

## Whether Common or Not.

### Whip Behind.

The meanest man on life's highway  
Is not the one who's bent  
On making loans for thirty days  
At ten or twelve per cent.  
He's not the man who wore his brain  
Into a frazzled wreck  
To make a button of a wart  
That grew upon his neck.

The meanest man is not the one  
Whose greed insatiate  
Caused him to climb the fence to save  
The hinges on his gate.  
He's not the one who saved his heels  
By walking on his toes;  
He's not the one who saved his teeth  
By talking through his nose.

The meanest man on earth today  
Is not the man who totes  
A quart of shoepegs to his horse  
And palms them off for oats.  
Nay, all these men are gentlemen  
Of wondrous hearts and kind  
Compared with him who is so mean  
He always whips behind.

God bless the man who's kind enough  
To smile and look ahead;  
Who never growls because a boy  
Hooks on a little sled.  
May health be his, and length of years,  
And may he fortune find;  
For nothing is too good for him  
Who never whips behind.

### Longing.

Tell me, ye winged winds that roar  
About me day by day;  
That rush athwart my cottage door  
Like Titans at their play—  
Will not some gen'rous man or maid  
Speak up so's to be heard  
And say they'll send me, express paid,  
A fat Thanksgiving bird?

### Engaged.

"What's Writerly doing now?"  
"He's writing a biography of the  
next candidate for president."  
"But how does he know who the  
candidate will be?"  
"He don't know, but he's writing it  
anyhow. It'll be easy enough to take  
a rubber stamp and insert the name."

### Of Two Evils, Etc.

Mrs. Harry Stockracy—"Sophie, if  
anyone calls this afternoon tell them  
I am not at home."  
Sophie (recently landed)—"Ay vill,  
boot Ay tank dat be a lie."  
Mrs. Harry Stockracy—"Of course  
it will, but if you do not tell it I will  
have to meet the caller and say I am  
glad to see her, and that would be a  
greater lie."

### The Usual Fate.

A maiden in far Pocatello  
Couldn't pick out a suitable fellow.  
She is now an old maid  
Who is sad and afraid  
She has passed to the sere and the  
yellow.

### Blacklisted.

Hitte De Pyke—"Please, mum, will  
yer help a poor workin'man who is  
blacklisted an' can't git nuthin' t' do?"  
Mrs. Nuwedde—"Yes, poor man.  
Here is a nice sandwich and a cup of  
coffee. What kind of work were you  
engaged in before you were black-  
listed?"

Hitte De Pyke—"I wuz foreman o'  
de gang w'at wuz digging holes f'r  
de poles uv a wireless telegraph  
line."

### Brain Leaks.

A word of cheer costs nothing but is  
beyond price.

A good character is not to be builded  
on hate or envy.

Jealousy is the hope that what you  
are looking for does not exist.

Well earned glory will last much  
longer than unearned prize money.

Some men are so constituted that if  
you fill their stomachs you may slap  
their faces when you will.

Some men are so lazy they will spend  
an hour praying for something they  
could get with five minutes' work.

Some men are agnostics because that  
is the easiest way they can find of  
inventing excuses for their ignorance.

A little man can never fill a big  
place, but a big man in a small place  
soon makes the place large enough to  
fit.

Some church members dearly love  
to have the minister announce the old  
hymn, "I'm glad salvation's free." It  
eases their conscience when they filter  
the dollars through their fingers and  
grasp a penny to put in the contribu-  
tion basket.

### With the Shades.

The shade of Admiral Nelson was  
sauntering down the flower-strewn  
pathway when his one eye saw some-  
thing fluttering in the distance.

"What is that?" he asked.

"It appears to be a wig-wag signal,  
my lord," replied the shade of Stephen  
Decatur, happening along most op-  
portunately.

"Can you make it out, Steve? My  
blind eye bothers me."

"I'll try, my lord. But it's been a  
long time since I tried to read the  
wig-wag flag."

"Well, what is it, Steve?" asked Nel-  
son, after a long silence.

"Hush, be still! It seems to be the  
shade of Commodore Perry trying to  
communicate with you. It is, too.  
Wait till I spell it out."

Then Decatur slowly spelled out the  
following signal:

"Hello, Nels, old boy! Have you  
noticed that no one has yet stood up  
to dispute the statement that there  
was glory enough to go 'round at  
Trafalgar and on Lake Erie?"

Then the shades of Nelson and De-  
catur wandered slowly on down the  
flower-strewn pathway.

### Items of Interest.

The oil wells of the United States  
produce about 100,000 barrels of oil a  
day.

Women are employed as porters and  
guards on some French lines of rail-  
way.

Natives of South Africa distill an in-  
toxicating liquor from the fruit of the  
umganu tree.

Manchester leads the list of English  
cities in the number of public houses  
—called saloons in the United States.

Before a Norwegian girl may marry  
in her own country she must demon-  
strate that she can knit, bake and spin.

Great Britain exports about 50,000,-  
000 tons of coal a year, chiefly to  
France, Russia, Spain, Sweden and  
India.

Japanese mills run day and night,  
the shifts changing at noon and mid-  
night. Most of the mill workers are  
children.

The production of alcohol in Ger-  
many is close to 100,000,000 gallons a  
year, two-thirds of it being distilled  
from potatoes.

A Portland, Me., liquor dealer re-  
cently played a ghastly joke on him-  
self. He complained because a car  
of beer consigned to him had been  
seized, while a car consigned to an-  
other man was not touched. His offer  
to pilot the officers to the car be-  
longing to his business rival was ac-

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cepted, and he had the satisfaction of  
seeing the officers seize another car  
consigned to himself, he having made  
a mistake in pointing out the car.

On May 24, 1819, the first trans-At-  
lantic steamboat started from Savan-  
nah for Liverpool. That was the day  
on which Queen Victoria was born.

The Canadian fisheries department  
has sent a consignment of salmon to  
be placed in Tasmanian streams. A  
prior experiment with Canadian trout  
proved wonderfully successful.

It is asserted that some of the Egyp-  
tian obelisks bear figures of men  
mounted on two-wheeled vehicles  
greatly resembling the old-fashioned  
velocipedes.

Mrs. Milford Brady of Morrow coun-  
ty, Ohio, owns and operates an old-  
fashioned water-power mill. Her only  
assistant is a boy. The mill is over  
100 years old.

It is reported that a tribe known as  
the Nulate Indians, living within the  
Arctic circle, speak the same lan-  
guage as the Apaches of Arizona and  
New Mexico.

Mrs. F. M. Smith, wife of the "borax  
king," is preparing to start a colony  
for homeless girls. She will build ten  
cottages, in which one hundred girls  
will be located and trained in domestic  
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