

LEFT ORIGINAL HAUL BEHIND.

Chicken Thief Was Unfortunate on His Second Attempt.

"I haven't any heroic ideas about burglars," said the man, telling of the purest piece of sheer good luck that ever happened to him, "and one night when I heard a commotion in my chicken yard I made up my mind I wouldn't kill a man or get killed myself for the sake of a few dollars' worth of poultry. So I opened a back window, yelled: 'Who's there?' fired two shots at the stars with my revolver and went back to bed.

"In the morning when I went out to investigate I found a sack containing six live hens. I counted my flock and found I had eighteen, the right number, beside those in the sack. The thief had made a haul somewhere else first and wasn't satisfied with it. When I frightened him he left his booty behind.

"I sent word to the police, and every effort was made to find the owner of the fowls without success. They probably belonged to some one who had so many that he didn't miss them. So there was nothing to do but to keep them. My friends say I am as bad as the old skinkint who was visited by a burglar. When the police rescued the crook he had lost everything he had but his trousers and shoes."

GO SLOW IN JUDGING OTHERS.

Habit of Criticism Not a Valuable One to Cultivate.

Do not drift into the critical habit. Have an opinion, and a sensible one, about everything, but when you come to judge people remember that you see very little of what they really are, unless you winter and summer with them. Find the kindly, lovable nature of a man who knows little of books.

Look for the beautiful self-sacrifice made daily by some woman who knows nothing about pictures, and teach yourself day in and day out to look for the best in everything. It is the everyday joys and sorrows that go to make up life.

It is not the one great sorrow, nor the one intense joy, it is the accumulation of the little ones that constitute living, so do not be critical for the little faults, and do be quick to find the little virtues and to praise them.

So much that is good in people dies for want of encouragement. Their hearts are not open books, and as you must judge yourself some day, give them the kindest judgment now.—Exchange.

The Battle of Life.

There is more adventure in the life of the working man who descends as a common soldier into the battle of life than in that of the millionaire who sits apart in an office, like Von Moltke, and only directs the maneuvers by telegraph. Give me to hear about the career of him who is in the thick of business; to whom one change of market means an empty stomach and to another a copious and savory meal. This is not the philosophical but the human side of economics; it interests like a story; and the life of all who are thus situated partakes in a small way of the charm of Robinson Crusoe; for every step is critical, and human life is presented to you naked and verging to its lowest terms.—Stevenson.

Doctors' Fees.

"Do you mean to tell me," asked a learned counsel, when he was cross-examining Mr. Whistler in a well-known case, "that for a piece of work which only takes you half an hour you can charge so extravagant a price?" And Mr. Whistler's answer remains the classical apology of all learned and technical skill. "Yes," he replied, "but I am charging for the knowledge and experience of a lifetime." A doctor's fee may seem enormous to a patient who is aware that he has only seen him for 20 minutes. It still remains true that what is charged represents that accumulated mass of hardly earned experience which distinguishes the medical professional from the mere amateur.—London Telegraph.

India Marriage Lottery.

Every year in the Rupal country, in India, a marriage lottery is held, usually in October. The names of all the marriageable girls and of young men desirous of matrimony are written on slips of paper and thrown into earthen pots. One of each kind is drawn out at a time by a wise man. The youth whose name is drawn out obtains a letter of introduction to the young woman whose name accompanies his, and then all that remains for him to do is to start his love making at once. The majority of these fortuitous courtships turn out admirably in every way.

Modern Variation.

"One touch of nature faking," observed Prof. Sminick, "makes the whole world an Ananias club."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

It is easier to catch cold than it is to let go of it.

There is nothing so rare as roast beef properly done.

Be a "good thing" only for the benefit of your family.

The day dreamer is sure to attract attention—when he snores.

Most women are credulous enough to believe in their husbands.

You can't judge the value of a thing by the price card attached.

A man with a lot of money is always a great help—to himself.

Secrets a woman can't tell worry her as much as the money she can't spend.

It takes an exceptionally smooth confidence man to sell mining stock to a miner.

Success is the only thing that can turn a man's head when he has a stiff neck.

An old bachelor says an engaged man is as good as married and a divorced man is better.

As soon as a girl gets old enough to know better she quits wearing pins along her waist line.

When a woman has on a pretty pair of stockings she is terribly afraid of getting the bottom of her skirt soiled.—Chicago News.

WISDOM IN WHIFFS.

Self-sympathy is the road that leads to misery.

Man eternally lives an epic of which the Author is Divine.

The fool is often happy in his folly and the wise man lonely in his wisdom.

A many woman is to be avoided, but a ladylike man is beyond endurance.

Woman is an idol a man worships as long as it is too high for him to reach.

Flattery is counterfeit coinage which would have no currency but for our vanity.

The highest love is not a blind love, but one that, seeing all faults, can still pardon and esteem.

The art of adapting one's self to one's listener is a better aid to conversation than intellect.

A man may rave upon the heights, but he finds his real self persistently awaiting him on life's levels.

Philosophy can triumph over past ills and those that loom in the distance. To present ills she succumbs.

If only a woman would follow her intuition instead of her heart she would be a match for the cleverest man in Christendom.

SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

Some people act ridiculous and then become indignant because people tell it.

If you promise to be at a certain place at a certain time, get there, or send a note that you can't come.

Some women should explain why a woman thinks her toilet isn't complete unless she has a dab of powder on her nose.

It is a boy's opinion that when the preacher offers thanks at the table he has a perfect right to peep to see if there is anything on the table worth giving thanks for.

The talk of an afternoon reception where there are 200 or 300 women is said to remind the silent spectator of a train rushing through a succession of short tunnels.

So many varieties of cakes, cookies and crackers are put up in fancy boxes that children are being brought up without ever seeing their mothers make cookies, or receiving, as a reward for being good, a cookie-man.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Abused Nevada Law.

Nevada passed a law several years ago allowing hunters to shoot wild horses and to sell their hides. This opened the way to a new and profitable industry, and within a few years 15,000 wild horses were killed. But the hunters got to shooting horses that were branded and shod, and upon the plea of the ranchmen the legislature repealed the law.



Christmas Eve Good Night

WORRIED THE YOUNG MOTHER.

Lack of "Progress" Might Have Proved a Serious Thing.

"When people in our part of the country select a family physician they stick to him," says an Illinois physician. "If he goes away they won't call in some one else if they can possibly help it. They have faith in nobody but their own man, so long as he manages to be fairly successful. Last spring I went up to Chicago for a few days, much to the distress of a young mother in our town, who expects me to inspect her only baby every other day at least. The second day of my stay she telegraphed me to come home at once. Baby was sick—she told me the trouble—she didn't know what to do. It wasn't an urgent case, I knew, so I wired back a reassuring message, told her to give the baby a dose of some medicine she had at hand, and to fill out the ten words I put in 'Prognosis admirable.' I always like to use large words when I'm telegraphing—makes me feel that I'm getting the worth of my money, you know. When I got home two days later I went to see the baby.

"She's all right now," the mother told me, "but we were awfully worried. We had to rely on the medicine you left, though. The boy at the drug store didn't have a bit of prognosis in the place."

TIGERS FOND OF HUMAN FLESH.

Many Natives of India Yearly Made Prey of Jungle Monarch.

About 4,000 men were eaten by tigers in India between 1900 and 1904. A large proportion of these unfortunate perished during periods of famine, when the beasts are made bold by hunger and are driven to the plains in search of water. The deaths caused by tigers in India constitute 37 per cent. of the whole number due to wild beasts. All tigers are not man eaters, but when a tiger has once tasted man's flesh he will not be content until he has had more of it. Where flocks and herds abound, however, man is rarely a victim of the tiger. An old man-eater is usually very clever and tricky and can avoid the most skillful hunters. It is affirmed that a single tiger in southern India has killed 200 men, and that one in the Himalayas has killed more 300.

Strong Test of Friendship.

Good friends can walk together, talk together, read together and work together, but you must be more than good friends to do nothing together.

Daily Thought.

We alone can keep the true record of our thoughts and are exclusively responsible for their character.

Imperfect Man.

Richter: Man's great fault is that he has so many small ones.

German Proverb.

Good counsel is better than a thousand hands.

The Order of Fools.

April 1 is not the only Fools' day in the year. On November 12, 1881, the Order of Fools was instituted by Adolphus, count of Cleves.

Members were not by any means idiots, however, for the word had a different meaning then. They were the prototype of our modern Order of Foresters or Odd Fellows during a similarly benevolent work. Their insignia consisted of a mantle, upon the left shoulder of which was embroidered a jester, or fool, in cap and bells, yellow hose and silver vest. So these cheerful, useful jokers had a bright, happy outlook upon life and met together to dispense the earnest of their healthful existence at stated intervals, the chief day of which was November 12.

What It Reminded Him Of.

When Gen. Schenck, whose greatest fame rests upon his having introduced the game of poker into England, first arrived in London as American minister to the court of St. James he took a little of his spare time to visit the sights of the British capital. Among other places he visited Mme. Tussaud's wax works.

"And what do you think of our great wax work exhibition?" asked a friend.

"Well," replied the general, "it struck me as being very like the ordinary English evening party."

Beans and Bacon.

An old Scotchman surprised us all by remarking: "Your famous New England dish of pork and beans came directly from England, where for centuries it was the reigning favorite with all classes. The English called it 'beans and bacon.' In New York you have corned beef and beans—the same old beans. I never could understand why beans and bacon were never naturalized in the Land of Cakes. I cannot charge myself with ever having seen such a dish in Scotland."

Disposition Worth Striving For.

There is no more desirable trait for a companion in the journey of life than that of cheerfulness, the yokefellow of good temper. "A merry heart doeth good." But cheerfulness is not merely hilarity and fun. It includes the ability to look on the bright side, to make the best of everything, to refuse to meet trouble half way, and to do one's best bravely and hopefully. Such a disposition is invaluable, and the worth of its owner is above rubles.

AS TO LOVE.

Love is a winged messenger between hearts.

Love is the amaranth in the Garden of the Soul.

There be many loves, but only one way of loving.

Love is God's benediction on the world—a worldless amen.

When the last word shall have been spoken echo will answer—love!

There is nothing new in the world—not even love; but none has so many changes of raiment as he.

Woman is the queen of a little kingdom; its throne is one man's heart, its boundaries her children's arms.

When we say "Lovest thou me?" it may be for sweet asseveration or for poor bolstering of wavering faith.—Indianapolis Star.

Committing Music.

"Shall I play a little tune for you?" she asked her caller when the conversation had run low.

"Oh, no, thank you," he said, quickly. "Music always makes me sad."

"I play very well," she sighed, "but what's the use? Nobody ever lets me play. One friend who called on me ran to the piano stool and sat on it himself. 'If you must commit music,' he cried, 'it will be over my dead body!'"

Real Poetic Fire.

"Never tell me," said the editor, "that there's no such thing as 'poetic fire.' That stove there is red hot, ain't it?"

"Sure it."

"Well, I just threw a half a crate of poetry into it."

Emerson.

Nothing astonishes people more than the truth and honest, straightforward dealing.



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