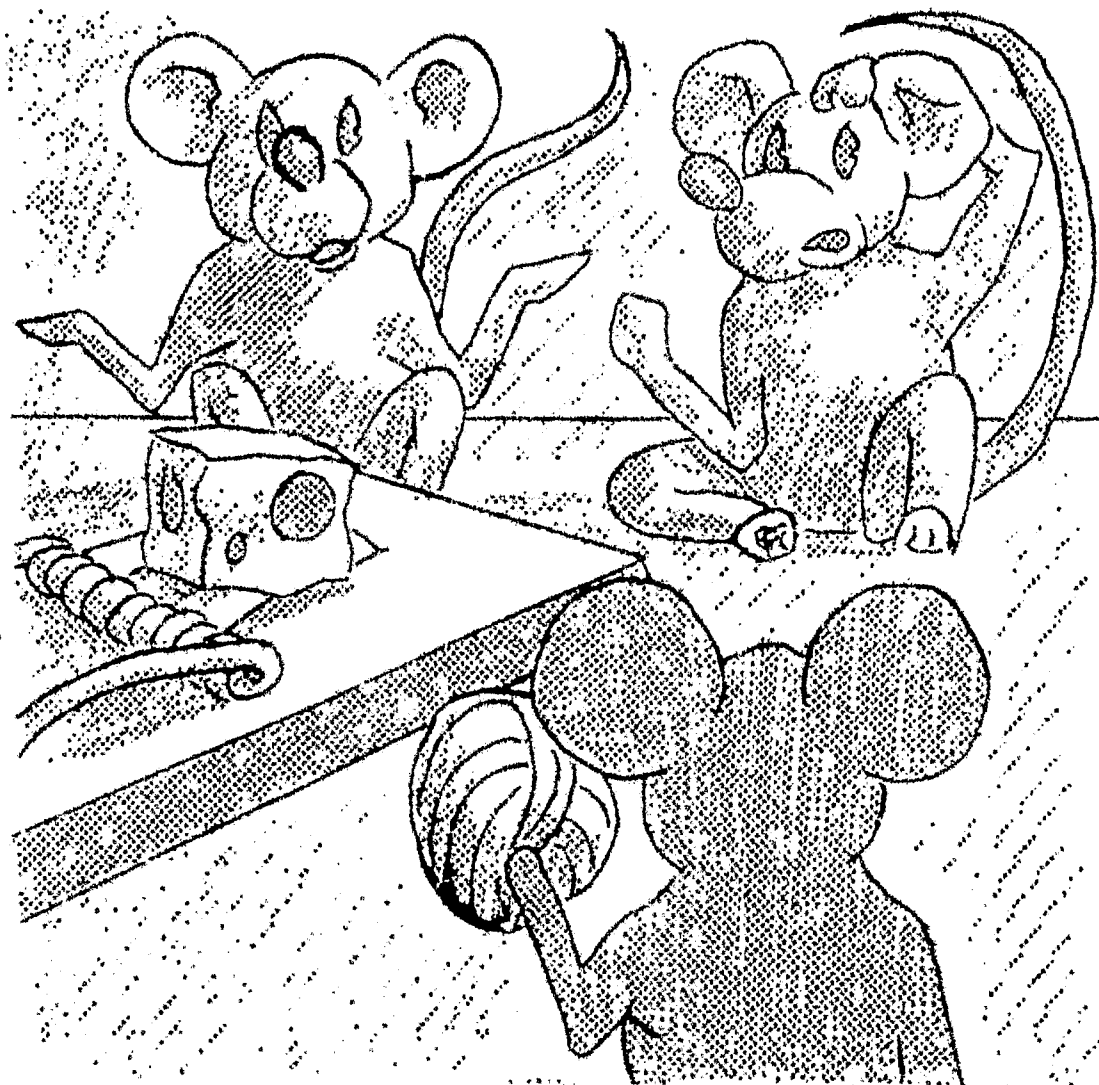

Words of Wisdom.

The rats once assembled in a cellar to devise some means of safely getting the bait from a steel trap which lay near, having seen numbers of their friends and relatives snatched from them by its merciless jaws. After many long speeches and the proposal of many elaborate plans, a happy wit, standing erect, said: -

"It is my opinion, that if with one paw we can keep down the spring, we can safely take the food from the trap with the other."

All the rats present loudly squealed assent. Then they were startled by a faint voice, and a poor rat, with only three legs, limping into the ring, stood up to speak.

"My friends, I have tried the method you propose, and you see the result. Now let me suggest a plan to escape the trap. Let it alone." (Chaplain's Digest)

Dangerous Magazines.

In the matter of dangerous magazines you belong to one of the following classes:

I. The "I Can Read Anything" Class. The members of this class defy even the Index Laws of the Church. They are a law unto themselves, so they won't seek advice. Humility which is a sign of greatness has been dropped from their list of virtues. They want to be "men", yet they forget that the real, perfect "man" was Our Blessed Lord. Christ is pursuing these men with His grace. A sincere confession is what they need to bring true joy to their hearts.

II The Scandalizers. The individuals in this group gather suggestive material, and after they read it to satisfy their lower nature, they pass it on to friends. When they go to confession they never think of accusing themselves of setting traps to catch souls. They are doing the devil's work, and the payment he makes is in everlasting fire. Members of this class attach pictures of a questionable nature to their walls. They need to spend time before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament to get the conviction that they are doing evil.

III. The "It's Only A Venial Sin" Class. To these men, venial sin is like no sin at all. Unless a sin caused some of Our Lord's Blood to flow, it is of no account. They forget the bruises. And is it only venial sin to devour dangerous literature? Meditation on sin before a large crucifix or a statue of the suffering Christ should convert these men.

IV. Those Who Flee. In this class are those who from their youth have remembered the caution: "In the matter of impurity, flee". They obey their parents and their confessor. Companions of those who have been pure from the beginning, are those who have given up their sinful habits and have returned to Christ at the cost of sacrifice. They have found happiness because they are running in the way of virtue.

"Let it alone."

PRAYERS (deceased) Alderman Pacelli of Chicago, friend of Mike Romano (Z). (Ill)
Coach Frank Leahy & Prof. Raymond Pence, both at Mayo's; son of Prof. Hilton, hospital.