

the maidens I have seen in Britain, I here and now renew my choice of you for its Queen; for I am Alfred the King.

Happy and virtuous was the reign of Queen Editha. She had given 'God's portion' to His poor, and thus He rewarded her.—*Ave Maria.*

### HOME TRUTHS .

Those who know little and can do less are the severest critics.

In vain do they talk of happiness who never subdued an impulse in obedience to a principle.

Man is very apt to contemplate himself out of all proportion to his surroundings.

Marriage is a short cut from romance to reality.

A bright smile will chase the shadows from the darkest surroundings.

Love occupies a vast space in a woman's thoughts, but fills a small portion in man's life.

After all, the kind of world one carries about in one's self is the important thing, and the world outside takes all its grace, color, beauty, and value from that.

Many men might have a hundred eyes, and yet never be able to see through the wiles of a woman.

Never tell a friend of your quarrels with another.

It may confirm his suspicion that you are hard to get along with.

Some people seem to reckon their rate of progress by the noise they make and the dust they raise.

There are sweet surprises awaiting many a humble soul, fighting against odds in the battle of a seemingly commonplace life.

If you would flatter a man, tell him that he is prove against flattery.

There is more or less dead wood in every family tree.

The woman who declares that sentiment is a hopeless form of insanity is either a confirmed spinster or unhappily married.

Laugh and the world laughs with you—if you are not laughing at the world.

Some girls are like musical boxes—full of airs.

### ONCE A NOVELTY

There are innovations introduced nowadays which we think very startling, but probably the time is coming when they will be regarded as mere everyday things and taken as a matter of course. In the year 1610, Mr. Coryat, an Englishman, travelling in Italy, was much taken with some quaint implements used at table; he had never seen anything like them before. These were two-tined forks, and he carried some of them back to England, where they were a distinct novelty. People were in the habit of eating with spoons, or the fingers, which were 'made before forks,' as the nursery rhyme has it. The English thought Mr. Coryat a terrible dandy, and made much fun of him; and the use of forks did not become general until well on toward the seventeenth century.

### AN EXPLANATION

Last Christmas a certain gentleman was invited to a big dinner at the house of one of the leading men in the town. At the dinner table he was placed opposite a goose.

The lady of the house was placed on the gentleman's left. Seeing the goose, he remarked:

'Shall I sit so close to the goose?'

Finding his words a bit equivocal, he turned round to the lady, and said, in a most inoffensive tone:

'Excuse me, my lady; I meant the roast one.'

### STRAIGHT DOWN

Sea! Sea everywhere, as the great liner made her powerful course over the Atlantic.

'Oh, captain,' came a disconsolate groan from a

seasick passenger, half reclining in a deck chair, 'how far are we off land?'

No answer came to this remark, which had been reiterated several times that day.

'Oh, captain, do answer me—how far?'

'Mile and a half,' came the gruff reply.

'Thank Heaven! In what direction, captain?'

A twinkle came for a moment into the eye of the brusque old sea-dog.

'Straight down!' he grunted.

### POSTPONED

'I want to insert a big advertisement in your paper,' said a business-like gentleman bursting into a newspaper editorial sanctum. 'It's about a fine new brand of whisky.'

'Certainly, sir,' cried the editor, springing to his feet and rubbing his hands. 'Excuse me a moment,' and he went to the speaking-tube and said to the foreman compositor, in a whisper:

'You need not set that editorial of mine on "The Curse of Drink" this week.'

### NOT LIKELY

A Scotsman was strolling through the market-place in Glasgow one day, and close at his heels followed his faithful collie. Attracted by a fine display of shell and other fish, the Scot stopped to admire, perhaps to purchase. The dog stood by, gently wagging its tail, while its master engaged the fishmonger in conversation.

Unfortunately for the dog, its tail dropped for a moment over a big basketful of fine, live lobsters. Instantly one of the largest lobsters snapped its claws on the tail, and the surprised collie dashed off through the market, yelping its pain, while the lobster hung on grimly, though dashed violently from side to side.

The fishmonger for a moment was speechless with indignation, then, turning to his prospective customer, he bawled:

'Mon, mon! Whistle on yer dog—whistle on yer dog!'

'Hoots, mon,' returned the other complacently, 'whistle on yer lobster.'

### FAMILY FUN

What chasm often separates friends?—Sarcasm.

How do bees dispose of their honey?—They cell it.

What herb is most injurious to a lady's beauty?—Thyme.

When is a sailor like a corpse?—When he is in the shroud.

What grows less tired the more it is worked?—A carriage wheel.

Why is the letter E like death?—Because it is at the end of life.

When does a tailor serve his customers both well and ill?—When he gives them fits.

What is that which never uses its teeth for eating purposes?—A comb.

What is more foolish than sending coal to Newcastle?—Sending milk to Cowes.

Why are all duels short affairs?—Because it only requires two seconds to arrange them.

When may a man be said to breakfast before he gets up?—When he takes a roll in bed.

Why is a lady in a cotton dress like anything published?—Because she appears in print.

Why is a beggar mending his clothes like a rich man?—Because he is making up his rents.

Why is an absconding bank cashier like an air gun?—Because he goes off loaded and makes no report.

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