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Evil Speaking.

JOHN SELDEN—"TABLE TALK."

1. He that speaks ill of another, commonly before he is aware, makes himself such a one that he speaks against; for if he had civility or breeding, he would forbear such kind of language.

2. A gallant man is above ill words.

3. Speak not ill of a great enemy, but rather give him good words, that he may use you the better if you chance to fall into his hands. The Spaniard did this when he was dying; his confessor told him, to work him to repentance, how the devil tormented the wicked that went to hell; the Spaniard replying called the devil, my lord: "I hope my lord the devil is not so cruel." His confessor reproved him. "Excuse me," said the Don, "for calling him so; I know not into what hands I may fall; and if I happen into his, I hope he will use me the better for giving him good words."

The range of the human voice from the lowest note (*f* of the unaccented octave) of an ordinary bass to the highest note (*g* of the thrice-accented octave) of a fairly good soprano is about three octaves: the former note

is produced by 88 vibrations per second, the latter by 792. Celebrated singers of course go beyond such limit in each direction: basses have been known to take *a* on the great octave (55 vibrations per second), and Mozart, at Parina, heard a soprano sing a note of the extraordinarily high pitch *c* on the fifth accented octave (2112 vibrations per second.)

The more quietly and peaceably we get on, the better for ourselves, the better for our neighbor. In nine cases out of ten the wisest policy is, if one cheat you, to quit his company; if he slander you, so to live as that nobody will believe him; no matter who he is, or how he misuses you, the wisest way generally is, just let him alone. There is nothing better than this cool, calm quiet way in dealing with the wrongs we often meet with in the intercourse of life.

God has permitted thousands of natural evils to exist in the world, because it is by their intervention that man is capable of moral evil; and he has permitted that we should be subject to moral evil, that we might do something to deserve eternal happiness, by showing that we had rectitude to avoid it.