

'We can make circumstances what we like: we can make ourselves by circumstances.'

When a man says, 'I hear a noise,' it probably never occurs to him that there is nothing in this wide world that anybody can hear but a noise.

The English like French maids, and the French like English maids. That's the way a balance is maid between the two countries.

It is odd, and sometimes melancholy, to see a man trying to 'make up his mind,' when he has no material on hand to work with.

God loves us so well, so tenderly, that he will not allow our progress to come to a stand-still. We must do better to-day than yesterday, we must do better to-morrow than to-day.

Timidity creates cowards and never wins success. It is a strong and abiding faith in one's own ability to perform that overcomes difficulties that others thought could not be surmounted.

God estimates a man not by what he has, but what he is; not by the lands, houses and bankstock which he has accumulated, but by the sweetness, generosity, and manliness which he has developed.

A Boston lawyer recently met his match in a witness who was giving evidence about an old lady's loss of mind. *Lawyer*: 'Did she look as I am looking at you now, for instance?' *Witness*: 'Well, yes, quite vacant-like!'

'Losh, John, what are ye gaun about raging for like the picture o' Sawtan in the Pilgrim's Progress! Keep mind, Job had patience.' *Guidman*: 'Tuts, woman, Job never had a coo that coupit (upset) a tub o' tar.'

Not all the children are destitute of reverence. A little girl wrote a composition about 'The Cow,' which she was to read before the minister. It ran thus: 'The cow is the most useful animal in the world except religion.'

An old-fashioned minister passing a fashionable church not long ago, on which a new spire was going up, was asked how much higher it was to be. 'Not much,' he answered: 'that congregation don't own much higher in that direction.'

The elements of true manhood are 1st Moral Purity. 2nd Moral Integrity—Be what you are, become what you may. Stand by the truth until the Heavens fall. 3rd Moral Strength. 4th Love—love to God and our fellow-man.

'You would be very pretty indeed,' said a coxcomb, patronisingly to a young lady, 'if your eyes were only a little larger.' 'My eyes may be very small, sir,' she replied, 'but such people as you don't fill them.'

'Has the cookery-book any pictures?' asked a young lady of a bookseller. 'Not one,' replied the dealer in books, 'Why,' exclaimed the witty girl, 'what is the use of telling us how to serve a dinner if you give us no plates?'

A distinguished and long-winded Paris lawyer lately defended a criminal unsuccessfully, and at the end of the trial the judge received the following note: 'The prisoner humbly prays that the time occupied by the plea of the counsel for the defence be counted in the sentence.'

A California boy placed an umbrella in the vestibule of a church, with a long string attached to it, one end of which he held in his hand. When the service ended, eleven persons found out that this umbrella couldn't be taken away without breaking the string!

An Englishman travelling in Ireland, remarked to the driver of the coach upon the tremendous length of the Irish miles. 'Confound your Irish miles! Why there's no end to them!' 'Sure, sir,' said the coachman, 'the roads are bad about here, so we give good measure.'

An Irishman, at the imminent risk of his life, stopped a runaway horse a few days ago. The owner came up after a while, and quietly remarked, 'Thank you, sir.' 'An' faith, an' how are ye agoin' to divide that betwaine two of us?' replied Pat.

A pompous lawyer said to the keeper of an apple-stand, 'Your business cares seem to be too much for you. You should go into something which is not so trying to the brain.' 'Oh, tain't business,' replied the apple-seller; 'It's lyin' awake nights, tryin' to decide whether to leave my fortune to an orphan asylum or to a home for played-out old lawyers, as is killin' me!'