

ALL HAVE MEANING

TRACING ORIGIN OF BRIGHT AND APT SAYINGS.

In Common Use, Yet It Is Doubtful If Many Know the Circumstances Connected with Epigram and Slang.

We all have stowed away in the top drawer of our brains odds and ends of apt sayings, very convenient when we wish to give a bright touch, a chic turn, to our dull, everyday speech, yet in using them few of us have the remote idea where they came from—whether the case in point be a bit of old lace epigram or an up-to-date twist of slang off a bargain counter.

When we accuse the greedy member of our family of "taking the lion's share" we are borrowing the naive sarcasm of Aesop's fable, where at the end of a joint hunt the animals wish to divide their booty, and the lion claims one-quarter of the spoils by right of prerogative, one for superior courage, one for his dame and cubs, and "as for the fourth, let who will dare dispute it with me."

To Spain we owe that delightfully wicked slogan: "Every one for himself, and the devil catch the hindmost!" You no doubt remember that at one time his Satanic majesty kept a school of magic at Toledo. At the end of the term the graduating class ran through a long subterranean hall, the president of the school being entitled to the hindmost if he could catch him. As the one caught was forced to take a post-graduate course, it would have been a distinct advantage, had he not been obliged to barter his soul for the privilege.

When we plume ourselves with some pretty ostrich tip of flattery few of us know that the expression "a feather in your cap," arose from a custom of woodcraft enthusiasts, and that in Scotland to-day the one who kills the first woodcock plucks out a feather, and proudly wears it in his cap.

However flippantly we may flaunt the phrase, Oliver Cromwell gave it dignity of thought and diction when he declined England's offered crown. "Royalty is but a feather in a man's cap," he said; "let children enjoy their rattle."

As a pure-breed game cock has only red and black feathers, and a cross-breed is known by a white feather in his tail, "to show the white feather" forcibly pictures cowardice, since it is averred that the least impurity of blood destroys the bird's pluck.

While in the barnyard, we must linger long enough to clear up the mystery of being "as poor as Job's turkey," for the elusiveness of this bird has no doubt tantalized many a searcher of Scriptures who had not paused to consider that a turkey is as much an American institution as the eagle on our coins.

With the unfortunate patriarch's poverty in mind, Judge Haliburton—the British-American humorist, Sam Slick—created Job's turkey from his own vivid imagination, describing the bird with only one feather in his tail, and of so weak-kneed a constitution that he was obliged to lean against the fence to gobble.

Counting by Machinery.

A Swedish inventor has designed an apparatus for counting money and sorting the pieces into specified quantities. In the first place, money of various denominations is put into the machine and separated according to value, these being sent into various tubes. When in the tubes the coins can be taken out in lots of 10, 20, 50 or 100 pieces, at the will of the operator. The apparatus is capable of separating, counting and dividing into the lots before mentioned 72,000 pieces in an hour. One machine under one operator is able to accomplish in one day as much counting as could be done by 50 most experienced bank cashiers.—Dundee Advertiser.

Are All But Means to an End.

All higher motives, ideals, conceptions, sentiments in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Up-to-Date Child.

Laura was playing on the porch with her dolls, but was greatly distressed by the song of a locust in a tree near by. Running to the tree, she called, impatiently: "Ring off, birdie!"—Delinquent.

Trashy.

"Givin' some people education," said Uncle Eben, "is purty much like puttin' music in one o' deshere talkin' machines. It's all right when it goes in, but it sure do soun' like trash when it comes out."—Washington Star.

Mistake Made by Many.

"De smart man," said Uncle Eben, "is likely to git along fus' rate until he stabs in figgerin' 'roun' an' tryin' to make his brains take de place of his conscience."

LAMENT FOR CHANGED TIMES.

Adoniram Corntop Discourses on Present-Day Extravagance.

"Yes, sree, Bill, times is changed since you an' me was doin' our courtin'," said Adoniram Corntop, with a note of sadness in his voice, to old Andy Clover, who had come over to "set a spell."

"When we was doin' our courtin', Andy, a gal thought she was bein' treated right hansom if a feller bought her ten cents' wuth o' pep'mints once in awhile, an' if he tuk her to any doin's in town she didn't expect him to go down into his jeans to the tune of a dollar or two fer ice cream an' soda water an' candy at fo'ty cents a pound. My son Si tuk his duckey-doodle to the band concert in town yistday an' there wa'n't a quarter left of a dollar bill he struck me fer time he got home. Beats all the way young folks throw the money away nowadays. I tell ye times is changed mightily since we was boys, an' the Lawd only knows what the end will be with a feller layin' out 75 cents on a gal in one day."—Puck.

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Time's Wonderful Changes.

Harry Lauder says that when Sir Alexander Ramsay was constructing upon his magnificent estate in Scotland a piece of machinery to drive, by means of a small stream in his barnyard, a threshing machine, a winnowing machine, a circular saw for splitting trees, a hay press, an oat roller, etc., he noticed an old fellow, who had long been about the place, looking very attentively at all that was going on. "Robby," said he, "wonderful things people can do nowadays, can't they?" "Ay," said Robby; "indeed, Sir Alexander, I'm thinking if Solomon was alive now he'd be thought naething o'!"

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Disgruntled Dad.

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