

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Life is learning, suffering, loving; and the greatest of these is loving.—Ellen Key.

If happiness is the rarest of blessings, it is because the reception of it is the rarest of virtues.—Silvestre.

God asks no man whether he will accept life. That is not the choice. You must take it. The only choice is, how.—H. W. Beecher.

"Ah me," said one in deep despair, "That thorns should mar a rose so fair;";

And passes by the sweeter truth, That many a thorn has its rose, forsooth.—Jean S. Remy.

A total change of thought and emotion is the chief factor in mental healing. Change of scene and companions will often do wonders.

One advantage of living in Boston

one's residence to get a change of climate.

They talk about bombarding ships in the air; but what goes up must come down, and life would be unsafe anywhere under the line of fire.

"One of the failings of all our Catholic societies is that the orators swamp the workers." This brevity from the Sacred Heart Review is of wide application.

We may fail a thousand times; but as long as we are ashamed of our failure, as long as we do not helplessly acquiesce, as long as we do not try to comfort ourselves for it by a careful parade of our other virtues, we are in the pilgrim's road.—Arthur Benson.

A contemporary says: "When a helpless invalid was deserted by her husband, she got up, went to work, and recovered her health." This was the right thing for the woman to do and it is an excellent comment on the uses of affliction, but it offers no excuse for the contemptible man who deserted his wife.

An Irish drill sergeant was instructing some recruits in the mysteries of marching movements and found great difficulty in getting a countryman of his to halt when the command was given.

After explaining and illustrating several times, he approached the recruit, sized him up silently for a couple of minutes, then demanded his name.

"Fitzgerald, sor," was the reply.

"Did you ever drive a donkey, Fitz?"

"Yes, sor."

"What did you say when you wished him to stop?"

"Whoa."

The sergeant turned away and immediately put his squad in motion. After they had advanced a dozen yards or so, he bawled out at the top of his lungs: "Squad, halt! Whoa, Fitzgerald!"

A Japanese student of English writes: "Last year I could use hard-ly English good, as it is like now." "Man wants but little here below." But this was written long ago. The saying now has little worth. For in these days man wants the earth.

The ancient version of an answer attributed to various persons in our time was as follows: In a Biblical ex-

amination a student was asked, "Who was Esau?" He replied, "Esau was a hairy man who lived in the wilderness. He wrote fables and sold the copyright for a mess of potage."

It was a district where there was much intimidation. The judge charged the jury very strongly in favor of conviction. The jury immediately brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty." The counsel for the prosecution started up indignantly. "Do you call this law, my Lord?" The judge answered even quicker than had the jury, "No, sir, I call it jurisprudence" (jury's prudence).

OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

Secretary Metcalf has issued a statement in which he objects to the plans San Franciscans are formulating for meeting the fleet with a squadron of excursion boats. This portion of the navy is apparently on exhibition only for the amusement of foreign ports.

signed because he was expected to kiss the brides he married. He also left a tack on his seat for his successor by saying his reason for not wishing to kiss the brides was his fear of contracting some disease.

Oklahoma's Indian Senator doesn't mind shooting arrows right at the big chiefs of the Senate.

Now Willie Hearst has a nice little political party of his very own to play with. It is an expensive toy though.

If the seven minute parting kiss becomes a fashion, how will people ever be able to get to the trains on time?

At a Polish wedding in Chicago, there were 19 persons wounded and two seriously married.

Speaker Cannon's ardent tribute to the small college ought to be good for at least 57 degrees.

Ex-Superintendent Chancellor's opinion of the Washington School Board reads like a genuine White House denunciation.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has Welsh, Irish, Scotch, English and Dutch blood in his veins. How does he propose to get the German vote?

"It's nobody's business where the fleet is going," says Secretary Taft. Certainly it isn't. Whose country is this, anyhow?

With a wonderful uniform and a name like Rudolph Fiddlesticks van Coingraber, another Hungarian count has captured another American fortune with a woman attached.

The United States Supreme court gravely decided that "woman is in a class by herself." Isn't it comforting to have the highest judicial authority confirm just what all of us have always known?

Now that a comic valentine has caused a murder in Missouri, appeals for a sane observance of the day may be met with less hilarity.

A German lottery agent has been sentenced to 1,461 years imprisonment seems to have drawn an unlucky number.

In that auto endurance test it is a case of the race being to the strong, rather than to the swift.

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