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DANGER IN THE BOOK

WHY ONE MAN DREADED THE COMING INTO CAMP OF A DICTIONARY.

He Discreetly Left Before the Vexatiously Applauded Sentences He Expressed in His Speech Could Be Analyzed in a Webster.

When the son of the president of the Big Mountain Lumber company came into the mountains to learn the business, so to speak, I knew within 15 minutes that he had come to the wrong place. He was a city chap, newly graduated and thoroughly out of touch with everything mountainous. He was a bright fellow, however, and amply capable, only the mountains were not the field for his development. As time elapsed his distaste grew, and it was all he could do to express his opinion of the mountain people, their manners, customs, homes, morals and everything connected with them. He was wise enough to confide in me alone and bided his time to get away to some more congenial clime. And he got away sooner than he expected.

It happened that there was a public meeting one night at the sawmill shed, and he was called on to make a few remarks. Every other man at the meeting except myself, who acted as chairman, was of the mountains, and their illiterate talk had roused the young college fellow to the limit. He saw a chance to get even, in his own mind at least, and when the call came for him he responded promptly. His speech, quite brief, but to the point, was as follows, copied from his own manuscript, even the [applause] part:

"My friends, I am glad to meet you on this occasion, for I have wished to say to you publicly what I think of you, though our acquaintance has not been long. Coming as a stranger here for what was in my mind, let me say to you that half has not been told me. [Applause.] In the intercourse arena your lecherous conduct has surrounded me by the trucidation and occasion characterizing it among no men I have ever known. [Loud applause.] In the diversified field of mendacity your efforts would make Machiavelli take to the tall timber. [Uproarious applause.] In all furcious, raptorial and predaceous pursuits you have done such wonders that the gifted and great Jonathan Wild would have felt his atrocious was a sounding brass and his direption a tinkling cymbal. [Great applause.] In the broad expanse of labor your torrescent ocellation has made you sui generis among all panderulate mankind. [Cheers and shouts of "Good for you!"] As good livers, your tables groan beneath their stercoraceous and impetiginous burden, and as drinkers, your temulent bibacity has made the capulous reputation of Bacchus to be a sign of puritanical abstemiousness. [Loud applause.] As for yourselves, I take pleasure in saying here to you, without fear of successful contradiction, that your nugacity is forever established; as observers of the law, your aberrance is teratological, and personally you are a cohesive concatenation of rubigant exuviae, that I take especial pleasure in believing does not exist elsewhere on earth. [Vociferous applause.]"

When the enthusiasm had cooled down somewhat, he proceeded to speak on the subjects before the meeting and sat down. The mountaineers were pleased to death with the college man's high flown speech about them, and though I didn't know the meaning of all the big words he used I did know that he had been calling them liars and murderers and thieves and scoundrels and drones and lawless drunkards, besides condemning their fare and anathematizing the lot of them personally. But not one of them suspected, and I was hoping nothing would come of it and they would forget, even if any of the large words were remembered, when one day a book agent drove up to the office in a buckboard and announced that he was selling Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for \$2 a copy and showed a sample that was as big as a box of soap.

Nobody had ever seen so much book for the money, nor had anybody ever seen a dictionary in that neighborhood, and when the agent began to tell what a valuable thing it was to be in every family the men became interested, and it wasn't long until the agent had sold 25 copies, to be delivered the following week. When he had gone away with his sample, I called the young man into the private office for consultation. "Don't say a word," he began as soon as he had closed the door. "I know exactly where I am at, and I'll be some place else before Mr. Webster arrives to throw any light on my recent remarks. I am not shedding any tears, and in order that the dictionary buyers and others may know just what I think of them I shall leave two dozen copies of my speech for distribution on the morning of my departure."

He did just as he said he would, and it was a good thing for him that he never came back any more.—W. T. Lampton in Washington Star.

That's All.
"In proof of the assertion that the world is growing better," remarked Optimus, "let me mention the fact that we never find stones in the coffee we buy at the grocery stores nowadays."
"No," growled Pessimus. "The reason for that is that most persons who buy coffee have it ground when they buy it. The grocers pick out the stones for fear of ruining their mills. The world is growing more enlightened in its selfishness. That's all!"—Chicago Tribune.

THE HAPPY TIME.

The man who cannot rest today,
But says he will tomorrow,
Finds, when his work is cleared away,
New tasks or sits in sorrow.
The merry time, the happy time,
The blissful day in view
Is never gained by them that wait
To triumph and to celebrate,
With nothing more to do.

The man who folds his hands today
And contemplates with sorrow
The pressing task that's put away
Unfinished until tomorrow
Has neither rest of heart nor mind,
For he that looks ahead
To duties long delayed destroys
The sweetest of sweet leisure's joys,
But borrows doubt and dread.

The man who mixes work and play
At present and tomorrow
Keeps life's poor little bits away
And finds new cares to borrow.
The merry time, the happy time,
The blissful day in view
Is every day for him whose hand
Is turned each day to fair deeds and
Who plays in reason's fold.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

SHE WAS PLAIN WITH HIM.

Aunt Sally Gave the Minister Something to Think About.
Two women in the early part of the last century lived in Virginia. They were noted for their common sense, and many of their sprightly sayings are quoted and enjoyed to this day. They were both Methodists, and their house was a place of resort for the clergy of that denomination. Of one of the women, known as Aunt Sally, the following story is told:

She had a black silk dress which she was accustomed to slip on when she attended church. It seems that once, while conference was being held near her house, a Methodist minister who had enjoyed her hospitality and was saying goodbye ventured to remonstrate against her use of costly apparel.

"Well, Aunt Sally," said he, "you have been very kind to me and my wife during our stay at your house, and we appreciate your kindness. We shall never forget it. But, my dear sister, before parting with you I must say that it has troubled my wife and myself very much to see you a devotee to the fashion of the world. I notice with pain that you wear your silk dress every day to church, contrary to the rules of our order, and I hope that hereafter you will refrain from such a display of worldly-mindedness. I also hope you will pardon me for calling your attention to it."

"My dear brother," said Aunt Sally, "I did not know that my plain black silk was troubling anybody. It hangs up there behind the door, and as it needs no washing it is always ready to slip on when company comes or when I go to church, and I find it very handy."

"But, my dear brother, since you have been plain with me I must be plain with you. Since you and your wife have been staying here I and my cook have some days had to stay at home and be absent from church because we were doing up the white dresses of your wife that she might look well at the conference. Pardon me for explaining, and when you and your wife come this way call again."—Christian Observer.

Two Ways of Telling It.
Once upon a time a king in his sleep dreamed that all of his teeth fell out before him, one by one.

He summoned a soothsayer and asked him to interpret the dream.
The soothsayer said, "O king, the meaning of thy dream is that thy family and relatives shall die in thy presence, one by one, till all are gone."
The king was very angry at that and sent the soothsayer at once to prison.

Then he sent for another soothsayer and again asked for an interpretation of the dream.

The soothsayer made answer, "O king, the interpretation of thy dream is that thy family and relatives shall die, one by one, and thou thyself shalt outlive them all."

With this answer the king showed approval and commanded that a present be given to the interpreter, and that he should be sent home with honor.—"Persian Tales" in Century.

When to Select Diamonds.
"It may appear strange to you," said a diamond expert, "but damp, murky weather practically kills the diamond business. No dealer dare buy for fear of cheating himself. The purest white diamond will on one of these dark, foggy days take on a straw shade and to all appearances is of color. Always pick out a diamond on a clear day, but see to it that you have a good light on the gem, for many dealers tint their ceilings and walls a delicate hue, which gives the stone a bluish tint which it does not or should not possess in a clear light."—Washington Star.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR

Useful and Conservative Administration.
Governor Yates' inaugural address is not unlike his best speeches made during the last campaign. He wisely avoids the assumption of knowing all about the needs of the state, but speaks in a manly way of fixed and high purposes. His recommendations will come later. Illinois expects from him a clean, useful, and conservative administration, and will not be disappointed.—Elgin News.

Has Confidence of the People.
It is now Governor Richard Yates, and Illinois for the first time has at the head of her executive department a man who was born within her borders. Although younger than most men who are called to this position, the new governor enters upon his responsibilities backed by the confidence of the people, and the four years to come will be marked by the wise and prudent administration of the public business of Illinois.—Kewanee Star-Courier.

Portends Business Administration.
The ceremonies were on a grand and imposing scale, but partook more of pure business than brilliancy. He evidently intends that the legislative bodies shall have full swing, so long as they work for the best interests of the people.—The Rock Falls News.

Starts Auspiciously.
The new governor is starting out auspiciously. He has so far steered clear of complications in the organization of the house, and if he succeeds in bringing the olive branch of peace into the warring camp of the senators, he will have traveled over the roughest of the road.—Platt County Republican.

A Conscientious Governor.
We believe Governor Yates will make a conscientious governor and if mistakes are made it will be knowingly, not by fault of his. Taking into consideration the great pressure nowadays for soft places, and the tendency to work bills through our legislatures in which the motive is personal gain, the position of governor is not an enviable one.—Sumner Press.

Opportunity for Fine Record.
Governor Yates has an opportunity of making a fine record for himself and it is hoped that he will rise to the occasion. The well wishes of the voters of the state are with him today. Without regard to party the people of the state realize the necessity of a change in methods at Springfield and hope that the day of deliverance now at hand will mark a new and notable mile stone in the history of Illinois.—Galena Weekly Gazette.

Model Inaugural Speech.
Governor Yates' inaugural speech was a model. It said just what was necessary and left unsaid unnecessary words. Governor Yates' address gave great satisfaction and was very freely commended.—Alton Weekly Telegraph.

Message Modest, but strong.
The new governor's message was brief and strong, but he gave no instructions to the legislature and has been very modest in it all. We may look for a clean administration and if he gets good men in the various state positions he will have no trouble in making his administration popular.—Yorkville Record.

Honorable Conception of Duty.
You will find it pure in diction, lofty in sentiment and giving evidence of a man actuated by a desire to do his whole duty, while at the same time filled with a noble and honorable conception of what that duty is.—Platt County Pilot.

Angus Best Administration.
Governor Dick's inaugural speech was clear and forceful and if the programme he laid out is faithfully carried out, as it will be if he has his way, the next four years will see the best administration in the history of the state.—Clark County Herald.

The Feature of the Inaugural Exercises.
Governor Yates' inaugural address was the feature of the exercises. He pronounced it in a clear, strong voice, being occupied about half an hour in its delivery. He avoided positive recommendations for legislation, and refrained from making a specified outline of his own policy.—Du Quoin Tribune.

Heartily Congratulated.
Governor Yates was welcomed in a manner so hearty that he must have felt proud of the plaudits given him by his fellow citizens. He was cheered when he first came on the platform. He was cheered when he took the oath and was the governor in fact. He was given an ovation when, at the close of his inaugural address, he uttered an eloquent apostrophe to Lincoln.—Carlinville Democrat.

A Brilliant Affair.
It was a brilliant affair, without the inaugural ball and devoid of anything that would not conform to a patriotic, conscientious Christian life.—Lawrenceville Republican.

Eloquent and Practical.
Governor Yates' inaugural is an eloquent and at the same time a practical and well-considered address, suited to the occasion and to the position of Illinois as a state. Its tone is elevated and the moral sense of responsibility expressed is that of a man who takes a serious view of duty and conceives the welfare of the people to be the great object of political action. Though a young man, Governor Yates writes and speaks in the sober vein of one who realizes that there is earnest work to be done for the state and that to serve the people best is the happiest result that can be reached by any administration. The keynote of the inaugural is duty faithfully performed on the high level of the con-

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