

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER'S WAY

Of within our little cottage, As the shadows gently fall While the sunlight touches softly One sweet face upon the wall...

Should you wonder why this custom At the ending of the day, Eye and voice would answer: "It was once our mother's way."

Sometimes when our hands grow weary, When our burdens look too heavy, And we deem the right all wrong...

DON'T BE AFRAID

1. Don't be afraid to be good. This fear is far too general and gives much boldness to the bad.

2. Don't be afraid of danger whenever and wherever duty commands. Go to it readily, joyously, as to a feast.

3. Don't be afraid of failures. The first failure is necessary: it trains the will; the second may be useful.

4. Don't be afraid of poverty. Convince yourself that peace, distinction, generosity, honor, contentment also, have often been poor among us.

5. Don't be afraid of those that are successful. Not for a single moment remain in the spirit of defeat.

6. Don't be afraid because, in good faith, you have made a mistake. Recover from your error.

7. Don't be afraid of fashion. Do not judge of an idea, of a cause, of a truth, by the number of its adherents.

8. Don't be afraid of the obscurity of your position. A man's worth comes not from the importance or the tumult of his acts.

9. Don't be afraid of war. Pray that it may be spared to your country on account of the many and great evils which accompany it.

10. And lastly, don't be afraid of death, because it is a passage, a winding d-file, obscure to us, but opening into a glorious plain of light.

A LACK OF RETICENCE

Frankness, sincerity and candor are very beautiful and desirable traits. They impart to childhood and innocence that wonderful charm which is irresistible and appeals to every human heart.

A STORY FOR MAY

The talk had been of those Catholic practices, indulged in by Protestants, which somehow find their way into the biographies of converts, notable and otherwise.

No refinement of life is possible without reticence. There is a phase of human nature, the existence of which need not be denied, but yet which does not form a topic of polite conversation or a matter of which man is inclined to boast.

which social conventions have veiled with much wisdom. It is difficult to shock the present generation; mercifully it has torn to shreds all veils by which humanity concealed its frailties.

For this sad condition, largely the pseudo-science of the day is to blame. This false science delights in robbing man of his dignity and emphasizing his kinship with the animal.

The modern craze for outspokenness in a falsely understood sense takes the beauty out of life, robs the world of romance and reduces everything to the level of the commonplace.

EDITORIAL NIMBLENESS OF WIT Several reporters, the chief editorial writer, the city editor and the colored janitor of a leading Florida newspaper are said to have been engaged in a crap game in the private office of the general manager.

The colored janitor, with his eyes rolled to heaven, gave vent to an "amen!" that could have been heard half a block.

As the city editor ended his prayer, he said: "And now, Lord, we thank these generous boys for the cheerful donation they have made."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS TO THE QUEEN OF MAY O Mary, dearest Mother, Thy month is come again, Of all the months most welcome To angels and to men—

The month of birds and blossoms, The flowery, sunny May, When earth and sky, dear Mother! To thee fond tribute pay.

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"Aw, Father, don't be mad at me I didn't mean nothin'." "Now, I don't know why, but suddenly all my weariness and annoyance was gone, and I got down beside the lad and put my arms about the lad and told him not to be afraid, that I was his friend and wanted to help him and then I asked him what he meant by his question about the Lady in the piece."

"What piece, son?" And to my amazement he repeated the Hail Mary—repeated it hurriedly, shamefacedly—as if he feared there might be something about it that a priest ought not to hear!

Father Martin's glance ran around the little circle and he spread his hands as he sometimes does in the pulpit when he is really stirred.

"Actually, gentlemen, he was so ignorant that he thought there might be something covertly wrong in the Angelic Salutation! Yet, for the sake of his old mother, none too good a mother at that, he had said his 'piece' day by day through all those years and in all sorts of places—he had been stable boy, training pug for a half-rate prize fighter, garage hand, and finally chauffeur for a charlatan doctor—

"Well, I instructed him as well as I could—he wasn't so lacking in intelligence as he seemed—and I baptized him conditionally, gave him all the Sacraments and promised to look in in the morning and have another talk with him. But when I made my rounds the next day he was not there."

"Write that narration out, without any embroidery and paste it in the back of that copy of 'The Glories of Mary' Father Martin gave you for Christmas."

It is the duty of a Catholic, especially a subdeacon, to obey a priest.

After they were gone, and my bag was packed, Father Curry and I stood by the glowing hearth. As he shook hands with me he remarked apropos of nothing at all: "You see, though he had never known Her She had always known him—By Dominic Francis in The Magnificat."

Let us obey each one in his place with the faith of a little child, and the loyal heart of a true knight.

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