

"Suppose."

The following, taken from *The Satchel*, may be lacking in rhythm to be poetry, but it is not lacking in truth :

"Suppose you were a married man,
 As perhaps you are,
 And had a snug little business,
 As we trust you have,
 And there was a mortgage on your home,
 As we fear there is,
 And you were not laying up much money,
 As you often declare you are not,
 And you have several fine children,
 And you love them as we know you do,
 And your wife should wake up crying some night,
 As we trust she may not,
 And say,
 As possibly she would in such a case :
 'I dreamed you were dead,
 And we were turned out of the house,
 And the baby was sick,
 And I had no money to pay the doctor,
 And Harry's clothes were ragged,
 And I had no money to get more,
 And Minnie had gone to the orphan asylum:
 Oh! dear! I am so glad it was only a dream,'
 What would you do in such a case?"

Why, certainly, he should take out a policy in Canada's "Prosperous and Progressive" Company—The Sun Life of Canada.

How to Talk Interestingly.

Entertaining conversation is not alone dependent upon a well-stored mind, a ready wit or broad culture, writes Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. It lays under contribution qualities of heart as well as head, and should reveal sincerity, sympathy and simplicity. We must feel an interest

in our subject before we can inspire it, and enthusiasm is contagious when it is sincere. It gives animation to the face, vivacity to the manner, and has a thought-compelling power that aids fluency of expression. Sympathy and adaptability are created in a measure by the desire to please, but one must be sensitive to the mood of one's audience and quick to perceive when some one else wishes to speak. There are talkers who metaphorically take the bit between their teeth and run away with a subject. When they finally cease no one has anything to say, despairing of opportunity. Without simplicity no conversation has charm. The moment we perceive that it is labored, or that the speaker seems to calculate the effect of his words, if unnecessary mention is made of desirable acquaintances or there is a display of attainments or mock-innocent vaunting of advantages — that moment do we feel only contempt for the affectation and pretense. Truth has a marvellous power of making itself felt, in spite of what is said. Self-consciousness is but egotism under a less severe name, and self must be forgotten before we can add to our speech the grace and dignity of simplicity.

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 The Road to Success.

Mr. D. K. Pearson, millionaire, philanthropist and patron of colleges, says that the rules of life can be summed up as follows :

1. Practice steady economy. Do not spend until you have it to spend. Be strictly honest, and never take advantage of men. Avoid show and extravagance. Use your money to educate the poor.
2. Be your own executive. Trust no man to administer upon your estate. You cannot carry out of this world any amount with your dead hands. There is no use for money beyond the grave.

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