

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Faint heart is famished heart. Promptitude is the life of praise. He who waits on fate wins failure. Spiritual growth is never spasmodic. The truth that hits is the truth we hate. Faith is never developed by finding fault. The best kind of love is love of our kind. There is no service where there is servility. There are no rights without responsibilities. Men who are downcast are easily cast down. The high fivers do not reach the heights of life. The devil would have no dupes if he had no decoys. He who gives the world most always finds he owes it most. The world needs broad sympathy more than broad sentiments. There is more health in happiness than there is in misery. He who works for the human race has a good show in the heavenly race. There is no virtue in hearing two sermons if you do not practice either of them. When money can secure your companionship with wrong more money will secure your co-operation. The gate of heaven may be narrow, but many will find that it takes more than narrowness to enter there.—Chicago Tribune.

PENCIL POINTS.

Sober second thoughts usually occur the next morning. Bachelor girls are spinsters who refuse to admit it. The ten commandments are good examples of broken English. Planets revolve, but shooting stars are not necessarily revolvers. It isn't necessary to erect a monument when you bury animosity. Many a well-informed woman has her servant girl to thank for it. I order in a political meeting seldom begins until after it is called to order. Acting is supposed to be a profession, but sometimes it is merely a walk in life. A woman is never really prostrated with grief unless she is unable to consult her dressmaker. Every minister is hopeful that the strife in the choir will cease when the millennium rolls around.

JAPANESE PROVERBS AND SAYINGS.

Here are a few proverbs and sayings current among the Japanese: Before argument, proof. Live under your own hat. Habit has more weight than instruction. Those who know the ropes do most hauling. Rubbing salt into a wound is adding insult to injury. Beware of beautiful women as you would of red pepper. A wife's tongue, three inches long, can kill a man six feet high. The Japanese language is quite deficient in terms of abuse. Golf is never likely to become popular in the country.—Westminster Gazette.

BUSINESS WOMAN'S RULES.

Be honest. Don't worry. Be courteous to all. Keep your own counsel. Don't ask for vacations. Be loyal to your employer. Don't complain about trifles. Be business-like, not womanish. Be prompt—a little ahead of time if possible. Be neat and attractive but unobtrusive in your person. Take kindly criticism in the spirit in which it was intended. Do the very best you can each day, and every day, so that when there is a chance for promotion, you will not only be "called, but chosen."—Chicago Journal.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

Sympathy never goes on a strike. Sense flees when the senses rule. Greed is the devil's seed of need. Signs of doubt are seeds of despair. Virtues are not preserved by pickling. A man's life is worth what it costs him. Standing for God is starting for glory. God may send us poverty to starve our sins. An enemy won by love will be a friend for life. There can be no sympathy where there is suspicion. There are many kinds of Christians, but only one Christ. The biggest interest comes from what we give away. The obedience of the heart is the heart of all obedience. The standard of cash is not the standard of the kingdom. The road to heaven is lined with the trees of God's planting. A man's title to heaven does not depend on his titles on earth. The man who makes others live in a sty is the worst hog of all. The attractiveness of heaven depends on the treasures we have there.—Ram's Horn.

ALL TRUE.

Few politicians lead double lives. One of the kind is enough. When a man falls in love the fall is apt to break his pocketbook. When a man is addicted to political vaporing he is apt to be foggy the issue. Any man who calls himself an idiot wants others to question his veracity. Some engagements end happily, but the majority of them end in marriage. Most of our enemies are too contrary to stand still while we do the coal-of-fire-heaping act. Wealth has its penalties. You never hear of a poor man spending his money for dyspepsia tablets. Any man who has been three times married and three times divorced is entitled to a front room in a daffy asylum. When one woman tells another that she is still looking quite young it means she is beginning to carry weight for age.

BILL BUGG'S BLARNEY.

Let us all grow lettuce, if prices are to continue at present figures. The man who buys and smokes cigars evidently has money to burn. Some men who ride in parlor cars are sadly deficient in parlor manners. Florida sunshine is the magnet that is drawing the magnates southward. There is one school a Florida boy delights to get into—a school of mullet. When the flying machine is perfected we can all get up in the air, if we want to. As the price per foot of city lots advances, the higher in the air go the buildings. It is quite possible for one to become intoxicated on water—if he be aboard a boat. It's a wise goat that knows its own mate after it reaches the butcher's stall and is listed as spring lamb.—Florida Times-Union.

SPLINTERS.

Turkey dressing—Feathers. The man who doesn't stop to look at the sign post cannot blame anybody but himself for taking the wrong road. Jenners—Has that grand opera star such a high voice? Benners—Well, I should say so; you have to put up five punks to hear her sing. If the courts insist on setting a market value on stolen kisses some people will lose the only chance they ever had of being kissed. Any young man who has never been in love ought to have money in the savings bank. The Judge—Prisoner, what excuse have you to offer for attempting to kiss the defendant? The Prisoner—It was dark, your honor, and I'll take my oath that I couldn't see her plainly. The best a man ever did should not be his standard for the rest of his life.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A widow always believes in platonic love—for others. Too many men are incapable of doing their own thinking. Girls who make fools of men usually make lasting impressions. A lot of misery comes to the man who sits down and waits. Most of the good times we have are not appreciated until the next day. Some men are too busy to take a rest until the undertaker gets them. Any girl who thinks as much of a man as she does of herself will do to tie to. There are a few self-made men and a lot of self-made blonde women in the world. If tombstones are truthful the cemeteries contain more good people than ever lived. It may be all right to give credit to whom credit is due, but spot cash is always preferable. Most people would rather blame a man for what he doesn't than give him credit for what he does. A man may be disappointed in the friendship of his friends, but he can always depend on the enmity of his enemies. To-day the average man is saving up to buy a home, to-morrow he buys it and the day after he will try to sell it for less than cost.—Chicago News.

BUDS AND FLOWERS.

Ability never amounts to much until it acquires two more letters—stability. Our incomes are like our shoes. If too small they gall and pinch us, but if too large they cause us to stumble and to trip. Write your name with kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of the people you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten. A life spent amidst holy things may be intensely secular; a life the most of which is passed in the thick and throng of the world may be holy and divine. The great duty of life is not to give pain; and the most acute reasoner cannot find an excuse for one who voluntarily wounds the heart of a fellow creature. We save and toil, we worry and fret; and all the while close over us bends the infinite wonder and beauty of nature, saying, "Look up my child! Feel my smile and be glad!" If we find that our time passes slowly and heavily, we may be sure there is something wrong within. Either we have not enough to do or we work mechanically, without heart or energy. Live not for selfish aims. Live to shed joy on others. Thus best shall your own happiness be secured; for no joy is ever given freely forth that does not have quick echo in the giver's own heart.—Household Guest.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW.

Iowa pays women school teachers less than any other state, the average salary being \$36.91 per month. Experts estimate the total number of books printed in the world at 12,730,000. The annual production is now 150,000. The consumption of cigars and cigarettes increased enormously last year. Smokers used 6,787,454,108 cigars and 3,254,883,330 cigarettes. Russia, Roumania and Serbia are at the top of the list in illiteracy, 80 per cent of the population of these countries being unable to read or write. One million persons in the United States own railway stocks or bonds. Eighty per cent of the holdings in American railroads is now held in the United States.

JOTTINGS.

The telephone is not deaf, but it is often hard of hearing. Makes a bit oftener than the actors.—The stage carpenter. The timekeeper of a factory necessarily has a watch movement. It is the man who plays to the gallery that gets the cheap applause. Sunday school teacher—Now, tell me, Willie, what makes all good little boys to go Sunday school? Little Willie—Christmas. A man does not make his own load of troubles any lighter by burdening his friends with them. Lots of good time is lost by most people in talking about a man's sin when they might be praying for him. Ada—They say that the match between Will and Gladys was a case of love at first sight. Margie—It must have been; they would never have married had they taken a second look.

WHEN NOT TO MARRY.

Don't marry to reform a man. He who would not reform before marriage is not likely to do so afterward. There is no more fallacious hope a girl can entertain than that of changing an unreformed rake into a good husband. Don't marry a man who has only his love to recommend him; there are other qualities requisite in husbands quite as important as this. A head is wanted as well as a heart. Don't marry a man for a livelihood; there are better, safer and more honorable ways by which women can earn a living nowadays. Don't marry a man who threatens that, if refused, he will go straight to the bad. Threats are the outcome of a weak, unstable and unmanly nature. Don't marry a man because he is handsome and looks well in his clothes. Tailors' dummies do not make the best husbands. Don't marry a man to spite another man; curses, like crows, come home to roost. Don't marry a man because he is the first one who has asked you, and you are afraid if you refuse him you will be an "old maid." Occasionally old maids are to be found who are happier than some wives. Don't marry a man to whom "Yes" has been said in a moment of mistaken sympathy or sentimental ecstasy. Sympathy is not love, neither is ecstasy; the latter, when carried to excess, is a form of hysteria, and both are poor foundations for matrimony.—Liverpool (Eng.) Mercury.

MUSINGS.

Most of the fools in this world haven't got the money to part with. When a girl poses as a beauty she is usually more ornamental than useful. The average woman spends more time than money when she goes shopping. An epicure is a person who doesn't enjoy the kind of food that agrees with him. Every time a man doesn't say anything he lessens his chances of being called a fool. When an American girl is looking for a title she should not marry beyond her father's means. Those who have no use for the law should remember that the lower jaw does nearly all the work. The more wheels a man has the better off he is—if they are in his pocketbook instead of his head. A woman has certainly reached the limit when she's so homely that automobile goggles are becoming to her. The older a man gets the more he appreciates the fact that he wasn't allowed to have his own way when a boy. When a girl marries a man because he declares he couldn't live without her isn't she entitled to a life-saving medal? Those who have no use for the law should remember that the lower jaw does nearly all the work.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

American fashion plates are used in German tailor shops. The United States sold Corea about \$400,000 worth last year. The port of New Chwang, at the mouth of the Liao river, is the greatest bean market in the world. American apples are seen on every fruit stand and are peddled through every street in Berlin, the price being 5 cents a pound. Germany consumed about 7,000 tons of our apples during last year. The ship subsidy law of Austria provides bounties and premiums. Iron and steel steamships receive an annual bounty of \$2.44 per ton, while the bounty of iron and steel sailing ships is \$1.83, and that of wooden and part iron sailing ships \$1.23 per ton. Iron and steel sailing ships have their bounties increased by 10 per cent if built in Austrian shipyards, and by 25 per cent if at least half the raw material used in their construction is of Austrian origin.

LEFT-HANDED PHILOSOPHY.

Homeliness is unlike beauty chiefly in the fact that it doesn't fade. The average individual fails to recognize blessings through their disguises. Revenge is sweet when you get it yourself. When it is taken out of you it's different. Most critics seem to think that criticism is solely a scientific method of throwing a heavy hammer. When the first composer set in type the proverb about "Truth is mighty," he apparently left off the word "inconvenient." Men who have money to burn usually find a golden phoenix rising from the ashes. The trouble is that most folks think money is made to burn—and find the bird to be plied.

FLORIDA PHILOSOPHY.

The first tears of childhood are prayers. Temperance in prosperity, and courage in adversity. The man who becomes real angry at slander often makes it true. There are no unattainable ideals, except to those who have none. Some men are so selfish that they often blame themselves in order to be praised. What soul on earth is not girt with grave securities; buried in the life like the scent of the rose. The true man glories in the upward movement of all men, both as to nations, the world and the universe. Some public man said that we must put more conscience into politics—how can you force conscience into the devil? While you struggle and toil in duties' exacting sphere, think of the creeds nearest to your heart and take courage. Patience may be the bitter experience of to-day, but its fruit will be filled with the honey comb of the years to come. Still bear in mind that success does not lie in trying to build yourself up by pulling your brother down; that low, cheap principle leads to a sure failure. Nature made the law that love, like genius, should know no law but its own, and all the chant of priests and all the frowns of jurists cannot change what nature has decreed by an eternal code.—Florida Times Union.

CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT.

Read nature; it is the friend to truth. Laughter is the cipher-key where-with to decipher the man. The worse of all knaves are those who can mimic their honesty. Indifference is not a question of physical demeanor—the principle lies in the heart. It has been said that love is like the measles—all the worse when it comes late in life. Man is but a poor struggling being, bound to his environments and chained to circumstances. Every promise of the soul has innumerable fulfillments; each of its joys ripens into golden fruit. The man who does not like music is a human being whose principles are cunning and deceptive. No prayer, no matter how humble the man, but what does some good to the world and its heartaches. A little touch of sympathy and pity is the anchor that saves many a life from drifting upon the reefs. The page remained blank far into the night, but inspiration came through its mysterious channels, and living thoughts crept thereon.

CHINFAYNE.

It is not safe to trust to the good heartedness of a man simply because he is fat. The less there is required of a man, the harder it is to get him to do it satisfactorily. The fact that you have done your best is no guarantee that what you have done is right. Whether an action is a favor or a compliment depends upon who makes the request for service. A desire to associate with those who have more money than he has has been the ruin of many a man. It is so much easier to attack than to defend that it is no wonder we are becoming a nation of fault finders. The trouble about professing to be good is that it requires too much effort to keep up to the record you may acquire. There was a time when mankind were all heroes, if you can believe the stories of the leftovers from a past generation.—"Uncle Dick," in Milwaukee Sentinel.

BRIEF TRAILERS.

Our desire is to make others good, our duty to make them happy. He most nearly overcomes imperfection who most seeks perfection. Many people are victims of misplaced confidence—in themselves. Food for wicked thought is that usually supplied at boarding houses. The richer a man gets, the more careful he should be to keep his head level. Every time a man loses his temper he loses his head, and when he loses his head he loses several chances.—Chicago Journal.

WIT AND WISDOM.

The pessimist is the fellow whose morality has cold feet. Every girl who works is not such a beauty as to enslave her employer. The optimist is the fellow who thinks he can always loop life's loop. We offer no rewards for "lost time," yet it is one of our most precious possessions. The flying machine may be all right, but an old donkey is safer on a lone some road. Were it not for envy the residential town sites would not command so large a figure. The most pathetic sights on earth are an old horse turned out to die and an old man whom nobody wants. When a married woman lectures about home and husbands hubby should tell his version of the story. There must be an awful lot of soft comfort in being able to buy a lot of newspapers wherein to "boom" one's self. If other people valued us as we value ourselves we would be afflicted with a chestiness that would put our buttons out of business. The man with a pull and the man without a pull soon learn that, although all men were born equal luck don't always strike the same way. When a man buys newspapers for the purpose of advertising his own philanthropies there may be more self complacency than charity in the deal.—Kate Thyson Marr.

PARAGRAPHS WITH POINTS.

Little white lies live long and prosper. The world will forgive a man almost anything except failure. It is impossible to patch up a reputation so the patches won't show. If a man who falls in love at sight is wise he will take a second look before proposing. There are two sides to every story. The victory you win means defeat to the other fellow. Sometimes the breaking of an engagement enables the parties to live happily ever after. What a grand and glorious word this would be if every man would follow the advice he gives to others! No ordinary man can love a woman as much as she thinks he ought to attend to his work at the same time. Life is a good deal like a meal in cheap restaurant. The things you want fall to show up on the bill of fare. No, Cordelia, don't pine away if a young man asks you to return the engagement ring; spruce up and go off another one.—Oraha Bee.

SOME WEATHER LORE.

Hoarfrost indicates rain. Three foggy or misty mornings indicate rain.—Oregon. Heavy frosts bring heavy rain; frosts, no rain.—California. If metal plates and dishes sweat is a sign of bad weather.—Pliny. A rising fog indicates fair weather if the fog settles down expect rain. Fog from seaward, fair weather; fog from landward, rain.—New England. When the perfume of flowers is usually perceptible rain may be expected. The larger the halo about the moon the nearer the rain clouds and the sooner the rain may be expected. When the mountain moss is soft and limpid expect rain. When mountain moss is dry and brittle expect clear weather.—New York World.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A stump speaker is almost as sincere as an actor. What a woman is ashamed of depends on who the man is. It takes an awful lot of money not care whether people think you have any or not. What a girl likes about getting flowers from the right man is the one he hides in them and she forgets tell her mother about.—New York Press.

CYNICISMS.

As a rule, the boy who can be tied to his mother's apron string does not need the restraint. Sinners are necessary to art; life of a saint is as placid and uninteresting as a puddle of water. Constancy is admirable; but it's ever-shifting weather-cock that looked up to.—James Ball Naylor, Ohio State Journal.