

### WAR IS HELL.

"War is hell"  
 Ah well!  
 We pray, "Our Father,  
 Thy kingdom come,"  
 Then build our ships  
 And forge our guns  
 To kill thy sons,  
 Our brothers.  
 Then pray that Thou wilt well  
 Direct our shot and shell  
 And give us help  
 In making hell."  
 "War is hell"  
 Ah well!  
 "Peace on earth"  
 The angels sang.  
 Ah Christ, we worship Thee  
 Mid clang of arms  
 And battle's roar,

An old librarian, unable to find his umbrella one evening when it was time to close, returned, and looked anxiously for it in the card catalog, under the letter U.

Post: "What do you think of this little poem of mine, 'She would not smile'?" Editor: "I think if you had read the poem to her she would have smiled."

In Augustus J. C. Hare's "The Story of my Life" he relates an anecdote of one of his men, "Sandy." A certain Mr. Hamilton, in traveling between Rome and Naples, unexpectedly met Sandy, and after expressing surprise at meeting him there, asked him what he thought of those two Italian cities. "Weel," replied Sandy, cautiously, "I jist think that, if naething happens to Rome and Naples, Sodom and Gomorrah were very much the deat with."

Shed human gore,  
 And think we serve Thee well  
 With cruel shot and deadly shell,  
 In making hell.  
 "War is hell"  
 Ah well!  
 "God is love" we say  
 To him we pray  
 To win the day,  
 To help us slay  
 That we may well  
 Perform our part  
 In making hell.  
 "War is hell"  
 Ah well!  
 "Thy will be done on earth."  
 Not yet.  
 Unless the prayers we raise,  
 God will not change our ways.  
 Man causes all man's woe.  
 Man is man's friend or foe  
 His to say, war or no,  
 His to stop shot and shell,  
 His to quit making hell.  
 David B. Page, In "Humanity."

A gentleman not unknown to fame had left his corner seat in a crowded carriage to go in search of buns and milk, leaving a rug to reserve his seat. On returning he found that, in spite of the rug and protests of his fellow passengers, the seat had been usurped by one in lady's garments. To his protestations her lofty reply was: "Do you know, sir, that I am one of the directors' wives?" Madam, he replied, "were you the director's only wife, I should still protest."  
 —Church Guardian.

Husband (arriving with his wife at the station just as the train steamed out): "There if you hadn't taken such a fearful time dressing we shouldn't have lost the train." Wife: "And if you hadn't hurried me so all the way we shouldn't have had such a long time to wait for the next one."

Lady: "Do you know where Johnny Tucker lives, my little boy?" Little Boy: "He ain't home, but if you give me a penny, I'll find him for you." Lady: "All right. Now where is he?" Little Boy: "Thanks, I'm him."

### GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The safe men who are willing to die for the truth are akin to the safe men who live to maintain it.

The danger of treating current topics in the pulpit is that commonly there will be a number of people in the congregation who know more about them than the minister does.

One of the most valuable discoveries recently made by white men is that they eat about three times as much as is necessary to keep them in good health and working condition and in training for a vigorous old age.

Almost everything depends upon the things that we hold in common, whether in religion or in other forms of life, and yet that which is unique, peculiar, personal, may be some important attainment which will shape the whole future of the human race.

The jury had been locked up for hours. One of the jurors had refused to agree to the view of the others. At last the officer of the court was instructed to provide refreshment. "Shall I order twelve dinners?" he said to the foreman. "Make it eleven dinners and a bale of hay," replied the weary foreman.

Fond Mother: Now, darling, I am going to ask you to give up something during Lent. What shall it be?" Darling: My codliver oil, please mamma!"

A Jew meeting a hunchback on board an emigrant ship, discussed the Jewish question with him on several occasions without mentioning that he was a Jew. After a while, however, "And now I will tell you something—the Jew got friendly, and said: I am a Jew." "Confidence for confidence," replied the man. "I will also tell you something. I am a hunchback."

"Do you believe that men and women should have equal rights?" Well, I used to, but since I've been married, I don't care to say so."

He was a meek and mild little chap, but at last he had summoned up enough courage to propose—and had been accepted. "But," said his wife to be, "I must insist that our engagement be kept a secret twelve months." "Why," asked the man, in dismay. He had looked forward to a speedy marriage. "Because, dear," she answered, "it is leap year now, and people might think I had done the proposing."

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