

A Deaf Man's Musings.

Go among great folks for great sinners. It is good to be deaf when the slauder begins to talk.

Love drifts into hate more easily than indifference into animosity.

Just one little drink has made all the drunkards in the world.

He is no true friend who has nothing but compliments and praise for you.

Many people find their only happiness in forcing themselves to be unhappy.

Sharp and intelligent resentments are more respected by the world than virtuous foals.

Half of the pleasure of riches consists in seeing others suffer the pangs of poverty.

To borrow a pocket knife and find it will cut is one of the pleasantest surprises of life.

When a religious society quarrels and splits, it stands to reason that the devil gets one of the divisions.

It is not difficult to do good, for the means are clustering above every man's lips and hands.

He is indeed an afflicted man who can pass a beautiful woman without first instantly forgetting his sins.

He who eats mince pie in a restaurant attracts beautiful and touching evidence to child-like faith in his fellow man.

If you would secure the favor of an intelligent man cut off your story as soon as he smiles an understanding of its point.

The physical attributes of man are constantly at war with his moral and intellectual forces—notably in the case of hois.

There is no sadder moment in a poor man's life than when he rakes together the last few grains of a 50 cent bag of smoking tobacco.

Tears at a funeral are sometimes a mere disguise for joy, just as laughter and giddy amid social festivities may mask a broken heart.

No man should be punished for his crimes who was trained to crime in his childhood. As well blame the young jockey for his sins.

Whatever may be the individual fate of woman nature proclaims aloud the one great object of their creation. Watch the little girls with dolls.

Transient Troubles.

Most of us have had troubles all our lives, and each day has brought all the evil that we wished to endure.

But if we were asked to recount the sorrows of our lives, how many could we remember? How many that are six months old should we think worthy to be remembered or mentioned? To-day's troubles look large, but a week hence they will be forgotten and buried out of sight.

If you would keep a book and every day put down that worry you and see what becomes of them it would be a benefit to you. You allow a thing to annoy you just as you allow a fly to sting you and you are plagued by it; and you lose your temper (or rather get it; for when men are surcharged with temper they are said to have lost it;) and you justify yourselves for being thrown off your balance by catching the fly.

Do not trace out. But if you would see what it was that threw you off your balance before breakfast, and put it down in a little book, and follow it out, and ascertain what becomes of it, you would see what a fool you were in the matter.

The art of forgetting is a blessed art, but the art of overlooking is quite as important. And if we should take time to write down the origin, progress and outcome of our few troubles it would make us so ashamed of the fuss we made over them we should be glad to drop such things and bury them at once in eternal forgetfulness.

Life is too short to be worn out in petty worries, frettings, hatreds, and vexations. Let us banish all these and think on whatsoever things are pure and lovely, and gentle, and of good report.

Mothers as Doctors.

Practical mothers depend on their own experience with the little bodies entrusted to their care. Some of the most common sense facts in the physical culture of these little ones known to the more experienced mothers may not come amiss to those who have but little care of children. The foundation must be well laid to insure healthy and happy children. The child must be well slept, well aired, well fed, and well bathed. By a thorough understanding and practice of these four simple rules, much of the physical, mental and moral suffering in life would be avoided by parents as well as child. If a healthy child (and a delicate one proportionately) is regularly put to bed about dark, in a quiet, well ventilated, or even cold room, after a supper of plain food, it will naturally awake at day-break, good natured, with a keen appetite for a wholesome breakfast. Nutritious, plain food, at regular hours, with no candy or stimulants, and free bathing, helps the system to ward off many of the children's ailments, and to bear with much less danger the few that must necessarily come to the majority of the little ones. The child that is given just a little confectionery, or any unsuitable food, and then rushed to sleep, should cause no surprise at waking peevish and feverish. It is simply the result of imaginary affection or want of knowledge on the part of the one in charge. It will certainly pay in the end to search diligently for the cause when a little child is proverbially cross.

The reason given by Guizot for the prosperity of the French is full of interest. "Habits of prudence have penetrated all classes. There are very few families, even among the lower classes that spend all their income. A single manufacturer in my town of Sisleux, puts by, and has long been so doing, 600,000 francs a year. The wealth of France has at least doubled during fifty years; and, as the population has augmented during that time by only one-tenth, it is obvious that the comfort of the people has increased enormously."

Don't tell a man you sweat. It's vulgar. Inform him that you are being deprived of the saline and oleaginous fluids of your material substance thro' the medium of the excretories of your pelvical cuticle, with a sensible condensation of moisture upon the superficial exterior.

Aphorisms from Rothe.

[TRANSLATED BY G. C. S.] [Continued.] The human individuals are not Helots of the universal ethical purpose; their individual ethical purpose has just the same claim to be fulfilled as the general one.

It is not the Soul (which exists also in the brute) that is immortal, but the Person.

Man, because he is an I, can turn his soul against itself.

What a singular and confused, as well as confusing, *antithesis* of "Reason" and "Heart!"

In the reason, understanding and feeling have become one.

A scientific head with a wretched Memory, is a prince without land or people.

A man with a poor memory is literally a poor man.

A poor memory in the psychical sphere corresponds to short-sightedness in the physical sphere.

Lofly talents bring no heavy temptations with them, but great talents do.

The strong (vigorous) will is not so stiff and brittle will, but an elastic one.

"That supple-tempered will, that bent, like perfect steel, to spring again and thrust."

—James Russell Lowell, lines on Lincoln. In this consists the terrible gravity and the terrible practical moment of the doctrine of the Devil, that it shows us, how, in the passage thro' sin, the personal creature may remain hanging in evil.

Sin begins in us as Animality, and ends as Fiendishness.

Whoever is genuinely conscious of his sinfulness, needs no long expiatory penitential exercises. He is of himself and always penitent.

One of the worst hindrances of God in the world is an (unchristian) unbeliever in his power.

Injure virtue tastes bitter; only that which is perfectly sincere tastes sweet.

An Experience in Memphis.

The Memphis Avalanche says: There was a touching little scene on one of our streets yesterday. A kind hearted lady was going to see a sick friend, when she heard her name called. Turning, she saw a slender girl, dressed in mourning, advancing toward her. As the child came nearer the lady recognized in her the daughter of the neighbor who had died the day before near the city. The little girl threw her arms about the lady, and sobbing, cried:

"You aren't afraid of me, are you?"

"No, my dear," was the soothing reply.

"Everybody else is," said the poor girl. "They won't come near me because papa died of the fever, and we were with him, I and mamma."

The little girl's heart was stung by the chilling repulsion which came to her in so deep a sorrow.

A little Maine chap was taken to church for the first time where the minister officiated in a surplice. He was continually fidgeting about and asking, "Ma, is he not done?"

"When will he be done?" the minister stood up to make the closing prayer, raising his hands, when the little fellow turned to his mother, with horror pictured on his face, saying, "Ma, he is swelling up again!" — *Leslie's Sunday Magazine.*

"Gentleman, I can't lie about the horse. He is blind in one eye," said the auctioneer. The horse was knocked down to a spectator, who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty. After paying for the horse, he said: "You were honest enough to tell me that this animal was blind in one eye. Is there any other defect?" "Yes, sir, there is. He is also blind in the other eye," was the prompt reply.

A ludicrous instance of punning upon a name once took place in a Judicial Court of New York, which is thus told: Counsel had been questioning a certain witness named Gunn, and in closing he said to him: "Mr. Gunn, you can now go off."

The Judge on the Bench, seeing the pun, gravely added, "Sir, you are dismissed." Of course an explosion in court immediately ensued. — *New Haven Register.*

"You need not be afraid of giving too much," the old darkey said. "If any of you know of any church w'at died of liberality, just tell me where it is, an' I will make a pilgrimage to it, an' be of soft light of de pale moon I will crawl upon its moss-covered roof an' write upon the topmost shingle, 'Blessed an de dead who die in de Lord.'"

A little boy from New York went into the country visiting. He had a bowl of bread and milk. He tasted it and then hesitated a moment; his mother asked him if he didn't like it, to which he replied, smacking his lips: "Yes, ma — was wishing our milkman would keep a cow."

A man was earnestly looking in the bung-hole of a whiskey barrel, as if in search for something he could not find. "What are you doing?" asked a bystander. "Why, I'm seeking my reputation in the place I lost it," was the mournful reply. — *Hackensack Republican.*

When you speak evil to another you must be prepared to have other speak evil of you. There is an old Buddhist proverb which says, "He who indulges in enmity is like one who throws ashes to windward, which come back to the same place and cover him all over."

Longfellow is credited with saying that if he responded to all the requests sent him for his autograph and likeness, he would send a third of his income in photographs and postage stamps.

A discomfited soldier, who found that he had shot an Indian already defunct, was overheard to murmur, "I didn't know he was Lo dead."

There is no fault so small that it will disappear of itself. You must make a business of pulling it up by the roots and throwing it away.

Short Sermons.

I individuals have no virtues, their vices may be of use to us.

They who have true light in themselves seldom become satellites.

Despair gives the same fatal ease to the mind that mortification does to the body.

Young saints often prove old angels; but old sinners seldom prove good saints.

If you would rise in the world, you must not stop and kick at every cur that barks at you.

Some one thinks the world naturally bad because nobody ever reads the sermons published in the newspapers.

Virtue seems to be nothing more than a motion consonant with the system of things. Were a planet to fly from its orbit, it would represent a vicious man.

You are a coward if you fear to tell the truth when you should do so. You are a coward when you insult the weak. You are a coward when afraid to do right; if you shrink from maintaining that which you know to be good; and you are especially a coward if you know certain things of yourself and are afraid to own it.

Following many vocations has ruined the life of many a man. Following none has ruined a great many more.

Any man pays too much for his wife when he has to wet it 15 or 20 times a day.

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