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Middle—The sea is very treacherous today.

Biddle—Yes, full of craft, isn't it?—Harvard Lampoon.

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The successful aphorist is about ten thousand times scarcer than the successful essayist or story teller or Assyriologist, remarks the New York Sun. The man who without borrowing directly from the few really great maxim makers of the world's literature, or without appropriating the letter or the spirit of those folk proverbs which contain the quintessence of human wisdom, can put into eight hitherto uncombined words the entire pathology of human hypocrisy and cant merits especial notice and more or less gratitude of mankind:

"In the truly good all gout is rheumatism."

We commend to the discerning everywhere the small and perhaps not very happily named book, "Keystones of Thought," in which Dr. Austin O'Malley of Pennsylvania has gathered from fifteen hundred to two thousand of these "conclusions which spare you the labor of tramping in most reluctant thought's syllogistic mazes." This small army of aphorisms are not all so good as those which we now proceed to exhibit as examples; but the average of epigrammatic quality is surprisingly high:

Autumn is a hint from God to Old Age.

A fallen lighthouse is more dangerous than a reef.

We are plated with piety, not alloyed with it.

Style is not the setting of the diamond thought; it is the glitter itself of the diamond.

Atheism is a disease of the mind caused by eating underdone philosophy.

It is a long snake that has no tail. If you snub conscience a few times she will cut your acquaintance.

Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food.

Writers on the spiritual life are constantly mistaking the liver for the devil.

Possess your soul without fussing; your guardian angel does not lose half the sleep over you you think he does.

It is as easy to give advice to yourself as to others, and as useless.

Cunning is a short blanket; if you pull it over your face you expose your feet.

The new is what has been forgotten.

In holding an eel a gentle grip is foolishness.

Distance lends amity to cousins.

The most dangerous savages live in cities.

What is called a weak will is commonly a flabby intellect.

There never was a great saint that lacked a sense of humor.

A gentleman never heard a story before.

Many social visits you think paid to yourself are paid to your bottles.

Most women wear their looks like trousers.

A college can bluff like any poker player.

Humor without effort, wit without bitterness, philosophy without pretension; Doctor O'Malley has printed a book that is worth possessing.

**Confusing.**

"I should like to look at some As traxhan," said the lady in the department store.

"Are you looking for fur or caviare, madam?" asked the polite floorwalker.

**Then and Now.**

"You must not be so quarrelsome, Willie," said William's father, impressively. "Remember that the meek shall inherit the earth." "Maybe they will hereafter," responded the young militant, "but around at my school they are used to wipe up the earth."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

**TRULY HOUSE OF MEMORIES**

Uncle Ab Dusenberry Was Able to Provide Particulars Concerning Ancient Abode.

"What a dear, dear old house!" said Miss Amarintha Gushington to Uncle Ab Dusenberry when he was taking her for a drive during the first week she was one of his "summer people," and they had stopped before an ancient and deserted house.

"These dear old houses!" said Miss Amarintha. "I love to people them with the people and the things of the past! So much of romance, of human weal and woe, of song and story, are woven into the woof and warp of their history. This looks to me like a veritable house of dreams, an abode of which there are tales to tell, a bit of romance embodied in wood and stone, a veritable house of memories. Tell me some of the romance of this house, won't you, dear Mr. Dusenberry?"

"Wal," said Uncle Ab, "I reckon mebber I kin. I've heern many a time how when old Bill Skinner lived there one o' his gals, Elviry Jane I think it was, tuk it into her head to elope with Buck Pillsbury, an' a round o' the ladder broke an' kerplunk they went into a bar'l o' rainwater jist as Bill's old bulldog come onto the scena, an' Bill hisself come lopin' out of a lower window with his shotgun, an' his wife who was a cross 'tween a rattlesnake and a hyenar once she got her mad up, arriv with a long iron poker in one hand and a hoss-whip in the other, an' when they got done with Buck he had to go home on his hands an' knees part o' the way, an' Elviry Jane run off with a map peddler the next week. Her mother was married five times, an' three o' 'em was livin' at one time, same as if she belonged to Newport's best sasslety. Her father was married four times, an' her brother Jep 'loped with his stepmother's sister from this house, an' a couple o' years later she 'loped with his brother an' he married her sister, standin' right at the front gate, with the preacher standin' in the road. Bill's mother married a farm hand in this house when she was sixty-five years old and the farm hand was twenty-nine. So, take it by an' large, there's reely been considerable romance mixed up with the old Skinner place, an', as you say, it's a kind of a house o' mem'ries."—Puck.

**Queen Elizabeth.**

She—Elizabeth—was a hard mistress to serve. Irresolute and yet obstinate, she frequently refused to act or decide, procrastinated, delayed, hesitated, while her ministers watched disaster approach or opportunity vanish. Even her most influential advisers found it impossible to overcome the inveterate trait of indecision. Their correspondence shows them driven almost to despair in times of exigency at the queen's vacillation and unreasonableness. An indorsement by a clerk on a letter of 1600 still exists in faded handwriting to testify to this habit. "A letter which her majesty willed me to write to her secretary, and to send it by post, but before I had fully ended the letter she sent me to bring it to her before it was closed, which I did upon the point of six o'clock, and then her majesty having read and scanned it three or four times and sometimes willing me to send it away, and sometimes altering that purpose, commanded me at last to stay both the letter and the post."—E. P. Cheyney.

**Prayer for the Day.**

Forgive us if this day we have done or said anything to increase the pain of the world. Pardon the unkind word, the impatient gesture, the hard and selfish deed, the failure to show sympathy and kindly help where we had the opportunity, but missed it; and enable us so to live that we may daily do something to lessen the tide of human sorrow, and add to the sum of human happiness.—F. B. Meyer.

**There Are Others.**

"I think Professor Hibrow is a wonderful lecturer," said the Old Fogey. "He brings things home to you that you never saw before." "That's nothing," replied the Grouch. "I have a laundry wagon driver who can do that."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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