyed basilica another edifice that will be a testi-mony to the faith and gratitude of the thousands who have received spiritual and temporal favors from S. Anne. The basilica of St. Anne's is destroyed, but it will arise again, more beautiful even than before, and enriched by the thank offerings of pious pilgrims from all parts of the world.—The Pilot.

the grace of God, I now think, I became curious to discover just what it was in the Catholic religion that could exercise such an influence upon those who believed in it. I inquired, listened to sermons, read Catholic books, and eventually received the gift of faith.

I attribute my being a Catholic today to the example of the Catholic girls who were, unconsciously perhaps, real acostles by their Catholic actions.—Grateful Convert, in Brooklyn Tablet.

all countries.

Many honors have been bestowed on the composer. Four tablets have been erected to him. It is only now that Father Mahr, author of the words of the famous hymn, is to have a monument to his memory. A priest, Father Muelhausen, pastor and sculptor, designed and finished the monument. Father Mahr is represented as looking down from the window of heaven, with outstretched hands and a look of keen attention as if catching the words

Newman. all countries.

Many honors have been bestowed worthy of Him; if we do little, it may suffice to show our faith, and



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