

where there was pitch there was oil. Charles Whitcomb, oil expert for the Standard, was sent to investigate and three wells are now in operation in the land where Moses made history as a labor agitator some three thousand years ago. Moral to ambitious Americans: Brush the dust off the family Bible and get busy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Two Viewpoints

Secretary Garrison, apropos of his refusal to interfere with the custom of christening ships with champagne, said at a luncheon:

"You see, this matter can be looked at from two absolutely opposite points of view. A temperance orator, for example, once said to a shipowner:

"I was glad to see that at the recent launching you christened your new boat with water instead of wine."

"The shipowner, ruddy and fat, chuckled and answered in rich, husky tones:

"Yes, indeed! It was full time to inaugurate this reform. With the present scarcity of vintage wines I'll waste no more of them on foolishness."—Washington Star.

The Solution

Senator La Follette, discussing a trade condition, said:

"In this difficulty my solution would be the minister's.

"A minister, a doctor and a lawyer were dining at a lady's. The lady complained that her man servant broke a great deal of china. Her three guests then advised her what to do.

"Fire him!" said the lawyer. But the lady had had him for many years and he was old, and she liked him.

"Take his breakages out of his wages," said the doctor. But he always broke, it appeared, more than his wages came to.

"Then raise his wages," said the minister."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Happiest Moment

A bachelor of considerable wealth was much sought after by many of the most charming young women of the town.

Minnie Rivers, a very pretty maiden, was sure she had brought him almost to the point of a proposal.

"What was the happiest moment to your life?" she asked, while they were taking a moonlight stroll one evening.

"The happiest moment of my life," answered the bachelor, with a reminiscent smile, "was when the jeweler took back an engagement ring and gave me some cuff links in exchange."—Harper's Magazine.

The Rival Fathers

"You say your baby doesn't walk yet?" said Jones. "Mine does, and it is not as old as yours. Your baby cut his teeth yet?"

"Not yet," said Bones. "Oh, mine has—all of them," and Jones. "Does your baby talk?"

"Not yet," replied Bones. "Can yours?"

"Great Scott, yes," answered Jones. Then Bones got desperate. "Does he use a safety razor or one of the other sorts?" he asked.—Houston Post.

His Best

"We miss President Wilson's quiet and trenchant wit sadly here at Princeton," said an instructor in Greek.

"I remember at one of President Wilson's receptions, I complained of a man who boasted of his bad habits.

"When a man," said the president, "boasts of his bad habits, you

may rest assured that they're the best he has."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Exception

A teacher in a Liverpool school was trying to find from a tiny child the name of his father. He seemed quite unable to think of it, so to help him she asked: "What do you call him?" "I call him father," was the reply. "Well, what does your mother call him?" The response was eloquent of the manners of the neighborhood: "She doesn't call him anything—she likes him."—From the Liverpool Post.

Quaker Quips

You don't have to be a deaf mute to realize that actions speak louder than words.

You can't very well say of a doctor that he is doing well unless he is doing the sick.

Many a fellow gets the reputation of being fast when his creditors think he is pretty slow.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, but a couple of swallows have made many a fellow think he was a bird.

Even when she feels that she hasn't a friend in the world the average woman can always find some one to tell a secret to.—Philadelphia Record.

Tips from Texas

Probably it is better to be known as a quitter than to never know when to let up.

Another good thing about a bridal veil is that when the bride promises to love, honor and obey she can wink her left eye without getting caught at it.

Personally we are very tender-hearted and humane, but if Dame Fortune ever falls into our hands we're going to enslave her.—Dallas News.

A SONG OF OLD DREAMS

Sometimes, amid the tumult and the throng,  
We hear an old, sweet song;  
A broken strain from one we used to hear.

Back in some yesteryear;  
A melody, borne through the drifting haze  
Of life's forgotten days:  
The tumult dies around us, strangely thrilled,  
With roar of traffic stilled;

Our eyes are dimmed—our hearts turn back—and then  
We dream old dreams again.  
Sometimes, beneath love's new found smiling skies  
Remembered perfumes rise;  
An incense from the violet or rose,  
Where summer's south wind blows;  
Lost fragrance from old lanes of mignonette,  
That love cannot forget;  
And in the twilight or the dawn we turn  
To where old altars burn;  
And new found love must bide its moment then—  
We dream old dreams again.

And then, like silent ghosts from memory's tomb,  
They come in night's deep gloom;  
Gray ghosts, uprisen from the dreamless dead,  
They come with phantom tread,  
Without excuse, as restless winds of spring,  
That wander, whispering:  
And jeer that we have gone so far away  
From what we dreamed one day;  
We cry to God, as in the silence then,  
Old wounds gape wide again.

—Grantland Rice in Collier's.



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