OWL-LAFFS

BY
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(On With Laughter)

Footprints.

Children getting on a street car,
Should be made to wipe their feet,
Or they'll always leave behind them
Footprints on the trailey seat.

"Why, Mac, you've lost your stutter!"

"Ay. A've ben doin' a lot o' long distance telephonin' lately."

Some men are down and out and others are low down and in.

Give to be happy—nothing else matters very much.

Speaking of the high cost of living, the old fashioned dime novel is now a dollar and a half, postage extra.

The world is amused rather than impressed by the man who doesn't know when he's beaten.

Hell may be paved with good intentions, but who wants to go there to find out?

"Motor cars have been increasing by leaps and bounds, and the pedestrians have been surviving by the same means.

Revivalist—"Ah, my brethren, here the church stands, offering to save you, and what will be your answer?"

Voice in the Rear—"Women and children first!"

A scientist says the earth is a million years old. Wonder how long before it will be old enough to know better?

Why don't they make hinged windshields for drivers to go through without breaking the glass?

Irate Customer—"Say, you cheated me!"

Grocer—"What do you mean?"

Customer—"Why, darn it, man, I ordered Irish potatoes but your driver said the potatoes he brought to the house were grown in the suburbs.

A doctor declares that kissing shortens life, but we suppose there will continue to be those who prefer a short life and a merry one.

Hostess—"What's the idea of bringing two boy friends with you"

Guest—"Oh, I always carry a spare."

"Are you a doctor?" asked a lady tourist of a young man at the soda fountain in a local drug store.

"No, madam, I'm just a frizzician."

Resolved: That henceforth I'll endeavor not to nag,
Nor ever show unreasoning heat;
I'll not allow the corners of my mouth to sag,
For I look better when I'm sweet.

And furthermore, my tongue shall not in gossip wag
About my neighbor, or his wife;
I'll keep my work up as I should, not let it drag,
Since it's a vital thing in life.

My care for simple, worthwhile things shall never lag;
I'll try to keep my ideals high;
Of all these things I hope to do I will not brag,
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Ford's Other Industry

Airmen Asking If Ford Plane Is to Follow New Model Car

Washington.—The American aviation industry, as represented at the first general conference in session here under auspices of the Commerce Department, is asking whether a new Ford airplane will follow the new Ford car.

According to William B. Stout, general manager of the Stout Airplane Corporation, a subsidiary of the Ford Company, who was at the conference, the Ford airport at Detroit is second only in size to the great Tempelhof Field outside of Berlin, and proposals for the coming year will see it the largest in the world. The Ford airplanes are all metal. So far the automobile manufacturer has not gone into airplane engine production, but is using Wright whirlwind motors in his 10-passenger machines, making round trips daily, in good or bad weather, to Cleveland, Buffalo and Chicago. Emphasis is put on regularity, reliability and precision of performance.

Those closest to Mr. Ford declare his whole purpose so far has been to carry out a first-hand test to satisfy himself of what modern aviation really holds for industry. He is doing this on the largest scale yet attempted by a private individual. Even those who know him best are not prepared to forecast how soon he will throw the full weight of his resources into the airplane industry.

There has been but one accident in a Ford airplane for two years, Mr. Stout pointed out. This one was not due to faulty aeronautical construction, but to a cyclone, which wrecked a schoolhouse, in addition to injuring the machine. The smooth performance has been kept up with the present 14 airplanes now operated.

"I will not forecast what Mr. Ford will do in aviation," said Mr. Stout. "There is only one man who can ever speak for Mr. Ford's plans, and that is Henry Ford himself."

Mr. Stout, pilot of the Ford venture in the air, is a mechanical engineer who at one time was head of the Packard Motor Company's aeronautical branch. He believes the airplanes of the future will be all metal. His corporation joined the Ford group and manufacture has continued on this basis.

Mr. Stout founded Aerial Age, was chief engineer in designing a new car for the Scripps-Booth Company, Detroit, and diversified his already complex experiences by designing an all-metal torpedo airplane for the navy. He is the author, too, of a boy's book on mechanical models, and has been a technical adviser to the Aircraft Board, Washington.

"Why doesn't Ford make his own airplane engines" one of the men familiar with Mr. Ford's interest in aviation was recently asked at the aeronautical conference.

"Give him a chance; don't you know he has been busy the past year getting out a new model?" was the reply.

Aid to Fond Memory

Young Zoologist (who has been asked to lecture over the wireless)—"And all the time, darling, though millions may be listening in, I shall be thinking of you alone."

Darling—"And what's your lecture about, old thing?"

Young Zoologist—"Freaks of nature."—Punch.

Question is raised as to the propriety in Chicago's erecting a monument to Mrs. O'Leary's cow. But anything to take attention away from Bill Thompson's bull.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

World Famous Bronze Buddha

One of the most famous and supposedly powerful Buddhas is the Daibutsu, shown above, favorite deity of the Japanese, standing 49 feet high. It is made entirely of bronze except the pedestal, this being of stone inscribed with the fanciful words of visiting believers. At a level with the covered feet of the statue can be seen a container wherein a few joss sticks are thrown. As the sweet-smelling smoke curls toward the huge head the worshipper kneels upon the stone, chanting the prayers carved upon a slab of stone nearby.

DEAN INGE CORRECTS ERRORS IN SAYINGS CREDITED FAMOUS

Gloomy Dean Reviews Epigrams, So Often Quoted, to Arrive at Source

MISTAKES PLENTIFUL

What is orginality? Undetected plagiarism. This is probably itself a plagiarism, but I cannot remember who said it before me. If originality means thinking for oneself, and not thinking differently from other people, a man does not forfeit his claim to it by saying things which have occurred to others, writes Dean Inge in the London Evening Standard.

In fact, when we consider that millions of people have been thinking, talking and writing for thousands of years, it is not likely that anyone should hit upon anything entirely fresh, unless he is inspired to utter something either transcendently wise or most abnormally foolish.

Still, some writers have, or deserve to have, a special reputation as pickers up of unconsidered trifles; they rival the noble-minded Autolycus, who, according to Homer excelled all other men in thieving and the use of the oath.

"What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" asks St. Paul. It is a good corrective of vanity to reflect how completely we are the children of our age, and how most of the giants in each generation are men of moderate size, standing on the shoulders of those who have lived before them. Nine-tenths of what we call progress is simply the accumulation of tradition—recorded trials and errors, and a few lucky shots.

When we talk of literary plagiarisms we think, not of whole systems of thought, which may be lifted with impunity, but of neat sayings, preserved for their wit and wisdom. It is tempting to introduce one or two of these to brighten our own arguments, without spoiling the sentence by the chilling parenthesis, "as So-and-so said." An excess of honesty, expressing itself between brackets or in footnotes, makes Jack a dull boy.

Unverified Epigrams

I have collected a good many of these appropriations, some of which may be mere coincidences. My first class will be of notable sayings, which are constantly quoted with the names of their supposed authors, but which there is no reason to suppose were uttered by their supposed authors at all. These are not strictly plagiarisms, but they illustrate the love of quoting epigrams without verifying them.

Plato never said, "God geometrises." William of Ockham (I think) never said, "Ultimates (entia) are not to be multiplied unnecessarily." Numenius is not likely to have called Plato "an Attic Moses." Julian can hardly have said on his death-bed, "Thou hast conquered, O Galilean!" Even that gallant but not very intelligent pedant must have realized that the so-called Conversion of Rome in he fourth century was a victory of the Catholic Church over the Empire, not at all a victory of "the Galilean" over the forces which brought Him to the Cross.

Kosciusko did not say, "The end of Poland." The Baron de Cambronne did not say at Waterloo, "The Guard dies, but does not surrender." Cambronne himself, twenty years later, disavowed the saying, and added with great honesty, "In the first place, we did not die, and in the second place, we did surrender." This did not prevent the town of Nantes from engraving the words on the base of his statue. And did Wellington say, "Up, Guards, and at them"? It seems more than doubtful. Louis XIV was not heard to say, "L'etat, c'est moi"; though there is no doubt that he thought so.

Shakespeare and Seneca

Lastly, Galileo probably did not say, "And yet it moves"—of the earth; but it does not diminish his achievement that he was anticipated in his discovery by Aristarcnus, and according to Theophrastus, by Plato in his old age. Leonardo, who anticipated most discoveries, wrote in large letters in his diary: "Il sole non si muove."

Several famous sayings in our great poets have been traced back to the Greek and Roman classics. Churton Collins collected a long list of parallels between Shakespeare and Greek tragedy. Either Shakespeare was better read than is usually supposed, or "great wits jump" with singular frequency. But this question cannot be discussed without quoting the Greek texts.

In Macbeth, "Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased," can hardly be independent of Seneca's, "Nemo polluto queat animo mederi." Ben Jonson's famous song, "Drink to me only with thine eyes," is a paraphrase of Pilostratus. Milton on Fame—that last infirmity or noble minds—borrows a fine sentiment from Tacitus (Histories iv. 6). The well-known "I do not like you, Doctor Fell," is may be more coinridences. My first nec possum dicere quare; Hoc tantum possum dicere, non amo te." Dryden's "Great wits are sure to madness near allied," is from Aristotle through Seneca. It is by no means always true. A very close parallel between Burns and Claudian must be a mere coincidence, since Burns was not a Latin scholar. "O poorish cauld and restless love, ye freck my peace between ye. Yet poortith a' I could forgive, An 'twere not for my Jeanie." Claudian has, "Paupertas me saeva domat, dirusque Cupido. Sod tolerandа fames, non tolerandus amor."

By a curious fatality, nearly all the pet quotations from Latin betray their spuriousness by containing some solecism. A typical example is, "Quem Deus vult perdere, prius dementat." The nearest original is a line of Publius Syrus, "Stultum facit Fortuna quem vult perdere." "Dementat" is not a classical word. Syrus is also responsible for "a beautiful face is a mute recommendation," which Schopenhauer" conveyed."

Who first said, "It is worse than a crime; it is a blunder"? Two of the greatest rascals in history must fight for it—Talleyrand, to whom it is usually attributed, and Fouche, who claimed it. These two men, according to Emil Ludwig, betrayed and ruined Napoleon, who knew their treachery, but could not do without them.

A Famous Phrase

Who first said, "The sun never sets upon our Empire"? It seems to have been first used of the immense empire of Spain, and Napoleon, when he proposedto "unite Spain for ever to the destinies of France," quoted the proverb of Spain. A Frenchman, after some years' residence in England, said that as applied to the centre of the British Empire, "the expression is of course purely metaphorical."

Another of Napoleon's annexations is the saying that there is only one step from the sublime to the rediculous. It seems to occur first in Marmontel, and then in the notorious Tom Paine, the Englishman, from whom Bonaparte probably got it. He kept on repeating it during the retreat from Moscow, of which his unlucky Grand Army probably failed to see the comic side.

An epigram which has had a queer history is: "No one is a hero to his valet de chambre." Several French writers, including Montaigne, are quoted as having said something like it. But the epigram is possibly improved when we add: "This, however, is not a hero, but because the valet is a valet." In this form it was first written by Hegel (in his Philosophie des Geschichte, p. 40). Goethe borrowed it from Hegel, Carlyle from Goethe, and Disraeli, a great collector of other men's good things, from Carlyle. The epigram is, however, equally unfair to heroes and to valets.

"The Cup That Cheers"

A few miscellaneous plagiarisms may be added. Gray's "E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires," comes from Chaucer, "Yet in our ashes cold is fire yreken." "The cup that cheers but not inebriates," is used by Cowper of tea. But it comes from Bishop Berkeley, who uses it of tar-water, which "is of a nature so mild and benign and proportioned to the human constitution, as to warm without heating, to cheer but not inebriate." This is from the Siris, a treatise which is divided between the sovereign merits of tar-water and those of the Neoplatonic philosophy. I agree with the latter; tar-water I have never tried.

"He who fights and runs away may live to fight another day," which we know as Goldsmith's, is from ancient Greece, and "We have given hostages to fortune" is from Lucan: "dedimus tot pignora fatis."

It looks as if an industrious investigator might hunt down all our good things, and dispute our rights in them. But there is an almost unexplored field or judicious annexation in the proverbs of China. A few specimens will show how useful they may be. "Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet." "No needle is sharp at both ends." "Free sitters grumble most at a play." "You can't clap hands with one palm." "A maker of idols is never an idolator." "He who rides on a tiger can never dismount" (a warning to revolutionists.) "One dog barks at something; the rest bark at him." "When a neighbor is in your fruit garden, inattention is the truest politeness." "Everyone pushes a falling fence."

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British Doctor Accomplishes Remarkable Cures of Infected Rats

London.—Valuable addition to the campaign against cancer is described in this week's "Lancet" by Dr. Thomas Lumsden, who has accomplished some remarkable cures of cancer in rats. Dr. Lumsden conducts his research work in the Lister Institute under a grant from the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

He says his experiments prove that the body of the victim develops a resistance to the cancer infection but usually too late to resist its spread. His idea is to force the cancer to reveal itself earlier in the stage of its development. For this purpose he injects into the growth a solution of formalin which has a destructive effect upon the cancer cells. During this year he has treated tumors in 70 rats and has cured 54. Of 25 rats similarly treated since October last 24 have been cured.

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One of the large map making organizations of the Dominion Government is the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior. During recent years this service has been issuing as rapidly as possible topographic maps of various areas throughout Canada, all being co-ordinated in the National Topographic series. Thus, eventually the whole country will be mapped without overlapping or without any part being missed. Mapping is, however, a slow process and it will be many years before the whole country will be thus included. As each new map is issued more people are interested. In order to inform people of the maps that are available an index of the maps and publications issued by the Topographical Survey will be sent free upon request.

Ouch!

"Mamma, can I borrow father's trouser-press?"

"Whatever for?"

"I want to play Spanish Inquisition with Helen!"—Passing Show (London

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