

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE ONLY WAY TO WIN

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control
And some grim determination
If you want to reach the goal.
It takes a deal of striving
And a firm and stern set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

There's no easy path to glory,
There's no road rosy to fame;
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But it prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit,
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow, or give one,
You must risk and you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from a bruise.
But you mustn't wince or falter
If a fight you once begin,
Be a man and face the battle;
That's the only way to win.

—Author Unknown

MORE "LUCK"

Another case of remarkable "luck" came to the notice of the writer during the week. It has to do with a young man—he is still young—who is at present drawing more than \$25,000 a year as salary. He entered business with a firm up in St. Lawrence County. His work was the hardest kind, and so far as hours were concerned, anywhere from 12 to 24 was the order. A good many times this young man became discouraged; but he knew that in that business other young men had succeeded and he finally made up his mind not to be a "quitter."

From the northern New York town he was sent to New Orleans, for the concern has branches all over the United States. Three months in the Louisiana city filled him with utmost disgust—but he stuck. Then he was transferred to a small town up in Indiana, the position being about the worst ever.

To make a long story short, our young friend brushed the mud of the Indiana town off his shoes and was given a boost that hastened him considerably. Here he surprised his employers by doing things that had never been done before and which paved the way to further success. Anyway, at this moment, he is one of the big men of the concern, and is being paid more than was ever paid to an employee.

Was it "luck" that brought success? No. Initiative, perseverance, hard, tireless work—these and these alone landed this particular young man on the topmost rung of the ladder of success. Any one youth who has the ability and will "stick to his job" can do the same. There are chances everywhere. All one has to do is to capture them as they come our way.—Catholic Columbian.

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR MOTHER

To lift all the burdens you can from shoulders that have grown stooped in waiting upon and working for you.

To seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own.

Never to intimate by word or deed that your world and hers are different or that you feel in any way superior to her.

To manifest an interest in whatever interests or amuses her.

To make her a partner, so far as your different ages will permit, in all your pleasures and recreations.

To remember that her life is monotonous compared with yours, and to take her to some suitable place of amusement, or for a trip to the country, or to the city if your home is in the country, as frequently as possible.

To introduce all your young friends to her and to enlist her sympathies in youthful projects, hopes, and plans, so that she may carry youth into old age.

To defer in her opinions and treat them with respect even if they seem antiquated to you in all the smart up-to-dateness of your college education.

To talk to her about your work, your studies, your friends, your amusements, the books you read, the places you visit, for everything that concerns you is of interest to her.

To treat her with the unvarying courtesy and deference you accord to those who are above you in rank or position.

To bear patiently with all her peculiarities or infirmities of temper or disposition, which may be the result of a life of care and toil.

Not to shock or pain her by making fun of her religious prejudices if they happen to be at variance with yours, or if they seem narrow to your advanced views.

To study her tastes and habits, her likes and dislikes and cater to them as far as possible in an unobtrusive way.

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

of her importance as the central factor in the family.

Not to forget to show your appreciation of all her years of self sacrifice.

To give her credit for a large part of your success.—Catholic Columbian.

IMPORTANCE OF GOING TO SCHOOL

In olden days education was not considered over-seriously by people who had to work for a living. But times have changed. Modern machinery and science or brains have supplanted the farm hand labor of 30 or 50 years ago, and now it is more a fact than ever that today, modern and teaming with opportunities, as every one will declare it to be, offers absolutely no opening to the youth without an education.

He can, of course, always get work of a sort, but it is apt to be in the ranks of unskilled labor, and even there he will find himself as miserably handicapped (that is, if he expects to get ahead) as did the poor farm lad of 50 years ago.

The free evening school giving all sorts of courses is really a life line thrown out to the youth who are ambitious and willing to work hard to prosper, but not all are made of this stuff. After a long hard day at some laborious task the average youth longs for the freedom of the open or the attractions of the dance hall, and books or study have no place in his thoughts. Sometimes he wishes he had had the chance this or that friend enjoys, that his parents had kept him at school and so on, but he concludes: "It is too late now and regrets will in no way help me."

That many young folk are succeeding at various trades which offer splendid salaries after they have served an apprenticeship, and this regardless of the fact that they have very little education, no one will deny, but those young people read and spend much of their spare time in trying to make up for their lost opportunities by study and delving over drawings in their spare time.

Common sense tells us that the boy "with a schooling" develops into a far more competent journeyman than the youth who did not go through the grammar grades. Therefore the parents who would fit their children to face life and at living wages, will strain many points—in fact will gladly make many sacrifices—in order to keep their children at school, and thus give them something better than a mere fighting chance.—Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A REGULAR BOY

Do you rise in the morning and greet the new day
With a smile and a song for your work and your play?

Do you play as you work with might and with main—
And do you play fair?

And from your defeats do you bob up again,
Ready, Right There!

And when you get orders for tasks by the score
Do you tackle the job and come back for more?

Then—You're a Regular Boy.

Are you clean in your habits in body and mind?
Does that mean to you

To travel through life with a crowd the same kind—
Are you loyal and true?

Are you willing to wait, if that be your lot,
But work in the meantime and give all you've got?

Then—You're a Regular Boy.

Does danger but steel you to banish all fears—
Are you ready to fight

'Gainst coaxings of friends or the enemy's jeers—
To stand for the right?

And then—do you know how to make and keep friends,
To smile and be happy, whatever God sends?

Then—You're a Regular Boy.

—LUDWIG S. DALE

THE FINISHED DIPLOMAT

"I'm awfully sorry, dad," said Bobby, "to think how much trouble I've given you."

"She hasn't complained, has she?"

"No, she's very patient. But she often sends me to the shops for things, and they are a good way off, and I know she gets cross waiting when she's in a hurry."

"Not often, I fancy."

"Oh, she's nearly always in a hurry. She gets everything all ready for the baking and finds at the last moment she has not any yeast, or something, and then she's in an awful fright, and it takes a long time even if I run all the way. I feel awfully sorry for poor mamma."

"Hah! Well, what can we do about it?"

"I was thinking, dad, that perhaps you might get me a bike."—Catholic Transcript.

TOO BUSY

A successful old lawyer tells the following story about the beginning of his professional life: "I had just installed myself in my office," he said, "had put in a phone and had preened myself for the first client who might come along when through the glass of my door I saw a shadow. Yes, it was doubtless some one to see me."

variation. It ran something like this:

"Yes, Mr. S., I was saying as the stranger entered the office. 'I'll attend to that corporation matter for you. Mr. J. had me on the phone this morning and wanted me to settle a damage suit, but had to put him off as I was too busy with other cases. But I'll manage to sandwich your case in between the others somehow. Yes, yes. All right, goodbye.'"

"Being sure, then, that I had duly impressed my prospective client, I hung up the receiver and turned to him."

"Excuse me sir," the man said, "but I'm from the telephone company. I've come to connect your instrument."—Houston Post.

WHOLESALE GIRLS

One day not long ago I was talking to a farmer whose wife has her house filled in the summer months with "summer boarders." A young woman friend of mine was one of their boarders for three weeks last month. When I asked the farmer how he and his wife had liked her she said with a show of enthusiasm not usual with him:

"Well, we never had anyone in the house we liked more. She was so—well, so sort o' wholesome."

"Just what do you mean by that?" I asked.

"Well, I don't know that I can make it very clear to you, but she seemed to give a kind of a cheerful air to the whole house. Somehow you felt better when she was around. We never heard a cross, sharp word out of her. She never made fun of our neighbors, no matter if some of them do act rather queer. She never found fault and she appeared to be forever on the lookout for something to do to make us all happy. She had a right wholesome laugh—no little titter but a round, rollicking, sure-enough laugh. I think we missed that wholesome laugh o' hers more than anything else when she went away. But then she was sort o' wholesome in every way."

The world is a bit better for every joyous, "sort o' wholesome" woman in it. Such women create a certain atmosphere that counts for cheerfulness. It has been said that the world is upheld by the veracity of good men and that they help to make the world wholesome. Even if the world is upheld by the veracity of good men so is it also upheld by the influence created by the people of the world we call wholesome. A woman of this kind exerts an influence for good even though she may not be aware of it. The girl my old farmer friend referred to as being "sort o' wholesome" left behind her a happy memory that will linger long in an humble home and her very name will recall happy memories. Frank, unaffected, joyous and generous girlhood such as a good and pure heart helps to create is one of the best gifts granted to this troubled old world of ours.—The Echo.

GREAT WORK OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is not my purpose or intention to have this paper become an organ for any creed or Church, but it is my intention in my feeble way, to help any agency for good that is being attacked, and the Catholic Church right now is being attacked.

"The occasion of this is a letter that came through the mails from Raphael Herman, a well known Detroit manufacturer, and who is also well known in the fight against tuberculosis."

"In his letter Mr. Herman said: 'I have read your article on the Catholic Church in your publication which I heartily endorse.'"

"The American Republic is based on the tolerance of religious beliefs. 'I take the liberty to enclose herewith, a copy of a letter which I have recently written in connection with the Catholic Church, from which you can see my feelings in regard to it.'"

"The letter enclosed was one addressed to James J. Brady, and referred to a contribution by Mr. Herman to the fund for the Sacred Heart Seminary. In the letter to Mr. Brady the following words were sent by Mr. Herman:

"As a Protestant I make this contribution, and as a Protestant I want to tell you that I appreciate the great service which the Catholic Church has rendered to humanity the world over."

"History has taught me that the Catholic people are of the first to enter the slums of the large cities to heal the wounds of the injured, comfort the dying and reclaim the fallen."

"History has taught me that whenever a pestilence or a scourge of one kind or another prevails in any part of the world, of the first to come to the rescue of the deserted wives or husbands, mothers and babies are the Catholic Sisters."

"History has taught me that the lepers on the island of Molokai were assisted and made comfortable during their wretched lives by a great Catholic priest, Father Damien."

"History has taught me that the Catholic priests were the first to establish missions to minister to savage tribes in all parts of the world and raised them from savagery to the first rung on the ladder of civilization."

"History has taught me that whenever there is a war the Catholic priest is found at the head of the marching soldiers, giving them courage and hope and assurance that

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"I consider it a great privilege to be able to contribute my mite to a cause as represented by such an institution as the Catholic Church, and I hope that you will receive the necessary help from all of our citizens of every faith and every creed."

"What the world needs is more of this broad-minded appreciation by men of one religion of the good that there is in another."

"What Mr. Herman referred to in his first letter was the efforts to break up the Catholic schools because children are taught religion in those schools."

"The issue had been forced on the people of the State of Michigan and they must face it in an election."

"If out of the election there could result a doing away with some of the religious prejudices that exist through men and women of one faith not understanding the faith of other men and women then some good will have been done, and the expressions of such men as Mr. Herman help to do away with those prejudices."—Pipp's Weekly, Detroit.

Spirit is the highest element in man's nature; that which is immediately divine; that whereby man is connected with a higher order of things; the organ through which alone he is capable of understanding divine things.—Origen.

Has a sensible man ever been seen to visit the abodes of people attacked with violent pestilence, with the intention of amusing and diverting himself? Who, then can doubt that bad books carry with them a pestilence equally real?—Descartes.

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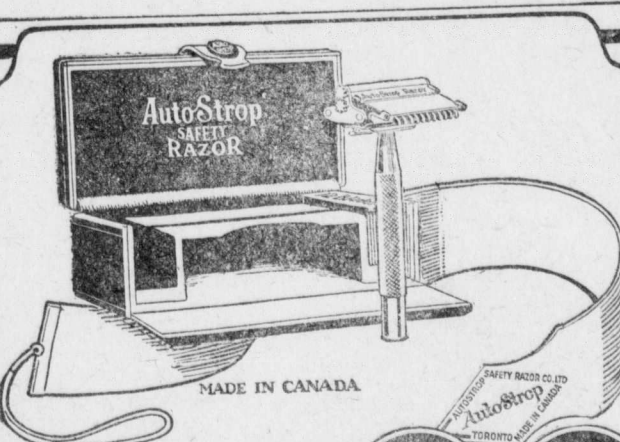
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