

VARIOUS THOUGHTS

Those who enjoy speaking white lies soon become color-blind.

One lie begets another.

It is such a comfort to occasionally drop the tangles of life into God's hands and leave them there.

"However mean your life is, meet it and live it, do not shun it and call it hard names. It is not so bad as you are. The faultfinder will find faults even in Paradise. Love your life, poor as it is." Henry David Thoreau

Live the Gospel first! Tell about it afterwards!

Some people never look up until they are flat on their backs.

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load you can carry.

Always hold your head up, but be careful to hold your nose at a friendly level.

"Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing." Oliver Wendell Homes

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art." Eleanor Roosevelt

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." John Lennon

"Every strike brings me closer to the next home run." Babe Ruth

"Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why." Bernard Baruch

"It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data." Arthur Conan Doyle

"People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them." Dave Barry

"You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." Abraham Lincoln

HUMOR

Two lions were strolling down Broadway. One turned to the other and said, "Not many people around today, are there?"

A man arrived home from work to find his dog with his neighbor's pet rabbit in his mouth. The man grabbed the rabbit from the dog, but the pet was clearly already dead. Terrified by what his neighbor would think, he took the bedraggled corpse indoors, gave it a bath, blow-dried its fur and put it back into the cage in his neighbor's garden. That way, he hoped that his neighbor would think that the rabbit had simply died of natural causes.

A few days later, the neighbor leaned over the garden fence and said, "Did you know that Fluffy had died?"

"Oh, no," said the man, feigning ignorance.

"It was really strange," continued the neighbor. "We found him dead in his cage, but the day after we buried him in the garden, someone dug him up, gave him a bath and put him back in his cage. How sick can some people get!"

Falsify: When I balance a book on my head, it falsify move.

Benign: Last year I was eight, so this year I'll benign.

Avalanche: We have breakfast at eight and we always avalanche at noon.

Fascinate: I have nine buttons on my shirt but I can only fascinate. [RL]

The wife was angry when her husband refused to go shopping with her. "For goodness sake," she cried, "the neighbors will soon be talking about us just as they did about poor Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins. The only time they went out together was when their gas stove exploded!"

A newspaper photographer was assigned to take pictures of a huge forest fire. Owing to the density of the smoke at ground level, his editor had hired a light aircraft for aerial shots and the photographer was told that the plane would be waiting for him at a small rural airfield. The photographer drove at top speed to the airfield and saw a small plane warming up on the runway. He raced over to the plane, jumped in and yelled to the pilot, "Let's go! Let's go!"

As the aircraft soared into the sky, the photographer issued his instructions. "I want you to fly over the north side of the fire and make three or four low-level passes."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"What do you mean, why?" said the photographer. "So I can take pictures. I'm a photographer and photographers take pictures."

The pilot thought for a moment. "So you mean you are not the instructor?"

Old pilots never die, they just go to a higher plane.

Old sailors never die, they just get a little dingy.

Old college deans never die, they just lose their faculties.

Song, to Celia (First verse)

By Ben Jonson (1573? – 1637)

Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Or leave a kiss but in a cup,
And I'll not look for wine.
The thirst that from the soul doth rise
Doth ask a drink divine;
But might I of Jove's nectar sup,
I would not change for thine.

Ozymandias

By Percy Bysshe Shelly

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert...Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

CHILDREN

WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?

“Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.”
Emily – age 8

“Love is what’s in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening gifts and listen.”
Bobby – age 7

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That’s love.”
Rebecca – age 8

“Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.”
Karl – age 5

“Love is what makes you smile when you’re tired.”
Terri – age 4

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.”
Billy – age 4

“When you love somebody, your eye lashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.”
Karen – age 7

“You really shouldn’t say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”
Jessica – age 8

A small boy confessed to his mother that he had accidentally smashed a vase while playing at his friend’s house. “But, Mom,” he added, “you don’t have to worry about buying a new one because Michael’s mother said that it was irreplaceable.”

Children have learned that:

When your mom is mad at your dad, don’t let her brush your hair.

Don’t ever be too full for dessert.

Never ask a two-year-old to hold a tomato.

Your can’t trust dogs to watch your food.

Forget the cake, go for the icing.

Don’t sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

When your dad is mad at you and asks, “Do I look stupid?”, don’t answer.

COMMON PHRASES

From "Why You Say It" by W. Garrison

Lion's Share

In one of Aesop's fables, a lion, a goat, a sheep, and a heifer go hunting together. When a splendid deer is killed, the lion divides the venison into four equal portions. Then he seizes three for himself and suggests that his comrades may divide the fourth – if they dare.

Even when someone other than the lion does the dividing, the one who gets the biggest portion automatically gets the lion's share.

String Along

Almost from the time that men first put bridles on animals, strings of them were formed for some operations. Caravan drivers tied as many as fifty camels together in a single file, then led them with only two or three men. Long strings of donkeys were linked in pack trains, and small groups of horses were driven in the same fashion.

A person who is strung along is being led, perhaps against his will.

Know Beans

More than a century ago, rural humor included a brief query: a person was asked to say how many blue beans it took to make seven white beans.

A person who gave up in bewilderment didn't know beans, of course, for the answer was simple: Seven blue beans, peeled, make seven white beans.

Anyone dumb enough not to know beans, didn't know very much. He didn't know beans about some subjects.

Not Worth a Hill of Beans

Something that didn't have value to you, you might dismiss as being "not worth a hill of beans."

These days it would be difficult to find a real hill of beans. But in the era when many households grew their own food, everyone had plenty of them.

A cluster of seeds covered with a mound of earth constituted a hill. Long rows in a garden included so many of them that no one bothered to count them. For practical purposes this meant that a single hill of beans was so nearly worthless that its value couldn't be estimated.

CHILDREN

A first grade teacher gave her six-year-old students a test to see how they would provide the endings to common proverbs.

When the blind lead the blind.....get out of the way.

A penny saved is.....not much.

Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.

Strike while the.....bug is close.

Don't bite the hand that..... looks dirty.

INTERESTING IDEAS

It is difficult to have rosy thoughts of the future when your mind is full of blues of the past.

Life is a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.

It is better to wear out than to rust out.

If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?

Grandma's cookies didn't need preservatives; they didn't last that long.

Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the appreciation of what you already have.

A broken heart can be mended with threads of kindness.

Make the most of all that comes to you and the least of all that you lose.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

Wear it out; make it do; do without.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

If we do not learn humility, we will learn humiliation.

We see God's way from walking in it.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q. What are hackles – the things that get raised with anger or agitation?

A. They are the feathers on the neck of a rooster or hen.

Q. Where did the term “the real McCoy” originate?

A. In a nineteenth century advertisement for a McCoy sewing machine.

Q. Why is a car’s instrument panel called a dashboard?

A. The name dates back to the horse-and-buggy days when dashing horses kicked up mud, splashing the passengers riding behind them. The dashboard was devised to protect them.

Q. What is the origin of the expression “upper crust”?

A. Etiquette in days of yore required that the choice top crust of a loaf of bread be presented to the king or ranking noble at the dining table.

Q. How many brothers and sisters did Benjamin Franklin have?

A. Sixteen – seven sisters and nine brothers. He was the fifteenth and youngest son.

Q. What is the English translation of “Sputnik” – the name Russia gave to the first artificial satellite to orbit the earth?

A. “Traveler.”

Q. What state, of the contiguous 48, touches only one other state?

A. Maine – it touches only New Hampshire.

Q. What was on the site of the Empire State Building before the 102-story skyscraper was erected in 1931?

A. The original Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Q. Congress established the nation’s first minimum wage in 1938. What was it?

A. Twenty-five cents an hour.

Q. What is the meaning of the Latin word “veto”?

A. “I forbid.”

Q. How did the airgun known as the BB gun get its name?

A. From the ball bearing pellets it fires.

HUMOR

If you fall out of a tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me.

It worries me, I'm getting so absented-minded. I mean, sometimes in the middle of a sentence I....

Three elderly gentlemen are out walking. The first one says, "Windy, isn't it?" The second ones says, "No, it's Thursday!" The third one says, "So am I. Let's go and get something to drink."

A man is telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars. It's perfect." "Really," replied his neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."

My philosophy is that it is better to have loved a short girl than to have never loved at all.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? He had no body to go with.

Why couldn't the bicycle stand on its own? Because it was two-tired.

A slow-thinking country boy got off the train with a face as white as a sheet. A friend asked him what was wrong.

"Railroad sickness," said the boy. "Whenever I travel by railroad, I always feel sick when I sit with my back to the engine."

"Why didn't you ask the person sitting opposite you to change places?"

"I thought of that," replied the country boy, "but there wasn't anybody there."

"I'm a psycho-ceramic."

"What's that?"

"A crackpot."

An American couple decided to send a playpen to a friend in Northern Canada on the arrival of her fourth child.

"Thank you so much for the pen," she wrote. "It's wonderful – I sit in it every afternoon and read. The children can't get near me."

WANT ADS:

Wanted: Mother's helper, peasant working conditions.

Illiterate? Write for free information.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

For sale: Complete mahogany Chip & Dale dining-room set, in good condition.