

'Yes, I know,' she said. - 'But that doesn't worry me now. I've learned that doing as others do is less important than choosing what is best for one's self.'

CHEERFULNESS

No matter what else you may accomplish in life, or however rich you may become, if you do not keep sweet—if you allow yourself to sour, to become a pessimist, your life will be unproductive, and you will be a comparative failure. Resolve that whatever comes, or does not come to you, whether you succeed in your particular undertaking or fail, whether you make money or lose it, you will keep sweet, cheerful, hopeful, helpful, optimistic. Everywhere we see pessimistic, doleful people going through the world—people who have ruined their capacity for enjoyment because they allowed their losses, their sorrows, their fears, their failures, to take all the sweetness out of their lives. It does not matter so very much, after all, whether you make a fortune or not; but it does matter very much whether or not you keep sweet, have a clean record, and live a balanced life. Some of the greatest men in all history were total failures as money-makers, but they were notable successes in nobility and balance of character, cleanliness of life, mental poise, stability of purpose, and sweetness of disposition.

HEIN

An agent for one of the large jewellery stores in Cincinnati was canvassing a section of the over-the-Rhine district, endeavoring to sell an eight-day clock.

'My dear sir,' he said to a portly German, 'this is a remarkable clock. Not only is it beautifully finished, but it is a perfect timepiece. Why, it runs for eight days without winding.'

The German opened his eyes at this, and gazed solemnly at the clock.

'You say it run eight day vidout vinding?' he inquired of the agent. 'Vell, dat is ein gut clock; but if it run eight days vidout vinding, den how long vill it run ven you do wind it?'

ODDS AND ENDS

Druggist: 'Well, little girl, what do you want?'

Little Girl: 'I want a box of caramels, sir, but I came to buy a postage stamp.'

Mother (in a very low voice): 'Tommy, your grandfather is very sick. Can't you say something nice to cheer him up a bit?'

Tommy (in an earnest voice): 'Grandfather, wouldn't you like to have soldiers at your funeral?'

Lady Bountiful: 'Well, all I can say is, Jenkins, that if these people insist on building those horrid little villas near my gate, I shall leave the place.'

Jenkins: 'Exactly what I told them at the meeting, your ladyship. I said, "Do you want to drive away the goose that lays the golden eggs?"'

FAMILY FUN

Why is Westminster Abbey like a fireplace?—Because it contains the ashes of the grate (great).

What is that which everybody has seen, but will never see again?—Yesterday.

What is the best land for little kittens?—Lapland.

What roads are ill-natured?—Cross-roads.

What plant is fatal to mice?—Catnip.

What key is a poisonous one?—Whiskey.

What is the noisiest pet in the world?—Trumpet.

What does the evening wear?—The close of day.

What letter is twice your size?—W (double you).

When is love like a chicken bone?—When hidden in the breast.

Pins and Marbles.—Each boy or girl receives three pins which are stuck upright in the carpet. Marbles are then used to bowl over the pins. Naturally there must be a pre-arranged place for the pins to be stuck and for the bowler to stand in order that everybody shall have an equal chance. If more than one boy or girl should succeed in downing all three pins in the three bowls allowed by the rules, the successful players can have 'rubber' games together until one or the other becomes champion.

All Sorts

Judicious praise is to children what the sun is to flowers.

Caller: 'I am sorry your mistress is out. Do you think she will be at home this evening?'

Maid: 'She'll have to be; it's my night out.'

A musical dictionary defines a shout to be an 'unpleasant noise produced by over-straining the throat, for which great singers are paid well and small children are punished.'

An honest reputation is within the reach of all men; they obtain it by social virtues and by doing their duty. This kind of reputation, it is true, is neither brilliant nor startling, but it is often the most useful for happiness.

We smile at the ignorance of the savage who cuts down the tree in order to reach its fruits. But the fact is that a blunder of this description is made by every person who is over-eager and impatient in the pursuit of pleasure.

A North Island butcher was somewhat surprised a few weeks ago to receive the following note of instruction from a customer: 'Dear sir, please do not send me any more meete yet. I have butchered miself.'

'A word to the wise is sufficient,' remarked the man with the quotation habit.

'Wrong again,' rejoined the contrary person. 'A word to the wise is unnecessary.'

Medium (at the seance): 'Is there any question you would like to ask your first wife's spirit?'

'Yes, please ask her to give my second wife that recipe for the currant jam she used to make.'

'I tell you, golf is going to be the salvation of the nation. It's going to make athletic men and women of our puny offspring and lengthen our days by decades.' 'But our ancestors didn't go in for golf!' 'And where are they now? Dead, all dead!'

'Some of the greatest classical composers did not make any money,' said the guest at the musical gathering. 'Yes,' answered Mr. Cumrox. 'That thought is about the only thing that gives me any comfort when I listen to the things they made up.'

The self-made man was in a caustic mood. 'These schools, ye know,' he said, 'they're no good. Don't give a boy no practical knowledge; see what I mean? Now, my son, he's supposed to be learnin' Greek an' Latin an' Algebra. An' the other day I asked him to tell me the Algebra for fried potatoes, an' 'e couldn't.'

In England money is characterised by the word sterling, because in the time of Richard Coeur de Lion money coined in the east part of Germany was called Easterling money, as all the inhabitants of that part of Germany were called Easterlings. Soon after that time some of those people who were skilled in coining were sent for and went to London to bring the coin to perfection that was the foundation of the practice of designating English amounts sterling.

The Parsee, untrammelled by his surroundings, is seen in Bombay in all his wealth of height and dress. The men are, without exception, tall, finely formed, and stately, and possess a robustness and beauty quite at contrast with their Hindoo neighbors. Their street costume is a peculiar long white cotton gown, wide trousers of the same material and color, and a tall mitre-shaped hat. They have a general reputation for sobriety, frugality, and sagacity, and they seem to thoroughly understand the accumulation of fortunes. The wealthiest residents of Bombay are Parsees.

The banyan trees in India are very curious. After the branches are about 20 feet long they bend and strike root in the ground. These send out branches which in turn bend down and strike root. In this way a whole forest has been made from one tree. The cow tree grows in South America. Its branches are bare, and appear to be dead. This, however, is not true, for if you cut little notches in the trunk there will flow out a liquid which looks and tastes like milk. People living in the neighborhood go every morning to get their supply of milk for the day.

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