

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

"Can't 'elp likin' 'im." In the Black Hills of South Dakota there lives an humble, ignorant miner, who has won the love and good will of everyone who knows him.

Bright, handsome young men, graduates of Eastern colleges, are there seeking their fortune; a great many able, strong men have been drawn there from different parts of the country by the gold fever; but some of them holds the public confidence as does this poor man.

There is just as much of an art in approaching people properly as in approaching a landscape to get the best possible effect. We are all more or less animals, and we do not like to have the fur rubbed the wrong way.

One should cultivate the art of reading character at first sight. Some people know at a glance what road to take to get into a stranger's confidence.

There is nothing else which will create such a good impression upon a stranger as a sunny face, a cheerful, gracious manner. All doors fly open, all barriers disappear before the sunny soul.

Young men who are ambitious to amass money often make a great mistake in thinking that it is waste of time to cultivate their social faculties, that society has nothing to do with money making.

At the end of two long months, she had \$8.00. At last, at last, the amount was made up. Eagerly she hurried to a bird store and bought a lovely ballfinch that was a fine singer for \$5.00 and a brand new cage for \$3.00.

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There is a wonderful relation between bad habits. They all belong to the same family. If you take in one, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, you will soon have the whole.

swinging with the tide and the waves; the sails are all up, and you wonder why it does not move; but it cannot, for down beneath the water it is anchored. So we often see a young man apparently well equipped, well educated and we wonder that he does not advance toward manhood and character.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Mary's Act of Revenge. Alice was making something which she would not let Mary see. Whenever the latter came near where she was at work she would wrap up what she was doing to go to some other part of the house.

Mary went off by herself in a pout. She determined "to get even" with her sister. The more she thought of it, the more she was tempted to be vindictive.

Quickly she rushed up to Alice's room, opened the door, with a stick forced the casement out, and watched it fly and flutter out of the window, which happened to be open.

She went to the window and looked out. The bird had alighted on the fence. But, see, there was a big stray cat about to pounce upon it. Mary screamed at the cat, but in vain.

"Come down, Mary, I have something to show you." Mary was too unnerved to move or to answer.

"Why, what's the matter?" inquired Alice, anxiously, "aren't you pleased?" "O Alice," cried Mary, "don't speak to me, don't be kind to me; I'm a mean, hateful thing."

"Why, what's the matter, Alice?" "Don't ask me. I'm ashamed to tell you. I'll never forgive myself. O my hasty temper, my quick, hot, ungoverned temper! Will you ever forgive me, Alice?"

But thereupon Mary became hysterical. Yes, she fell into paroxysms of crying and nothing could stop her or comfort her. She became so violent that the doctor had to be sent for.

But she had to keep to her bed for three days and the sight of the bird-cage or any mention of the vanished canary sent her into a spasm of weeping and moaning.

Alice searched everywhere for her lost pet, but no trace of it was ever found. As soon as Mary recovered, she went to her little store of savings and pocket money and found that she had \$1.82. Then she began to walk up and down town, to have no dessert at lunch-noon, to find several opportunities to earn a little money, and in every possible way to accumulate funds, by her own effort, at the cost of labor and self-denial.

She carried them home herself at an hour when she knew that Alice would not be at home, and placed them in the latter's room, together with this note: "To Alice: An act of repentance, a sign of sorrow, a token of love, and a plea for forgiveness. Please accept the offering, but don't say a word to me about it. Affectionately, "MARY."

When Alice came home and saw the new bird and read the message, she understood. She sought her sister. Without a word, she put her arms about her and kissed her. No better way of expressing pardon for a wrong could have been used. The gift was accepted as an act of reparation, and the past, so far as it could be, was blotted out.

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PALM SUNDAY: ITS LESSON.

Sunday next will be Palm Sunday, commemorative of our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, as was foretold many hundreds of years before by the prophet Zacharias. A triumphal entrance it was, indeed, as we learn from the Gospel of St. Matthew. So vividly is the picture presented that we find no difficulty in becoming one of the great multitude; in mingling our Hosannas with theirs and in feeling the breezes from the waving palms, emblems of victory.

Here, then, is the lesson. Here the important question which conscience calls us to answer. Namely, to which portion of the multitude do we belong, that which is following Jesus honestly and faithfully and profiting by the doctrine which He preached, or that which is later heard calling out, "Crucify Him!"

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THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION.

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