







FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The trouble with many communities is that their dead men refuse to be buried.

The gilded calf, having wealth with which to buy more worshippers than in the days of Moses.

There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty, or shall fail to do it.

A vine bears three grapes, the first of pleasure, the second drunkenness, and the third of repentance.

We are haunted by an ideal life, and it is because we have within us the beginning and possibility of it.

Whether he is great or small, set that man down for a fool or a saint that has done for the local papers.

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.

He who only claims to the title "gentleman" is in his clothes, must necessarily be careful as to what he wears.

It is better to rise from your knees, and shut your eyes out of your neighbor's yard, than to indulge in long prayers.

Show me the man who would go to hell with an amount of sin, and I will show you one who will never be admitted there.

Everything may be mimicked by hypocrisy, but humanity and love united, the more rare, the more radiant when they meet.

The great mistake in many of the plans for reorganizing society consists in supposing the systems can supply the want of sense.

Oh! this itch of the ear that breaks out at the tongue! Were not curiosity so over-busy distraction would soon be dead.

It is common for men to err; but it is only a fool that perseveres in it; a wise man, therefore, alters his opinion; a fool never.

It is better to be acquainted with those who are not acquainted with you, than to be acquainted with those who would understand others, look into their own heart.

A man trained to self-denial meets trials with an amount of reserved moral force quite inexplicable to those less habituated to self-control.

A friendship that makes the least noise is very often the most useful; for such remain on one should prefer a prudent friend to a noisy one.

Events are only shells of ideas; and often are the fluent thought of ages that is crystallized in a moment by the stroke of a pen the point of a bayonet.

Applaud on success. The fickle multitude, like the light stream that floats along the stream, glide with the current still, and follow fortune.

A good deal of the trouble of God's people comes from a mistake and misapprehension of the nature of the love of God by their sense, and not by his promise; by their own frame, and not by his constant nature.

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All God's children have received God's Spirit, whereby they are made humble, believing, holy, and watchful; thank him for their sins; believing in regard to Christ, and their own conscience, and their own commands.

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Our standards have been so faintly that we have not enough appreciated the course of those whose philosophy of life consists in getting all the pure enjoyment possible out of life, with as little work as is compatible with the end. We have learned to wrest from life its uses, and not to gather from it its beauty. We have done many wonderful works, but have not mastered the art of taking things easy.

PHILOSOPHIZING ON GAMES.

What They Were, What They Are, and What They Mean, and How Handled.

"You can hardly conceive any class of society that does not wear canes," said the philosopher.

The shepherd, the hunter, the fisherman, the wayfarer, the corporal, the musician, the pedagogue, the mercenary, the king, the sorcerer—all wore and wear now a cane.

Did it ever occur to you that the shepherd's staff is as much the origin of the modern cane as the shepherd's dog is the precursor of the intelligent poodle, the fighting mastiff, and the tender black-and-tan?

Why, the curve on the bishop's traditional staff is indicative of nothing else than the slanting expression of the hunchbacked erring sheep into the fold.

"The staff of old was not only the pilgrim's support on his weary voyage across the sea, but the support of the animals of the forest and the foot-paths of the highway; it was the means by which he jumped ditches and water-courses, and it became a matter of comfort one of luxury.

The old Greeks carried canes as tokens of dignity. Don't you recollect from your school days how Socrates used his cane as a means of teaching his scholars. He didn't whip them, of course, but Xenophon tells us how his old teacher used to stop his pupils on the streets of Athens and make them answer questions before he let them pass.

Her first step by giving him the surname of the saint in recognition of the support he was to his old staff.

Then, in olden times, the staff became the necessary attribute of the wayfarer, as Jean Paul says: "Friendship is a bluebird on a voyage, love a cane of modern times."

And it is a cane, which subjects everything to its changing-fashion, has robbed the time-honored staff of every vestige of dignity.

It is said that the cane—like the snuffbox of old and the cigar of today, the cane has become the favorite means to give something like grace to the hands of the saturnine man.

It is better to know what to do with your hands at the saturnine man's awkward pauses in a dragging conversation than to be a member of the necessary requisite.

Take the cane away from them and they seem to be all elbows and hands protruding unaccountably from the coat-sleeves, people will wear a cane under their arms to endanger the eyes and noses of those behind them.

They will whirl them about their heads and hit somebody on the shins; they will vacantly stare in Erasmian fashion at the cane or carry it thoughtfully like a sword at rest.

Some cannot withstand the temptations to make a dash with their canes at every cat and dog that crosses their path, and others are eagerly looking out for the palings of fences or the gratings of basement windows to make a dash with the cane as they walk along.

What would some of us do in a gossiping company without a cane? To rest both hands upon it is one of the most graceful and dignified one a thoughtful look and leads others to believe that behind the corrugated brows of the apparent thinker slumbers a sea of ideas.

"Thus the cane plays even in social life an important role, and a more human one than of old. To the uninitiated it may sound paradoxical, but it is never true, that the cane, as well as soap and coal oil, is a standard by which to measure the culture of a people.

That men after having suffered much from the applications of staff and cane have never been in existence, but even elevated them to being symbols of elegance and dignity, subject to fashion like hats, coats and collars, testifies to the good nature of mankind.

The aboriginal Indians, perhaps, would see in the carrying of a cane a sign of weakness, but then we are judged by higher standards than theirs.

"We rejoice that we succeeded in robbing the beadle and the corporal of the attribute of their office, because the consequence is that there are more effective means to uphold order and discipline in the streets."

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PHILOSOPHIZING ON MATCHES.

Who first suggested the use of phosphorus as an inflammable agent in matches is not certainly known.

Many people in England have claimed the honor of this discovery in the Strand up to a member of the House of Commons. It is said that Derosne, who is known in his history of the dechlorination of animal charcoal to sugar refining, made a friction match with a phosphorus tip as far back as 1816.

In Germany the invention is attributed to Kammerer, but the name which is most prominent in connection with the early stages of the manufacture is that of Freshel, of Vienna, who in 1833 had a large factory in operation for the making of lucifers; indeed, it was mainly through his exertions and those of the Bohemian, of Darmstadt, that Austria and South Germany became for many years the chief sources of the supply of matches.

Sweden, too, was rapidly coming to the front among the match-making countries of the world. Altogether in Scandinavia there are some four hundred factories, the most of them being probably the largest in the world; in 1880 Sweden exported some 50,000,000 matches to all parts of the world.

In Germany and Austria the number of manufactories is much larger. Altogether there are upward of 450 factories in each of these countries, the total output of each country is probably less than that of Sweden, although enormous quantities are sent from Central Russia, Turkey, and various other parts of the world.

In France the manufacture of matches is a Government monopoly, farmed for a term of years, and payment of 18,000,000 francs to the Compagnie Generale des Allumettes Chimiques.

Mme. Roland.

Those who hold up their hands at the ills of life in America now, and who yet fear lest the tide of the toilers of the Chicago soil will set the toilers backward rather than forward, may be going quickly again over the ground of the great revolution.

That revolution Mme. Roland helped to bring about. The dead she called up hung her as from the outer side of the door, and she said: "But though it be not worth while to retell the tale of the French furlet loote, it is never out of place to go over the ground of the bill of plights made against Britain's arms."

When the rulers roar. People said of the St. Louis strike. "What was it all about? This strike doubt could be felt by a reasonable person in Erasmus's time. Mme. Roland's heart ached at the woes of the people.

Riding in the country she would see a rosy apple on a tree at every cat and dog, and she would look to the red-leaves and iron oxen, and among the green leaves on the other side she hanging, not an apple, but a bunch of grapes. She would sniff and hang her mouth open, and she would say: "That would be better than to be thrust in an iron cage where one could not see the light of the sun."

Mrs. Roland's heart ached at the kingdom was filled with her brain. The slavery of the people was so low that it is hard for us nowadays to understand that men were forced to pass long nights beating the pools and fens near the castle in order that the frogs might not trouble the slumbers of the young Lord. To the quick with you, woman as Mme. Roland said, things were abundant. When the bell rang for the dinner, she would look to the River Seine, and she would say: "How the hungry-bitten madmen of Paris! How she became the soul of the Gironde, she drew her husband's head down to take the place thereof, and how, with her neck bowed to the axe, she said: 'Oh, Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!'"

She would look to the black lines of history, long and dreary, and she would read. Mme. Roland was a woman true to her sex, and of her kind, and she would study this new life with you.

An old man-of-war sailor, who had lost a leg in the service of his country, became a retailer of peanuts. He said he was obliged to be a retailer, because having lost a leg, he could not be a whole sailor.

It is said that pyrethrum, mixed with five times its bulk of plaster, and dusted into the centre of the leaves with a pair of bellows, will destroy cabbage worms.

Cement for Cast Iron.—Take two parts of red sulphur and one part, by weight, of fine black lead; put the sulphur in an iron kettle, holding it over the fire until it is thoroughly melted.

Four out on an iron plate, or smooth stone, and let it remain until cool, care being taken not to jar it while cooling. A sufficient quantity of the compound, being placed upon the track, it can be soldered by using a red hot iron in the same manner that a tinsmith uses a solder.

An improved station indicator has been patented by O. S. Bell, of Lowell, Mass. The casing of iron, is provided with an opening at the front covered by a glass plate, through which the changes of the stations are displayed.

The ingredients composing this cement should be kept separate, and not mixed until wanted for use. It should not be used for two or three days after mixing.

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UNRESPONSIVE.

He loved me, but I loved not him, I know not why. It was a whim of mine, Mrs. Chickery said, that I should pour out at my feet such lavish stores of love and service, all in vain.

"I knew his worth, and I loved him to pain him so, yet not one word of his sweet pleading ever stirred responsive echoes in my heart. Or woe my heart from his calm rest."

I loved him, but he loved not me. I longed, I struggled to be true; I felt it shame to love unloved. My love by no sweet service bought; yet all in vain. Did but his face appear, glory died the place.

While he was near. He must have read something, I fear, my glances said, that he was only my kind friend, and so continued to the end.

There, it is true that love's bigot: By loving Ah, I fear me not! Or had I loved the man who poured out at my feet such boundless hoard of sweet love, or else had been loved by that man, I should have known whose heart I had well-nigh forgot. To woo is not the woman's lot.

ONLY A BUTTON.

A cheerful south room with a bay window full of blossoming plants, a bright fire glowing behind a burnished grate, a carpet of blue and wood colors, and a dress of girls under 13 are contrasted with the damask covered furniture, and a little gilded clock, which had just struck at nine—

"I left it down-stairs last night. I'll get it in a minute."

The housemaid had just kindled a fire in the sitting-room grate; it was blazing and crackling cheerily among the fresh coals, and Fanny could not resist the temptation of pausing a moment to bow her white fingers, and watch the greenish purple spires of flame shoot merrily up the chimney, until she heard her husband's voice calling her impatiently.

"Fanny, Fanny! what are you doing?"

"Oh, dear, I thought the fire, as she has said, I wish Frank would be so good as to get it in a hurry."

Little Mrs. Chickery never stopped to think that the real reason was that she, his wife, was never "in a hurry."

The needle threaded the humble little button, and the appropriate button was next to be selected.

"Oh, dear, Frank, I haven't one the right size!"

"What on what you have, then; but be quick!"

But Fanny was quite certain there was just the right button somewhere in the work-basket, and stopped to search for it.

"There, I told you so!" she cried triumphantly, holding it up on the end of her needle.

"It may be all right, but it is not the right one," said Mr. Chickery, glancing at his watch nervously.

"That's just your worrying way, Frank, as if anybody could sew a button on well in a hurry. There! my needle has come untied."

"Oh, Fanny, Fanny!" sighed her husband, "I don't think you were married for nothing. Why didn't you, at least last night, as I begged of you? I shall miss the train, and what little chance we had of a place to go to!"

"Why not?"

"It's such a bitter cold weather to travel in, and Aunt Elizabeth is such a whimsical old woman, it's as likely as not she'll change her mind about making a visit when you get there. I would wait a little longer, if you were you."

Mr. Chickery smiled.

"That would be your system of doing things, but not mine."

"My system, Frank! What do you mean?"

"I mean that you believe in putting things off indefinitely, and not always in the wisest manner. I wish you would dress yourself in that habit! Believe me, it will some day bring you to grief."

Mrs. Chickery contracted her eyebrows.

"I don't believe in being lectured, Frank."

"And I don't give you credit for that. You are a very good woman, but I believe in an angel when you took me home!"

"No, my love. I thought I was marrying a very pretty little girl, who a few months ago had been a very good woman."

"Fanny! have I any great faults, Frank?"

"Little faults may sometimes entail great consequences. If you were to wear any more of the room."

"You need not, for I am going myself to pack my valise. By the way, there's a button off the shirt I want to wear to-morrow. I wish you would come up stairs and sew it on for me."

"I will, presently."

"Why can't you come now?"

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