



THE VERY CALM PHILOSOPHY OF MR. TAUGHED

Mr. Taughed was one of those numerous reformers who believed in reform, all right all right, but practiced procrastination to a remarkable degree.

"Mr. Taughed," remarked his better half one morning, "I am convinced that our grocer is charging us entirely too much on several of our items."

"I am sure of it, my dear," replied Mr. Taughed, "and I intend remedying it soon."

"Will you speak about it today?" "No dear. Our grocer is levying a little tribute for the purpose of being able to contribute handsomely to my campaign fund, and he can not make an exception of me without giving the snap away."

"But you have declared that this exaction of tribute must stop, and that you will demand its stoppage after election."

"Quite true, my dear. But by that time the people have recovered from the excitement of election it is almost a certainty that they will have forgotten about the grocer bills that have been paid. And if a few do remember it and demand correction thereof we will simply point to the result of the election as a vindication of the right to levy tribute that way. We who are in politics are often compelled to resort to seemingly illogical action."

In addition to owning the house in which he lived, Mr. Taughed also owned a cottage at the corner of Goose and Spruce which he rented to Mr. Tolland Strive, a blacksmith.

"Mr. Taughed," said Mrs. Taughed one morning, "Mr. Strive was here last evening while you were out and insisted on having the roof of his house repaired at once. He said that you had promised to fix it several times."

"I really must repair that roof," mused Mr. Taughed. "But as there is no present indication of rain there is no particular hurry. It may never rain again, and if it does not there is no reason for incurring the expense of repairing the roof."

"But if it does rain?" said Mrs. Taughed.

"Well, if it rains we can not repair the roof until it quits raining, and after the rain stops we can again take the matter under consideration. Mr. Strive must not be insistent. The roof will be repaired by its friends at the proper time."

Among Mr. Taughed's friends was Mr. Weedman Gardner, who owned and operated a truck farm on the banks of a somewhat erratic river. One day Mr. Gardner rushed to Mr. Taughed and exclaimed:

"Mr. Taughed, the river is gradually eating into my little farm and washing it away. I wish you and a lot of other friends of mine would come down right away and help me protect my property with a riprap."

"I will be glad to help you at the proper time," said Mr. Taughed.

"But now is the time," persisted Mr. Gardner.

"I think not," calmly remarked Mr. Taughed. "The soil washed from your farm is being deposited by the current on the land of a friend of mine on the other side of the river, and he contributes largely to my campaign funds when I am a candidate for office. I am opposed to any revision of the river's cur-

rent right now. As soon as the campaign is over and our political policy for the next four years is fixed, I will favor revision of the river's current, but shall insist that it be revised by the friends and beneficiaries of its present action."

Being a lawyer Mr. Taughed was often called upon to defend men charged with fracturing the laws of the land. It so happened that he was called upon to defend Breakin Howes, who was charged with burglary. The selection of the jury entailed a lot of work, but Mr. Taughed was a worker and finally secured a jury that suited.

The trial was contested with spirit, but finally resulted in a verdict of acquittal after the jury had been out about ten minutes.

"How did you do it?" queried a friend.

"It was very simple," replied Mr. Taughed. "I merely secured a jury composed of men who were in sympathy with burglary. Of course I think that burglary is a business that should be revised, but lest too sudden or too radical revision injure those who now have their capital invested in burglar's tools I think that it should be revised by its friends."

What Love is

What is love?—Boston Globe.  
Answer: 000000000.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

O, fudge, Griffin! How could you miss it so far? Love is \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

"Ten to one the corset trust stays," says the Baltimore American.

"Of corset will stay," says the Washington Herald.

Humor gone to waist!

Paradoxical

Uncle Sam pays John D. Rockefeller \$73.95 for going to Chicago and telling what he didn't know.

At the same time Uncle Sam spends a hundred million a year trying to educate his people.

Disappointed

"I see by the special dispatches that one of our islands in the Pacific has disappeared."

"Bully! Wish the rest of the bunch would disappear!"

"But this wasn't one of the Philippine group."

"Then why do you fritter my time away telling me about something that doesn't amount to a hill of beans?"

The Seasons

How swift the days of summer roll  
And bring the days for buying coal!  
How oft we think, as cold winds

rage,  
Of how we wasted summer's wage.

But what's the use to waste one's time

In writing pessimistic rhyme?  
We've got to dodge both left and right

To raise the price for anthracite.

The Explanation

Hearing that a western editor has been robbed of five diamonds an esteemed contemporary published at

Milwaukee demands to know how he got them.

That's easy. Doubtless he drew for them, but the other fellow drew a little harder.

Unanswerable

After an hour of redhot argument in favor of the parcels post we quit from sheer exhaustion and asked:

"But have you any valid reason for opposing the parcels post system?"

"Several hundred of them," he retorted, "and each one of them a share of stock in an express company."

Realizing that argument was useless we turned sadly away.

Answers to Correspondents

"Curious"—Not old at all—we're young.

"Dyspeptic"—Did you ever try work as a cure for your indigestion?

"Infatuated"—If she advises you not to spend so much money for flowers, and ice cream and theatre tickets, we believe you are perfectly safe in propounding the momentous question.

"Faddist"—We have very little faith in what you call the "hot water cure." We have been in hot water most of our life, yet every now and then we feel badly.

"Novelist"—Really we can not name our favorite writers of fiction. The men who build the magazine advertisements never sign their names to their work.

"Inquisitive"—We have seen so many ridiculous things during our brief career on earth that it would be impossible to pick out the "most ridiculous." But we have seen men who were forced to fence their farms with barbed wire howling their heads off in favor of a protective tariff on lumber.

"Dickiebird"—We confess to a dislike for canary birds. They have a foolish habit of singing too loudly too early in the morning.

Strange

As the train stopped Senator Graball, on his way to one of our distant island possessions on a congressional junket, looked out of the Pullman car window and saw a beautiful building crowning a hill in the midst of a beautiful city.

"What building is that?" he asked of his secretary.

"Why that is the capital building of Pennsylvania, the state you so ably represent," replied the secretary.

His curiosity having been satisfied Senator Graball resumed his study of the market reports.

Brain Leaks

Tomorrow is the refuge of the opponent of tariff revision.

You do not have to go to the fair grounds to see prize hogs.

The debt of nature can not be paid on the installment plan.

A lot of men have not yet been able to distinguish between notoriety and fame.

Happy is he who can think of yesterday without regrets and of tomorrow with hope.

Can you blame a woman who earns \$15 a week for not giving up her job and marrying an \$8.75 a week man?

Some people think it is charity to give away the old clothes they want to get rid of without expense to themselves.

What has become of the young man who used to soak his hair in bear's grease and then plaster it against his brow in a semi-circle that reached his eyebrows?

The difference between a man's handshake and the wag of a dog's tail is that the wag is always sincere.

The law's delays are responsible for a lot of lawlessness.

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