

## Whether Common or Not.



## Grab a Root!

When the hours seem long and the day is drear,  
And fortune is cold and sneering;  
When each friend goes by with averted eye,  
And the world seems filled with jeering—  
Well, that is the time for a man to brace  
And smile at the old world's scolding.  
Just give it a hoot and grab a root,  
And keep right on a holding.  
For it's pluck that wins in the long, long run;  
And pluck is ahead when the day is done—  
When the sun goes down  
The world will crown  
The man who has fought and a battle won.

When the truth you teach is e'er met with scorn  
And the lying teachers heeded;  
When both fraud and greed run ahead full speed,  
And the right of might's conceded—  
Well, that is the time for a man to work  
To throttle the ills enfolding.  
Though your neighbors hoot just grab a root,  
And keep right on a holding.  
For truth will win ere the daylight dies,  
And error writhe with her poisoned lies—  
When the day is done  
The world will run  
To lay at your feet the victor's prize.

When your heart grows faint at rebuffs of fate,  
And you find yourself despairing;  
When your brain seems numb and the hot tears  
come,  
Don't you waste good time in swearing.  
Brace up and spit on your hands once more;  
Don't lay like an old log molding.  
Be known by your fruit—just grab a root,  
And keep right on a holding.  
For it's holding on when your cause is right;  
And it's working away with all your might,  
That clears the way  
For the better day  
That is bound to dawn after error's night.

## Well Balanced.

"Is Jaggson what you would call a man of good mental equipment?"  
"Well, I have seen him read a patent medicine ad, carefully and then go about his work without complaining of any symptoms of disease."

## Aunt Lib.

"I hev noticed," remarked Aunt Lib, looking over her spectacles, "that most of this cry against yellow journalism comes from the journals that are green—with envy."

## Biffs.

He laughs best who is cheerful all the time.  
Nothing succeeds like water when properly marketed.  
Prayer is not ordering what you want, but asking for what you need.  
Investigation is the mother of agitation, therefore the grandmother of reformation.  
The difference between try and cry is so small that the wonder is anybody ever wastes time at the latter.  
There is a bright lining to every cloud; though you pay out money for coal in winter you save mightily on ice bills.  
The difference between a man's will and a woman's will is that almost any lawyer will undertake to break the former, while no sensible man will undertake to break the latter.

## School Supplies.

"Papa, I must have some school supplies," remarked Willie at the supper table.  
"Gracious alive!" ejaculated Willie's papa.

"Will I never get done buying school supplies? What do you have to have now?"

"Well, I got t' have a football, a nose shield, a pair of springheel shoes, a belt, a flannel shirt, leg guards, a chunk o' rubber t' hold in my teeth, a book o' rules an' instructions, a punchin' bag, a pair o' dumb bells an' a sweater. Will you get 'em for me tomorrow?"

## Slight Difference.

"Does your daughter play the piano?"  
"Not yet. She only works it."

## Two Views.

Years of sorrow and toil and tears,  
Gloom and dark despairing.  
Hours too short when we forget  
Cares and burden bearing.

Years of peace and light and love,  
Home and dear ones greeting.  
A moment now and then of gloom  
That brighter makes each meeting.

Why sit ye down in sad repining?  
Quick, turn the cloud for the silver lining!  
—Will M. Maupin.

## Items of Interest.

Pacific coast exports of wheat during the present season will reach 100,000 tons.

The waiters' union of Galveston is alarmed over the introduction of Chinese restaurants.

A plague of grasshoppers has been visited upon the central provinces of Spain this season.

Colorado estimates that 60,000 tourists have visited the state during the present tourist season.

In 1900 the Pacific coast exported 500,000,000 feet of lumber and shipped 300,000,000 feet east by rail.

The sockeye salmon pack of the Puget Sound territory for the present season is valued at \$400,000.

Florida is having the largest tobacco crop ever raised in the state. The average is 1,000 pounds to the acre.

The Jordan is a river that has never been navigated and flows into a sea which contains no living creature.

Glasgow, Scotland, has 315 miles of streets to keep clean and an army of 1,300 men is employed to do the work.

The latest reports are to the effect that this season's oyster crop will be the largest in the world's history.

France has twelve large automobile factories with a combined capital of \$19,000,000 and employing 15,000 workmen.

The loop at "Agony Point" on the Darjeeling railway, India, is said to be the sharpest railroad curve in the world.

Those who decree the season's fashions declare that this is to be a "velvet winter," meaning that velvets will be much worn.

Ribbon makers in Europe attribute the poor condition of the ribbon trade to the bicycle. Women who ride bicycles do not wear ribbons as a rule.

Four and one-half gallons of spirits are made from a bushel of corn. With corn at 60 cents a bushel the spirits cost a fraction over 13 cents a gallon.

There are 444 lumber mills in the state of Washington, sawing 9,000,000 feet daily and turning out 30,000,000 shingles. The mills employ 24,000 men.

A resident of London recently won a heavy wager by cooking a plum pudding ten feet below the surface of the Thames river. He enclosed the pudding in a sack of lime. The water slacked

the lime and the heat cooked the pudding in two hours.

In Great Britain the ratio of widows to the adult female population is 76 in 1,000. The ratio of widowers to the adult male population is 35 to the 1,000.

Rosewood is so-called because it emits a fragrant odor when cut, not because of its color. It is comparatively light, a cubic foot weighing 45.5 pounds.

A horse can live twenty-five days without solid food, merely drinking water; seventeen days without food or drink, and only five days on solid food without water.

The only lighthouse in Alaska is at Sitka. It consists of a high pole to which is fastened a red lantern. The government pays \$10 a month for its maintenance.

Women were employed in the British postal service for the first time in 1870. Now there are in the British isles nearly 35,000 postmistresses and female clerks.

Cats' tails are a favorable article of adornment for female wearing apparel. A recent lot sold in New York consisted of the tails of nearly a million defunct felines.

The first twentieth century missionary convention of the Christian church will be held in Minneapolis October 10 to 17. It is estimated that 20,000 delegates and visitors will attend.

Rhode Island claims to be the birthplace of the American iron industry. In 1675 a forge set up in Pawtucket by Joseph Jenks, jr., was destroyed by the Indians.

New Orleans has 225 miles of street railway. The mileage is divided among several companies and preparations are being made to consolidate the whole into one system.

The government of New Zealand is pursuing the policy of buying back large estates from the proprietors and cutting them up into small holdings for men of limited means.

There are more than 5,000 building and loan associations in the United States. The total number of shareholders is 2,500,000 and the total net assets more than \$450,000,000.

The bank of England has a gold weighing machine so delicate in its construction that the weight of a postage stamp will turn the index on the dial a distance of six inches.

Fifty-four in every 100,000 deaths in the entire country are not caused by either accident or disease. They are caused by old age—the "running down of the human clock."

Fifty years ago Kennebunkport, Maine, had a large shipbuilding industry. The shipping industry of the town is now confined to the building of canoes and an occasional schooner.

Nels Morris of Chicago is the largest breeder of Angus cattle in the United States. His "C" ranch in Texas contains 280,000 acres upon which feed 15,000 head of this breed of cattle.

A prominent geographer has just made an interesting calculation. He says that if the oceans of the earth were to be emptied of their water it would take the rivers flowing into them 40,000 years to bring them up to the present level.

Forty per cent of the men employed in the Minnesota mines are Finns. Another 40 per cent are Hungarians, 8 per cent are Italians and the remaining 12 per cent made up of Americans, Germans, Frenchmen, Scotchmen and Welshmen.

Professor Dexter of the University of Illinois declares that the desire to fight is affected by the temperature. As the temperature rises the desire to fight increases, stopping at 85 degrees and witting as the thermometer registers higher. Assault cases are commoner in summer than in winter. On the contrary, drunkenness decreases with rising temperature and increases with falling temperature.