



Whether Common or Not

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Brace Up!

When you're feeling rather blue
And the sledding's hard with you;
When your schemes go up the spout
And you're feeling down and out;
When you've shot and scored a
miss—
Brace up and remember this:
Those who win are those who try.
So brace up and don't say die.

Swell your chest and try again;
Grit your teeth and smile at pain.
Tackle trouble with a laugh
And you'll cut the dose in half.
Look the world square in the eye;
Buck the line and don't say die.
Laying down is all the shame—
Sit straight up and play the game.

Don't dodge trouble—if you do
It will doubly trouble you.
Meet each task with grit and vim,
Do the square thing, sink or swim.
If you see hard luck draw nigh
Laugh again and don't say die.
Keep your face turned to the light,
Do your best and you're all right.

Classified

"Is Bilkins a good business man?"
"No, he's just an ordinary financier.
Every time he gets into trouble
he hollers for help."

Well Named

"Why does Snapperly call his race
horse 'Jerome?'"
"Because it makes such a fine
start in front of the grandstand and
winds up so badly on the back-
stretch."

Satisfactory

"And why are you incarcerated
here, my poor man?" queried the
gushing visitor at the prison.
"I'm here, mum 'cause I tried to
secure bank deposits."
"I did not know that it was a
prison offense to do that."
"Well, you see, mum, I used a
jimmy and giant powder instead of
the legislature."

In Georgia

"I must go out for a moment and
see a man, my dear," said Colonel
Dryasdust when the curtain fell.
Just before the curtain went up
again the colonel returned.
"Did you see the man?" innocently
inquired Mrs. Dryasdust.
"I suttinly did see him," sorrow-
fully replied the colonel, "but he had
also left his flask at home."

Old Times

"We never had fire drills in the
old days when I was a schoolboy,"
remarked Uncle Jethrow Checks.
"But the old school houses were
small and the children were in no
danger," we observed.
"Well, I recollect that the teacher
used to warm us up considerable,"
mused Uncle Jethro as he reflectively
rubbed his back and gazed at the
lithe and sinuous branches of the
hickory tree in front of the house.

To Late

The shade of Napoleon Bonaparte
sat by the side of the River Styx and
mused.
"The 'code Napoleon,' which I

framed up was all right in its way,
but it lacked one thing."

Before his mind's eye paraded
Moscow, Waterloo and St. Helena.
"Had I been able to peer about
one hundred years into the future I
could have fixed all that," he con-
tinued. "I could have provided a
federal judiciary and then issued in-
junctions against all my opponents."

Realizing that his had been a fatal
oversight, the shade of Napoleon
arose and wandered back into the
almost impenetrable Stygian woods.

Assured

Having organized the big scheme
for the exploitation of the people the
chairman of the executive commit-
tee asked:

"Now will our scheme be strong
enough to stand the legal test?"
"Of course," replied the company's
legal advisor. "What do you sup-
pose I have posted up on technicali-
ties and ground for appeal for?"

Deeming the answer sufficient the
big scheme proceeded.

Bogus

"I think that Lord Smotherly is a
fraud."

"What makes you think so? His
name is in Burke's all right."

"O, I know that, but he's been
over here a week, hasn't tried to
marry an heiress, says he hasn't seen
enough of America to express an
opinion thereon, hasn't asked any-
body to endorse for him, don't wear
a monocle, doesn't drawl when he
talks, and hasn't paid any florid com-
pliments to American women. If
that isn't a sure sign of bogus title
I'm no judge."

Here's Hopin'

The doctors down in Houston donned
their antiseptic clothes,
Sharpened up their knives and
saws in proper style;
Held a smelly ether bottle right be-
neath Judd Lewis' nose,
And protected 'round his insides
for a while.
First they carved out his appendix,
then they sewed him up again,
Then departed, leaving white-
robed nurses near.
Now we're waiting, and a hopin' he
will soon take up his pen
And resume his work o' writing
songs of cheer.

An appendix is a Trifle that can
cause a lot of woe,
So with Judd's the doctors
Tampered yesterday.
And they say he's doing bully, and
it tickles us to know
That he'll soon be up and feelin'
blythe and gay.
For we miss his bubblin' humor, and
we miss his lilting rhyme,
And we're waitin' and a hopin'
soon to hear
That Judd Lewis has recovered and
is puttin' in his time
A "Tamperin' with Trifles" with
good cheer.

Unfortunate

It being a holiday the prisoners
were allowed "liberty" inside the
prison walls.
Two prisoners met and began con-
versation.
"And what are you in the 'big stir'
for?" queried one prisoner.
"I'm in five years for wrecking a
bank and getting away with \$100,-

000," was the reply. "What are you
in for?"

"I'm in five years for stealing a
ham," was the reply.

"That doesn't look exactly square,"
said the bank wrecker.

"O, I guess it's all right," said the
ham stealer. "It's what a man gets
for neglecting his educational oppor-
tunities."

Caste

"I don't see no reason why you
should be a turnin' up your nose at
me," said Porch Climbing Bill to
Grafting George as the two met in
the safe environment of the room
provided by Feeney the Fence.

"You are not in my class at all,
sir," said Grafting George with great
pride.

"Well, why ain't I, bo? Ain't we
both crooks?"

"That is as it may be," replied
Grafting George. "But let me re-
mind you that you escaped with a
file and a saw, while I escaped on a
technicality."

Realizing that Grafting George
was in a higher class, Porch Climb-
ing Bill humbly took a retired seat.

Cognomens

Doubtless you have often been
puzzled how to pronounce the names
of Chinamen, for they appear so
queer and unpronounceable. It is
the queerness of their syllabic de-
vision that is responsible for your
bewilderment.

Suppose we take a lot of good old
American names and divide them up
according to the Chinese idea, and
see how they look.

Hug Hes.
Doesn't that sound Chinesey? But
after you look at it awhile and then
run the two together, dropping the
capital H and substituting a small h,
it is very simple—Hughes.

Here's another one: Dou Glas.
If you saw that on a laundry sign
you'd be puzzled how to pronounce
it, but when it appears as "Douglas"
it is very easy. If we read an ac-
count in a Chinese newspaper—pro-
viding, of course, that we could read
Chinese—and saw something like
this, we'd laugh:

"Senator Ow Ens retorted sharply
to Senator Cur Tis, and until Sen-
ator Go Re interfered with a little
joke it looked as if there might be
trouble. Bur Kett of Nebraska and
Sto Ne of Missouri exchanged a few
pleasantries, and the senate was in
an uproar until Senator Al Lis On
moved to adjourn. After adjourn-
ment Senator Hop Kins expressed re-
gret that such a scene should have
occurred."

Doubtless our names look as ridic-
ulous to the Chinaman as his name
does to us. It's all in the habit.

Brain Leaks

Genuine happiness is seldom pur-
chased in a lump.
If there is a skeleton in the closet,
keep the door shut.

The rivers we fished in when a boy
are nothing but creeks now.
The foolishness of yesterday is not
cured by the regrets of today.

People who struggle to keep up
appearances usually give their case
away.

Life is like a cistern—what you
get out of it depends upon what
you put into it.

When a man doesn't amount to
much he is apt to lay the blame on
"environment."

Men successfully tackle big re-
sponsibilities only after having
practiced up on little ones.

A lot of men who think they are
keeping step with the march of pro-
gress are only marking time.

The trouble with most of us is
that we'd rather sit around and kill
giants than to get up and tackle a
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