

"stands foursquare, a tower of strength,  
"against all the winds that blow."

From an article entitled "The Study of Mankind," which appeared in *The Argosy* of last month, the following observations concerning Man are quoted: "Man is a two-legged animal without feathers." "Man is a dupable animal." "Mankind in the gross is a gaping monster, that loves to be deceived and has seldom been disappointed." "How poor, how rich, how abject, how august, how complicate, how wonderful is man!" Pope calls him "the glory, jest and riddle of the world," and Carlyle thought mankind were "mostly fools."

The whole world loves the modest man,

Whether he's great or small,

But gives its plunks, in great big chunks.

To the fellow with piles of gall!

The whole world loves the quiet man,

Who's silent all day as the owl,

Its absorbing attention, permit me to mention,

'Twill give to the fellow that howls.

The whole world loves the peaceful man,

Who never will quarrel or bicker,

But the full right of way, allow me to say,

'Twill give to the strenuous kicker.

This funny parody on Longfellow's *Hia-watha* is about twenty years old. The author is unknown, but whoever he is, he has a whimsical humor:—

He killed the noble Mudjokivis,

With the skin he made him mittens.

Made them with the fur side inside;

Made them with the skin side outside:

He, to get the warm side inside,

Put the inside skin side outside:

He, to get the cold side outside,

Put the warm side fur side inside.

That's why he put the fur side inside.

Why he put the skin side outside,

Why he turned them inside outside.

—Ex.

Mark Twain recently delivered a humorous lecture in the German tongue. The Germans who heard it were so pleased that they are going to have it translated into their language.—Exchange.

He—Who is your favorite writer?

She—My guardian. He signs all my checks, you know.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Hicks—"Look at that tandem. That's another instance of the fact that woman is coming to the front."

Wicks—"Yes; but if you'll notice them carefully, you'll see that it is the man who does all the work."

Soda water is made out of marble dust. Therefore, do not treat your best girl with it too liberally. It may give her the marble heart.

#### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

Will swear off mathematics and stick closely to hockey and football.—*St. John*.

Will finish all my conference work this year.—*Halladay*.

Will swear off making puns and original jokes.—*Elliott*.

Will not take more than three girls to church at once.—*Sipprell*.

Will not endeavor to carry more than 14 bottles of pop at once.—*Carwell*.

Will try to be content till after next May.—*Murchison*.

Will not stay out more than seven nights in a week.—*Post*.

Will study practical botany with special attention to the Rosaceae.—*Laidlaw*.

Will not get married till I'm of age.—*Small*.

Will take my course wherever the girls are most numerous.—*Walker*.

Will use Ayer's Hair Vigor for my whiskers.—*D. Rhodes*.

Will play a piano solo first time I'm asked.—*Campbell*.

Will continue my pastoral visits.—*Markle*.

Will get up in time for dinner, except Tues., Fri., Mon., Wed., Sun., Thurs., Sat.—*Kenner*.

Will not contract any more livery bills until spring.—*Knowlton*.

Will not get married till June.—*Fifth Year Theologs*.

You'll be mine and I'll be yours.

Let us both be each's.

—Ichabod Katrina & Co.