CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. Cheerfulness Increases Earning Cana-

This article is not intended for the honestly poor, for those who are doing their level best to improve their condi tion; but it is meant for the idle, the purposeless, for those who are bringing only a small part of themselves to their task, who are using only a small per-centage of their ability, for those who think themselves down and who hold themselves down by their pessimistic, discouraging, depressing thought, talk and actions. It is intended for those who could improve their conditions by turning about and facing the other way. A great many people think they are doing their level best to get away from poverty when they are not making one half the effort possible to

You may think you are doing your best. Just take an inventory of yourself and see if you are bringing out the best in you, if you are doing all you can to make a place for yourself in the world. You may find that you are really using only a small part of your ability to gain an independence. New hope, more optimism, a new life motive, a more hopeful, cheerful outlook would proy increase your earning capacity derfully. Your creative faculties will not give up their best unless you are facing the light, unless hope and

confidence are leading you.

If it were possible for all the poor people in the world to turn their backs on their dark and discouraging environnt and face the light and cheer, and if they would resolve that they are done with poverty, and a slipshod existence, this very resolution would, in a short time, revolutionize civilization.

Each Has His Place.

We have our own place to fill in this world and there is no one else who can fill it. We have our own duty to do and there is no one else who can do it. God there is no one else who can do it. God has laid upon us obligations which He has laid on no other person. The child may fill the office that the father filled, he may live in the home in which the father lived, but the father's place is empty still. The son fills his own place in the world, and that alone. Each man stands alone before God. Each man do his own duty and fill his own. must do his own duty and fill his own sphere, and when he dies the world has lost one center of power, one source of good. His place is forever empty, except in so far as it is filled by the influ

ence that he has left behind.
You may put two bodies in one grave but not two souls in the same space. One may carry on the work of his predecessor, but his predecessor's voice is not there, his hand is absent, his encouragement is wanting. His place is empty and will forever be. Instead of two there is now but one. There is no filling of another man's place in this world. We fill our own place and that

Our conduct cannot be chargeable to Our conduct cannot be chargeage to another. For the things we do we alone must answer; and when we pass away the world will be just so much richer or so much poorer according as our lives have been a blessing or a curse. Filling another's place is all adelusion. You cannot do it. - Church Progress.

The Source of Happiness. We each of us possess within our selves the true source of happiness. Enjoyment is contained in our in tion, not in the book we read; in our appreciation of beauty, not in the picture: in our musical culture, not in

the instrument played. of Nature does not Our enjoyment of Nature does not depend on the charm of our surroundings, but upon ourselves. Some men will find more joy in the prairie than others in the Alps, some more joy in the desert than others in the flowers and forests of fertile lands. Is it the rich, the powerful, the popular, that obtain the greatest happiness? We look about us and we know that this is not true, though we act as if it were. Blessed are the poor in spirit; this we know is true, though we act as if it were not. No one is truly happy who has not happiness as a well of water springing up within himself into ever-lasting life.

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The Path to Success.

"What leads to success?" asks many a young man. What will keep the wolf from the dcor and the man from the poorhouse? First of all he must have his employer's interest at heart. He must keep his eyes and ears open and his mouth shut. He must learn to overcome any obstacle that may arise in his work and to do so quickly. He must be able to satisfy an angry and irritated customer so that the house may not lose patronage. Any chap who is able to do these things is bound to succeed, provided he has one trait—"stick to it-iveness." Then let him take advantage of any opening, no matter how small it may be provided it will advance him on his road to success. road to success.

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Persistence. Want of constancy is the cause of many a failure, making the millionaire of to-day a beggar to morrow. Show me a really great triumph that is not the reward of persistence. One of the paintings which made Titian famous was on his easel eight years, another, appears there are popular writers. seven. How came popular writers famous? By writing for years without seven. How came possesses without famous? By writing for years without any pay at all; by writing hundreds of pages as mere practice work; by working like galley slaves at literature for half a life-time with no other compensation than—fame. "Never despair," says Burke; "but if you do, work on in despair." "He who has put forth his total strength in fit actions," says Emerson, "has the richest return of Emerson, "has the richest return of the compensation of the store." "Well, I declare!" exclaimed the lady. "If I had known he was such a selfish little rascal I wouldn't have given it to him." "They're a bad lot," said the girl.

Poetry does not mean only the clothing of beautiful thoughts in harmonious language, it means also the spiritualizing of life, the tingeing every common object with the warm sunshine of sympathy and love. Just as on rainy days the slush and grimy mudare swept away and put on one side, so the sunshiny nature will naturally dismiss all mean and sordid thoughts, and turn to what is true and noble and pure, as "the sunflower turns to the face of its god."

"Please, 'm," said a voice at the lady's elbow. "Please 'm, he isn't a reacal, an'—an' he isn't selfish." It was the other little boy who spoke. "I didn't want none o' his cake. He wanted it for Jinny." 'alled the lady as the other boy started for the door.

"Jinny's his little sister what's lame," replied the boy, starting on again.
"Here—wait a minute," called the lady. Then as the boy stopped she

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Boy's Reading.

When the fact comes to the boy or girl that the reading they do before they are twenty one years old, has more influence on their life and character than all the reading they do after-ward, it should be a matter of great importance to them what they reading. If it is the trash of the day, to that level they are likely to come: no higher.

So we invoke their attention to this matter now, and impress upon their minds that unworthy books will spoil their whole lives. This caution is especially necessary now, when society is going daft on its reading and devoting itself to a literature that adds not a filament to the mental or moral fibre of a person.

Since parents are swamped in this literary morass, they are poor guides for their own children. They are in no condition to point out a path to safe ground.

Here is a boy or girl, reading one of Here is a boy or girl, reading one of the glittering pieces of fiction, about domestic infelicity, lapse of virtue or suicide in high life, and getting his mind saturated with thoughts and imaginations evoked by such stuff—they are there to stay. He will never get rid of the scratches they make on the soul. And in the future, they will conflict with principle, duty and conflict with principle, duty and moral discrimination.

It is enough to spoil an age, this It is enough to spoil an age, this tampering with the clean souls of youth. This is what frivolous and shady reading does. It is time to be particular; to see that a youth spends part of his time, at least, in something that is wholesome, pure, inspiring, useful; something that will make him think of the real things of life, of which he is after a while to be a part, and to in spire him with a purpose to do his part

The true secret of reform in the world lies in the heart of the boy or girl. There is the future enclosed just girl. There is the future enclosed just as truly as a forest is wrapped in an acorn cup. How that heart is cared for and treated will determine whether the world grows better or worse. It is not cared for if it runs to shabby, frivolous, fashionably, filthy literature. -The Lamp.

Forgotten Thanks.

Of course, you boys and girls are not the kind who forget to say "Thank you" when any one does you a favor. When you were very small, before you could so much as talk plainly, father and mother taught you these two little words, and ever since, I trust, you have been careful about using them at the right time.

There are many people who are care ful to say "Thank you" when some one passes them the bread at dinner, or lends them a book to read, but who re-ceive other and greater kindnesses without saving a word.

"Where are my gloves?" cried Jack, as he is about to start for school some cold morning. "O dear! I wish folks

would let my gloves alone!"

"Here they are, Jack," mamma says,
quickly, as the sound of the impatient
voice comes to her ear. "I put them
away for you when you left them lying And perhaps Jack says "Oh!" and

perhaps he says nothing at all. It is not likely that he says "Thank you." We fear his mother is used to it, how.

We fear his mother is used to it, however. Many mothers are.
How many boys and girls think of saying "Thank you" for the hours spends mending their torn clothes, or for her care of them when they are sick, or for any of the little sacrifices she is making all the time? If they want any help in their lessons, mother gives it as a matter of course, and they want any heart resonant any term of course, and they usually forget that it is anything for which to thank her. They take it for granted that whatever they want beautiful given them; if she possibly granted that whatever they want mother will give them, if she possibly can : and so she will, but her willing ness and her love and her unselfishness are no excuse for their being ungrateful and discourteous.

Start this very day to say "Thank you" whenever mother does you a kindness. Perhaps you will be sur prised to learn how many chances there are in a day to use those little words. And you will be even more surprised to see how much it means to mother that you do not forget them.—Inter-Mountain Catholic.

Brotherly Love. A traveller stopped at a bakery the other day, and as she was eating some cake two little urchins entered the open door. One of them bought a loaf of stale bread for two cents; but the of stale bread for two cents; but the sight of the lady standing there eating those delicious looking cakes seemed to fascinate the two little boys, and they stood quite still, watching her with wistful eyes.

Finally one little fellow spoke up to the girl behind the counter.

"I'd like one of them," he said.

"Two cents," said the girl, taking a cake from the pan.

The little boy looked frightened.
"I—I haven't any money," he stam mered.

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"It will give me great pleasure to lend it to you," said the lady, gravely, holding out two pennies.

"You may pay it back when you are a man with a bakery of your owa."

The little fellow refused to accept it

given it to him."

"They're a bad lot," said the girl.

"Please, 'm," said a voice at the lady's elbow. "Please 'm, he isn't a rascal, an'—an' he isn't selfish." It

bought a big bag full of cakes of differ-

ent shapes and sizes and colors.
"This is a present for Jinny," she said. "Please tell her that I say specially that her brother and you are to eat as many as you want." The urchin's eyes grew round with

wonder as he took the bag, and his voice was shaly with delight as he thanked her. Then he bolted through the door and was gone. They Felt Under no Obligations to the

World. A fifteen year old bell boy, was ar rested in Cleveland for stealing \$8. When asked in court why he stole, he said. "Because the world owes me a said. "Because the world owes me a living." No doubt the

No doubt the youth had heard

his many times from older lips.
When the armies of Louis XIV. were devastated in Flanders, the monarch exclaimed: "Has God forgotten all that I have done for Him?" A vast number of people seem to think that God and the world are under greatobli gations to them, and that the world owes them a living without any return service from them. Not long ago I heard a young woman say that she did not consider that she owed the world anything, that she was thrust into it without being consulted that she proposed to get out of it what she could

with as little effort as possible that she did not feel under the slightest

obligation to the past. But did you ever think, my idle friend, what you really owe the world for the privilege of living in it? Did you ever think that all the civilizations of the globe have been working for you through all the ages up to the present moment, and that you are reaping the harvest of all the hard working, sacrificing, suffer ing, drudging sowers that have preceded

Can you look the workers of the world Can you look the workers of the works in the face and tell them that you intend to have all the benefits of their labor, to enjoy all the good things of the world without doing anything to compensate for them ?—Success.

ANOTHER PROTESTANT IMPRES-SION OF POPE PIUS X.

One of the readers of the Lamp (Protestant Episcopal) writes to that publication, the following description of a recent audience with the Pope:

"The Holy Father was very kind to me, personally. . . . His goodness impresses one and his earnest pastoral love of his people. For example, after my audience I had the privilege of going with him into a large room where he received some poor children, who he received some poor children, who had that day made their first Communion in one or two of the smaller parishes of Rome. Here he was at once in his element. He loves the poor and he loves the children and as he was entering the room he turned to one of his and the room he turned to one of his secretaries and said earnestly, 'You haven't forgotten the medals for my dear children, I hope.' He beamed with kindliness and pleasure, as he looked at and spoke to them. He went about saying a few kind words to each individually, giving each his blessing and a medal by which to remember the occasion. Then he made a short but very earnest and touching address to m on the subject of the great event the Pope impressed me not only with his personal goodness and holiness but by his character of a true shepherd of Christ's flock, one who loves the souls which God has committed to his care."

A Rock-Built Church.

well-known English divine says; A well-known English divine says, what attracts me to Rome is its strong logical and consistent theory about religion. Not only comprehensive and profound, but in full operation and fruitful of good results. * * * and fruitful of good results. * * *
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and thus they count no sacrifice too great to offer the love divine, the love unfathomable, that love which for love's sake was slain.—The Missionary.

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I find myself confronted wit hmy own dear God, I know His arms are around me and will not let me go, and the more He has spared me in the past, the more will I love him now. — Father



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