

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

A CONTENTED mind is the greatest blessing we can enjoy in this world; and if, in the present life, he finds relief from the subduing of our desires, it will arise in the next from the gratification of them.

MUSIC of birds was the first song of thanksgiving which was offered on earth before man was found. All their songs are different, but all harmonious, and all together composed a choir that we cannot imitate.

EVER changing. Nothing is more variable than the sky and one's own soul.

REASON'S whole pleasure, all the joys of sense lie in these words, health, peace, and competence.

REPENTANCE hath a purifying power, and every tear is of it, cleansing virtue; but those penitential clouds must be still kept dropping. No shower will not suffice, for repentance is not a single action, but a course.

YOUTH is the season of improvement.

CONTENTMENT is the true philosopher's stone. The poor are rich that have it, and the rich are poor without it.

HUMANITY is a flower that prospers most when planted on the rich soil of a noble and great mind.

REMEMBER that as things you observe others, so art thou observed by angels and men.

IT was among the loveliest customs of the ancients to bury the young at morning twilight; for, as they strove to give the softest interpretation to death, so they imagined that Aurora, who loved the young, had stolen them to her embrace.

SINCERITY is like travelling in a plain, beaten road, which commonly brings a man sooner to his journey's end than by ways, in which men often lose themselves.

THE belief that guardian spirits hover around the paths of men covers a mighty truth, for every beautiful and pure and good thought which the heart holds is an angel of mercy purifying and guarding the soul.

MEEKNESS is a grace which Jesus alone inculcated, and which no ancient philosopher seems to have understood or recommended.

ALL is not attractive that is good. Iron does not sparkle like the diamond yet it is useful. Gold has not the fragrance of a flower yet it is valuable. So different persons have different graces of excellence, and to be just we must have an eye to all.

SOME happy souls there are that wear their natures lightly; these rejoice the world by living, and receive from all men more than what they give.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Why would a man rather be burned at the stake than be beheaded? Because hot stake (steak) is better than cold chop.

Why is a bald head like Heaven? Because it is a bright shining spot and there is no parting there.

When did Moses sleep fits in a bed? When he slept with his fore-(four)-fathers.

What brings a cold, cures a cold, and pays the doctor's bill? A draught (draft).

When is banking first mentioned in the bible? When Pharaoh received a check (cheque) on the bank of the Red Sea, crossed by Moses, Aaron & Company.

Why was Job very badly off for neckties? Because he had but three miserable comforters.

What is the difference between a donkey and a postage stamp? The one you lick with a stick, the other you stick with a lick.

Why do ducks go to the water? For divers reasons.

Why do they come out? For sun-dry purposes.

During the session of the United States Court in Hartford, a few months ago, a prominent landlord and real estate manager was summoned to serve on the grand jury. On his way he informed a couple of friends of the summons. One of them, who never spares a chance for a witticism, observed: "I am glad, sir, you will now be called on to exercise your conscience."

A father, wishing to get his son into a coach which was crowded, used three words, which being joined together form a proper name. What are the three words? Ben-jam-in.

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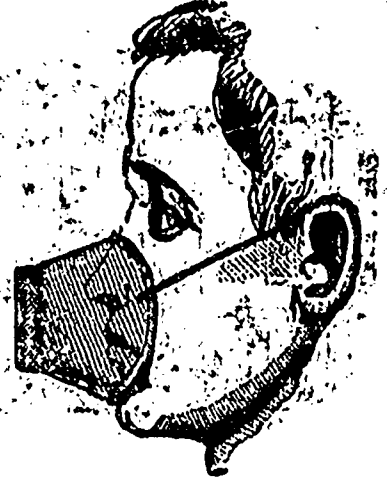
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