

Grave and Gay.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose. We are never so happy or unhappy as we suppose. It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born.

One man's word is no man's word; we should quietly hear both sides.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.

Many people are busy in the world gathering together a handful of thorns to sit upon.

Every man throws on his surroundings the sunshine or shadow that exists in his own soul.

A Russian Proverb.—Before you go to war, pray once; before you go to sea, pray twice; before you take a wife, pray thrice.—Planderecke.

"Life is what we make it," and when you "make it" hears, you want to have either a "lone hand" or a very good "pard."—Pretzel's Weekly.

"This is capital ale," said an old toper; "See how long it keeps its head." "Ah," said a bystander, "but consider how soon it may take away yours."

Teach self-denial and make its practice pleasurable, and you create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever issued from the brain of the wildest dreamer.

Good health is catching, and all are benefited by contact with healthy people. Ill health is also catching, and the most healthy person is depressed by contact with the sick.

Carlyle says: "We are firm believers in the maxim that, for all right judgment of any man or thing, it is useful, to see his good qualities before pronouncing on his bad."

The number of children in San Francisco under age, according to the last census, just completed, is 67,775, of which 33,823 are girls. Sixteen thousand of this number do not attend school.

A cynical bachelor of another city says woman is a good deal like the accordion. You can draw her out, but she "makes music" if you attempt to shut her up.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Uncle John," said Annabella, "you must congratulate me. I'm graduated." "Hm!" grunted Uncle John, "so is our old thermometer out in the barn, but what is it good for?"—Boston Transcript.

Men's lives should be like the day—more beautiful in the evening; or like the summer—aglow with promise; and like the autumn—rich with golden sheaves, where good deeds have ripened in the field.

A celebrated lawyer once said that the three most troublesome clients he ever had were a young lady who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

"'Tis a week since the hour that saw thee depart: A week by my counting, a year by my heart. This heart with one sorrow, with one hope doth burn: That grief is thine absence, that joy thy return."

Here is the rule adopted by the late Judah P. Benjamin in his law practice: "First, I charge a retainer, then I charge a retainer, next I charge a retainer, and then I charge a retainer." The "fisher" presumably bankrupted the ordinary client.—Augusta, (Ga.) Chronicle and Constitutionalist.

Every one, however humble, has a mission to do, or say, or think something which has never been done, or said, or thought before, let each one, while gratefully accepting the help and profit of the wisdom of others, cultivate his own individuality, live his own independent life, and fulfil his own possibilities.

I'm thankful that the sun and moon Are both hung up so high That no presumptions hand can stretch And pull them from the sky; If they were not, I have no doubt But some reforming ass Would recommend to take them down And light the world with gas.

There was a rare philosophy in the three-year-old boy who asked what night is for, and not content with the reply, "For rest and sleep," added, "No, papa, night is for to-morrow." Many men and women grow, never apprehend so clearly the true relations existing between rest or recreation and the serious duties of life.—Chicago Advance.

Rest is not quitting The busy career; Rest is the fitting Of self to one's sphere, 'Tis the brook's motion, Clear, without strife, Fleeting, without sea After this life 'Tis loving and serving The highest and best, The onward answering, And this is true rest. —Goethe.

Rechter said no man can either live piously or die righteously without a wife. Malherbe said the two most beautiful things on earth are women and roses. Savile considered there was more strength in women's looks than in any lays. Victor Hugo didn't believe that women detected serpents so much from fear, but more through professional jealousy. Boudicault wished that Adam had died with all his ribs in his body. The only thing that consoled Lady Blessington for being a woman was that she could not be made to marry one.

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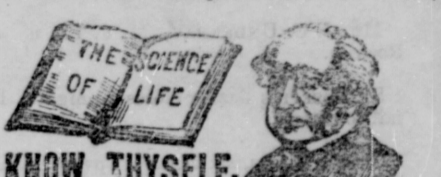
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