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INTRODUCTION

'By necessity, by proclivity, and by delight, we all quote' So said Ralph Waldo Emerson. He might have added that the greatest delight—for both the speaker and the listener—usually comes when the quotation is humorous. Humorous quotations,' to paraphrase Logan Pearsall Smith, are the salted almonds at reason's feast." They add zest to speeches, writing and conversation, and they are even fun to read just for themselves. Nor should humorous' be taken to mean frivolous", as George Bernard Shaw said, "When a thing is funny, look for a hidden truth."

With all of these potential benefits it is surprising to discover that there has never been a comprehensive anthology of humorous quotations. This book has been designed to fill that need. The material has been drawn from many lands and all ages from every profession and for all occasions. The authors range from Confucius to Lyndon Johnson from the sophisticated sting of Oscar Wilde to the folksy gentleness of Josh Billings, from the tart definitions of Ambrose Bierce to the mellowed insights of Robert Frost, from the ministerial wit of Winston Churchill Benjamin Disraeli and Talleyrand to the man in the street humor of Jimmy Durante, Will Rogers, and Mark Twain. There are over 6,500 entries, comprising we believe, an invaluable reference work for speakers, writers, and those among us who simply agree with Sebastien Chamfort that "The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed."

Successful speakers find scores of uses for humorous quotations. We know one clergyman who likens his sermon to a bridge and sees touches of humor as the supporting uprights. He uses humor at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end, to keep the span from sagging. Humor is useful in creating a friendly frame of mind in the audience, in emphasizing points, in making introductions. A chairman of a meeting may say, "Someone has commented that an acquaintance is a person whom we know well enough to borrow from but not well enough to lend to. I should like to present a man who is more than an acquaintance to me."

Or the chairman may say, "Josh Billings once said, 'When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants, and I give it to him.' Our speaker has a reputation for saying what he believes should be said, and not necessarily what others want him to say."

The speaker himself may warm up his audience with a quotation. "As Mark Twain says, 'It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.' I myself have had only two weeks to work on my off-the-cuff remarks, so I hope you will forgive me."

Or "To quote George Bernard Shaw, 'You know very well that after

a certain age a man has only one speech' I should admit at the outset that what I'll be saying today is something I've said before, but I believe it to be of such importance

Or 'I think Prince Philip outlined a good way to begin a speech when he said, It is my invariable custom to say something flattering to begin with so that I shall be excused if by any chance I put my foot in it later on'

Or, if the occasion demanded, he could commence by observing As Kin Hubbard once said, Of all substitutes a substitute speaker is worst''

The occasion for the speech often suggests a thematic quotation A speaker on America's role in world affairs might set the tone for his talk by opening with the lines from Arnold Toynbee "America is a large friendly dog in a very small room Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair' I don't think that's the whole picture, but there's more than an inch of truth in it"

Before a group of bankers, he might say, 'Mark Twain once defined a banker as a fellow who lends his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain' A modern banker might reply

All a speaker need know is his subject or his audience, and the heavily cross referenced index will lead him to dozens of apt and witty remarks to choose from The index is arranged so that quotations dealing with two or more subjects can be found easily For example, a line touching on automobiles weather and vacations is indexed under all three subjects

It isn't only the public speaker who can profit from this book The ability to summon up pertinent and funny quotations in conversation can bring a great deal of pleasure to you and your friends A quotation like a pun should come unsought,' said Robert Chapman, but nothing bubbles spontaneously to the surface unless it has been submerged ahead of time And the submerging of humorous quotations can be great fun The reader who browses regularly in this book will certainly be pleased and may be astonished at how much of what he casually reads stays with him hidden until some passing remark or topic in conversation calls it forth at exactly the right place In a sense, we add quotations to our "vocabulary" in much the same way as we do words, and these additions improve the interest and articulateness of our speech in much the same way too

For those of us who cannot ourselves invent sayings on a par with Mark Twain and Oscar Wilde, it's comforting to remember another comment of Emerson's 'Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it' It brings satisfaction to ourselves, delight to our listeners, enhancement to the subject, and—perhaps we can say—a tribute and compliment to the originator of the line As Alexander Smith said, "To be occasionally quoted is the only fame I care for"

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ABILITY

He [Napoleon III] is a great unrecognized incapacity *Otto von Bis marck*

What does it take to be an Archbishop of Canterbury? The strength of a horse—and the ability to be a cart horse one day and a race horse the next *Geoffrey Fisher*

In the last analysis, ability is commonly found to consist mainly in a high degree of solemnity *Ambrose Bierce*

The university brings out all abilities, including incapability *Anton Chekhov*

A traveler at Sparta, standing long upon one leg, said to a Lacedaemonian, "I do not believe you can do as much" "True," said he, 'but every goose can" *Plutarch*

ABLE

The ablest man I ever met is the man you think you are *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

ABROAD

I dislike feeling at home when I'm abroad *George Bernard Shaw*

He who wants to steal abroad needs a local helper *Chinese Proverb*

ABSENCE

Absence is one of the most useful ingredients of family life, and to use it rightly is an art like any other *Freya Stark*

That common cure of love *Miguel de Cervantes*

Absence makes the heart grow fonder—of somebody else *Anonymous*

A woman absent is a woman dead *Ambrose Bierce*

What is better than presence of mind in a railway accident? Absence of body *Punch*

Never was the absent in the right *Spanish Proverb*

The absent and the dead have no friends *Ibid*

ABSENTMINDED

Lord Dudley was one of the most absentminded men I think I ever met in society One day he met me in the street, and invited me to meet myself Dine with me today dine with me, and I will get Sydney Smith to meet you ' I admitted the temptation he held out to me, but said I was engaged to meet him elsewhere *Sydney Smith*

You gazed at the moon and fell in the gutter *Thomas Fuller*

I was like the countryman who looked for his donkey while mounted on its back *Miguel de Cervantes*

ABSOLUTE

- 19 Objection, evasion, distrust and irony are signs of health
absolute belongs to pathology *F W Nietzsche*

ABSTAINER

- 20 Abstainer a weak person who yields to the temptation of denying
himself a pleasure *Ambrose Bierce*

ABSTINENCE

- 21 Abstinence is as easy to me as temperance would be difficult *Samuel
Johnson*

ABSURD

- 22 There is no opinion so absurd but that some philosopher will express
it *Cicero*

- 23 The *reductio ad absurdum* is God's favorite argument *George Tyrrell*

ABSURDITY

- 24 Every custom was once an eccentricity every idea was once an ab-
surdity *Holbrook Jackson*

- 25 Absurdity a statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own
opinion *Ambrose Bierce*

- 26 Every absurdity has a champion to defend it *Oliver Goldsmith*

ABUSE

- 27 What you can't have, abuse *Italian Proverb*

- 28 When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff *Cicero*

ACCEPT

- 29 'I accept the universe' is reported to have been a favorite utterance of
our New England transcendentalist Margaret Fuller, and when some-
one repeated this phrase to Thomas Carlyle his sardonic comment is
said to have been, 'Gad! she'd better' *William James*

ACCIDENT

- 30 He is so unlucky that he runs into accidents which started out to
happen to somebody else *Don Marquis*

- 31 Sometimes there are accidents in our life the skillful extraction from
which demands a little folly *François de La Rochefoucauld*

- 32 Accident an inevitable occurrence due to the action of immutable
natural laws *Ambrose Bierce*

- 33 Someone said that Providence is the Christian name of Accident and
someone devout may say that Accident is a nickname of Providence
Nicolas Chamfort

ACCOMPLISH

- 34 Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all
himself, and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that *James M Barrie*

- 35 There is nothing more disappointing than failing to accomplish a thing,
unless it is to see somebody else accomplish it *Henry S Haskins*

ACCURACY

- 36 In all pointed sentences some degree of accuracy must be sacrificed to conciseness *Samuel Johnson*
- 37 After having spent years in striving to be accurate, we must spend as many more in discovering when and how to be inaccurate *Samuel Butler*

ACHIEVEMENT

- 38 The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it *Elbert Hubbard*
- 39 Achievement the death of endeavor and the birth of disgust *Ambrose Bierce*
- 40 About all some men accomplish in life is to send a son to Harvard *Edgar W Howe*
- 41 M Zola is determined to show that, if he has not got genius he can at least be dull *Oscar Wilde*
- 42 It is an immense advantage to have done nothing but one should not abuse it *Comte de Rivarol*
- 43 Back of every achievement is a proud wife and a surprised mother-in-law *Brooks Hays*

ACQUAINTANCE

- 44 A wise man knows everything, a shrewd one everybody *Anonymous*
- 45 Acquaintance a person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to *Ambrose Bierce*
- 46 Acquaintance a degree of friendship called slight when its object is poor and obscure, and intimate when he is rich and famous *Ibid*
- 47 An acquaintance that begins with a compliment is sure to develop into a real friendship *Oscar Wilde*

ACTING

- 48 If you achieve success you will get applause, and if you get applause, you will hear it My advice to you concerning applause is this Enjoy it but never quite believe it *Robert Montgomery*
- 49 The actor who took the role of King Lear played the king as though he expected someone to play the ace *Eugene Field*

ACTION

- 50 Did nothing in particular
And did it very well *W S Gilbert*
- 51 The basis of action is lack of imagination It is the last resource of those who know not how to dream *Oscar Wilde*
- 52 Action indeed, is always easy, and when presented to us in its most aggravated, because more continuous form, which I take to be that of real industry becomes simply the refuge of people who have nothing whatever to do *Ibid*
- 53 Men of thought should have nothing to do with action *Ibid*
- 54 Actions lie louder than words *Carolyn Wells*

ACTOR

- 55 When an actor has money, he doesn't send letters, but telegrams
Anton Chekhov
- 56 Some of the greatest love affairs I've known have involved one actor—
unassisted *Wilson Mizner*
- 57 An actor is a sculptor who carves in snow *Lawrence Barrett*
- 58 Every actor in his heart believes everything bad that's printed about
him *Orson Welles*
- 59 I have long wanted to produce a *Hamlet* which would be a play rather
than a case of dyspepsia *Maurice Evans*
- 60 Acting comes easy and pays well, that's the narcotic *John Barrymore*
- 61 There are various theories of why people become actors, from the
exhibitionistic urge to a desire to sleep late mornings *Arthur Hopkins*
- 62 Some actors think they are elevating the stage when they're merely
depressing the audience *George A. Posner*
- 63 You can pick out actors by the glazed look that comes into their
eyes when the conversation wanders away from themselves *Michael
Wilding*
- 64 You know, acting makes you feel like a burglar sometimes—taking all
that money for all that fun *Pat O'Brien*
- 65 The scenery in the play was beautiful, but the actors got in front of it
Alexander Woollcott
- 66 Actors are the only honest hypocrites *William Hazlitt*
- 67 Alfred Lunt has his head in the clouds and his feet in the box office
Noel Coward
- 68 Beggars, actors, buffoons and all that sort *Horace*
- 69 Be a little upon your guard remember he is an actor *Horace
Walpole*

ACTRESS

- 70 Playing Shakespeare is very tiring You never get to sit down unless
you're a king *Josephine Hull*
- 71 For an actress to be a success she must have the face of Venus, the
brains of Minerva, the grace of Terpsichore the memory of Macaulay,
the figure of Juno, and the hide of a rhinoceros *Ethel Barrymore*
- 72 I got all the schooling any actress needs That is, I learned to write
enough to sign contracts *Hermione Gingold*
- 73 Actresses will happen in the best-regulated families *Oliver Herford*

ADAGE

- 74 Adage boned wisdom for weak teeth *Ambrose Bierce*

ADAM

- 75 When Eve upon the first of men
The apple pressed, with specious cant,
Oh! what a thousand pities then
That Adam was not adamant! *Thomas Hood*

- 76 Adam invented love at first sight, one of the greatest labor saving machines the world ever saw *Josh Billings*
- 77 I wish Adam had died with all his ribs in his body *Dion Bouicault*
- 78 Madam, I'm Adam *Anonymous*
- 79 Adam Had em *Strickland Gillilan*
- 80 We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Adam, the first great benefactor of the human race he brought death into the world *Mark Twain*
- 81 What could Adam have done to God that made Him put Eve in the garden? *Polish Proverb*

ADAM AND EVE

- 82 Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal one was that they escaped teething *Mark Twain*
- 83 Whilst Adam slept, Eve from his side arose
Strange his first sleep would be his last repose *Anonymous*
- 84 Adam ate the apple and our teeth still ache *Hungarian Proverb*

ADHERENT

- 85 Adherent a follower who has not yet obtained all that he expects to get *Ambrose Bierce*

ADJECTIVE

- 86 As to the adjective when in doubt, strike it out *Mark Twain*

ADMIRATION

- 87 Tell me George [Gershwin] if you had to do it over would you fall in love with yourself again? *Oscar Levant*
- 88 Every man loves and admires his own country because it produced him *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*
- 89 Distance is a great promoter of admiration *Denis Diderot*
- 90 The time he can spare from the adornment of his person, he devotes to the neglect of his duties *Benjamin Jowett*
- 91 Admiration our polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves *Ambrose Bierce*
- 92 I admire him [Cecil Rhodes] I frankly confess it, and when his time comes, I shall buy a piece of the rope for a keepsake *Mark Twain*
- 93 It is only an auctioneer who should admire all schools of art *Oscar Wilde*
- 94 Admiration is the daughter of ignorance *Thomas Fuller*
- 95 Things not understood are admired *Ibid*
- 96 Admiration begins where acquaintance ceases *Samuel Johnson*
- 97 We always love those who admire us, but we do not always love those whom we admire *François de La Rochefoucauld*

ADOPTION

- 98 It takes more trouble and as much risk to adopt a son as to get one in the ordinary way *Samuel Butler*

ADULT

- 99 An adult is one who has ceased to grow vertically but not horizontally
Anonymous

ADULTERY

- 100 Adultery democracy applied to love *H L Mencken*

ADVANTAGE

- 101 To have the license number of one's automobile as low as possible is a social advantage in America *Andre Maurois*

ADVERSARY

- 102 Treating your adversary with respect is giving him an advantage to which he is not entitled *Samuel Johnson*
- 103 In all matters of opinion our adversaries are insane *Mark Twain*

ADVERSITY

- 104 By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity Another man's, I mean *Mark Twain*
- 105 I'll say this for adversity people seem to be able to stand it and that's more than I can say for prosperity *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 106 In the adversity of our best friends we often find something that is not wholly displeasing to us *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 107 Adversity an experience that introduces a man to himself *Anonymous*
- 108 Adversity is the state in which a man most easily becomes acquainted with himself being especially free from admirers then *Samuel Johnson*

ADVERTISING

- 109 If you don't advertise yourself, you will be advertised by your loving enemies *Elbert Hubbard*
- 110 It used to be that a fellow went on the police force after everything else failed, but today he goes in the advertising game *Ibid*
- 111 Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it *Stephen Leacock*
- 112 A vice president in an advertising agency is a 'molehill man' A molehill man is a pseudo-busy executive who comes to work at 9 A M and finds a molehill on his desk He has until 5 P M to make this molehill into a mountain An accomplished molehill man will often have his mountain finished even before lunch *Fred Allen*
- 113 Advertising is 85 percent confusion and 15 percent commission *Ibid*
- 114 Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising *Mark Twain*
- 115 When I had looked at the lights of Broadway by night, I said to my American friends 'What a glorious garden of wonders this would be, to anyone who was lucky enough to be unable to read' *G K Chesterton*

- 116 I do not read advertisements—I would spend all my time wanting things *Archbishop of Canterbury*
- 117 Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a news paper *Thomas Jefferson*
- 118 You have to do a little bragging on yourself even to your relatives—man doesn't get anywhere without advertising *John Nance Garner*

ADVICE

- 119 Old men are fond of giving good advice, to console themselves for being no longer in a position to give bad examples *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 120 When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants and I give it to him *Josh Billings*
- 121 Advice is like castor oil, easy enough to give but dreadfully uneasy to take *Ibid*
- 122 Advice is a drug in the market the supply always exceeds the demand *Ibid*
- 123 In those days he was wiser than he is now he used frequently to take my advice *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 124 To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it *John Churton Collins*
- 125 If you want to get rid of somebody, just tell 'em something for their own good *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 126 A bad cold wouldn't be so annoying if it weren't for the advice of our friends *Ibid*
- 127 We ask advice but we mean approbation *Charles C Colton*
- 128 A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice *Edgar W Howe*
- 129 "Be yourself!" is about the worst advice you can give some people *Tom Masefield*
- 130 I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it *Harry S Truman*
- 131 I give myself sometimes admirable advice, but I am incapable of taking it *Mary Woriley Montagu*
- 132 It is as easy to give advice to yourself as to others, and as useless *Austin O Malley*
- 133 It is always a silly thing to give advice, but to give good advice is absolutely fatal *Oscar Wilde*
- 134 People are very fond of giving away what they most need themselves It is what I call the depth of generosity *Ibid*
- 135 The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on, it is never of any use to oneself *Ibid*
- 136 Give me all the other advice you like, but don't tell me how to bring up my children, train my dog fish for trout, scramble eggs, cast my vote, select a football game, buy meat, eat lobster, appreciate

good music, improve my disposition, relax, or prepare myself for heaven *William Feather*

- 137 It is traditional on these occasions for me to give you a bit of advice, which you will equally traditionally ignore *Prince Philip*
- 138 Never get up with the lark Get up only for a lark *Lord Boyd Orr*
- 139 Advice the smallest current coin *Ambrose Bierce*
- 140 Good advice is one of those injuries which a good man ought, if possible to forgive, but at all events to forget at once *Horace Smith*
- 141 Never mind what I told you—you do as I tell you *W C Fields*
- 142 Perhaps one of the only positive pieces of advice that I was ever given was that supplied by an old courtier, who observed Only two rules really count Never miss an opportunity to relieve yourself never miss a chance to sit down and rest your feet *Duke of Windsor*
- 143 *On Boston* Clear out eight hundred thousand people and preserve it as a museum piece *Frank Lloyd Wright*
- 144 *On Pittsburgh* Abandon it *Ibid*
- 145 Never advise anyone to go to war or to marry *Spanish Proverb*
- 146 A woman seldom asks advice before she has bought her wedding clothes *Joseph Addison*
- 147 Advice is not disliked because it is advice, but because so few people know how to give it *Leigh Hunt*
- 148 He had only one vanity he thought he could give advice better than any other person *Mark Twain*
- 149 If someone gives you so-called good advice, do the opposite, you can be sure it will be the right thing nine out of ten times *Anselm Feuerbach*
- 150 I remember my father telling me the story of the preacher delivering an exhortation to his flock, and as he reached the climax of his exhortation a man in the front row got up and said, 'O Lord, use me Use me, O Lord—in an advisory capacity!'" *Adlai Stevenson*
- 151 The advice of old age gives light without heat, like the winter sun *Luc de Vauvenargues*
- 152 If a man loves to give advice, it is a sure sign that he himself wants it *Lord Halifax*

AFFECTATION

- 153 Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations, he is only trying on one face after another to find his own *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 154 Affectation is a more terrible enemy to fine faces than the smallpox *Sir Richard Steele*

AFFECTION

- 155 In nine cases out of ten, a woman had better show more affection than she feels *Jane Austen*
- 156 All my life, affection has been showered upon me, and every forward step I have made has been taken in spite of it *George Bernard Shaw*

AFFLICTIONS

- 157 Many would be willing to have afflictions provided that they be not inconvenienced by them *St Francis de Sales*

AFTER DINNER SPEECH

- 158 There is but one pleasure in life equal to that of being called on to make an after dinner speech and that is not being called on to make one *Charles Dudley Warner*

AGE

- 159 At eighteen one adores at once at twenty, one loves at thirty, one desires, at forty, one reflects *Paul de Kock*
- 160 I'm sixty five and I guess that puts me in with the geriatrics But if there were fifteen months in every year I'd only be forty-eight That's the trouble with us We number everything Take women, for example I think they deserve to have more than twelve years between the ages of twenty eight and forty *James Thurber*
- 161 Threescore years and ten is enough, if a man can't suffer all the misery he wants in that time, he must be numb *Josh Billings*
- 162 Age that period of life in which we compound for the vices that we still cherish by reviling those that we no longer have the enterprise to commit *Ambrose Bierce*
- 163 The monumental pomp of age *William Wordsworth*
- 164 The tragedy of old age is not that one is old, but that one is young *Oscar Wilde*
- ✓ 165 As soon as people are old enough to know better, they don't know anything at all *Ibid*
- 166 As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her own daughter, she is perfectly satisfied *Ibid*
- 167 No woman should ever be quite accurate about her age—it looks so calculating *Ibid*
- 168 One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age, a woman who would tell one that would tell one anything *Ibid*
- 169 Thirty-five is a very attractive age, London society is full of women who have of their own free choice remained thirty five for years *Ibid*
- 170 Young men want to be faithful and are not, old men want to be faithless and cannot *Ibid*
- 171 He is old enough to know worse *Ibid*
- 172 To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am! *Bernard M Baruch*
- 173 Age is only a number, a cipher for the records A man can't retire his experience He must use it Experience achieves more with less energy and time *Ibid*
- 174 Middle age when you begin to exchange your emotions for symptoms *Irvine S Cobb*

- 175 Many a man that can't direct you to a corner drugstore will get a respectful hearing when age has further impaired his mind *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 176 A woman is as old as she looks to a man that likes to look at her *Ibid*
- 177 We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 178 All would live long, but none would be old *Benjamin Franklin*
- 179 At twenty years of age the will reigns, at thirty the wit at forty the judgment *Ibid*
- 180 Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking young he may be sure that they think he is growing old *Washington Irving*
- 181 To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 182 If you want to know how old a woman is ask her sister in law *Edgar W Howe*
- 183 As soon as a man acquires fairly good sense it is said that he is an old fogey *Ibid*
- 184 Only the young die good *Oliver Herford*
- 185 Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever *Don Marquis*
- 186 One of the delights known to age, and beyond the grasp of youth, is that of *not going* But don't I like to enjoy myself? By *not going* that is just what I am trying to do *J B Priestley*
- 187 I am in the prime of senility *Ascribed to Joel Chandler Harris*
- 188 When a woman tells you her age, it's all right to look surprised, but don't scowl *Wilson Mizner*
- 189 Life's a tough proposition, and the first hundred years are the hardest *Ibid*
- 190 Be gentle in old age, peevishness is worse in second childhood than in first *George D Prentice*
- 191 Some old women and men grow bitter with age, the more their teeth drop out the more biting they get *Ibid*
- 192 The thing to do is to make so much money that you don't have to work after the age of twenty-seven In case this is impracticable, stop work at the earliest possible moment, even if it is at a quarter past eleven in the morning of the day when you find you have enough money *Robert Benchley*
- 193 The beauty of being young is that so many things have, delusively, a personal reference to you, only to age is it plain that things matter and you don't *Lord Vansittart*
- 194 We get too soon old and too late smart *Anonymous*
- 195 One of the main things, at my age [57] is to avoid strain—'pushing

forward' (as you do when you are in a taxi and are getting late for an appointment) *Arnold Bennett*

- 196 A man of sixty has spent twenty years in bed and over three years in eating *Ibid*
- 197 The first forty years of life give us the text the next thirty supply the commentary *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 198 Middle age when you're sitting at home on Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you *Ogden Nash*
- 199 One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is that it's such a nice change from being young *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*
- 200 Goethe, he mused, was older than me when he was writing love poems to young girls Renoir at eighty-six Titian, Voltaire, Verdi composed *Falstaff* at eighty But artists are perhaps exceptions *Muriel Spark*
- 201 Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle *Bob Hope*
- 202 Old men are dangerous it doesn't matter to them what is going to happen to the world *George Bernard Shaw*
- ✓ 203 Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative *Maurice Chevalier*
- 204 A lady of a "certain age," which means certainly aged *Lord Byron*
- 205 The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down *T S Eliot*
- 206 Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form *Andre Maurois*
- 207 Time and tide wait for no man—but time always stands still for a woman of thirty *Robert Frost*
- 208 At fifty a man can be an ass without being an optimist but not an optimist without being an ass *Mark Twain*
- 209 I saw men whom thirty years had changed but slightly, but their wives had grown old These were good women, it is very wearing to be good *Ibid*
- 210 Methuselah lived to be 969 years old, but what of that? There was nothing doing He might as well have lived to be a thousand You boys and girls will see more in the next fifty years than Methuselah saw in his whole lifetime *Ibid*
- 211 I was young and foolish then, now I am old and foolisher *Ibid*
- 212 Youth had been a habit of hers for so long that she would not part with it *Rudyard Kipling*
- 213 I can tell a woman's age in half a minute—and I do *W S Gilbert*
- 214 The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination *Louis Kronenberger*

- 215 Age is no cause for veneration An old crocodile is still a menace
and an old crow sings not like a nightingale *Dagobert D Runes*
- 216 When you rejoice over being young, and notice how well you feel
that is age *Jules Renard*

AGENTS

- 217 All press agents belong to a club of which Ananias is the honorary
president *John Kendrick Bangs*

AGNOSTIC

- 218 'Of course you are quite irreligious' Oh, by no means The
fashion just now is a Roman Catholic frame of mind with an ag-
nostic conscience you get the medieval picturesqueness of the one
with the modern conveniences of the other" *H H Munro (Saki)*

AGREE

- 219 When you say that you agree to a thing in principle, you mean that
you have not the slightest intention of carrying it out in practice
Otto von Bismarck

- 220 When people agree with me, I always feel that I must be wrong
Oscar Wilde

- 221 If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be
taught many things which you already know *Johann Lavater*

- 222 The chronic grumbler is a church social compared to the fellow that
agrees with everything you say *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

- 223 The fellow that's pleased with everything either don't cut any ice or
has something up his sleeve *Ibid*

- 224 Nobody can be as agreeable as an uninvited guest *Ibid*

- 225 My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me
Benjamin Disraeli

- 226 The greatest mistake is the trying to be more agreeable than you can
be *Walter Bagehot*

AGREEMENT

- 227 A gentleman's agreement is an arrangement which is not an agree-
ment, between two persons neither of whom is a gentleman, with
each expecting the other to be strictly bound while he himself has
no intention of being bound at all *Justice Vausey*

AGRICULTURE

- 228 Blessed be agriculture—if one does not have too much of it
Charles Dudley Warner

AILMENT

- 229 One of the commonest ailments of the present day is premature
formation of an opinion *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

AIN'T

- 230 Maybe ain't ain't so correct but I notice that lots of folks who ain't
using ain't ain't eating *Will Rogers*

ALCOHOL

- 231 All I can say is that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me *Sir Winston Churchill*

ALIMONY

- 232 A lot of women are getting alimony who don't earn it *Don Herold*
233 You never realize how short a month is until you pay alimony
John Barrymore
234 The wages of sin is alimony *Carolyn Wells*
235 Alimony is like buying oats for a dead horse *Arthur Bugs' Baer*
236 The cash surrender value of a husband *Anonymous*

ALLERGY

- 237 I used to wake up at 4 A M and start sneezing sometimes for five hours I tried to find out what sort of allergy I had but finally came to the conclusion that it must be an allergy to consciousness *James Thurber*

ALLIANCE

- 238 In international politics, the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each others pocket that they cannot separately plunder a third *Ambrose Bierce*

ALMS

- 239 I do not give alms I am not poor enough for that *F W Nietzsche*
240 The greatest of almsgivers is cowardice *Ibid*
241 Steal the hog and give the feet for alms *George Herbert*

ALONE

- 242 Alone in bad company *Ambrose Bierce*
243 When you become used to never being alone you may consider yourself Americanized *Andre Maurois*
244 The man who lives by himself and for himself is apt to be corrupted by the company he keeps *Charles H Parkhurst*
245 I wander about those great empty streets of Boston and I never see a living creature I could not be more alone in the Sahara *Henry James*
246 Many people live alone and like it, but most of them live alone and look it *Gelett Burgess*
247 In Genesis it says that it is not good for a man to be alone, but sometimes it is a great relief *John Barrymore*

ALPHABET

- 248 I often think how much easier life would have been for me and how much time I should have saved if I had known the alphabet I can never tell where I and J stand without saying G H to myself first I don't know whether P comes before R or after, and where T comes in has to this day remained something that I never have been able to get into my head *W Somerset Maugham*

ALTERATION

- 249 Alteration is not always improvement, as the pigeon said when it got out of the net and into the pie *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

ALTRUISM

- 250 The poor are the only consistent altruists They sell all that they have and give to the rich *Holbrook Jackson*

AMATEURS

- 251 There are no amateurs, but only those who paint bad pictures *Édouard Manet*

AMBASSADOR

- 252 An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the commonwealth *Sir Henry Wotton*

AMBITION

- 253 Ambition is the last refuge of the failure *Oscar Wilde*
- 254 Ambition an overwhelming desire to be vilified by enemies while living, and made ridiculous by friends when dead *Ambrose Bierce*
- 255 Ambition is but avarice on stilts and masked *Walter Savage Landor*
- 256 Ambition often puts men upon doing the meanest offices so climbing is performed in the same posture with creeping *Jonathan Swift*
- 257 Love is a pleasing folly, ambition is a serious stupidity *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 258 Every eel hopes to become a whale *German Proverb*

AMERICA

- 259 We expect to eat and stay thin, to be constantly on the move and ever more neighborly to revere God and be God *Daniel Boorstin*
- 260 In the United States there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is This is what makes America what it is *Gertrude Stein*
- 261 The trouble with America is that there are far too many wide open spaces surrounded by teeth *Charles Luckman*
- 262 America is the country where you buy a lifetime supply of aspirin for one dollar, and use it up in two weeks *John Barrymore*
- 263 America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair *Arnold Toynbee*
- 264 A good many of us today are content to be fat, dumb and happy With a polyunsaturated diet, the coming thirty five hour week the fly-now pay-later vacation and fringe benefits, many of us live in a chromium plated world where the major enemy we face is crabgrass *John H Glenn Jr*
- 265 It was wonderful to find America, but it would have been more wonderful to miss it *Mark Twain*
- 266 Of course, America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up *Oscar Wilde*

- 267 The youth of America is their oldest tradition It has been going on now for three hundred years To hear them talk we would imagine they were in their first childhood As far as civilization goes they are in their second *Ibid*
- 268 It is absurd to say that there are neither ruins nor curiosities in America when they have their mothers and their manners *Ibid*
- 269 When good Americans die they go to Paris when bad Americans die, they go to America *Ibid*
- 270 Perhaps, after all America never has been discovered I myself would say that it had merely been detected *Ibid*
- 271 The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children *Duke of Windsor*
- 272 It is only in the upper-class level that each husband sits next to the other man's wife *Louis Kronenberger*
- 273 This will never be a civilized country until we expend more money for books than we do for chewing gum *Elbert Hubbard*
- 274 The United States is the greatest law factory the world has ever known *Charles Evans Hughes*
- 275 America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilization *Georges Clemenceau*
- 276 The last abode of romance and other medieval phenomena *Eric Linklater*
- 277 I think the American public wants a solemn ass as a President And I think I'll go along with them *Calvin Coolidge*
- 278 The United States never lost a war or won a conference *Will Rogers*
- 279 No one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public *H L Mencken*
- 280 America is a young country with an old mentality *George Santayana*
- 281 In America an hour is forty minutes *German Proverb*

AMERICAN

- 282 Some Americans need hyphens in their name because only part of them has come over *Woodrow Wilson*
- 283 Some American delusions
- 1 That there is no class consciousness in the country
 - 2 That American coffee is good
 - 3 That Americans are businesslike
 - 4 That Americans are highly sexed and that redheads are more highly sexed than others *W Somerset Maugham*
- 284 The American nation in the Sixth Ward is a fine people,' he says 'They love th' eagle,' he says on the back iv a dollar" *Finley Peter Dunne*

- 285 The French look exactly like French the faces of Dutchmen are Dutch Danes look like Danes and Egyptians look very Canalish Americans have a sad countenance They probably look like this because they developed catarrh when they landed on Plymouth Rock *Sir Alfred Richardson*
- 286 I am willing to love all mankind except an American *Samuel Johnson*
- 287 The Americans, like the English probably make love worse than any other race *Walt Whitman*
- 288 The 100 percent American is 99 percent an idiot *George Bernard Shaw*

AMNESIA

- 289 This is Oscar Levant speaking It's an identification that I have to make because I suffer from amnesia *Oscar Levant*

AMNESTY

- 290 Amnesty the state's magnanimity to those offenders whom it would be too expensive to punish *Ambrose Bierce*

AMUSEMENT

- 291 Amusement is the happiness of those that cannot think *Alexander Pope*
- 292 Life, it seems to me, is worth living, but only if we avoid the amusements of grown up people *Robert Lynd*
- 293 Life would be tolerably agreeable if it were not for its amusements *George C Lewis*
- 294 What a pity it is that we have no amusements in England but vice and religion! *Sydney Smuth*

ANATOMY

- 295 Anatomy is to physiology as geography to history it describes the theater of events *Jean Fernel*

ANCESTOR

- 296 Heredity is an omnibus in which all our ancestors ride *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 297 Each has his own tree of ancestors but at the top of all sits Probably Arboreal *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 298 You should study the Peerage It is the best thing in fiction the English have ever done *Oscar Wilde*
- 299 Genealogy an account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own *Ambrose Bierce*
- ✓ 300 Some folks seem to have descended from the chimpanzee much later than others *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 301 Everyone has ancestors and it is only a question of going back far enough to find a good one *H K Nixon*

- 302 My folks didn't come over on the *Mayflower* but they were there to meet the boat *Will Rogers*
- 303 It is indeed desirable to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors *Plutarch*
- 304 Our ancestors are a very good kind of folks but they are the last people I should choose to have a visiting acquaintance with *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*

ANCESTRY

- 305 My father was a Creole, his father a Negro and his father a monkey, my family it seems begins where yours left off *Ascribed to Alexandre Dumas pere on being asked Who was your father?*
- 306 If you would civilize a man begin with his grandmother *Victor Hugo*
- 307 The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is underground *Sir Thomas Overbury*
- 308 The pride of ancestry increases in the ratio of distance *G W Curtis*

ANECDOTE

- 309 A good storyteller is a person who has a good memory and hopes other people haven't *Irvin S Cobb*

ANGELS

- 310 Man was created a little lower than the angels and has been getting a little lower ever since *Josh Billings*
- 311 If a man is only a little lower than the angels the angels should reform *M W Little*
- 312 In these days you must go to heaven to find an angel *Polish Proverb*

ANGER

- 313 This makes me so sore it gets my dandruff up *Samuel Goldwyn*
- 314 Anger makes dull men witty but it keeps them poor *Francis Bacon*
- 315 Anger improves nothing except the arch of a cat's back *Coleman Cox*
- 316 An angry man opens his mouth and shuts up his eyes *Cato*
- 317 The worst tempered people I've ever met were people who knew they were wrong *Wilson Mizner*

ANGLICAN CHURCH

- 318 The merit claimed for the Anglican Church is that, if you let it alone it will let you alone *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

ANIMALS

- 319 Blessed are the animals, they have no history *Friedrich Hebbel*

- 320 If modern civilized man had to kill the animals he eats the number of vegetarians would rise astronomically *Christian Morgenstern*
- 321 Animals are such agreeable friends they ask no questions pass no criticisms *George Eliot*
- 322 Animals talk to each other I never knew but one man who could understand them—I knew he could because he told me so himself *Mark Twain*
- 323 A dragon stranded in shallow water furnishes amusement for the shrimps *Chinese Proverb*

ANTHOLOGISTS

- 324 Most anthologists of poetry or quotations are like those who eat cherries or oysters, first picking the best ones and winding up by eating everything *Nicolas Chamfort*

ANTIVIVISECTIONIST

- 325 Antivivisectionist one who gags at a guinea pig and swallows a baby *H L Mencken*

ANXIETY

- 326 The thinner the ice, the more anxious is everyone to see whether it will bear *Josh Billings*

APHORISMS

- 327 An aphorism is never exactly true it is either a half truth or one-and a half truths *Karl Kraus*
- 328 Almost every wise saying has an opposite one no less wise to balance it *George Santayana*
- 329 Belief in form, but disbelief in content—that's what makes an aphorism charming *F W Nietzsche*
- 330 It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent an aphorism to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations They presented him the words "And this, too shall pass away" *Abraham Lincoln*
- 331 Aphorisms are salted and not sugared almonds at Reason's feast *Logan Pearsall Smith*

APOLOGY

- 332 Apology is only egotism wrong side out *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 333 Apologize to lay the foundation for a future offense *Ambrose Bierce*

APOSTLES

- 334 I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the Apostles but a great deal about their Acts *Horace Mann*

APPEARANCE

- 335 It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances *Oscar*

- 336 A red nosed man may not be a drunkard, but he will always be called one *Chinese Proverb*
- 337 Things are seldom what they seem
Skim milk masquerades as cream *W S Gilbert*
- 338 He [Calvin Coolidge] looks as if he had been weaned on a pickle
Alice Roosevelt Longworth
- 339 By outward show let's not be cheated
An ass should like an ass be treated *John Gay*
- 340 If the beard were all goats could preach *Danish Proverb*
- 341 He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own *Margaret Halsey*
- 342 Very few people look the part and are it too *Don Herold*
- 343 Nothing prevents us from being natural so much as the desire to appear so *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 344 Barring that natural expression of villainy which we all have, the man looked honest enough *Mark Twain*

APPEASER

- 345 An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile—hoping it will eat him last *Sir Winston Churchill*

APPETITE

- 346 Sharp stomachs make short graces *Scotch Proverb*
- 347 All things require skill but an appetite *George Herbert*

APPLAUSE

- 348 About the only person we ever heard of that wasn't spoiled by being lionized was a Jew named Daniel *George D Prentice*
- 349 Applause the echo of a platitude *Ambrose Bierce*

APPLE

- 350 A is an apple sour and green
Working in Tommy but cannot be seen *Anonymous*
- 351 Coleridge holds that a man cannot have a pure mind who refuses apple dumplings *Charles Lamb*

APRIL 1

- 352 This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four *Mark Twain*

ARCHAEOLOGY

- 353 An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have the older she gets, the more interested he is in her *Agatha Christie*
- 354 Archaeology sounds like dull sport in five syllables It isn't It's the Peeping Tom of the sciences It is the sandbox of men who care not where they are going, they merely want to know where every-

ARCHITECT

- 355 Sir Christopher Wren said, 'I am going to dine with some men If anybody calls say I am designing St Paul's' *Edmund Clerihew Bentley*
- 356 I think it is worth remembering when you look around, that everything that has not been made by God has probably been perpetrated by an architect *Prince Philip*
- 357 Architect one who drafts a plan of your house and plans a draft of your money *Ambrose Bierce*
- 358 To build is to be robbed *Samuel Johnson*
- 359 A chair is a very difficult object A skyscraper is almost easier That is why Chippendale is famous *Ludwig Mies van der Rohe*

ARCHIVES

- 360 and then we will go together into the solemn archives of oblivions Uncatalogued Library *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

ARGUE

- 361 It is a difficult matter my fellow citizens to argue with the belly, since it has no ears *Cato*
- 362 I always get the better when I argue alone *Oliver Goldsmith*
- 363 I am not arguing with you—I am telling you *James McNeill Whistler*
- 364 Anyone who conducts an argument by appealing to authority is not using his intelligence he is just using his memory *Leonardo da Vinci*
- 365 I have won every argument I ever had with myself *William Feather*
- ✓ 366 It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument *William G McAdoo*
- 367 Argument is the worst sort of conversation *Jonathan Swift*
- 368 When you convert someone to an idea you lose your faith in it *Oscar Wilde*
- 369 It is only the intellectually lost who ever argue *Ibid*
- 370 A man who allows himself to be convinced by an argument is a thoroughly unreasonable person which accounts for so much in women that their husbands never appreciate in them *Ibid*
- 371 I dislike arguments of any kind They are always vulgar, and often convincing *Ibid*
- 372 Arguments are extremely vulgar, for everybody in good society holds exactly the same opinions *Ibid*
- 373 Behind every argument is someone's ignorance *Louis Dembitz Brandeis*
- 374 Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument *Archbishop Whately*
- 375 The Socratic manner is not a game at which two can play *Max*

- 376 There is no arguing with him for if his pistol misses fire he knocks you down with the butt end of it *Oliver Goldsmith*
- 377 I never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinions I have no respect *Edward Gibbon*
- 378 If you are dealing with a fool, dictate but never argue for you will lose your labor and perhaps your temper *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 379 He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument *William Shakespeare*
- 380 It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them *Caron de Beaumarchais*
- 381 When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff *Cicero*
- 382 The best way of answering a bad argument is to let it go on *Sydney Smith*
- 383 If you can't answer a man's arguments all is not lost you can still call him vile names *Elbert Hubbard*
- 384 The best way I know of to win an argument is to start by being in the right *Lord Hailsham*
- 385 Deep seated preferences cannot be argued about—you cannot argue a man into liking a glass of beer *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*
- 386 People are usually more convinced by reasons they discovered themselves than by those found by others *Blaise Pascal*

ARISTOTLE

- 387 Aristotle could have avoided the mistake of thinking that women have fewer teeth than men by the simple device of asking Mrs Aristotle to open her mouth *Bertrand Russell*
- 388 Aristotle invented science, but destroyed philosophy *Alfred North Whitehead*
- 389 Aristotle was famous for knowing everything He taught that the brain exists merely to cool the blood and is not involved in the process of thinking This is true only of certain persons *Will Cuppy*

ARMOR

- 390 Armor the kind of clothing worn by a man whose tailor was a blacksmith *Ambrose Bierce*

ARMY

- 391 I rose by sheer military ability to the rank of corporal *Thornton Wilder*
- 392 I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit and to mothball his opinions *General Omar Bradley*

ARNOLD, MATTHEW

- 393 Poor Matt he's gone to Heaven no doubt—but he won't like God *Robert Louis Stevenson hearing of Arnold's death*

ARROGANCE

- 394 Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility I chose honest arrogance and have seen no occasion to change *Frank Lloyd Wright*
- ART
- 395 There is no such thing as modern art There is art—and there is advertising *Albert Sterner*
- 396 What garlic is to salad, insanity is to art *Homer Saint-Gaudens*
- 397 In art I pull no highbrow stuff,
I know what I like, and that's enough *W W Woolcott*
- 398 The apples looked like apples, the chairs looked like chairs and it all had nothing to do with anything because if they did not look like apples or chairs or landscape or people they were apples and chairs and landscape and people *Gertrude Stein*
- 399 Everybody must like something and I like seeing painted pictures *Ibid*
- 400 They leaned toward the honest and explicit in art, a picture for instance, that told its own story, with generous assistance from its title *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 401 That woman's art jargon tires me she's so fond of talking of certain pictures as 'growing on one,' as though they were a sort of fungus *Ibid*
- 402 As for borrowing Mr Whistler's ideas about art, the only thoroughly original ideas I have ever heard him express have had reference to his own superiority as a painter over painters greater than himself *Oscar Wilde*
- 403 Art reveals Nature's lack of design her curious crudities her absolutely unfinished condition Nature has good intentions but she cannot carry them out Art is our gallant attempt to teach Nature her proper place *Ibid*
- 404 The English public takes no interest in a work of art until it is told that the work in question is immoral *Ibid*
- 405 A really well made buttonhole is the only link between art and nature *Ibid*
- 406 There are moments when art attains almost to the dignity of manual labor *Ibid*
- 407 There are two ways of disliking art one is to dislike it, the other, to like it rationally *Ibid*
- 408 Art is a collaboration between God and the artist and the less the artist does the better *Andre Gide*
- 409 All emotion comes to me through the elbow *Salvador Dali*
- 410 Compared to Velasquez I am nothing, but compared to contemporary painters, I am the most big genius of modern time but modesty is not my specialty *Ibid*

- 411 A woman is fascinated not by art but by the noise made by those who are in the art field *Anton Chekhov*
- 412 Art and life ought to be hurriedly remarried and brought to live together *Horace Walpole*
- 413 All great art and literature is propaganda *George Bernard Shaw*
- 414 My tutor does watercolors they are like the work of a girl of fourteen when she was twelve *Ben Nicholson*
- 415 One reassuring thing about modern art is that things can't be as bad as they are painted *M Walthall Jackson*
- 416 If the old masters had labeled their fruit one wouldn't be so likely to mistake pears for turnips *Mark Twain*
- 417 It is a gratification to me to know that I am ignorant of art *Ibid*
- 418 Art consists in drawing the line somewhere *G K Chesterton*
- 419 It is proper to enjoy the cheaper grades of art, but they should not be formally endorsed *George Ade*

ARTICHOKE

- 420 Within every artichoke is an acanthus leaf and the acanthus is what man would have made of the artichoke had God asked him his advice *Andre Malraux*

ARTICULATE

- 421 'The more articulate, the less said' is an old Chinese proverb which I just made up myself *Don Herold*

ARTIST

- 422 The artist is a sort of proofreader blue penciling the bad spelling of God *H L Mencken*
- 423 Whenever an artist thinks that the community does not sufficiently appreciate him he takes an appeal to posterity I wonder where his notion comes from, that posterity is equipped with superior judgment and wisdom? *Heywood Brown*
- 424 An artist has been defined as a neurotic who continually cures himself with his art *Lee Simonson*
- 425 An artist may visit a museum but only a pedant can live there *George Santayana*
- 426 An artist should be fit for the best society and keep out of it *John Ruskin*
- 427 No great artist ever sees things as they really are If he did he would cease to be an artist *Oscar Wilde*
- 428 All the really good ideas I ever had came to me while I was milking a cow *Grant Wood*
- 429 Immature artists imitate Mature artists steal *Lionel Trilling*
- 430 If my husband would ever meet a woman on the street who looked like the women in his paintings, he would fall over in a dead faint *Mrs Pablo Picasso*

- 431 If your picture is that of a blonde and the buyer's wife is a brunette, your picture will run the risk of staying a long time in your studio
Alfred Stevens
- 432 When an artist deserts to the side of the angels, it is the most odious of treasons
Aldous Huxley

ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT

- 433 The Artistic Temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs
G K Chesterton

ART OF LIVING

- 434 The art of living is more like that of wrestling than of dancing the main thing is to stand firm and be ready for an unforeseen attack
Marcus Aurelius

ASCETIC

- 435 The ascetic makes a necessity of virtue
F W Nietzsche
- 436 The true ascetic counts nothing his own save his harp
Joachim of Flora

ASK

- 437 People always get what they ask for the only trouble is that they never know, until they get it, what it actually is that they have asked for
Aldous Huxley
- 438 The fool wonders, the wise man asks
Benjamin Disraeli
- 439 The Devil made askers
Jonathan Swift

ASPIRATION

- 440 The ass went seeking for horns and lost its ears
Arab Proverb
- 441 The most absurd and reckless aspirations have sometimes led to extraordinary success
Luc de Vauvenargues

ASS

- ✓ 442 If one person tell thee thou hast ass's ears, take no notice, should two tell thee so, procure a saddle for yourself
Hebrew Proverb

ASSASSIN

- 443 It is one of the incidents of my trade
Humbert I of Italy on being shot

ASSERTION

- 444 A bare assertion is not necessarily the naked truth
George D Prentice

ASSOCIATE

- 445 When a dove begins to associate with crows, its feathers remain white but its heart grows black
German Proverb

ASYLUM

- 446 An asylum for the sane would be empty in America
George Bernard Shaw

ATHEISM

- 447 Atheism is the vice of a few intelligent people *Voltaire*
 448 Atheism shows strength of mind, but only to a certain degree
Blaise Pascal
 449 The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and
 has nobody to thank *Dante Gabriel Rossetti*

ATHEIST

- 450 I am an atheist, thank God! *Anonymous*
 451 An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support *John
 Buchan*
 452 An atheist is a guy who watches a Notre Dame SMU football game
 and doesn't care who wins *Dwight Eisenhower*
 453 By night an atheist half believes in God *Edward Young*

ATHLETE

- ✓ 454 She was a professional athlete—of the tongue *Aldous Huxley*

ATTENTION

- 455 It is most dangerous nowadays for a husband to pay any attention
 to his wife in public It always makes people think that he beats
 her when they are alone *Oscar Wilde*

AUCTION

- 456 Attend no auctions if thou hast no money *Talmud*
 457 I never knew an auctioneer to lie, unless it was absolutely necessary
Josh Billings
 458 It is only an auctioneer who should admire all schools of art *Oscar
 Wilde*

AUDIENCE

- 459 The best way to silence any friend of yours whom you know to be
 a fool is to induce him to hire a hall *Woodrow Wilson*
 460 I never failed to convince an audience that the best thing they could
 do was to go away *Thomas Love Peacock*
 461 The audience strummed their catarrhs *Alexander Woollcott*

AUNT

- ✓ 462 As cold as an aunt's kiss *Anonymous*

AUSTEN, JANE

- 463 To me Poe's prose is unreadable—like Jane Austen's No, there is
 a difference I would read his prose on a salary, but not Jane's
Mark Twain

AUSTRALIA

- 464 Australia is so kind that, just tickle her with a hoe, and she laughs
 with a harvest *Douglas Jerrold*

AUTHOR

- 465 It is a good thing when these authors die, for then one gets their works and is done with them *Lord Melbourne*
- 466 I write fast, because I have not the brains to write slow *Georges Simenon*
- 467 For a dyed in the wool author nothing is as dead as a book once it is written She is rather like a cat whose kittens have grown up While they were a growing she was passionately interested in them, but now they seem hardly to belong to her—and probably she is involved with another batch of kittens as I am involved with other writing *Rumer Godden*
- 468 When audiences come to see us authors lecture it is largely in the hope that we'll be funnier to look at than to read *Sinclair Lewis*
- 469 If you steal from one author, it's plagiarism, if you steal from many, it's research *Wilson Mizner*
- 470 While an author is yet living, we estimate his powers by his worst performance and when he is dead, we rate them by his best *Samuel Johnson*
- 471 No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money *Ibid*
- 472 The man who is asked by an author what he thinks of his work is put to the torture, and is not obliged to speak the truth *Ibid*
- 473 After being turned down by numerous publishers, he decided to write for posterity *George Ade*
- 474 It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous *Robert Benchley*
- 475 The author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as the mother who talks about her own children *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 476 Sometimes I think it sounds like I walked out of the room and left the typewriter running *Gene Fowler*
- 477 If you have one strong idea you can't help repeating it and embroidering it Sometimes I think that authors should write one novel and then be put in a gas chamber *John P Marquand*
- 478 Mr Moto was my literary disgrace I wrote about him to get shoes for the baby *Ibid*
- 479 What has influenced my life more than any other single thing has been my stammer Had I not stammered I would probably have gone to Cambridge as my brothers did perhaps have become a don and every now and then published a dreary book about French literature *W Somerset Maugham*
- 480 One of the amusements of being old is that I have no illusions about my literary position I have been taken very seriously, but I have also seen essays by clever young men on contemporary fiction who would never think of considering me I no longer mind what people think On the whole, I have done what I set out to

do Now my age makes everyone take me very seriously If you are a writer, live a long time I have found that longevity counts more than talent *Ibid*

- 481 Only a mediocre writer is always at his best *Ibid*
- 482 Thurber did not write the way a surgeon operates, he wrote the way a child skips rope, the way a mouse waltzes *E B White*
- 483 A big lie is more plausible than truth People who write fiction, if they had not taken it up might have become very successful liars *Ernest Hemingway*
- 484 When I had got my notes all written out, I thought that I'd polish it off in two summers and it took me twenty seven years *Arnold Toynbee*
- 485 He doesn't know what he means, and he doesn't know he doesn't know *F R Leavis*
- 486 With sixty staring me in the face I have developed inflammation of the sentence structure and a definite hardening of the paragraphs *James Thurber*
- 487 It circulated for five years, through the halls of fifteen publishers and finally ended up with Vanguard Press which, as you can see is rather deep into the alphabet *Patrick Dennis*
- 488 Writing isn't hard, no harder than ditchdigging *Ibid*
- 489 I specialize in murders of quiet domestic interest Give me a nice deadly phial to play with and I am happy *Agatha Christie*
- 490 Everything goes by the board honor pride, decency to get the book written If a writer has to rob his mother he will not hesitate the *Ode to a Grecian Urn* is worth any number of old ladies *William Faulkner*
- 491 The writer in America isn't part of the culture of this country He is like a fine dog People like him around but he's of no use The artist is still a little like the old court jester He's supposed to speak his vicious paradoxes with some sense in them, but he isn't part of whatever the fabric is that makes a nation *Ibid*
- 492 A writer is congenitally unable to tell the truth and that is why we call what he writes fiction *Ibid*
- 493 I'm a Hollywood writer so I put on a sports jacket and take off my brain *Ben Hecht*
- 494 No author ever spared a brother,
Wits are gamecocks to one another *John Gay*
- 495 An author is a fool who not content with having bored those who have lived with him insists on boring future generations *Baron de Montesquieu*
- 496 It is a mean thief, or a successful author that plunders the dead *Austin O Malley*
- 497 The Great Author of All made everything out of nothing, but many

a human author makes nothing out of everything *George D Prentice*

- 498 A pin has as much head as some authors, and good deal more point
Ibid
- 499 You must not suppose because I am a man of letters that I never
tried to earn an honest living *George Bernard Shaw*
- 500 He was an author whose works were so little known as to be almost
confidential *Stanley Walker*
- 501 Oliver Herford once dropped a remark in a little group of writers
who were telling how much trouble they took with their work One
said he sometimes took weeks working over a single chapter another
said 'That's nothing I sometimes spend days struggling with a
single paragraph' And I said Oliver in his faraway voice fre-
quently spend months polishing a single word" *Curtis Brown*
- 502 The conversation of authors is not so good as might be imagined
but, such as it is it is better than any other *William Hazlitt*
- 503 A good many young writers make the mistake of enclosing a
stamped, self addressed envelope big enough for the manuscript to
come back in This is too much of a temptation to the editor
Ring Lardner
- 504 In Hollywood the woods are full of people that learned to write,
but evidently can't read If they could read their stuff, they'd stop
writing *Will Rogers*
- 505 In composing, as a general rule, run your pen through every other
word you have written you have no idea what vigor it will give
your style *Sydney Smith*
- 506 In America only the successful writer is important, in France all
writers are important, in England no writer is important, and in
Australia you have to explain what a writer is *Geoffrey Cottrell*
- 507 I was sorry to have my name mentioned as one of the great authors
because they have a sad habit of dying off Chaucer is dead Spencer
is dead so is Milton so is Shakespeare, and I am not feeling very
well myself *Mark Twain*
- 508 I never saw an author in my life, saving perhaps one, that did not
purr as audibly as a full grown domestic cat on having his fur
smoothed the right way by a skillful hand *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 509 An incurable itch for scribbling takes possession of many, and
grows inveterate in their insane breasts *Juvenal*
- 510 Publishers look upon authors simply as a butcher looks upon South-
down mutton, with merely an eye to the number of pounds to be got
out of them *Douglas Jerrold*
- 511 No author is a man of genius to his publisher *Heinrich Heine*
- 512 The actual definition of reviewmanship is now, I think, stabilized
In its shortest form it is 'How to be one up on the author without
actually tampering with the text In other words, how, as a critic,

to show that it is really you yourself who should have written the book if you had had the time and since you hadn't you are glad that someone else has, although obviously it might have been done better *Stephen Potter*

- 513** I write at high speed because boredom is bad for my health It upsets my stomach more than anything else I also avoid green vegetables They're grossly overrated *Noel Coward*

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- 514** Most autobiographies are written by corpses *S N Behrman*

AUTOMATION

- 515** If it keeps up, man will atrophy all his limbs but the push button finger *Frank Lloyd Wright*

AUTOMOBILE

- 516** What a lucky thing the wheel was invented before the automobile otherwise, can you imagine the awful screeching? *Samuel Hoffenstein*

AVIATION

- 517** What can you conceive more silly and extravagant than to suppose a man racking his brains and studying night and day how to fly *William Law*

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BABY

- 518** A baby is an angel whose wings decrease as his legs increase *French Proverb*

- 519** Families with babies and families without babies are sorry for each other *Edgar W Howe*

- 520** A soiled baby with a neglected nose, cannot be conscientiously regarded as a thing of beauty *Mark Twain*

- 521** Here we have a baby It is composed of a bald head and a pair of lungs *Eugene Field*

- 522** The worst feature of a new baby is its mother's singing *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

- 523** About the only thing we have left that actually discriminates in favor o' the plain people is the stork *Ibid*

- 524** A perfect example of minority rule is a baby in the house *Milwaukee Journal*

- 525** The art of being a parent is to sleep when the baby isn't looking *Anonymous*

BACHELOR

- 526** What a pity it is that nobody knows how to manage a wife but a bachelor *George Colman*

- 527 A single man has not nearly the value he would have in a state of union He is an incomplete animal He resembles the odd half of a pair of scissors *Benjamin Franklin*
- 528 A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever *Helen Rowland*
- 529 He who hesitates is lost—except a bachelor *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 530 A bachelor is a souvenir of some woman who found a better one at the last minute *Unknown*
- 531 A bachelor is one who enjoys the chase but does not eat the game *Anonymous*
- 532 All reformers are bachelors *George Moore*
- 533 The happy married man dies in good style at home, surrounded by his weeping wife and children The old bachelor don't die at all—he sort of rots away, like a pollywogs tail *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
- 534 By persistently remaining single a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation *Oscar Wilde*
- 535 Nowadays all the married men live like bachelors, and all the bachelors live like married men *Ibid*
- 536 Bachelors know more about women than married men if they didn't they'd be married too *H L Mencken*
- 537 Bachelors are providential beings God created them for the consolation of widows and the hope of maids *J De Finod*
- 538 I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons for bachelors to go out *George Eliot*
- 539 A bachelor is one who thinks one can live as cheap as two *Eleanor S J Ridley*

BAD

- 540 A bad man is the sort who weeps every time he speaks of a good woman *H L Mencken*
- 541 A bad man is the sort of man who admires innocence, and a bad woman is the sort of woman a man never gets tired of *Oscar Wilde*
- 542 I am as bad as the worst, but, thank God, I am as good as the best *Walt Whitman*

BALD

- 543 Better a bald head than none at all *Austin O Malley*
- 544 There is one thing about baldness—it's neat *Don Herold*
- 545 Being bald has its good points If you have no hair at all on your head, there is no temptation to part it in the middle *Herbert V Prochnow*

BANKER

- 546 A banker is a fellow who lends his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain *Mark Twain*

- 547 Why can't some yes-men be bank cashiers? *Herbert V Prochnow*
 548 A banker is a person who is willing to make a loan if you present sufficient evidence to show you don't need it *Ibid*

BARGAIN

- 549 It makes no difference what it is, a woman will buy anything she thinks a store is losing money on *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
 550 One of the difficult tasks in this world is to convince a woman that even a bargain costs money *Edgar W Howe*
 551 There are very honest people who do not think that they have had a bargain unless they have cheated a merchant *Anatole France*
 552 Bargain something you can't use at a price you can't resist *Franklin P Jones*

BARK

- 553 One dog barks at something the rest bark at him *Chinese Proverb*

BASEBALL

- 554 The artist who says there is no beauty in straight lines never has seen a white sphere describing one just over second base *Anonymous*
 555 Baseball has the great advantage over cricket of being sooner ended *George Bernard Shaw*

BASHFULNESS

- 556 If you are bashful, you'll have no children *Jewish Proverb*

BASKET

- 557 Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch the basket *Mark Twain*

BATH

- 558 The father of liars took the first cold shower *Anonymous*
 559 When you take a bath you are civilized when you don't take a bath, you are cultured *Lin Yutang*
 560 If the father of our country George Washington was Tutankhamened tomorrow and, after being aroused from his tomb, was told that the American people today spend two billion dollars yearly on bathing material, he would say, "What got 'em so dirty?" *Will Rogers*

BAYONETS

- 561 You can do anything with bayonets except sit on them *Count di Cavour*

BEAUTIFUL

- 562 A beautiful woman can get almost anything except your point of view *Anonymous*
 563 She is a woman so beautiful that to expect sense from her would be hoggish *William II of Germany*

- 564 Any girl can be glamorous All you have to do is stand still and look stupid *Hedy Lamarr*
- 565 The only beautiful things are the things that do not concern us *Oscar Wilde*
- 566 It is better to be beautiful than to be good, but it is better to be good than to be ugly *Ibid*

BEAUTY

- 567 I derive no pleasure from talking with a young woman half an hour simply because she has regular features *Henry D Thoreau*
- 568 Beauty is only skin deep, but it's a valuable asset if you're poor and haven't any sense *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 569 The saying that beauty is but skin deep is but a skin deep saying *Herbert Spencer*
- 570 Beauty is all very well at sight, but who can look at it when it has been in the house three days? *George Bernard Shaw*
- 571 Now and then one sees an absentminded young thing hurrying to the office who is healthy on only one side of her face *Anonymous*
- 572 She is a peacock in everything but beauty *Oscar Wilde*
- 573 My only books
Were women's looks
And folly's all they've taught me *Thomas Moore*
- 574 A thing of beauty is a great expense *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 575 Her features did not seem to know the value of teamwork *George Ade*
- 576 Nycilla dyes her locks, 'tis said,
But 'tis a foul aspersion,
She buys them black, they therefore need
No subsequent immersion *Lucilius*
- 577 Of two evils choose the prettier *Carolyn Wells*
- 578 Beauty the power by which a woman charms a lover and terrifies a husband *Ambrose Bierce*
- 579 To marry a woman for her beauty is like buying a house for its paint *Anonymous*

BED

- 580 Whoever thinks of going to bed before twelve o'clock is a scoundrel *Samuel Johnson*
- 581 The happiest part of a man's life is what he passes lying awake in bed in the morning *Ibid*
- 582 My bedfellows are cough and cramp, we sleep three in a bed *Charles Lamb*
- 583 For recruiting the spirits there is nothing like lying a good while in bed *Lord Melbourne*
- 584 There is a proverb, As you have made your bed, so you must lie

in it ' which is simply a lie If I have made my bed uncomfortable,
please God I will make it again *G K Chesterton*

585 It is amazing how few people are conscious of the importance of
the art of lying in bed *Lin Yutang*

586 I rise from bed the first thing in the morning not because I am
dissatisfied with it but because I cannot carry it with me during the
day *Edgar Wilson Nye*

BEERBOHM, MAX

587 The gods bestowed on Max the gift of perpetual old age *Oscar
Wilde*

BEES

588 The bees got their government system settled millions of years ago
but the human race is still groping *Don Marquis*

589 Bees are not as busy as we think they are They just can't buzz any
slower *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

590 No good sensible working bee listens to the advice of a bedbug on
the subject of business *Elbert Hubbard*

591 Scientists say the bee language is a kind of dance performed with
their feet As we recall the only bees that ever tried to communi-
cate with us have sat out the dances *Arkansas Gazette*

BEGGING

592 As for begging it is safer to beg than to take, but it is finer to take
than to beg *Oscar Wilde*

593 Beggars should be abolished It annoys one to give to them and it
annoys one not to give to them *F W Nietzsche*

BEHAVIOR

594 The reason the way of the transgressor is hard is because it's so
crowded *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

595 I don't say we all ought to misbehave but we ought to look as if
we could *Orson Welles*

BELIEF

596 The way Shaw believes in himself is very refreshing in these atheistic
days when so many believe in no God at all *Israel Zangwill*

597 The path of sound credence is through the thick forest of skepticism
George Jean Nathan

598 We believe nothing so firmly as what we least know *Michel de
Montaigne*

599 I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own
stories *Washington Irving*

600 I have never discarded beliefs deliberately I left them in the drawer,
and, after a while when I opened it, there was nothing there at all
William Graham Sumner

601 It hurts more to have a belief pulled than to have a tooth pulled, and no intellectual Novocain is available *Elmer Davis*

BELIEVE

602 We are all apt to believe what the world believes about us *George Eliot*

603 The people would not believe in God at all if they were not permitted to believe wrong in Him *Lord Halifax*

604 If you must tell me your opinions, tell me what you believe in I have plenty of doubts of my own *Johann von Goethe*

605 'One can't believe impossible things 'I daresay you haven't had much practice,' said the Queen 'When I was your age I always did it for half an hour a day Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast' *Lewis Carroll*

606 The most costly of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably not true It is the chief occupation of mankind *H L Mencken*

607 A man can believe a considerable deal of rubbish and yet go about his daily work in a rational and cheerful manner *Norman Douglas*

608 'You say you believe,' said Count de X, an extreme Catholic to the good Protestant minister 'You people believe, but we know' *Andre Gide*

BELOW

609 He who thinks his place below him will certainly be below his place *Lord Halifax*

BENEFACTOR

610 Most benefactors are like those inept generals who take the city and spare the citadel *Nicolas Chamfort*

611 A benefactor always has something of a creditor about him *Friedrich Hebbel*

612 A man receiving charity practically always hates his benefactor—it is a fixed characteristic of human nature *George Orwell*

BENEVOLENT

613 Man is certainly a benevolent animal A never sees B in distress without thinking C ought to relieve him directly *Sydney Smith*

614 Good dinners have been the greatest vehicles of benevolence since man began to eat *William M Thackeray*

✓ 615 When a man has been highly honored and has eaten a little, he is most benevolent *F W Nietzsche*

BEST

616 I have the simplest tastes I am always satisfied with the best *Oscar Wilde*

BET

617 The betting man's is a dedicated life *Robert Lynd*

618 It may be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong—but that is the way to bet *Damon Runyon*

BIBLE

619 The Book of Life begins with a man and a woman in a garden, and it ends with Revelations *Oscar Wilde*

620 Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand the passages that bother me are those I do understand *Mark Twain*

621 That kind of so called housekeeping where they have six Bibles and no corkscrew *Ibid*

622 There are more dusty Bibles than dusty books of pornography *Russian Proverb*

623 The Bible may be the truth but it is not the whole truth and nothing but the truth *Samuel Butler*

624 Almost any fool can prove that the Bible ain't so—it takes a wise man to believe it *Josh Billings*

625 The Bible must be a great book to survive all the translations that are made of it *Anonymous*

BIGAMY

626 Bigamy is having one wife too many Monogamy is the same *Oscar Wilde*

BIGOT

627 A bigot delights in public ridicule for he begins to think he is a martyr *Sydney Smith*

628 Bigot one who is obstinately and zealously attached to an opinion that you do not entertain *Ambrose Bierce*

629 Wisdom never has made a bigot but learning has *Josh Billings*

630 The people who are most bigoted are the people who have no convictions at all *G K Chesterton*

BILLIARDS

631 To play billiards well is a sign of an ill-spent youth *Herbert Spencer*

BIOGRAPHY

632 Biography is a region bounded on the north by history, on the south by fiction, on the east by obituary and on the west by tedium *Philip Guedalla*

633 Every great man nowadays has his disciples, and it is always Judas who writes the biography *Oscar Wilde*

634 Biography is one of the new terrors of death *John Arbuthnot*

635 When you read a biography, remember that the truth is never fit for publication *George Bernard Shaw*

636 Just how difficult it is to write biography can be reckoned by anv-

body who sits down and considers just how many people know the real truth about his or her love affairs *Rebecca West*

BIPARTISAN

637 Whenever a fellow tells me he's bipartisan, I know he's going to vote against me *Harry S Truman*

BIRD

638 Magpie a bird whose thievish disposition suggested to someone that it might be taught to talk *Ambrose Bierce*

639 If birds knew how poor they are, they wouldn't sing so sweetly *Danish Proverb*

640 I am free to admit that I am the kind of man who would never notice an oriole building a nest unless it came and built it in my hat in the hat room of the club *Stephen Leacock*

641 Protect the birds The dove brings peace and the stork brings tax exemptions *Birmingham News*

BIRTHDAY

642 Some weddings are supposed to be quiet affairs but the only really quiet affair in the home is dad's birthday *Milwaukee Journal*

BIRTHMARK

643 I often see children with strawberry marks whose mothers say that they desired strawberries before their birth I am waiting to see a baby marked with a pearl necklace *Anatole France*

BISHOP

644 The most solemn and terrible duty of a bishop is the entertainment of the clergy *Sydney Smith*

645 The bishop is in the nature of an ecclesiastical sheriff *Chief Justice North*

646 A bishop keeps on saying at the age of eighty what he was told to say when he was a boy of eighteen, and as a natural consequence he always looks absolutely delightful *Oscar Wilde*

BLAME

647 Blame is the lazy man's wages *Danish Proverb*

BLESSINGS

648 If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want *Oscar Wilde*

649 God bless me and my son John,
Me and my wife, him and his wife,
Us four, and no more *Anonymous*

650 Every misery I miss is a new blessing *Izaak Walton*

651 I am a confirmed believer in blessings in disguise I prefer them undisguised when I myself happen to be the person blessed, in fact I can scarcely recognize a blessing in disguise except when it is bestowed upon someone else *Robert Lynd*

BLINDNESS

- 652 In the country of the blind the one eyed man is king *Erasmus*
 653 As soon as you know a man to be blind, you imagine that you can see it from his back *Georg C Lichtenberg*
 654 A blind man leaning against a wall said "This is the end of the world" *Greek Proverb*

BLOCKHEAD

- 655 The bookful blockhead, ignorantly read,
 With loads of learned lumber in his head *Alexander Pope*
 656 A blockhead rubs his thoughtless skull,
 And thanks his stars he was not born a fool *Ibid*

BLOOD

- 657 The best blood will at some time get into a fool or a mosquito
Austin O Malley

BLUNDER

- 658 A clever man commits no minor blunders *Johann von Goethe*
 659 Most men had rather be charged with malice than with making a blunder *Josh Billings*
 660 A blunder at the right moment is better than cleverness at the wrong time *Carolyn Wells*
 661 We usually call our blunders mistakes, and our friends style our mistakes blunders *Henry Benjamin Wheatley*

BLUSHING

- 662 Man is the only animal that blushes Or needs to *Mark Twain*
 663 The girl who blushes needs no makeup *Russian Proverb*

BOHEMIAN

- 664 The so called Bohemian group, in my opinion, is a bunch of amateurs teaching amateurs to be amateurs *Charles Coburn*
 665 A Bohemian is an educated hoss thief *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
 666 Bohemians are people who sit on the floor and drink black coffee when all the while there are chairs and cream in the room *Beatrice Lillie*

BOOK REVIEWING

- 667 I never read a book before reviewing it It prejudices one so!
Sydney Smith

BOOKS

- 668 Books are fatal they are the curse of the human race Nine tenths of existing books are nonsense, and the clever books are the refutation of that nonsense The greatest misfortune that ever befell man was the invention of printing *Benjamin Disraeli*
 669 When I want to read a book I write one *Ibid*
 670 Many thanks, I shall lose no time in reading your book *Ibid*

- 671 The best way to become acquainted with a subject is to write a book about it *Ibid*
- 672 Idle books get born because people don't attend to their proper business, but leap at the chance to divert themselves from it *Michel de Montaigne*
- 673 I hate books, for they only teach people to talk about what they do not understand *Jean Jacques Rousseau*
- 674 He who has books is happy, he who does not need any is happier *Chinese Proverb*
- 675 What variety, what refreshment and what interests would be found in books if authors wrote only what they thought! *Luc de Vauv enargues*
- 676 There are no bad books, any more than there are ugly women *Ana tole France*
- 677 The books that everybody admires are those that nobody reads *Ibid*
- 678 As I was laying on the green,
A small English book I seen
Carlyle's Essay on Burns was the edition
So I left it laying in the same position *Anonymous*
- 679 *Sartor Resartus* is simply unreadable, and for me that always sort of spoils a book *Will Cuppy*
- 680 When I am dead I hope it may be said His sins were scarlet, but his books were read' *Hilare Belloc*
- 681 Many books require no thought from those who read them and for a very simple reason—they made no such demand upon those who wrote them *Charles C Colton*
- 682 There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts *Charles Dickens*
- 683 'Pray, sir," said Mr Hume in what branch of philosophy did you employ your researches? What books did you read? 'Books?" said Mr White "Nay sir, I read no books, but I used to sit whole fore noons a yawning and poking the fire" *Sir David Dalrymple*
- 684 For people who like that kind of a book—that is the kind of book they will like *Abraham Lincoln*
- 685 Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new after all *Ibid*
- 686 What is the use of a book," thought Alice, without pictures or conversations?" *Lewis Carroll*
- 687 To give an accurate and exhaustive account of that period would need a pen far less brilliant than mine *Max Beerbohm*
- 688 Unprovided with original learning, unfound in the habits of thinking, unskilled in the arts of composition, I resolved—to write a book *Edward Gibbon*

- 689 Reading is thinking with a strange head instead of one's own *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 690 Hard covered books break up friendships You loan a hard covered book to a friend and when he doesn't return it you get mad at him It makes you mean and petty But twenty five cent books are different *John Steinbeck*
- 691 From the moment I picked your book up until I laid it down I was convulsed with laughter Someday I intend reading it *Groucho Marx*
- 692 It was a book to kill time for those who like it better dead *Rose Macaulay*
- 693 It really deserves the praise, whatever that praise may be worth of being the best book ever written by any man on the wrong side of the question of which he was profoundly ignorant *Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- 694 I fell asleep reading a dull book and I dreamed that I was reading on, so I awoke from sheer boredom *Heinrich Heine*
- 695 Everything comes to him who waits except a loaned book *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 696 The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame *Oscar Wilde*
- 697 There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book Books are well written or badly written That is all *Ibid*
- 698 The best time for planning a book is while you're doing the dishes *Agatha Christie*
- 699 You should read it, though there is much that is skip worthy *Earl of Oxford and Asquith*
- 700 A best seller is the gilded tomb of a mediocre talent *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 701 For several days after my first book was published I carried it about in my pocket, and took surreptitious peeps at it to make sure the ink had not faded *Sir James M Barrie*
- 702 Writing a book is an adventure To begin with, it is a toy and an amusement Then it becomes a mistress, then it becomes a master, then it becomes a tyrant The last phase is that just as you are about to be reconciled to your servitude, you kill the monster, and fling him to the public *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 703 You need not expect to get your book right the first time Go to work and revamp or rewrite it God only exhibits his thunder and lightning at intervals, and so they always command attention These are God's adjectives You thunder and lightning too much, the reader ceases to get under the bed, by and by *Mark Twain*
- 704 This book has had the effect which good books usually have it has made the fools more foolish, the intelligent more intelligent, and left the majority as they were *Georg C Lichtenberg*

- 705 Queerer things than books, surely, it would be hard to find in the world Printed by people who do not understand them, sold by people who do not understand them, bound reviewed and read by people who do not understand them and nowadays even written by people who do not understand them *Ibid*
- 706 If my books didn't sell, I think I'd be a bear trainer I like to wrestle with bears *Ernest Hemingway*
- 707 In the main there are two sorts of books those that no one reads and those that no one ought to read *H L Menchen*
- 708 The chief knowledge that a man gets from reading books is the knowledge that very few of them are worth reading *Ibid*
- 709 No furniture is so charming as books, even if you never open them or read a single word *Sydney Smith*
- 710 The multitude of books is making us ignorant *Voltaire*
- 711 Some men borrow books some men steal books, and others beg presentation copies from the author *James Jeffrey Roche*
- 712 Borrowers of books—those mutilators of collections, spoilers of the symmetry of shelves, and creators of odd volumes *Charles Lamb*
- 713 There are books that are at once excellent and boring Those that at once leap to the mind are Thoreau's *Walden* Emerson's *Essays* George Eliot's *Adam Bede* and Landor's *Dialogues* *W Somerset Maugham*
- BORE
- 714 Bore a person who talks when you wish him to listen *Ambrose Bierce*
- 715 There is no bore like a clever bore *Samuel Butler*
- 716 Many bores are so obviously happy that it is a pleasure to watch them *Robert Lynd*
- 717 We often forgive those who bore us, but we cannot forgive those whom we bore *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 718 He has returned from Italy a greater bore than ever, he bores on architecture, painting, statuary and music *Sydney Smith*
- 719 Society is now one polished horde
Formed of two mighty tribes, the bores and bored *Lord Byron*
- 720 He says a thousand pleasant things—but never says 'Adieu' *John Godfrey Saxe*
- 721 It requires no small talent to be a decided bore *Sir Walter Scott*
- 722 A bore is one who, when you ask him 'How are you?', tells you *Anonymous*
- 723 If you are a bore strive to be a rascal also so that you may not discredit virtue *George Bernard Shaw*
- 724 People always get tired of one another I grow tired of myself whenever I am left alone for ten minutes, and I am certain that I am fonder of myself than anyone can be of another person *Ibid*

- 725 Bore a man who is never unintentionally rude *Oscar Wilde*
- 726 One should never take sides in anything Taking sides is the beginning of sincerity and earnestness follows shortly afterward, and the human being becomes a bore *Ibid*
- 727 A bore is a fellow who opens his mouth and puts his feet in it *Henry Ford*
- 728 Bore a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company *Gian Vincenzo Gravina*
- 729 Bore one who makes others take the world seriously *Lord Vansittart*
- 730 Bore a guy who wraps up a two-minute idea in a two hour vocabulary *Walter Winchell*
- 731 The secret of boring is the practice of saying everything *Voltaire*
- 732 It is a tolerable depiction of a bore that he is one who talks about himself when you want to talk about yourself *Robert Hugh Benson*
- 733 How soft, how snug, how warm, how comfortable—and how bored you are! *Anton Chekhov*
- 734 O wad some power the giftie gie us to see some people before they see us *Ethel Watts Mumford*

BOREDOM

- 735 We are always bored by those whom we bore *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 736 One can be bored until boredom becomes a mystical experience *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 737 Any subject can be made interesting and therefore any subject can be made boring *Hilaire Belloc*

BORN

- 738 It is best never to have been born But who among us has such luck? One in a million, perhaps *Alfred Polgar*

BORROW

- 739 The man who never lends money never has many friends He doesn't need them *Anonymous*
- 740 To borrow money, big money, you have to wear your clothes in a certain way, walk in a certain way, and have about you an air of solemnity and majesty—something like the atmosphere of a Gothic cathedral *Stephen Leacock*
- 741 Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

BOSTON

- 742 The town of the cries and groans,
Where the Cabots can't see the Kabotschniks,
And the Lowells won't speak to the Cohns *Franklin P Adams*
- 743 Boston is a moral and intellectual nursery always busy applying first principles to trifles *George Santayana*

- 744 We say the cows laid out Boston Well, there are worse surveyors
Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 745 If you hear an owl hoot To whom instead of To who, ' you can
make up your mind he was born and educated in Boston *Anon
ymous*
- 746 A Boston man is the East wind made flesh *Thomas G Appleton*
- BOY
- 747 A boy is, of all wild beasts, the most difficult to manage *Plato*
- 748 One of the best things in the world to be is a boy, it requires no
experience, but needs some practice to be a good one *Charles
Dudley Warner*
- 749 Every time a boy shows his hands, someone suggests that he wash
them *Edgar W Howe*
- 750 There is nothing so aggravating as a fresh boy who is too old to
ignore and too young to kick *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 751 Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle aged men *Ibid*
- 752 The fact that boys are allowed to exist at all is evidence of a re-
markable Christian forbearance among men *Ambrose Bierce*
- 753 Nobody is as sophisticated as a boy of nineteen who is just recovering
from a baby-grand passion *Helen Rowland*
- 754 A boy becomes an adult three years before his parents think he does,
and about two years after he thinks he does *General Lewis B
Hershey*
- 755 I was what people called "a troublesome boy" *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 756 The parent who could see his boy as he really is would shake his
head and say, "Willie is no good I'll sell him" *Stephen Leacock*
- 757 One boy is more trouble than a dozen girls *English Proverb*
- 758 A boy is an appetite with a skin pulled over it *Anonymous*

BRAG

- 759 Th' feller that brags 'bout how cheap he heats his home allus sees th
first robin *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

BRAIN

- 760 Agamemnon has not so much brain as earwax *William Shakespeare*
- 761 The brain is a wonderful organ, it starts working the moment you
get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office
Robert Frost
- 762 All my life, as down an abyss without a bottom I have been pouring
vanloads of information into that vacancy of oblivion I call my
mind *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 763 The brain is a part of the human mechanism that begins to function
at birth and stops when its owner gets up to make an impromptu
speech *Anonymous*
- 764 Give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of
himself *Robert Louis Stevenson*

765 A mixture of brandy and water spoils two good things *Charles Lamb*

766 Claret is the liquor for boys port for men, but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy *Samuel Johnson*

BRAVERY

767 Bravery has no place where it can avail nothing *Samuel Johnson*

768 Bravery a cheap and vulgar quality of which the brightest instances are frequently found in the lowest savages *Paul Chatfield*

769 It is easy to be brave from a safe distance *Aesop*

BREAKFAST

770 Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast *Oscar Wilde*

771 I think breakfast so pleasant because no one is conceited before one o'clock *Sydney Smith*

772 All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast *John Gunther*

773 A man should sleep sometime between lunch and dinner in order to be at his best when he joins his wife and friends at dinner My wife and I tried two or three times in the last forty years to have breakfast together, but it was so disagreeable we had to stop *Sir Winston Churchill*

774 Never work before breakfast, if you have to work before breakfast, eat your breakfast first *Josh Billings*

BREEDING

775 Good breeding is an expedient to make fools and wise men equals *Sir Richard Steele*

776 The test of a man or woman's breeding is how they behave in a quarrel *George Bernard Shaw*

777 Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person *Mark Twain*

BRIBE

778 The plainest print cannot be read through a gold eagle *Abraham Lincoln*

BRIDGE

779 I say banish bridge, let's find some pleasanter way of being miserable together *Don Herold*

BRIEF

780 Every time I read where some woman gave a short talk I wonder how she stopped *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

781 To be brief is almost a condition of being inspired *George Santayana*

782 Not that the story need be long, but it will take a long while to make it short *Henry D Thoreau*

- BRITISH
- 783 The ordinary Britisher imagines God is an Englishman *George Bernard Shaw*
- BROADWAY
- 784 Broadway America's hardened artery *Mark Kelly*
- BROOKLYN
- 785 In the midst of life we are in Brooklyn *Oliver Herford*
- BROTHER
- 786 Th' feller that calls you 'brother' generally wants something that don't belong to him *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 787 Even brothers keep careful accounts *Chinese Proverb*
- BROTHERHOOD
- 788 In all my travels the thing that has impressed me the most is the universal brotherhood of man—what there is of it *Mark Twain*
- BROTHER IN LAW
- 789 No man was ever so low as to have respect for his brother in law *Finley Peter Dunne*
- BUDGET
- 790 It's a terribly hard job to spend a billion dollars and get your money's worth *George Humphrey*
- 791 Those who work out our federal budget
Have a policy—really a honey—
We shall live on our national income,
Even if we must borrow the money! *Leverett Lyon*
- 792 Budget a mathematical confirmation of your suspicions *A A Latimer*
- 793 In national affairs a million is only a drop in the budget *Burton Rascoe*
- 794 My sympathy often goes out for the humble decimal point He has a pathetic and hectic life wandering around among regimented ciphers trying to find some of the old places he used to know when budgets were balanced *Herbert Hoover*
- BUILDING
- 795 Building is a sweet impoverishing *George Herbert*
- 796 Build and borrow,
A sackful of sorrow *German Proverb*
- BURDEN
- 797 We all have strength to bear our neighbor's burden *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- BUREAUCRACY
- 798 The proposal is frequently made that the government ought to assume the risks that are 'too great for private industry' This means that

bureaucrats should be permitted to take risks with the taxpayers' money that no one is willing to take with his own *Henry Hazlitt*

799 Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies *Honore de Balzac*

BUSINESS

800 The playthings of our elders are called business *St Augustine*

801 The nature of business is swindling *August Bebel*

802 To open a shop is easy, the difficult thing is keeping it open *Chinese Proverb*

803 He who does not accept cash when offered is no businessman *Ibid*

804 The ancient Hebrews had a goat on which all the sins were placed, so the holding company idea isn't new *Anonymous*

805 When two men in a business always agree one of them is unnecessary *William Wrigley Jr*

806 Business is so much lower a thing than learning that a man used to the last cannot easily bring his stomach down to the first *Lord Halifax*

807 The greatest part of the business of the world is the effect of not thinking *Ibid*

808 All you have to do in business is to stand and watch the world go by, and it certainly will *Herbert V Prochnow*

809 Almost any day now we expect a tired businessman to tell his wife he was late for dinner because his plane was delayed one half hour in London *Ibid*

810 It is not by any means certain that a man's business is the most important thing he has to do *Robert Louis Stevenson*

811 There is much more hope for humanity from manufacturers who enjoy their work than from those who continue in irksome business with the object of founding hospitals *Alfred North Whitehead*

812 Half the time when men think they are talking business, they are wasting time *Edgar W Howe*

813 Business? That's very simple it's other people's money *Alexandre Dumas fils*

814 There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate when he can't afford it and when he can *Mark Twain*

815 Go to your business, pleasure, whilst I go to my pleasure business *William Wycherley*

816 Business will be either better or worse *Calvin Coolidge*

817 All business sagacity reduces itself in the last analysis to a judicious use of sabotage *Thorstein Veblen*

818 It is very vulgar to talk about one's own business Only people like stockbrokers do that, and then merely at dinner parties *Oscar Wilde*

819 My own business always bores me to death I prefer other people's *Ibid*

- 820 Of all the damnable waste of human life that ever was invented, clerking is the very worst *George Bernard Shaw*
- 821 Business is a combination of war and sport *Andre Maurois*
- 822 The market is the place set apart where men may deceive each other
Anacharsis
- BUSY
- 823 A busy fool is fitter to be shut up than a downright madman *Lord Halifax*
- 824 The hardest job of all is trying to look busy when you're not
William Feather
- 825 As peace is the end of war, so to be idle is the ultimate purpose of the busy
Samuel Johnson
- 826 Busy souls have no time to be busybodies *Austin O Malley*
- BUSYBODY
- 827 The veriest nobodies are the greatest busybodies *Benjamin Whichcote*
- BUT
- 828 All would be well if there were no buts *German Proverb*
- BUTLER
- 829 The butler entered the room, a solemn procession of one *P G Wodehouse*
- BUTTER
- 830 He who has butter on his bread should not go into the sun *Yiddish Proverb*
- BUTTERFLY
- 831 And what's a butterfly? At best,
He's but a caterpillar, drest *John Gay*
- BUY
- 832 When you go to buy use your eyes, not your ears *Czech Proverb*
- 833 Not to be covetous is money in your purse, not to be eager to buy is income
Cicero
- 834 Never buy a thing you don't want merely because it is dear *Oscar Wilde*
- 835 Don't a fellow feel good after he gets out of a store where he nearly bought something?
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 836 People will buy anything that's one to a customer *Sinclair Lewis*

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- CABBAGE
- 837 Cabbage a familiar kitchen garden vegetable about as large and wise as a man's head *Ambrose Bierce*

CAESAR

- 838 Caesar was a failure Otherwise he would not have been assassinated
Napoleon I
- 839 I cannot but bless the memory of Julius Caesar, for the great esteem
he expressed for fat men, and his aversion to lean ones *David Hume*

CALAMITY

- 840 A calamity that affects everyone is only half a calamity *Italian
Proverb*
- 841 Calamities are of two kinds misfortunes to ourselves, and good
fortune to others *Ambrose Bierce*

CALENDAR

- 842 Most modern calendars mar the sweet simplicity of our lives by re-
minding us that each day that passes is the anniversary of some
perfectly uninteresting event *Oscar Wilde*

CALIFORNIA

- 843 California is a fine place to live in—if you happen to be an orange
Fred Allen
- 844 The California climate makes the sick well and the well sick, the old
young and the young old *Hollywood Proverb*

CALLOUS

- 845 Gifted with great fortitude to bear the evils afflicting another *Am-
brose Bierce*

CALMNESS

- 846 Nothing is so aggravating as calmness *Oscar Wilde*

CAMEL

- 847 Do not free a camel of the burden of his hump you may be freeing
him from being a camel *G K Chesterton*

CANDID

- 848 There but for the grace of God goes God *Sir Winston Churchill,
speaking of Sir Stafford Cripps*
- 849 Whenever one has anything unpleasant to say, one should always be
quite candid *Oscar Wilde*

CANDIDATE

- 850 The election isn't very far off when a candidate can recognize you
across the street *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 851 A candidate has a hard life—he has to shave twice a day *Adlai
Stevenson*
- 852 Few candidates possess a love for the common people that can survive
either defeat or election *West Palm Beach Post*

CANDOR

- 853 The young man turned to him with a disarming candor which in-
stantly put him on his guard *H H Munro (Saki)*

- 854 On an occasion of this kind it becomes more than a moral duty to speak one's mind. It becomes a pleasure. *Oscar Wilde*

CANNON

- 855 Cannon: an instrument employed in the rectification of national boundaries. *Ambrose Bierce*

CAPITAL

- 856 Spending one's capital is feeding a dog on his own tail. *Mark Twain*

CAPRICE

- 857 The only difference between a caprice and a lifelong passion is that the caprice lasts a little longer. *Oscar Wilde*

CARDS

- 858 One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards. *Ibid*

CARD TABLE

- 859 No man who has wrestled with a self-adjusting card table can ever be quite the man he once was. *James Thurber*

CAREER

- 860 An artist's career always begins tomorrow. *James McNeill Whistler*

CARICATURE

- 861 Caricature is the tribute that mediocrity pays to genius. *Oscar Wilde*

CASH

- 862 In God we trust, all others must pay cash. *American Saying*

CAT

- 863 When you command a dog to 'sit up,' the poor idiot thinks he has to do it. The average cat throws off, pretends to be stupid and not to understand what you want. He really understands you too well, but he sees "nothing in it" for him. Why sit up? *William Lyon Phelps*

- 864 Cat: an indestructible automaton provided by nature to be kicked when things go wrong in the domestic circle. *Ambrose Bierce*

- 865 Cat: a pygmy lion who loves mice, hates dogs and patronizes human beings. *Oliver Herford*

- 866 What astonished him was that cats should have two holes cut in their skins at exactly the same places where their eyes were. *Georg C Lichtenberg*

- 867 When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her more sport than she makes me? *Michel de Montaigne*

CAUSE

- 868 A cause may be inconvenient, but it's magnificent. It's like champagne or high shoes, and one must be prepared to suffer for it. *Arnold Bennett*

CAUTION

- 869 Caution what we call cowardice in others *Oscar Wilde*
 870 There are men who would even be afraid to commit themselves to the doctrine that castor oil is a laxative *Camille Flammarion*
 871 Don't monkey with the buzz saw *American Saying*
 872 Ever since I started flying jets I've been driving cars slower and slower I can't explain why—just cautious *James Jabara first U S jet ace in Korean hostilities*

CELEBRITY

- 873 A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know *H L Mencken*
 874 A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized *Fred Allen*

CELIBACY

- 875 As to marriage or celibacy, let a man take which course he will, he will be sure to repent *Socrates*
 876 Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures *Samuel Johnson*

CEMETERY

- 877 He who seeks equality should go to a cemetery *German Proverb*
 878 I have seen beautiful cemeteries But it is a form of beauty I do not care for *Edgar W Howe*
 879 The fence around a cemetery is foolish, for those inside can't come out and those outside don't want to get in *Arthur Brisbane*

CENSORSHIP

- 880 Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books nobody can read *George Bernard Shaw*
 881 Assassination is the extreme form of censorship *Ibid*
 882 She flays with indignation haughty
 The passages she thinks are naughty,
 But reads them carefully so that
 She'll know what to be angry at *Edward Anthony*

CENSURE

- 883 Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent *Jonathan Swift*
 884 When the million applaud, you ask yourself what harm you have done, when they censure you, what good *Charles C Colton*

CEREMONY

- 885 Ceremony is the invention of wise men to keep fools at a distance *Sir Richard Steele*

CERTAIN

- 886 I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am the most certain of the first time
Josh Billings
- 887 There is nothing more certain than that age and youth are right, except perhaps that both are wrong
Robert Louis Stevenson

CHAIR

- 888 A surprising number of the world's rulers have satisfied their sense of fun almost exclusively by the simple expedient of pulling the chair from under the Queen
Will Cuppy

CHANCE

- 889 Chance is the pseudonym of God when He did not want to sign
Anatole France

CHANGE

- 890 With me a change of trouble is as good as a vacation
David Lloyd George
- 891 I have not permitted myself gentlemen, to conclude that I am the best man in the country but I am reminded in this connection of a story of an old Dutch farmer, who remarked to a companion once that it was not best to swap horses when crossing a stream
Abraham Lincoln
- 892 The only certainty is that nothing is certain
Pliny the Elder

CHAOS

- 893 I'm a study of a man in chaos in search of frenzy
Oscar Levant

CHARACTER

- 894 Character is long-standing habit
Plutarch
- 895 Everyone is as God made him—and very often worse
Miguel de Cervantes
- 896 I like him and his wife, he is so ladylike and she's such a perfect gentleman
Sydney Smith
- 897 Many people have character who have nothing else
Don Herold
- 898 If he does really think that there is no distinction between vice and virtue, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons
Samuel Johnson
- 899 The proper time to influence the character of a child is about a hundred years before he is born
William R Inge
- 900 Character what you are in the dark
Dwight L Moody
- 901 In all thy humors, whether grave or mellow,
Thou'rt such a touchy, testy pleasant fellow,
Hast so much wit and mirth and spleen about thee,
There is no living with thee, nor without thee
Joseph Addison
- 902 You often ask me, Priscus, what sort of man I should be, if all of a sudden I became rich and powerful Do you think that anybody can

tell you what his future character will be? Tell me, if you became a lion what sort of lion would you be? *Martial*

CHARITY

- 903 Simple rules for saving money to save half, when you are fired by an eager impulse to contribute to a charity wait and count forty To save three quarters, count sixty To save it all, count sixty five
Mark Twain
- 904 Charity like nature, abhors a vacuum Next to putting it into the bank, men like to squander their superfluous wealth on those to whom it is sure of doing the least possible good *William Hazlitt*
- 905 I rather think there is an immense shortage of Christian charity among so called Christians *Harry S Truman*
- 906 Charity begins at home, and justice begins next door *Charles Dickens*
- 907 Charity a thing that begins at home, and usually stays there *Elbert Hubbard*
- 908 Charity uncovers a multitude of sins *Carolyn Wells*
- 909 Feel for others—in your pocket *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*
- 910 Professional charity—the milk of human blindness *Thomas L Masson*
- 911 He belongs to so many benevolent societies that he is destitute
Edgar W Howe
- 912 Kind words will never die—neither will they buy groceries *Edgar Wilson Nye*
- 913 After many years' experience, I have come to learn that the present moment whatever it may be, is never a good one for raising money
Prince Philip

CHARM

- 914 A clever ugly man every now and then is successful with the ladies, but a handsome fool is irresistible *William M Thackeray*
- 915 If you have charm, you don't need to have anything else and if you don't have it, it doesn't matter what else you have *Sir James M Barrie*
- 916 Unless one is wealthy there is no use in being a charming fellow
Oscar Wilde
- 917 With one hand he put
A penny in the urn of poverty
And with the other took a shilling out *Robert Pollok*

CHARMING

- 918 When men give up saying what is charming, they cease thinking what is charming *Oscar Wilde*
- 919 All charming people are spoiled it is the secret of their attraction
Ibid

- 920 Charming people live up to the very edge of their charm and behave as outrageously as the world will let them *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 921 She never was really charming till she died *Terence*

CHASTITY

- 922 An unattempted woman cannot boast of her chastity *Michel de Montaigne*
- 923 Of all sexual aberrations, perhaps the most peculiar is chastity *Remy de Gourmont*

CHATTERTON, THOMAS

- 924 He was an instance that a complete genius and a complete rogue can be formed before a man is of age *Horace Walpole*

CHEATING

- 925 Nobody really loves to be cheated but it does seem as though everyone is anxious to see how near he could come to it *Josh Billings*
- 926 Commerce is the school of cheating *Luc de Vauvenargues*
- 927 It is almost always worthwhile to be cheated people's little frauds have an interest which amply repays what they cost us *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 928 Don't steal, thou'lt never thus compete
Successfully in business Cheat *Ambrose Bierce*
- 929 You can't cheat an honest man *David W Maurer quoting confidence men*

CHECK

- 930 Everyone, even the richest and most munificent of men, pays much by check more lightheartedly than he pays little in specie *Max Beerbohm*
- 931 The art of life is to be so well known at a good restaurant that you can pay with a check *E V Lucas*
- 932 Among the books with unhappy endings are checkbooks *Anonymous*

CHEERFULNESS

- 933 Cheer up, the worst is yet to come *Philander Johnson*

CHEESE

- 934 Cheese milk's leap toward immortality *Clifton Fadiman*
- 935 The main difference between Swiss cheese and Camembert is that the ventilation is a little better *Anonymous*
- 936 An apple pie without some cheese
Is like a kiss without a squeeze *Old English Rhyme*

CHESS

- 937 To recur to the deliberate methods of our great chess players, we hear that one of them has bequeathed his next move to his grandson
Punch

- 938 A humorist asks why no costume has ever been designed for chess
Well, there is the two pants suit *Detroit News*
- 939 A foolish expedient for making idle people believe they are doing
something very clever, when they are only wasting their time *George*
Bernard Shaw

CHICAGO

- 940 Chicago sounds rough to the maker of verse,
One comfort we have—Cincinnati sounds worse *Oliver Wendell*
Holmes welcoming the Commercial Club of Chicago

CHILDREN

- 941 The burnt child shuns the fire until the next day *Mark Twain*
- 942 Their [my parents] first crop of children was born [in Tennessee] I
was postponed to Missouri Missouri was an unknown new state
and needed attractions *Ibid*
- 943 It's a wise child that owes his own father *Carolyn Wells*
- 944 It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his
father *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 945 When children run away from home, it is possible they may be looking
for their mothers *Ibid*
- 946 First you have to teach a child to talk then you have to teach it to
keep quiet *Ibid*
- 947 I always knew children were antisocial But the children of the West
Side—they're savage *Marc Connelly*
- 948 The best way to make children is to make them happy *Oscar Wilde*
- 949 Children begin by loving their parents as they grow older they judge
them sometimes they forgive them *Ibid*
- 950 We like little children, because they tear out as soon as they get
what they want *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 951 Children have more need of models than of critics *Joseph Joubert*
- 952 The reason why parents love the younger children best is because
they have now so little hope that the elder will do well *Japanese*
Proverb
- 953 To be fit for life in society every child, as well as every dog, must
be housebroken *Edwin G Conklin*
- 954 Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you
reach it faster, too *Lionel M Kauffman*
- 955 She never quite leaves her children at home, even when she doesn't
take them along *Margaret Culkin Banning*
- 956 There are many loving parents in the world, but no loving children
Chinese Proverb
- 957 Other people's harvests are always the best harvests, but one's chil-
dren are always the best children *Ibid*

- 958 Children are natural mimics—they act like their parents in spite of every attempt to teach them good manners *Anonymous*
- 959 Children are all foreigners We treat them as such *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 960 We think our children a part of ourselves though as they grow up they might very well undeceive us *Lord Halifax*
- 961 You are to have as strict a guard upon yourself amongst your children as if you were amongst your enemies *Ibid*
- 962 Children and watches must not be constantly wound up—you must let them run, too *Jean Paul*
- 963 Children are charades their parents are called upon to solve *Friedrich Hebbel*
- 964 You can do anything with children if you only play with them *Otto von Bismarck*
- 965 Raising children is like making biscuits, it is as easy to raise a big batch as one, while you have your hands in the dough *Edgar W Howe*
- 966 Don't take up a man's time talking about the smartness of your children he wants to talk to you about the smartness of his children *Ibid*
- 967 All children are natural, but some are more so than others and are therefore known as natural children *Will Cuppy*
- 968 Children like dogs, have so sharp a scent that they detect everything—the bad before all the rest *Johann von Goethe*
- 969 Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children now I have six children, and no theories *Lord Rochester*
- 970 Children are horribly insecure, the life of a parent is the life of a gambler *Sydney Smith*
- 971 Children are given to us to discourage our better emotions *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 972 It may be bad for the child to give it a swift smack occasionally, but what a good thing it is for the mother! *Nursery World*
- 973 Reasoning with a child is fine, if you can reach the child's reason without destroying your own *John Mason Brown*
- 974 I think I can say I had as unhappy a childhood as the next braggart *Peter de Vries*
- 975 The child that is not clean and neat,
With lots of toys and things to eat,
He is a naughty child, I'm sure—
Or else his dear papa is poor *Robert Lous Stevenson*
- 976 A child should always say what's true
And speak when he is spoken to,
And behave mannerly at table,
At least as far as he is able *Ibid*

- 977 Nothing offends children more than to play down to them All the great children's books—the *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Robinson Crusoe*, *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and *Gulliver's Travels*—were written for adults
George Bernard Shaw
- 978 Train your child in the way in which you know you should have gone yourself
Charles Haddon Spurgeon
- 979 Parents were invented to make children happy by giving them something to ignore
Ogden Nash
- 980 The worldwide fraternity of children is the greatest of savage tribes, and the only one which shows no sign of dying out
Douglas Newton
- 981 How long does a boy really belong to you? Five, maybe six years Then for ten years he is a savage, and for the next five years a callow introvert with mental growing pains
Hal Boyle
- 982 A lady's announcement to her girl friends that she is going to do what after all, quite a number of other women have done before—namely, give birth to a child—is the signal for them all to burst into tears
Cornelia Otis Skinner
- 983 There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother has it
Cheshire Proverb
- 984 Nature makes boys and girls lovely to look upon so they can be tolerated until they acquire some sense
William Lyon Phelps

CHINESE

- 985 All Chinese are Confucianists when successful, and Taoists when they are failures The Confucianist in us builds and strives, while the Taoist in us watches and smiles
Lin Yutang
- 986 The humor of the Chinese people is seen in inventing gunpowder and finding its best use in making firecrackers for their grandfathers' birthdays
Ibid
- 987 There are only two kinds of Chinese—those who give bribes and those who take them
Russian Proverb

CHIP

- 988 He was not merely a chip off the old block, but the old block itself
Edmund Burke

CHOICE

- 989 When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that is in itself a choice
William James

CHRISTIAN

- 990 Most people believe that the Christian commandments are intentionally a little too severe—like setting a clock half an hour ahead to make sure of not being late in the morning
Soren Kierkegaard
- 991 People in general are equally horrified at hearing the Christian religion doubted, and at seeing it practiced
Samuel Butler
- 992 Christian one who believes that the New Testament is a divinely

inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor
Ambrose Bierce

- 993 A shipwrecked sailor, landing on a lonely beach, observed a gallows
'Thank God, he exclaimed, 'I am in a Christian country" *Anony-
mous*
- 994 The last Christian died on the cross *F W Nietzsche*
- 995 A Christian is a man who feels
Repentance on a Sunday
For what he did on Saturday
And is going to do on Monday *T R Ybarra*
- 996 A Christian is like a locomotive a fire must be kindled in the heart
of the thing before it will go *M W Jacobus*

CHRISTIANITY

- 997 Infidel in New York, one who does not believe in the Christian
religion, in Constantinople, one who does *Ambrose Bierce*

CHRISTMAS

- 998 Family ties are stronger at Christmas—and louder *Anonymous*
- 999 The height of irony is to give father a billfold at Christmas *Anony-
mous*

CHURCH

- 1000 There are ten church members by inheritance for one by convic-
tion *Austin O Malley*
- 1001 Hearing Mass is the ceremony I most favor during my travels
Church is the only place where someone speaks to me and
I do not have to answer back *General Charles de Gaulle*
- 1002 A sparrow fluttering about the church is an antagonist which the
most profound theologian in Europe is wholly unable to over-
come *Sydney Smuth*
- 1003 There are not many people who would care to sleep in a church
I don't mean at sermon time in warm weather (when the thing has
actually been done, once or twice), but in the night, and alone
Charles Dickens
- 1004 If you go to church, and like the singing better than the preaching,
that's not orthodox *Edgar W Howe*
- 1005 Campbell is a good man a pious man I am afraid he has not been
in the inside of a church for many years but he never passes a
church without pulling off his hat This shows that he has good
principles *Samuel Johnson*
- 1006 So she goes to church It's cheaper than the psychoanalyst and
more convenient, being only once a week *Aubrey Menen*
- 1007 Depressions may bring people closer to the church—but so do
funerals *Clarence Darrow*
- 1008 The British churchgoer prefers a severe preacher because he thinks

a few homely truths will do his neighbors no harm *George Bernard Shaw*

CICERO

- 1009 Cicero's style bores me. When I have spent an hour reading him—a good deal for me—and try to recollect what I have extracted, I usually find it nothing but wind. *Michel de Montaigne*

CIDER

- 1010 Cider smiles in your face, and then cuts your throat. *English Proverb*

CIGAR

- 1011 I have made it a rule never to smoke more than one cigar at a time. *Mark Twain*
- 1012 What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar. *Thomas R. Marshall*

CIGARETTE

- 1013 A cigarette is the perfect type of perfect pleasure. It is exquisite and it leaves one unsatisfied. *Oscar Wilde*

CIRCUMLOCUTION

- 1014 There lives no man who at some period has not been tormented by an earnest desire to tantalize a listener by circumlocution. *Edgar Allen Poe*

CIRCUS

- 1015 We suppose a sword swallower gets his start with green peas and a knife. *Anonymous*
- 1016 Circus—a place where horses, ponies and elephants are permitted to see men, women and children acting the fool. *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1017 Circus—an entertaining performance in competition with the human race. *Herbert V. Prochnow*

CITY

- 1018 The reason American cities are prosperous is that there is no place to sit down. *A. J. Talley*
- 1019 At length the dead cities, Troy, Mycenae, Argos, Amphipolis, Corinth, Sparta, will do a dance macabre with New York, Berlin, London, Paris. *Henry S. Haskins*
- 1020 It is not a bad idea to remind the people who live in towns and get their milk in tins or bottles and butter in packets, that it all starts with the cow. *Prince Philip*
- 1021 Suburb—the bedroom of a metropolis. *Anonymous*
- 1022 Cities have always been the fireplaces of civilization, whence light and heat radiated out into the dark. *Theodore Parker*
- 1023 City life—millions of people being lonesome together. *Henry D. Thoreau*

.024 We can be nowhere private except in the midst of London *Charles Lamb*

CIVILIZATION

.025 Civilization is a limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities
Mark Twain

.026 The origin of civilization is man's determination to do nothing for himself which he can get done for him *H C Bailey*

.027 Civilization aims at making all good things accessible even to cowards *F W Nietzsche*

.028 A high civilization is a pyramid it can stand only on a broad base its primary prerequisite is a strong and soundly consolidated mediocrity *Ibid*

.029 The path of civilization is paved with tin cans *Elbert Hubbard*

.030 Civilization is the process of reducing the infinite to the finite
Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr

.031 The fate of civilization is like needlework You can take it up and worry about it at odd moments *Frank Sullivan*

.032 The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

.033 I'd like some of it [money] to go where it would undo two great American falsities—that making money is distinguished and important and that motorcars and lavatories have anything to do with what is called civilization *Louis Bromfield*

.034 A visitor from Mars could easily pick out the civilized nations They have the best implements of war *Herbert V Prochnow*

.035 When mankind had nothing better to do it fashioned sundials A later civilization, desiring to be bored by night as well as by day devised clocks *William J Fallon*

.036 Civilization is an active deposit which is formed by the combustion of the Present and the Past *Cyril Connolly*

.037 As soon as a nation becomes civilized it dies yet man has but one idea—to become civilized Thus he assists nature to correct her errors *Holbrook Jackson*

.038 I know I am among civilized men because they are fighting so savagely *Voltaire*

.039 By being civilized we mean that there is a certain list of things about which we permit a man to have an opinion different from ours Usually they are things which we have ceased to care about for instance, the worship of God *Aubrey Menen*

CLARITY

.040 He talked with more claret than clarity *Susan Ertz*

CLASSES

.041 A moderately honest man with a moderately faithful wife, moderate drinkers both, in a moderately healthy house that is the true middle class unit *George Bernard Shaw*

1042 There may be said to be two classes of people in the world those who constantly divide the people of the world into two classes, and those who do not *Robert Benchley*

CLASSICS

1043 Have I uttered the fundamental blasphemy, that once said sets the spirit free? The literature of the past is a bore—when one has said that frankly to oneself, then one can proceed to qualify and make exceptions *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*

1044 A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read *Mark Twain*

1045 My friend the professor of Greek tells me that he truly believes the classics have made him what he is This is a very grave statement if well founded *Stephen Leacock*

1046 Books are always the better for not being read Look at our classics *George Bernard Shaw*

1047 Men turn to the classics to escape from their contemporaries *Frank Moore Colby*

1048 Classical literature is the literature of which we do not expect anything new *Karel Capek*

CLEOPATRA

1049 Caesar might have married Cleopatra, but he had a wife at home There's always something *Will Cuppy*

CLERGYMAN

1050 Clergyman a ticket speculator outside the gates of heaven *H L Mencken*

1051 A man who is good enough to go to heaven is good enough to be a clergyman *Samuel Johnson*

1052 A congregation that can't afford to pay a clergyman enough want a missionary more than they do a clergyman *Josh Billings*

CLEVER

1053 What makes us so bitter against people who outwit us is that they think themselves cleverer than we are *François de La Roche foucauld*

1054 It takes much cleverness to know how to conceal cleverness *Ibid*

1055 The Athenians do not mind a man being clever, as long as he keeps it to himself *Plato*

1056 Clever people never listen and stupid people never talk *Oscar Wilde*

1057 Everybody is clever nowadays You can't go anywhere without meeting clever people This has become an absolute public nuisance *Ibid*

CLICHE

1058 He is forever poised between a cliché and an indiscretion *Harold Macmillan*

- CLIENT
- 1059 The best client is a scared millionaire *Anonymous*
- CLOSET
- 1060 There is something about a closet that makes a skeleton terribly restless *Wilson Mizner*
- CLOTHES
- 1061 She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on her with a pitchfork *Jonathan Swift*
- 1062 I must get out of these wet clothes and into a dry martini *Alexander Woollcott*
- 1063 Judge a man not by his clothes, but by his wife's clothes *Thomas Robert Dewar*
- 1064 "When Suetonius wasn't busying himself with scandal he had an interesting nose for detail. Did you know what Augustus Caesar wore under his Imperial Toga?" I said that I didn't "Flannel drawers" *Aubrey Menen*
- 1065 One good thing about having one suit of clothes—you've always got your pencil *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1066 No wonder nobody that's got as much money invested in shoes and hose as a woman wants to stick around home *Ibid*
- 1067 No woman should have enough clothes to make her ask, "What'll I wear?" *Don Herold*
- 1068 Neatness is the asepsis of clothes *Sir William Osler*
- 1069 To most people a savage nation is one that doesn't wear uncomfortable clothes *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 1070 Modesty died when clothes were born *Mark Twain*
- 1071 It is an interesting question how far men would retain their relative rank if they were divested of their clothes *Henry D Thoreau*
- 1072 Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes *Ibid*
- 1073 I hate to see men overdressed. A man ought to look like he's put together by accident, not added up on purpose *Christopher Morley*
- 1074 Women who are not vain about their clothes are often vain about not being vain about their clothes *Cyril Scott*
- 1075 A visit to a country house is a series of meals mitigated by the new dresses of the ladies *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1076 What would we say if men changed the length of their trousers every year? *Lady Astor*
- 1077 She looked as if she had been poured into her clothes and had forgotten to say "when" *P G Wodehouse*
- 1078 Why is it a woman who constantly complains that she has nothing to wear has to have six closets to keep it in? *Detroit News*

CLOUD

- 1079 Every cloud has its silver lining but it is sometimes a little difficult to get it to the mint *Don Marquis*

COATS OF ARMS

- 1080 Coats of arms are family badges indicating descent from a common ancestor—a phrase that many of those who want ‘coats’ don’t like to begin with *Cleveland Amory*

COCKTAILS

- 1081 Cocktails have all the disagreeability without the utility of a disinfectant *Shane Leslie*
- 1082 A cocktail is a pleasant drink
Mild and harmless—I don’t think *Anonymous*
- 1083 Whiskey and vermouth cannot meet as friends and the Manhattan is an offense against piety *Bernard De Voto*

COED

- 1084 Motto of a modern coed every man for herself *Anonymous*

COFFEE

- 1085 Coffee in England is just toasted milk *Christopher Fry*
- 1086 The coffee break ” up in our tower
Were better called the coffee hour” *Leverett Lyon*
- 1087 There is no compensation for and few antidotes to, the concoction that in these islands [Britain] is supposed to be coffee *H E Scarsborough*
- 1088 If this is coffee, please bring me some tea but if this is tea please bring me some coffee *Abraham Lincoln*
- 1089 Coffee has two virtues it is wet and warm *Dutch Proverb*
- 1090 Coffee should be black as Hell, strong as death, and sweet as love *Turkish Proverb*

COINCIDENCE

- 1091 By an unfailing coincidence, the man who wrongs us is a villain, and the man who does us a kindness is a saint *Henry S Haskins*

COLD

- 1092 The threat of a neglected cold is for doctors what the threat of purgatory is for priests—a gold mine *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 1093 A bad cold wouldn’t be so annoying if it weren’t for the advice of our friends *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1094 A cold is both positive and negative, sometimes the Eyes have it and sometimes the Nose *William Lyon Phelps*

COLLEGE

- 1095 Helping your eldest son pick a college is one of the great educational experiences of life—for the parents Next to trying to pick his bride, it’s the best way to learn that your authority, if not entirely gone, is slipping fast *Sally and James Reston*

- 1096 You can lead a boy to college but you cannot make him think
Elbert Hubbard
- 1097 A modern college is a place where 2,000 can be seated in the
classrooms and 50 000 in the stadium *Anonymous*
- 1098 Theodore Roosevelt said a thorough knowledge of the Bible was
worth more than a college education A thorough knowledge of
anything is worth more than a college education *Yale Record*
- 1099 College men are amazingly ignorant *Thomas A Edison*
- 1100 The most conservative persons I ever met are college undergradu-
ates *Woodrow Wilson*
- 1101 Some men are graduated from college cum laude, some are grad-
uated summa cum laude, and some are graduated mirabile dictu
William Howard Taft
- 1102 Oxford a sanctuary in which exploded systems and obsolete preju-
dices find shelter and protection after they have been hunted out
of every corner of the world *Adam Smith*
- 1103 Nothing irks a college student more than shaking out the envelope
from home and finding nothing in it but news and love *Detroit
News*

COLLEGE EXECUTIVES

- 1104 Perhaps you have heard about the college executives who were
discussing what they wanted to do after retirement age One hoped
to run a prison or school of correction so the alumni would never
come back to visit Another chose to manage an orphan asylum
so he would not be plagued with advice from parents *Robert H
Jackson*

COLOGNE

- 1105 In Koln, a town of monks and bones,
And pavements fanged with murderous stones,
And rags, and hags and hideous wenches,
I counted two and seventy stenches
All well defined, and several stinks!
Ye Nymphs that reign o'er sewers and sinks,
The river Rhine, it is well known
Doth wash your city of Cologne,
But tell me Nymphs! what power divine
Shall henceforth wash the river Rhine? *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

COLOR

- 1106 I cannot pretend to feel impartial about colors I rejoice with the
brilliant ones and am genuinely sorry for the poor browns *Sir
Winston Churchill*

COMEDIAN

- 1107 I'm told that all really funny comedians are serious *Noel Coward*
- 1108 Hollywood is no place for the professional comedian—there's too
much amateur competition *Fred Allen*

COMEDY

- 1109 The most difficult character in comedy is the fool, and he must be no fool who plays that part *Miguel de Cervantes*
- 1110 English comedy has always been made by Irishmen *Austin O Malley*

COMFORT

- 1111 The man who expects comfort in this life must be born deaf, dumb and blind *Turkish Proverb*
- 1112 There is nothing so consoling as to find that one's neighbor's troubles are at least as great as one's own *George Moore*

COMIC

- 1113 All men are comic, especially deans, bishops and drum majors, who dress their parts *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1114 Man is a very comic creature and most of the things he does are comic—eating, for instance. And the most comic things of all are exactly the things that are most worth doing—such as making love *G. K. Chesterton*

COMMANDMENT

- 1115 The Eleventh Commandment Thou shalt not be found out *George Whyte-Melville*
- 1116 The Eleventh Commandment Mind your own business *Anonymous*

COMMENCEMENT

- 1117 The commencement speaker represents the continuation of a barbaric custom that has no basis in logic. If the state of oratory that inundates our educational institutions during the month of June could be transformed into rain for Southern California, we should all be happy awash or waterlogged *Samuel Gould*
- 1118 Each of June's new graduates
Has left his college hall
The world is now his oyster,
The future is his thrall
He thinks he knows a great, great deal
More than his parents do—
And, speaking of that state of mind,
The chances are it's true! *Leverett Lyon*

COMMENDATION

- 1119 Commendation the tribute that we pay to achievements that resemble, but do not equal, our own *Ambrose Bierce*

COMMERCE

- 1120 It is well known what a middleman is he is a man who bamboozles one party and plunders the other *Benjamin Disraeli*

COMMITTEE

- 1121 If you want to kill any idea in the world today, get a committee working on it *Charles F Kettering*
- 1122 If Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt *J B Hughes*
- 1123 Nothing is ever accomplished by a committee unless it consists of three members, one of whom happens to be sick and the other absent *Hendrik Van Loon*
- 1124 A group of men who keep minutes and waste hours *Anonymous*
- 1125 A committee is a group of men who individually can do nothing but collectively can meet and decide that nothing can be done *Anonymous*
- 1126 The State, that cawing rookery of committees and subcommittees *V S Pritchett*
- 1127 A committee is a cul de sac to which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled *John A Lincoln*
- 1128 Having served on various committees, I have drawn up a list of rules Never arrive on time, this stamps you as a beginner Don't say anything until the meeting is half over this stamps you as being wise Be as vague as possible this avoids irritating the others When in doubt, suggest that a subcommittee be appointed Be the first to move for adjournment, this will make you popular, it's what everyone is waiting for *Harry Chapman*

COMMON MAN

- 1129 The greatest service we can do the Common Man is to abolish him *Sir Norman Angell*

COMMON SENSE

- 1130 Nowadays most people die of a sort of creeping common sense and discover, when it is too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes *Oscar Wilde*
- 1131 No woman, plain or pretty, has any common sense at all Common sense is the privilege of our sex and we men are so self sacrificing that we never use it *Ibid*
- 1132 Common sense is not so common *Voltaire*
- 1133 Academic and aristocratic people live in such an uncommon atmosphere that common sense can rarely reach them *Samuel Butler*
- 1134 I think that common sense, in a rough dogged way, is technically sounder than the special schools of philosophy, each of which squints and overlooks half the facts and half the difficulties in its eagerness to find in some detail the key to the whole *George Santayana*
- 1135 I don't know why it is that the religious never ascribe common sense to God *W Somerset Maugham*
- 1136 He's a man of great common sense and good taste—meaning

thereby a man without originality or moral courage *George Bernard Shaw*

COMMUNISM

- 1137 Communists are frustrated Capitalists *Eric Hoffer*
- 1138 Trying to maintain good relations with the communists is like wooing a crocodile You do not know whether to tickle it under the chin or beat it over the head When it opens its mouth you cannot tell whether it is trying to smile or preparing to eat you up *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 1139 What a communist he is! He would have an equal distribution of sin as well as property *Oscar Wilde*
- 1140 Communism is idiocy They want to divide up the property Suppose they did it It requires brains to keep money as well as to make it In a precious little while the money would be back in the former owner's hands and the communist would be poor again The division would have to be remade every three years or it would do the communist no good *Mark Twain*
- 1141 A red is any son of a bitch who wants thirty cents when we're paying twenty-five *John Steinbeck*
- 1142 A communist is a guy who says everything is perfect in Soviet Russia, but stays here because he likes to rough it *Anonymous*
- 1143 Communist one who has nothing and is eager to share it with others *Anonymous*
- 1144 What is a communist? One who hath yearnings
For equal division of unequal earnings
Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing,
To fork out his copper and pocket your shilling *Ebenezer Elliott*
- 1145 I am a good friend to communists abroad but I do not like them at home *Souvanna Phouma*

COMMUTER

- 1146 The only way of catching a train I ever discovered is to miss the train before *G K Chesterton*

COMPANY

- 1147 A man is known by the company he avoids *Anonymous*

COMPENSATION

- 1148 If the poor man cannot always get meat, the rich man cannot always digest it *Henry Giles*
- 1149 Since I must be old and have the gout, I have long turned those disadvantages to my own account, and plead them to the utmost when they will save me from doing anything I dislike *Horace Walpole*

COMPLACENCY

- 1150 He's all buttoned up in an impenetrable little coat of complacency *Ilka Chase*

COMPLAINT

- 1151 If you have the right to complain when there is nothing to complain about, you are living in a democracy *Anonymous*
- 1152 Complaint is the largest tribute heaven receives and the sincerest part of our devotion *Jonathan Swift*
- 1153 If not actually disgruntled, he was far from being grunted *P G Wodehouse*

COMPLEXION

- 1154 Nothing helps a person's complexion like putting it to bed before 2 A M *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 1155 A historian announces that women used cosmetics in the Middle Ages Women still use cosmetics in the middle ages *Judge*

COMPLIMENT

- 1156 Some folks pay a compliment like they went down in their pocket for it *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1157 Some people pay a compliment like they expected a receipt *Ibid*
- 1158 Compliments always embarrass a man You do not know anything to say It does not inspire you with words There is nothing you can say in answer to a compliment I have been complimented myself a great many times, and they always embarrass me—I always feel that they have not said enough *Mark Twain*
- 1159 I can live for two months on a good compliment *Ibid*
- 1160 When you cannot get a compliment in any other way, pay yourself one *Ibid*
- 1161 A compliment is something like a kiss through a veil *Victor Hugo*
- 1162 Women are never disarmed by compliments, men always are *Oscar Wilde*
- 1163 Compliments have lost their lure by the time a man does not have to fish for them *Henry S Haskins*

COMPOSER

- 1164 In order to compose, all you need to do is remember a tune that nobody else has thought of *Robert Schumann*
- 1165 There are no woman composers, never have been and possibly never will be *Sir Thomas Beecham*

COMPROMISE

- 1166 If you can't lick 'em, join 'em *American Political Proverb*

CONCEAL

- 1167 Mr James Payn is an adept in the art of concealing what is not worth finding *Oscar Wilde*

CONCEIT

- 1168 Until the donkey tried to clear
The fence, he thought himself a deer *Arthur Guiterman*

- 1169 Conceit is God's gift to little men *Bruce Barton*
- 1170 Tell me, George [Gershwin], if you had it to do all over, would you fall in love with yourself again? *Oscar Levant*
- 1171 He [Bernard Shaw] had discovered himself and gave ungrudgingly of his discovery to the world *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 1172 Conceit is such a small thing after all! Conceit is only mountain-high, world wide or ocean-deep! *Thomas Wolfe*
- 1173 When I say everybody says so," it means I say so *Edgar W Howe*
- 1174 The sun will set without thy assistance *Talmud*
- 1175 I've never any pity for conceited people because I think they carry their comfort about with them *George Eliot*
- 1176 He was like a cock who thought the sun had risen to hear him crow *Ibid*
- 1177 We reproach people for talking about themselves, but it is the subject they treat best *Anatole France*
- 1178 One of my chief regrets during my years in the theater is that I couldn't sit in the audience and watch me *John Barrymore*
- 1179 Conceited men often seem a harmless kind of men who by an overweening self respect relieve others from the duty of respecting them at all *Henry Ward Beecher*
- 1180 Every man has a right to be conceited until he is successful *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1181 Conceit is just as natural a thing to human minds as a center is to a circle *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 1182 The personal pronoun 'I' should be the coat of arms of some individuals *Comte de Rivarol*
- 1183 I strive automatically to bring the world into harmony with my own nature *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1184 Edith was a little country bounded on the north, south, east and west by Edith *Martha Ostenso*
- 1185 Conceit causes more conversation than wit *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 1186 A fly sate upon the axle tree of the chariot wheel, and said, "What a dust do I raise" *Francis Bacon*
- 1187 To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance *Oscar Wilde*
- 1188 And so we plow along, as the fly said to the ox *Henry W Long fellow*
- 1189 A man that is deeply in love with himself will probably succeed in his suit owing to lack of rivals *Austin O Malley*
- 1190 Most men are like eggs, too full of themselves to hold anything else *Josh Billings*
- 1191 If there is one thing in the world that will make a man peculiarly

and insufferably self-conceited, it is to have his stomach behave itself, the first day at sea, when nearly all his comrades are seasick *Mark Twain*

- 1192 When some men discharge an obligation, you can hear the report for miles around *Ibid*

CONCENTRATION

- 1193 When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully *Samuel Johnson*

CONDUCT

- 1194 Any preoccupation with ideas of what is right or wrong in conduct shows an arrested intellectual development *Oscar Wilde*

CONDUCTOR

- 1195 This backward Man, this view obstructor,
Is known to us as the Conductor *Laurence McKinney*

CONEY ISLAND

- 1196 Coney Island where the surf is one-third water and two thirds people *John Steinbeck*

CONFERENCE

- 1197 This conference should not be overhung by a ponderous or rigid agenda or led into mazes of technical details, zealously contested by hordes of experts and officials drawn up in a vast cumbrous array *Sir Winston Churchill*

CONFESSION

- 1198 Confess your sins to the Lord and you will be forgiven confess them to man and you will be laughed at *Josh Billings*
- 1199 All the good writers of confessions, from Augustine onward, are men who are still a little in love with their sins *Anatole France*
- 1200 Confession is good for the soul only in the sense that a tweed coat is good for dandruff—it is a palliative rather than a remedy *Peter de Vries*
- 1201 Confessions may be good for the soul, but they are bad for the reputation *Thomas Robert Dewar*

CONFIDENCE

- 1202 All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence and then success is sure *Mark Twain*
- 1203 He gradually wormed his way out of my confidence *Nunnally Johnson*
- 1204 Confidence the feeling that makes one believe a man, even when one knows that one would lie in his place *H L Mencken*
- 1205 I wish I was as cocksure of anything as Tom Macaulay is of everything *Lord Melbourne*

CONFUSED

- 1206 He flung himself upon his horse and rode madly off in all directions *Stephen Leacock*

CONGESTION

- 1207 The thing which in the subway is called congestion is highly esteemed in the night spots as intimacy *Simeon Strunsky*

CONGRESS

- 1208 Fleas can be taught nearly anything that a Congressman can *Mark Twain*
- 1209 It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctively native American criminal class except Congress *Ibid*
- 1210 Reader suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress but I repeat myself *Ibid*
- 1211 Some statesmen go to Congress and some go to jail It is the same thing, after all *Eugene Field*
- 1212 With Congress every time they make a joke it's a law, and every time they make a law it's a joke *Will Rogers*
- 1213 Some members of Congress would best promote the country's peace by holding their own *George D Prentice*
- 1214 I have been up to see Congress and they do not seem to be able to do anything except to eat peanuts and chew tobacco while my army is starving *Robert E Lee*
- 1215 Trying to solve the country's problems with Congressional oratory is like trying to untangle a traffic jam by honking your horn *Anonymous*
- 1216 Think of what would happen to us in America if there were no humorists, life would be one long *Congressional Record* *Thomas L Masson*

CONQUERING

- 1217 I think Caesar was too old to set about amusing himself with conquering the world Such sport was good for Augustus or Alexander They were still young men, and thus difficult to restrain But Caesar should have been more mature *Blaise Pascal*

CONSCIENCE

- 1218 He [Gladstone] made his conscience not his guide but his accomplice *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1219 A guilty conscience is the mother of invention *Carolyn Wells*
- 1220 Conscience is in most men, an anticipation of the opinion of others *Sir Henry Taylor*
- 1221 Conscience the thing that acts when everything is feeling good *Anonymous*
- 1222 We grow with years more fragile in body, but morally stouter and can throw off the chill of a bad conscience almost at once *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 1223 An uneasy conscience is a hair in the mouth *Mark Twain*
- 1224 Conscience and cowardice are really the same things Conscience is the trade name of the firm *Oscar Wilde*

- 1225 Conscience makes egotists of us all *Ibid*
- 1226, And what has saved her virtue? The voice of her conscience? Oh no The voice of her neighbor *F W Nietzsche*
- 1227 Nothing is better than frustration for waking up the conscience *Henry S Haskins*
- 1228 The conscience has morbid sensibilities, it must be employed but not indulged like the imagination or the stomach *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 1229 Conscience is the inner voice which warns us that someone may be looking *H L Mencken*
- 1230 Conscience is a mother-in-law whose visit never ends *Ibid*
- 1231 A man has less conscience when in love than in any other condition *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 1232 Yea, there is no cosmetic like a holy conscience *Martin Farquhar Tupper*
- 1233 The Anglo-Saxon conscience does not prevent the Anglo Saxon from sinning it merely prevents him from enjoying his sin *Salva dor de Madariaga*

CONSERVATIVE

- 1234 Conservative a statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the liberal, who wishes to replace them with others *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1235 The penguin flies backward because he doesn't care to see where he's going but wants to see where he's been *Fred Allen*
- 1236 A true conservative is one who can't see any difference between radicalism and an idea *Anonymous*
- 1237 A conservative is a person who thinks a rich man should have a square deal *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 1238 A conservative says that a radical may sometimes be right, but when he is, he is right for the wrong reasons *Ibid*
- 1239 No man can be a conservative until he has something to lose *James P Warburg*
- 1240 Men are conservative when they are least vigorous, or when they are most luxurious *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- ✓ 1241 Men are conservatives after dinner *Ibid*
- 1242 A conservative is a man who does not think that anything should be done for the first time *Frank Vanderlip*
- 1243 A conservative is a man who will not look at the new moon, out of respect for that ancient institution the old one *Douglas Jerrold*
- 1244 A conservative government is an organized hypocrisy *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1245 A conservative is a man who is too cowardly to fight and too fat to run *Elbert Hubbard*

1246 A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who however, has never learned to walk *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

1247 Some fellows get credit for being conservative when they are only stupid *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

CONSISTENCY

1248 A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

1249 Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative *Oscar Wilde*

1250 Unfortunately I have never been able to maintain a consistent attitude toward life or reality, or toward anything else This may be entirely due to nervousness *James Thurber*

CONSOLATION

1251 Consolation the knowledge that a better man is more unfortunate than yourself *Ambrose Bierce*

CONSPIRACY

1252 Conspiracy a game invented for the amusement of unoccupied men of rank *Joseph Addison*

CONSTANT

1253 There is nothing in this world constant but inconstancy *Jonathan Swift*

CONSULT

1254 Consult to seek another's approval of a course already decided on *Ambrose Bierce*

CONSUMER

1255 The only part of the hog that the packers waste is the squeal, and the consumers furnish that *Anonymous*

CONTEMPORARIES

1256 Why was I born with such contemporaries? *George Bernard Shaw*

CONTEMPT

1257 When you cannot get a thing, then is the time to have contempt for it *Baltasar Gracian*

CONTENTMENT

1258 Contentment is, after all, simply refined indolence *Richard Haliburton*

1259 Who is rich? He that is content Who is that? Nobody *Benjamin Franklin*

1260 Only the rich preach content to the poor *Holbrook Jackson*

1261 Be contented, when you have got all you want *Ibid*

1262 I'd rather be handsome than homely,
I'd rather be youthful than old,
If I can't have a bushel of silver
I'll do with a barrel of gold *James Jeffrey Roche*

CONTRACT

- 1263 A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on *Samuel Goldwyn*

CONTRADICT

- 1264 A man never tells you anything until you contradict him *George Bernard Shaw*

- 1265 The well-bred contradict other people The wise contradict themselves *Oscar Wilde*

- 1266 Do I contradict myself?
Very well, then, I contradict myself
(I am large—I contain multitudes) *Walt Whitman*

CONTRARY

- 1267 Some folks are so contrary that if they fell in a river, they'd insist on floating upstream *Josh Billings*

CONTROVERSY

- 1268 When a thing ceases to be a subject of controversy it ceases to be a subject of interest *William Hazlitt*

CONVALESCENCE

- 1269 I enjoy convalescence it is the part that makes the illness worthwhile *George Bernard Shaw*

CONVENTIONS

- 1270 Conventions are like coins, an easy way of dealing with the commerce of relations *Freya Stark*

CONVERSATION

- 1271 A good listener is not only popular everywhere but after a while he knows something *Wilson Mizner*

- 1272 If every man were straightforward in his opinions, there would be no conversation *Benjamin Disraeli*

- 1273 Conversation should touch everything but should concentrate itself on nothing *Oscar Wilde*

- 1274 Talk to every woman as if you loved her, and to every man as if he bored you, and at the end of your first season you will have the reputation of possessing the most perfect social tact *Ibid*

- 1275 After all, the only proper intoxication is conversation *Ibid*

- 1276 Whenever one has anything unpleasant to say, one should always be quite candid *Ibid*

- 1277 If one could only teach the English how to talk and the Irish how to listen society would be quite civilized *Ibid*

- 1278 Learned conversation is either the affectation of the ignorant or the profession of the mentally unemployed *Ibid*

- 1279 One of the reasons that we find so few persons rational and agreeable in conversation is that there is hardly a person who does not think more of what he wants to say than of his answer to what is said *François de La Rochefoucauld*

- 1280 He [Macaulay] not only overflowed with learning, but stood in the slop *Sydney Smith*
- 1281 He [Macaulay] has occasional flashes of silence that make his conversation perfectly delightful *Ibid*
- 1282 War talk by men who have been in a war is always interesting, whereas moon talk by a poet who has not been in the moon is likely to be dull *Mark Twain*
- 1283 What a good thing Adam had—when he said a good thing he knew nobody had said it before *Ibid*
- 1284 A good memory and a tongue tied in the middle is a combination which gives immortality to conversation *Ibid*
- 1285 His answers were so final and exact that he did not leave a doubt to hang conversation on *Ibid*
- 1286 Gratiano speaks an infinite deal of nothing, more than any man in all Venice *William Shakespeare*
- 1287 Your ignorance cramps my conversation *Anthony Hope*
- 1288 Everybody's conversation about everybody else is a diagnosis *John Colton and Clemence Randolph*
- 1289 When you're out of luck speak louder than usual *Gelett Burgess*
- 1290 If you don't say anything you won't be called on to repeat it *Calvin Coolidge*
- 1291 I guess I am not naturally energetic I like to sit around and talk *Ibid*
- 1292 All natural talk is a festival of ostentation and by the laws of the game each accepts and fans the vanity of the other *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 1293 We talk little if we do not talk about ourselves *William Hazlitt*
- 1294 Most of us know how to say nothing few of us know when *Anonymous*
- 1295 Sometimes it looks like the world beats a path to your door if you produce better claptrap *Anonymous*
- 1296 The misfortune of Goldsmith in conversation is this he goes on without knowing how he is to get off *Samuel Johnson*
- 1297 I never desire to converse with a man who has written more than he has read *Ibid*
- 1298 I am very fond of the company of ladies I like their beauty, I like their delicacy, I like their vivacity and I like their silence *Ibid*
- 1299 The conversation was dull, as is always the case when we are speaking only favorably of our fellowmen *Choderlos de Laclos*
- 1300 Contradiction and flattery both make poor conversation *Johann von Goethe*
- 1301 If you are ever at a loss to support a flagging conversation introduce the subject of eating *Leigh Hunt*

- 1302 Conversation between Adam and Eve must have been difficult at times because they had nobody to talk about *Agnes Repplier*
- 1303 One half of our best society is always telling the other half what it does not wish to know, but the two halves take turns, and this establishes the conversation, usually on a peaceful basis *Frank Moore Colby*
- 1304 Women have simple tastes They can get pleasure out of the conversation of children in arms and men in love *H L Mencken*
- 1305 The secret of being tiresome is to tell everything *Voltaire*
- 1306 The time to stop talking is when the other person nods his head affirmatively but says nothing *Henry S Haskins*
- 1307 Everyone wonders what a man who never says anything sounds like *Oscar Levant*
- 1308 I often quote myself It adds spice to my conversation *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1309 Don't knock the weather, nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1310 For parlor use, the vague generality is a lifesaver *George Ade*
- 1311 Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing *Robert Benchley*
- 1312 No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next *Edgar W Howe*
- 1313 If you think before you speak, the other fellow gets in his joke first *Ibid*
- 1314 She was not a woman of many words for unlike people in general she proportioned them to her ideas *Jane Austen*
- 1315 It is all right to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then *Richard Armour*
- 1316 She was a professional athlete—of the tongue *Fannie Hurst*
- 1317 He [Mr Gladstone] speaks to me as if I were a public meeting *Queen Victoria*
- 1318 He [Sir Winston Churchill] never spares himself in conversation He gives himself so generously that hardly anybody else is permitted to give anything in his presence *Aneurin Bevan*
- 1319 Conversation in this country has fallen upon evil days It is drowned out in singing commercials by the world's most productive economy that has so little to say for itself it has to hum it It is hushed and shushed in dimly lighted parlors by television audiences who used to read, argue and even play bridge, an old fashioned card game requiring speech *Whitney Griswold*
- 1320 A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would be trimmed He answered "In silence" *Plutarch*
- 1321 A gossip is one who talks to you about others, a bore is one who

talks to you about himself, and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself *Lisa Kirk*

- 1322 If other people are going to talk, conversation becomes impossible
James McNeill Whistler
- 1323 To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves let us be above such transparent egotism If you can't say good and encouraging things say nothing Nothing is often a good thing to say, and always a clever thing to say *Will Durant*
- 1324 Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say, and keep on saying it *Robert Frost*
- 1325 A good conversationalist is not one who remembers what was said but says what someone wants to remember *John Mason Brown*

CONVICTIONS

- 1326 Convictions are opinions which circumstances have temporarily backed *Henry S Haskins*
- 1327 Convictions are what an employee has after he knows what the boss thinks *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 1328 A conviction is that splendid quality in ourselves which we call bullheadedness in others *Anonymous*
- 1329 The one serious conviction that a man should have is that nothing is to be taken too seriously *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 1330 Every fool is fully convinced, and everyone fully persuaded is a fool *Baltasar Gracian*

COOKING

- 1331 When a cook cooks a fly he keeps the best wing for himself *Polish Proverb*
- 1332 Until the nature of man is completely altered cooking is the most important thing for a woman *Arnold Bennett*
- 1333 God sends meat and the Devil sends cooks *John Taylor*
- 1334 His cook is his chief merit The world visits his dinners not him *Mohere*
- 1335 The cook was a good cook, as cooks go and as cooks go she went *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 1336 The French cook we open tins *John Galsworthy*
- 1337 The discovery of a new dish does more for human happiness than the discovery of a new star *Anthelme Brillat-Savarin*
- 1338 We may live without friends we may live without books, But civilized man cannot live without cooks *Edward G Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1339 Cooking is one of those arts which most require to be done by persons of a religious nature *Alfred North Whitehead*
- 1340 The average cooking in the average hotel for the average English-

man explains to a large extent the English bleakness and taciturnity
Karel Capek

- 1341 There is one thing more exasperating than a wife who can cook and won't, and that is the wife who can't cook and will *Robert Frost*
- 1342 If you are surprised at the number of our maladies, count our cooks *Seneca*

COOL

- 1343 Keep cool it will be all one a hundred years hence *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

COOPERATION

- 1344 There is some cooperation between wild creatures The stork and the wolf usually work the same neighborhood *Alexander Woollcott*

COQUETTE

- 1345 Coquette a woman without any heart who makes a fool of a man that hasn't got any head *Mme Deluzy*
- 1346 Every line in her face is the line of least resistance *Irvin S Cobb*
- 1347 A coquette is a young lady of more beauty than sense, more accomplishments than learning, more charms of person than graces of mind, more admirers than friends more fools than wise men for attendants *Henry W Longfellow*

CORPORATION

- 1348 Corporation an ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility *Ambrose Bierce*

CORRUPTION

- 1349 Corruption's not of modern date
It hath been tried in every state *John Gay*

CORSET

- 1350 God sent us women, and the Devil sent them corsets *French Proverb*

COSMETICS

- 1351 Most women are not so young as they are painted *Max Beerbohm*

COSMOPOLITE

- 1352 I don't set up for being a cosmopolite which to my mind signifies being polite to every country except your own *Thomas Hood*

COST OF LIVING

- 1353 I haven't heard of anybody who wants to stop living on account of the cost *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

COUNSEL

- 1354 No man will take counsel, but every man will take money therefore, money is better than counsel *Jonathan Swift*

COUNTRY

- 1355 Anybody can be good in the country There are no temptations there That is the reason why people who live out of town are so uncivilized There are only two ways of becoming civilized one is by being cultured, the other is by being corrupt Country people have no opportunity of being either, so they stagnate *Oscar Wilde*
- 1356 I have no relish for the country it is a kind of healthy grave *Sydney Smith*
- 1357 My country right or wrong' is like saying, 'My mother, drunk or sober" *G K Chesterton*
- 1358 Though I love my country, I do not love my countrymen *Lord Byron*
- 1359 I asked Tom if countries always apologized when they had done wrong, and he says, 'Yes, the little one does" *Mark Twain*
- 1360 What the country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds *Will Rogers*

COURAGE

- 1361 It is easy to be brave from a safe distance *Aesop*
- 1362 A man of courage never needs weapons, but he may need bail *Ethel Watts Mumford*
- 1363 No man in the world has more courage than the man who can stop after eating one peanut *Channing Pollock*
- 1364 I have never thought much of the courage of a lion tamer inside the cage he is, at least, safe from other men *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1365 Who has not courage needs legs *Italian Proverb*

COURT

- 1366 In life beware of the law court, in death beware of hell *Chinese Proverb*
- 1367 A court is an assembly of noble and distinguished beggars *Charles M de Talleyrand Perigord*
- 1368 The penalty for laughing in a courtroom is six months in jail, if it were not for this penalty, the jury would never hear the evidence *H L Mencken*

COURTESY

- 1369 Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet them on your way down *Wilson Mizner*

COURTSHIP

- 1370 Courtship consists in a number of quiet attentions, not so pointed as to alarm, nor so vague as not to be understood *Laurence Sterne*
- 1371 There is nothing so awkward as courting a woman whilst she is making sausages *Ibid*
- 1372 Courtship a man pursuing a woman until she catches him *Anonymous*

COVET

- 1373 Too often it is the love of the other fellow's money which is the root of all evil *Herbert V Prochnow*

COW

- 1374 I never saw a Purple Cow,
I never hope to see one
But I can tell you anyhow
I'd rather see than be one *Gelett Burgess*
- 1375 My cow milks me *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

COWARD

- 1376 What we consider caution in ourselves we call cowardice in others
Anonymous
- 1377 Coward a man in whom the instinct of self-preservation acts normally *Sultana Zoraya*
- 1378 Coward one who in a perilous emergency thinks with his legs
Ambrose Bierce
- 1379 The coward calls himself cautious *Publilius Syrus*

CRAZY

- 1380 Everyone is crazy but me and thee and sometimes I suspect thee a little *Ascribed to an unknown Quaker*

CREDIT

- 1381 Credit, like a looking glass,
Broken once, is gone, alas! *Anonymous*
- 1382 Some folks get credit for having horse sense that hain't ever had enough money to make fools of themselves *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1383 Credit is like chastity, they can both stand temptation better than suspicion *Josh Billings*
- 1384 A pig bought on credit is forever grunting *Spanish Proverb*
- 1385 Credit a person who can't pay gets another person who can't pay to guarantee that he can pay *Charles Dickens*
- 1386 Credit is the capital of a younger son, and he can live charmingly on it *Oscar Wilde*
- 1387 No man's credit is as good as his money *Edgar W Howe*

CREDITORS

- 1388 No man is impatient with his creditors *Talmud*
- 1389 Creditors have better memories than debtors they are a superstitious sect, great observers of set days and times *Benjamin Franklin*

CREMATION

- 1390 As for me, I hope to be cremated I made that remark to my pastor once, who said, with what he seemed to think was an impressive

manner 'I wouldn't worry about that if I had your chances'
Mark Twain

CRICKET

- 1391 Something the English—not being a naturally religious people—
have had to invent to give them some idea of the eternal *Lord*
Mancroft

CRIME

- 1392 The reason there are so many imbeciles among imprisoned criminals
is that an imbecile is so foolish even a detective can detect him
Austin O Malley
- 1393 There are crimes which become innocent and even glorious by their
brilliancy, their number, or their excess thus it happens that public
robbery is called financial skill, and the unjust capture of provinces
is called a conquest *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 1394 Nobody ever commits a crime without doing something stupid
Oscar Wilde
- 1395 Criminal a person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient
capital to form a corporation *Howard Scott*
- 1396 The punishment of criminals should be of use when a man is
hanged he is good for nothing *Voltaire*
- 1397 Pickpocket's motto every crowd has a silver lining *Anonymous*
- 1398 He who sells what isn't his n
Must buy it back or go to prison *Daniel Drew*
- 1399 All criminals turn preachers under the gallows *Italian Proverb*

CRITIC

- 1400 Nature fits all her children with something to do,
He who would write and can't write can surely review *James*
Russell Lowell
- 1401 Critics' Appalled I venture on the name
Those cutthroat bandits in the paths of fame *Robert Burns*
- 1402 A critic is a legless man who teaches running *Channing Pollock*
- 1403 A play so loutish in its humors and so lacking in appeal to the
mind that Hollywood naturally made it [*The Taming of the Shrew*]
first choice when the filming of Shakespeare began *Ivor Brown*
- 1404 A drama critic is a person who surprises the playwright by in-
forming him what he meant *Wilson Mizner*
- 1405 A critic is a man who expects miracles *James Gibbons Huneker*
- 1406 Those who write ill, and they who ne'er durst write,
Turn critics out of mere revenge and spite *John Dryden*
- ✓ 1407 A critic is a necessary evil, and criticism is an evil necessity
Carolyn Wells
- 1408 You know who critics are? The men who have failed in literature
and art *Benjamin Disraeli*

- 1409 Nature, when she invented, manufactured and patented her authors contrived to make critics out of the chips that were left *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 1410 He is forced to be literate about the illiterate witty about the witless and coherent about the incoherent *John Crosby*
- 1411 Has anybody ever seen a dramatic critic in the daytime? Of course not They come out after dark up to no good *P G Wodehouse*
- 1412 Pay no attention to what the critics say there has never been set up a statue in honor of a critic *Jean Sibelius*
- 1413 Among the greatest discoveries on which human intelligence has lighted in recent times there ought in my opinion to be reckoned the art of criticizing books without having read them *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 1414 The lot of critics is to be remembered by what they failed to understand *George Moore*
- 1415 Even the lion has to defend himself against flies *German Proverb*
- 1416 A drama critic is a man who leaves no turn unstoned *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1417 A good writer is not, per se a good book critic No more so than a good drunk is automatically a good bartender *Jim Bishop*
- 1418 Confronted by an absolutely infuriating review it is sometimes helpful for the victim to do a little personal research on the critic Is there any truth to the rumor that he had no formal education beyond the age of eleven? In any event is he able to construct a simple English sentence? Are his modifiers misplaced? Do his participles dangle? When moved to lyricism does he write I had a fun time? Was he ever arrested for burglary? I don't know that you will prove anything this way but it is perfectly harmless and quite soothing *Jean Kerr*
- 1419 A book reviewer is usually a barker before the door of a publisher's circus *Austin O Malley*
- 1420 There is not a single dramatic critic in London who would deliberately set himself to misrepresent the work of any dramatist—unless of course he personally disliked the dramatist *Oscar Wilde*
- 1421 A critic is a fellow whose watch is five minutes ahead of other people's *Charles Augustin Sainte-Beuve*

CRITICISM

- 1422 Don't abuse your friends and expect them to consider it criticism *Edgar W Howe*
- 1423 To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing be nothing *Elbert Hubbard*
- 1424 Show me the man who insists that he welcomes criticism if only it is "constructive" and I will show you a man who does not want any criticism at all *Harold L Ickes*
- 1425 Criticism is a study by which men grow important and formidable at very small expense *Samuel Johnson*

- 1426 Never speak ill of yourself your friends will always say enough
on that subject *Charles M de Talleyrand Perigord*
- 1427 Criticism is the art wherewith a critic tries to guess himself into
a share of the artist's fame *George Jean Nathan*
- 1428 Criticism of our contemporaries is not criticism, it is conversation
Jules Lemaitre
- 1429 I like criticism, but it must be my way *Mark Twain*
- 1430 The method is to take a well-known poem analyze it stanza
by stanza and line by line and extract, squeeze, tease press every
drop of meaning out of it It might be called the lemon squeezer
school of criticism *T S Eliot*
- 1431 I have never found in a long experience of politics, that criticism
is ever inhibited by ignorance *Harold Macmillan*
- 1432 Ideal dramatic criticism is unqualified appreciation *Oscar Wilde*

CROCODILE

- 1433 How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in
With gently smiling jaws! *Lewis Carroll*

CROWDS

- 1434 I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance
Thomas Carlyle

CRYING

- 1435 Crying is the refuge of plain women, but the ruin of pretty ones
Oscar Wilde

CUCKOO

- 1436 The cuckoo who is on to himself is halfway out of the clock
Wilson Mizner

CUCUMBER

- 1437 A cucumber should be well sliced, and dressed with pepper and
vinegar, and then thrown out as good for nothing *Samuel Johnson*

CULTURE

- 1438 Culture is what your butcher would have if he were a surgeon
Mary Pettibone Poole
- 1439 Culture is like the sum of special knowledge that accumulates in
any large united family and is the common property of all its
members When we of the great Culture Family meet, we exchange
remembrances about Grandfather Homer and that awful old Dr
Johnson, and Aunt Sappho and poor Johnny Keats *Aldous
Huxley*

- 1440 She invariably was first over the fence in the mad pursuit of culture *George Ade*

CURIOSITY

- 1441 Zaccheus he,
Did climb a tree,
His Lord to see *New England Primer*
- 1442 You know what a woman's curiosity is—almost as great as a man's *Oscar Wilde*
- 1443 The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything except what is worth knowing *Ibid*
- 1444 The things most people want to know about are usually none of their business *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1445 History may be read as the story of the magnificent rearguard action fought during several thousand years by dogma against curiosity *Robert Lynd*
- 1446 A man should live if only to satisfy his curiosity *Yiddish Proverb*

CUSTOM

- 1447 Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else, this is not advice, it is merely custom *Mark Twain*
- 1448 When the Quaker Penn kept his hat on in the royal presence, Charles [King Charles II] politely removed his, explaining that it was the custom in that place for only one person at a time to remain covered *Arthur Bryant*
- 1449 The difference between law and custom is that it takes a lot of nerve to violate a custom *Anonymous*

CYNIC

- 1450 To the cynic nothing is ever revealed *Oscar Wilde*
- 1451 A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing *Ibid*
- 1452 Cynicism is intellectual dandyism *George Meredith*
- 1453 A cynic is just a man who found out when he was about ten that there wasn't any Santa Claus, and he's still upset *James Gould Cozzens*
- 1454 A cynic is a man who looks at the world with a monocle in his mind's eye *Carolyn Wells*
- 1455 A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin *H L Mencken*
- 1456 It takes a clever man to turn cynic, and a wise man to be clever enough not to *Fannie Hurst*
- 1457 Cynic a blackguard whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1458 Cynic a man who tells you the truth about your own motives *Russell Green*
- 1459 The cynics, those canine philosophers *St Augustine*

CZAR

- 1460 When the Czar gives an egg he takes a hen *Russian Proverb*
 1461 When the Czar has a cold all Russia coughs *Ibid*

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DANCING

- 1462 I don't think much of a dance step where the girl looks like she was being carried out of a burning building *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
 1463 Dancing wonderful training for girls, it's the first way you learn to guess what a man is going to do before he does it *Christopher Morley*
 1464 Some dance floors are so crowded you can't tell who your partner is *Judge*

DANGER

- 1465 The only great danger that exists is man himself *C F Jung*
 1466 The most dangerous thing in the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps *David Lloyd George*
 1467 I asked a Burmese why women, after centuries of following their men now walk ahead. He said there were many unexploded land mines since the war *Robert Mueller*

DARLING

- 1468 Darling the popular form of address used in speaking to a person of the opposite sex whose name you cannot at the moment recall *Oliver Herford*

DAUGHTER

- 1469 A daughter is an embarrassing and ticklish possession *Menander*
 1470 Brilliant daughter, cranky wife *Dutch Proverb*

DAWN

- 1471 Dawn the time when men of reason go to bed *Ambrose Bierce*

DEAD

- 1472 What if a man is buried alive from time to time. For every such person there are a hundred dead men walking the earth *Georg C Lichtenberg*

DEAF

- 1473 He thinks himself deaf because he no longer hears himself talked of *Charles M de Talleyrand-Perigord speaking of Chateaubriand in his old age*

DEATH

- 1474 Only the young die good *Oliver Herford*
 1475 Death seems to provide the minds of the Anglo-Saxon race with a

- greater fund of innocent amusement than any other single subject
Dorothy L Sayers
- 1476 All our knowledge merely helps us to die a more painful death than the animals that know nothing *Maurice Maeterlinck*
- 1477 A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own *Thomas Mann*
- 1478 I know of nobody that has a mind to die this year *Thomas Fuller*
- 1479 Tyrawley and I have been dead these two years, but we don't choose to have it known *Lord Chesterfield*
- 1480 When a man dies, and his kin are glad of it they say, "He is better off" *Edgar W Howe*
- 1481 I don't think anything is ever quite the same to us after we are dead *Don Marquis*
- 1482 Death to stop sinning suddenly *Elbert Hubbard*
- 1483 Everything comes to him who waits—among other things, death *Francis H Bradley*
- 1484 The long habit of living indisposeth us for dying *Sir Thomas Browne*
- 1485 We all labor against our own cure for death is the cure of all diseases *Ibid*
- 1486 The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated *Mark Twain*
- 1487 Those who welcome death have only tried it from the ears up *Wilson Mizner*
- 1488 One can survive everything nowadays except death *Oscar Wilde*
- 1489 My wallpaper is killing me One of us must go *Ibid as he lay dying in the Hotel d Alsace in Paris*
- 1490 I am informed from many quarters that a rumor has been put about that I died this morning [February, 1951] This is quite untrue *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 1491 I cannot forgive my friends for dying I do not find these vanishing acts of theirs at all amusing *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 1492 Death rides a fast camel *Arab Proverb*
- 1493 *To his physician who said General, I fear the angels are waiting for you' Waiting, are they? Waiting, are they? Well let 'em wait! Ethan Allen*

DEBATE

- 1494 It's better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it *Joseph Joubert*

DEBT

- 1495 Debt is a trap which a man sets and baits himself, and then he liberately gets into *Josh Billings*
- 1496 Never run into debt, not if you can find anything else to run into *Ibid*

- 1497 God forbid that I should be out of debt, as if indeed I could not be trusted *François Rabelais*
- 1498 If you want the time to pass quickly just give your note for ninety days *Robert Bailey Thomas*
- 1499 A man properly must pay the fiddler In my case it so happened that a whole symphony orchestra often had to be subsidized *John Barrymore*
- 1500 In the midst of life we are in debt *Ethel Watts Mumford*
- 1501 Debts shorten life *Joseph Joubert*
- 1502 The old woman who triumphantly announced that she had borrowed money enough to pay all her debts *P L Lord*
- 1503 It is only by not paying our bills that we can hope to live in the memory of the commercial classes *Oscar Wilde*
- 1504 You are not in debt Sextus I assure you Sextus you are not in debt, for a man is in debt Sextus only if he can pay *Martial*
- 1505 Some people use one half of their ingenuity to get into debt and the other half to avoid paying it *George D Prentice*
- 1506 A small debt produces a debtor a large one an enemy *Publilius Syrus*
- 1507 Scientists say that certain musical notes can prevent sleep So can certain promissory notes professor *Arkansas Gazette*
- 1508 It is a sure sign of an improved character if you like paying debts as much as getting money *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 1509 The two greatest stimulants in the world are youth and debt *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1510 A habit of debt is very injurious to the memory *Austin O Malley*
- DECENCY
- 1511 Decency is indecency's conspiracy of silence *George Bernard Shaw*

DECEPTION

- 1512 The secret of life is to appreciate the pleasure of being terribly deceived *Oscar Wilde*
- 1513 If you deceive me once you are a scoundrel if you deceive me often you are a smart man *Yugoslavic Proverb*
- 1514 It is in the ability to deceive one's self that the greatest talent is shown *Anatole France*

DECISION

- 1515 Decide promptly, but never give any reasons Your decision may be right but your reasons are sure to be wrong *Lord Mansfield*
- 1516 A decision is the action an executive must take when he has information so incomplete that the answer does not suggest itself *Arthur William Radford*
- 1517 They are decided only to be undecided resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift all-powerful for impotence *Sir Winston Churchill*

DEFEND

- 1518 This beast is very wicked, when it is attacked, it defends itself
Jean de La Fontaine

DELAWARE

- 1519 A state that has three counties when the tide is out, and two when
it is in *J J Ingalls*

DELICATESSEN

- 1520 I let Earl go with me to a delicatessen just once We never could
afford it again *Mrs Earl Warren*
- 1521 I can never resist a delicatessen I hate eating alone, except things
you can sort of cuddle up on the couch with like potato salad
John Van Druten

DELINQUENCY

- 1522 I am convinced that every boy, in his heart, would rather steal
second base than an automobile *Tom C Clark*
- 1523 It is dangerous to confuse children with angels *David Maxwell
Fyfe*

DEMAGOGUE

- 1524 A wise fellow who is also worthless always charms the rabble
Euripides
- 1525 The demagogue is one who preaches doctrines he knows to be
untrue to men he knows to be idiots *H L Mencken*

DEMOCRACY

- 1526 Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for ap
pointment by the corrupt few *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1527 Democracy becomes a government of bullies tempered by editors
Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 1528 Democracy is also a form of religion, it is the worship of jackals by
jackasses *H L Mencken*
- 1529 In democracies, those who lead follow, those who follow lead *Hol
brook Jackson*
- 1530 All real democracy is an attempt (like that of a jolly hostess) to
bring the shy people out *G K Chesterton*
- 1531 Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy
means government by the badly educated *Ibid*
- 1532 A fanatical belief in democracy makes democratic institutions im
possible *Bertrand Russell*
- 1533 Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the
people are right more than half of the time *E B White*
- 1534 Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people, by the
people, for the people *Oscar Wilde*
- 1535 Democracy is good I say this because other systems are worse
Jawaharlal Nehru

- 1536 Democracy is a condition where people believe that other people are as good as they are *Stuart Chase*
- 1537 Strip the human race absolutely naked and it would be a real democracy But the introduction of even a rag of tiger skin or a cow tail, could make a badge of distinction and be the beginning of a monarchy *Mark Twain*
- 1538 Democracy down here is like a baby—and nobody gives a baby everything to eat right away I'm giving 'em liberty but in my style *Anastasio Somoza*
- 1539 When everybody is somebody, then nobody is anybody *Anonymous*
- 1540 Democracy is liberty plus economic security We Americans want to pray, think as we please—and eat regular *Maury Maverick*

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

- 1541 The Democratic Party is like a mule It has neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity *Ignatius Donnelly*
- 1542 The Democratic Party is like a man riding backward in a carriage It never sees a thing until it has gone by *Benjamin F Butler*
- 1543 I never said all Democrats were saloonkeepers What I said was that all saloonkeepers were Democrats *Horace Greeley*

DENOMINATIONS

- 1544 It is becoming impossible for those who mix with their fellowmen to believe that the grace of God is distributed denominationally *William R Inge*

DENTIST

- 1545 Dentists and solicitors These are the people to whom we always show our best side *Samuel Butler*
- 1546 Dentist a prestidigitator who putting metal in your mouth pulls coins out of your pocket *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1547 A dentist at work in his vocation always looks down in the mouth *George D Prentice*
- 1548 For the dental association we suggest the slogan 'Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you' *Anonymous*

DENUNCIATION

- 1549 The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people and greatly assists the circulation of their blood *Logan Pearsall Smith*

DEPENDABLE

- 1550 Grant stood by me when I was crazy, and I stood by him when he was drunk, and now we stand by each other *William Tecumseh Sherman*

DEPRESSION

- 1551 Once upon a time my political opponents honored me as possessing

the fabulous intellectual and economic power by which I created a worldwide depression all by myself *Herbert Hoover*

- 1552 Depressions may bring people closer to the church—but so do funerals *Clarence Darrow*
- 1553 The times are not so bad as they seem, they couldn't be *Jay Franklin*

DESCRIPTION

- 1554 He was white and shaken, like a dry martini *P G Wodehouse*
- 1555 Well, I'm about as tall as a shotgun, and just as noisy *Truman Capote*

DESERTION

- 1556 The poor man's method of divorce *Arthur Garfield Hays*

DESIRE

- 1557 Any time you don't want anything you get it *Calvin Coolidge*
- 1558 There are two tragedies in life. One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to gain it. *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1559 I like to walk down Bond Street, thinking of all the things I don't desire. *Logan Pearsall Smith*

DESPISE

- 1560 I despise the pleasure of pleasing people whom I despise. *Mary Wortley Montagu*
- 1561 He despises men with tenderness. *Anatole France*

DESPONDENCY

- 1562 An expression of self-satisfied despondency appeared on his dry face. *Maxim Gorky*

DESTINY

- 1563 He that's born to be hanged needn't fear water. *Irish Proverb*

DESTRUCTION

- 1564 A rat who gnaws at a cat's tail invites destruction. *Chinese Proverb*

DETAILS

- 1565 One should absorb the color of life, but one should never remember its details. Details are always vulgar. *Oscar Wilde*

DETECTIVE

- 1566 My theory is that people who don't like detective stories are anarchists. *Rex Stout*
- 1567 I'm having a wonderful time. I can't figure out who did the killing. *Mary Roberts Rinehart*

DETOUR

- 1568 Something that lengthens your mileage, diminishes your gas and strengthens your vocabulary. *Oliver Herford*

DEVIL

- 1569 The Devil is a gentleman who never goes where he is not welcome
John A Lincoln
- 1570 The Devil was sick—the Devil a monk would be,
The Devil was well—the Devil a monk was he *François Rabelais*
- 1571 The Devil comes where money is where it is not he comes twice
Swedish Proverb
- 1572 All religions issue Bibles against Satan and say the most injurious
things against him but we never hear his side *Mark Twain*
- 1573 An apology for the Devil It must be remembered that we have
only heard one side of the case God has written all the books
Samuel Butler

DIAGNOSIS

- 1574 Diagnosis is one of the commonest diseases *Karl Kraus*

DIAMONDS

- 1575 Let us not be too particular it is better to have old secondhand
diamonds than none at all *Mark Twain*

DIARY

- 1576 It is a sort of 'white book' concerning my negotiations with myself—
and God *Dag Hammarskjold*
- 1577 Everyone should keep someone else's diary *Oscar Wilde*

DICE

- 1578 The best throw of the dice is to throw them away *Austin O Malley*

DICKENS, CHARLES

- 1579 One must have a heart of stone to read the death of Little Nell
without laughing *Oscar Wilde*

DICTATORS

- 1580 It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarian-
ism, while the wolf remains of a different opinion *William R
Inge*

DICTIONARY

- 1581 Dictionaries are like watches the worst is better than none and
the best cannot be expected to go quite true *Samuel Johnson*
- 1582 The trouble with the dictionary is that you have to know how a
word is spelled before you can look it up to see how it is spelled
Will Cuppy
- 1583 Dictionary a malevolent literary device for cramping the growth
of a language and making it hard and inelastic *Ambrose Bierce*

DIFFERENCE

- 1584 The difference between Balfour and Asquith is that Arthur is
wicked and moral, Asquith is good and immoral *Sir Winston
Churchill*

- 1585 There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist—
the taxidermist leaves the hide *Mortimer Caplan*
- 1586 The difference between us and our neighbor is that we don't tell half
of what we know while he doesn't know half of what he tells
George D Prentice
- 1587 When a man and woman die, as poets sung,
His heart's the last part moves her last the tongue *Benjamin
Franklin*

DIFFICULT

- 1588 Don't argue about the difficulties. The difficulties will argue for
themselves *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 1589 The difficult part about making good is that you have to repeat it
every day *Herbert V Prochnow*

DIGESTION

- 1590 Indigestion is—that inward fate
Which makes all Styx through one small liver flow *Lord Byron*
- 1591 To eat is human to digest divine *Charles Townsend Copeland*
- 1592 I am convinced digestion is the great secret of life *Sydney Smith*
- 1593 Indigestion is charged by God with enforcing morality on the
stomach *Victor Hugo*

DIGNITY

- 1594 The eagle does not catch flies *Anonymous*
- 1595 He [Robert Peel] never unbuttons himself *Anonymous*
- 1596 Dignity is like a top hat. Neither is very much use when you are
standing on it *Christopher Hollis*
- 1597 It is only people of small moral stature who have to stand on their
dignity *Arnold Bennett*
- 1598 All celebrated people lose dignity on a close view *Napoleon I*

DIMPLE

- 1599 A dimple in the chin, a devil within *Irish Proverb*

DINING

- 1600 I maintain that though you would often in the fifteenth century have
heard the snobbish Roman say in a would-be offhand tone, 'I am
dining with the Borgias tonight,' no Roman ever was able to say,
'I dined last night with the Borgias' *Max Beerbohm*

DINNER

- 1601 A man seldom thinks with more earnestness of anything than he
does of his dinner *Samuel Johnson*
- 1602 A man is in general better pleased when he has a good dinner on
his table, than when his wife talks Greek *Ibid*
- 1603 This was a good enough dinner, to be sure but it was not a dinner
to ask a man to *Ibid*

- 1604 At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely *W Somerset Maugham*
- 1605 After a good dinner one forgives everyone—even relations *Oscar Wilde*
- 1606 All human history attests
That happiness for man—the hungry sinner—
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner! *Lord Byron*
- 1607 I go by tummy time and I want my dinner *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 1608 There's somebody at every dinner party who eats all the celery *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1609 Heavenly Father bless us
And keep us all alive
There's ten of us to dinner
And not enough for five *Anonymous*
- 1610 Nice eaters seldom meet with a good dinner *Thomas Fuller*
- 1611 The family that dines the latest
Is in our street esteemed the greatest *Henry Fielding*

DIPLOMACY

- 1612 Diplomacy is to do and say
The nastiest things in the nicest way *Isaac Goldberg*
- 1613 The atmosphere of accredited mendacity *Lord Acton*
- 1614 Diplomacy the patriotic art of lying for one's country *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1615 International arbitration may be defined as the substitution of many burning questions for a smoldering one *Ibid*
- 1616 Diplomacy is the art of letting someone have your way *Daniele Vare*
- 1617 American diplomacy is easy on the brain but hell on the feet *Charles Gates Dawes*
- 1618 The art of acceptance is the art of making someone who has just done you a small favor wish that he might have done you a greater one *Russell Lynes*
- 1619 Conferences at the top level are always courteous Name calling is left to the foreign ministers *Averell Harriman*
- 1620 All ambassadors make love and are very nice and useful to people who travel *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1621 Diplomacy lying in state *Oliver Herford*

DIPLOMAT

- 1622 It is fortunate that diplomats generally have long noses, since usually they cannot see beyond them *Anonymous*
- 1623 When a diplomat says yes he means perhaps, when he says perhaps he means no when he says no he is no diplomat *Anonymous*
- 1624 I have discovered the art of deceiving diplomats I speak the truth, and they never believe me *Count di Cavour*

- 1625 The two maxims of any great man at court are, always to keep his countenance and never to keep his word *Jonathan Swift*
- 1626 I know just how to cure the world
And make it safe and stable
But I haven't time to do it,
And those that have, aren't able *Leverett Lyon*
- 1627 Diplomats are useful only in fair weather As soon as it rains they drown in every drop *General Charles de Gaulle*
- 1628 A diplomat leads a difficult life When he isn't straddling an issue, he is dodging one *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 1629 A diplomatist is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age *Robert Frost*

DIRT

- 1630 Dirt is not dirt, but only matter in the wrong place *Lord Palmerston*

DISAGREEABLE

- 1631 When I reflect on the number of disagreeable people who I know have gone to a better world I am moved to lead a different life *Mark Twain*

DISAGREEMENT

- 1632 To disagree with three fourths of the British public on all points is one of the first elements of sanity, one of the deepest consolations in all moments of spiritual doubt *Oscar Wilde*

DISAPPOINTMENT

- 1633 Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed *Alexander Pope*

DISCIPLINE

- 1634 To do each day two things one dislikes is a precept I have followed scrupulously, every day I have got up and I have gone to bed *W Somerset Maugham*

DISCRETION

- 1635 An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit *John Ray*
- 1636 What is called discretion in men is called cunning in animals *Jean de La Fontaine*
- 1637 The age of discretion is reached when one has learned to be indiscreet discreetly *Anonymous*

DISCUSSION

- 1638 Discussion a method of confirming others in their errors *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1639 I never discuss discussions *Dag Hammarskjold*
- 1640 He is more apt to contribute heat than light to a discussion *Woodrow Wilson*

DISEASE

- 1641 Disease is the retribution of outraged Nature *Hosea Ballou*

1642 The diseases of the present have little in common with the diseases of the past save that we die of them *Agnes Repplier*

DISLIKE

1643 I could do without your face Chloe, and without your neck, and your hands and your limbs and, to save myself the trouble of mentioning the points in detail I could do without you altogether *Martial*

1644 There are always people whom it is a privilege to dislike—a privilege one would miss by not knowing them *Willis Fisher*

1645 If people are made to do what they dislike you must allow for a little ill humor *Lord Melbourne*

1646 What you dislike for yourself do not like for me *Spanish Proverb*

DISPOSITION

1647 He [Charles Dickens] had the supreme character of a domestic despot—that his good temper was, if possible, more despotic than his bad temper *G K Chesterton*

DISPUTE

1648 A long dispute means that both parties are wrong *Voltaire*

DISRESPECT

1649 I heard him speak disrespectfully of the equator *Sydney Smith*

DISTRUST

1650 On one issue at least men and women agree they both distrust women *H L Mencken*

DIVORCE

1651 People wouldn't get divorced for such trivial reasons if they didn't get married for such trivial reasons *Bridgeport Star*

1652 Marriage originates when a man meets the only woman who really understands him So does divorce *Ohio State Sun Dial*

1653 Divorce dates from just about the same time as marriage, I think that marriage is a few weeks the more ancient *Voltaire*

1654 I sincerely regret all my divorces, because I don't like anything to be unsuccessful *John Paul Getty*

DIXIE

1655 There is no one on earth who is more patriotically devoted—verbally, at least—to the region from which he came than the American from the Southern portion of the United States He is willing to do almost everything, in fact, for dear old Dixie, except to return permanently to her to live *Thomas Wolfe*

DOCTOR

1656 A doctor gets no pleasure out of the health of his friends *Michel de Montaigne*

1657 The medical profession, because of the public attitude, is made up

- largely of troubleshooters and repairmen when maintenance men are what are most needed *C C and S M Furnas*
- 1658 A clever doctor never treats himself *Chinese Proverb*
- 1659 I do not love thee, Doctor Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell,
But this alone I know full well,
I do not love thee, Doctor Fell *Thomas Brown*
- 1660 Doctors will have more lives to answer for in the next world than even we generals *Napoleon I*
- 1661 See, one physician, like a sculler, plies,
The patient lingers and by inches dies
But two physicians, like a pair of oars,
Waft him more swiftly to the Stygian shores *Joseph Jekyll*
- 1662 The best doctor is the one you run for and can't find *Denis Diderot*
- 1663 A specialist is one who has his patients trained to become ill only in his office hours A general practitioner is likely to be called off the golf course at any time *Kansas City Star*
- 1664 A doctor said, "Only heirs pay well" *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 1665 There's another advantage of being poor—a doctor will cure you faster *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1666 Live so that you stick out your tongue at the insurance doctor *Don Marquis*
- 1667 God heals, and the doctor takes the fee *Benjamin Franklin*
- 1668 What I call a good patient is one who having found a good physician, sticks to him till he dies *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 1669 Joy and Temperance and Repose
Slam the door on the doctor's nose *Henry W Longfellow*
- 1670 Console yourself with the reflection that you are giving the doctor pleasure, and that he is getting paid for it *Mark Twain giving advice for a proper frame of mind for undergoing a surgical operation*
- 1671 The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease *Voltaire*
- 1672 Doctors pour drugs of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, into human beings of whom they know nothing *Ibid*
- 1673 My father often boasted that when he left medical school he knew a little anatomy, less physiology and one drug, ipecac *S W Vandegrift*
- 1674 They murmured as they took their fees
'There is no cure for this disease" *Hilare Belloc*
- 1675 When I was young there were children's doctors but no pediatricians ear-nose-and-throat surgeons but no otolaryngologists, skin

doctors but no dermatologists, mad doctors but no psychiatrists
Sir Ernest Gowers

DOCTRINE

1676 Doctrine is nothing but the skin of truth set up and stuffed *Henry Ward Beecher*

DOG

1677 The dog has seldom been successful in pulling man up to its level of sagacity but man has frequently dragged the dog down to his
James Thurber

1678 *Engraved on the collar of His Highness dog*

I am His Highness dog at Kew

Pray tell me, sir, whose dog are you? *Alexander Pope*

1679 Dachshund a dog and a half long and a half a dog high *Unknown*

1680 If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you, that is the principal difference between a dog and a man *Mark Twain*

1681 When a man's dog turns against him it is time for a wife to pack her trunk and go home to mamma *Ibid*

1682 Oh, the saddest of sights in a world of sin

Is a little lost pup with his tail tucked in! *Arthur Guiterman*

1683 The nose of the bulldog has been slanted backwards so that he can breathe without letting go *Sir Winston Churchill*

✓ 1684 To his dog every man is Napoleon hence the constant popularity of dogs *Aldous Huxley*

1685 They say a reasonable number of fleas is good for a dog—keeps him from broodin' over bein a dog *Edward Noyes Westcott*

1686 If the old dog barks he gives counsel *George Herbert*

1687 The dog is the only animal who has seen his God *Anonymous*

1688 Bark This is a sound made by dogs when excited Dogs bark at milkmen postmen, yourself, visitors to the house and other dogs, some of them bark at nothing For some reason dogs tend not to bark at burglars bailiffs and income tax collectors, at whom they wag their tails in the most friendly manner *Geoffrey Williams*

1689 No man is so poor that he can't afford to keep one dog and I've seen them so poor that they could afford to keep three *Josh Billings*

1690 Money will buy a pretty good dog but it won't buy the wag of his tail *Ibid*

1691 The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too *Samuel Butler*

1692 Who is the man who can call from his back door at night Here, Champion Alexander of Clane o Wind-Holme! Here Champion Alexander of Clane o Wind Holme'? *Westbrook Pegler*

1693 A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down *Robert Benchley*

DOGMA

1694 Every dogma must have its day *Carolyn Wells*

1695 Dogmatism is puppyism come to its full growth *Douglas Jerrold*

DOING

1696 He who wants to do everything will never do anything *Andre Maurois*

1697 A man can never have too much time to himself, nor too little to do. Had I a little son, I would christen him 'Nothing-to do', he should do nothing. Man, I verily believe, is out of his element as long as he is operative *Charles Lamb*

1698 Never learn to do anything. If you don't learn you'll always find someone else to do it for you *Mark Twain's Mother*

1699 If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly *G. K. Chesterton*

DOLLAR

1700 A good many foreigners think the eagle on the American dollar is the bird of paradise *Anonymous*

1701 The happiest time in any man's life is when he is in red-hot pursuit of a dollar with a reasonable prospect of overtaking it *Josh Billings*

DOORKNOB

1702 A doorknob is a thing a revolving door goes around without *Anonymous*

DOUBT

1703 Of that there is no manner of doubt—
No probable, possible shadow of doubt—
No possible doubt whatever *W. S. Gilbert*

1704 When in doubt, tell the truth *Mark Twain*

1705 When in danger or in doubt
Run in circles, yell and shout *Naval Academy Couplet*

DOWN

1706 Lord, I've been down so long,
Down don't worry me *American Negro Song*

DOZING

1707 If we can develop some way in which a man can doze and still keep from making a monkey of himself, we have removed one of the big obstacles to human happiness in modern civilization *Robert Benchley*

DRAMATIST

1708 Dramatist one who adapts plays from the French *Ambrose Bierce*

DRAWING

- 1709 Drawing is speaking to the eye, talking is painting to the ear
Joseph Joubert

DREAMS

- 1710 A child awakened out of a deep sleep expressed all the crying babies and all the weeping idealists in the world 'Oh dear,' he said, "I have lost my place in my dream" *Lincoln Steffens*
- 1711 In sleep every dog dreams of food, and I, a fisherman dream of fish *Theocritus*
- 1712 My life's dream has been a perpetual nightmare *Voltaire*
- 1713 The smaller the head, the bigger the dream *Austin O Malley*
- 1714 You see things and you say "Why? But I dream things that never were, and I say Why not?" *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1715 Don't tell me what you dreamed last night for I've been reading Freud *Franklin P Adams*

DRESS

- 1716 A really rich man is careless of his dress *Chinese Proverb*
- 1717 You couldn't tell if she were dressed for an opera or an operation *Irvin S Cobb*
- 1718 Woman's first duty in life is to her dressmaker What the second duty is no one has yet discovered *Oscar Wilde*

DRINK

- 1719 If on my theme I rightly think,
There are five reasons why men drink,
Good wine, a friend, or being dry,
Or lest we should be by and by,
Or any other reason why *Henry Aldrich*
- 1720 I've heard him renounce wine a hundred times a day, but then it has been between as many glasses *Douglas Jerrold*
- 1721 We drink one another's healths and spoil our own *Jerome K Jerome*
- ✓ 1722 I drink when I have occasion and sometimes when I have no occasion *Miguel de Cervantes*
- 1723 When I drink, I think and when I think, I drink *François Rabelais*
- 1724 Absinthe makes the heart grow fonder *Addison Mizner*
- 1725 Wine is the drink of the gods, milk the drink of babies, tea the drink of women, beer the drink of Germans, and water the drink of beasts *John Stuart Blackie*
- ✓ 1726 Abstainer a weak person who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1727 Drink because you are happy, but never because you are miserable *G K Chesterton*

- 1728 "I rather like bad wine," said Mr Mountchesney "one gets so bored with good wine" *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1729 Sir I do not say it is wrong to produce self complacency by drinking I only deny that it improves the mind *Samuel Johnson*
- 1730 What shall we drink? Whatever you please—only let it be champagne *Tolstoi*
- 1731 Man in all periods has been willing to walk miles for a drink, but not for a bath *Lawrence Wright*
- 1732 When drinks in wits out *Scottish Proverb*
- 1733 For each composer he liked to dispense the appropriate drink for Mozart, champagne, for Shubert, claret for Wagner beer, for Mahler tea Beethoven he said, was too great to be played except in solitude *R C Robertson Glasgow*
- 1734 There are two things that will be believed of any man whosoever, and one of them is that he has taken to drink *Booth Tarkington*
- 1735 A bumper of good liquor
Will end a contest quicker
Than justice, judge or vicar *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- 1736 The Persians are very fond of wine It is also their general practice to deliberate upon affairs of weight when they are drunk and that on the morning, when they are sober, the decision to which they came the night before is put before them by the master of the house in which it was made and if it is then approved they act on it if not, they set it aside Sometimes however they are sober at their first deliberations, but in this case they always reconsider the matter under the influence of wine *Herodotus*
- ✓ 1737 Nothing can be more frequent than an occasional drink *Ohio State Journal*
- 1738 Candy
is dandy
But liquor
is quicker *Ogden Nash*
- 1739 I would appeal to Philip, she said but to Philip sober *Valerius Maximus*
- 1740 Drinking makes such fools of people and people are such fools to begin with that it's compounding a felony *Robert Benchley*
- 1741 Many a man keeps on drinking till he hasn't a coat to either his back or his stomach *George D Prentice*
- 1742 One swallow doesn't make a summer, but too many swallows make a fall *Ibid*
- 1743 A soft drink turneth away company *Oliver Herford*
- 1744 Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody *Mark Twain*
- DROMEDARY
- 1745 The Dromedary is a cheerful bird,
I cannot say the same about the Kurd *Hilaire Belloc*

DROP

- 1746 Mrs Montagu has dropt me Now, sir, there are people whom one should like very well to drop but would not wish to be dropt by
Samuel Johnson

DRUGS

- 1747 Half the modern drugs could well be thrown out the window, except that the birds might eat them
Martin H Fischer

DULL

- 1748 Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast
Oscar Wilde
1749 We are born in an age when only the dull are treated seriously
Ibid
1750 Dullness is the coming of age of seriousness
Ibid
1751 He was dull in a new way and that made many think him great
Samuel Johnson
1752 [Thomas Sheridan] is dull, naturally dull but it must have taken him a great deal of pains to become what we now see him Such excess of stupidity, sir, is not in Nature
Ibid
1753 He is not only dull himself, but the cause of dullness in others
Samuel Foote

DUMB

- 1754 While he was not dumber than an ox he was not any smarter
James Thurber

DUTY

- 1755 Duties are not performed for duty's sake, but because their neglect would make the man uncomfortable A man performs but one duty—the duty of contenting his spirit, the duty of making himself agreeable to himself
Mark Twain
1756 Duty that which sternly impels us in the direction of profit, along the line of desire
Ambrose Bierce
1757 He seen his duty and he done it
American Saying
1758 One has two duties—to be worried, and not to be worried
E M Forster
1759 The first duty in life is to be as artificial as possible What the second duty is no one has yet discovered
Oscar Wilde
1760 Duty is what one expects from others it is not what one does oneself
Ibid
1761 When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of he always declares that it is his duty
George Bernard Shaw
1762 It is seldom very hard to do one's duty when one knows what it is, but it is often exceedingly difficult to find this out
Samuel Butler
1763 A sense of duty is useful in work but offensive in personal relations
Bertrand Russell

DYING

- 1764 I am dying, sir of a hundred good symptoms
Alexander Pope

- 1765 Few men ever drop dead from overwork, but many quietly curl up and die because of undersatisfaction *Sydney Harris*
- 1766 "If ye just about half live ye just the same as half-die, and if ye spend yer time half-dyin someday ye turn in and die all over without rightly meanin' to at all—just a kind o' bad habit ye've got yerself inter ' *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*
- 1767 The best way to get praise is to die *Italian Proverb*
- DYSPEPTIC
- 1768 A dyspeptic is a man that can eat his cake and have it, too *Austin O Malley*
- 1769 No dyspeptic can have a sane outlook on life *Sir William Osler*

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- EAR
- 1770 My ear is a pelican pouch, my friend it takes and keeps, but does not swallow till it wants *George Meredith*
- 1771 He that hath ears to hear, let him stuff them with cotton *William M Thackeray*
- EARLY RISING
- 1772 No man practices so well as he writes I have, all my life long, been lying till noon yet I tell all young men and tell them with great sincerity, that nobody who does not rise early will ever do any good *Samuel Johnson*
- 1773 I am not an early riser The self respect which other men enjoy in rising early I feel due to me for waking up at all *William Gerhardt*
- 1774 It is the early worm that is got by the bird, and the early Christian who is got by the lion *William R Inge*
- 1775 Well enough for old folks to rise early, because they have done so many mean things all their lives they can't sleep anyhow *Mark Twain*
- 1776 There is not a single proverb in favor of early rising that appeals to the higher nature of man *Robert Lynd*
- 1777 We can heat the body, we can cool it we can give it tension or relaxation and surely it is possible to bring it into a state in which rising from bed will not be a pain *James Boswell*
- EARNEST
- 1778 Earnest people are often people who habitually look on the serious side of things that have no serious side *Van Wyck Brooks*
- EARTH
- 1779 Man makes a great fuss
About this planet
Which is only a ball bearing
In the hub of the universe *Christopher Morley*

- 1780 The lunatic asylum of the solar system *Samuel Parkes Cadman*
 1781 It is a bawdy planet *William Shakespeare*

EASE

- 1782 A life of ease is a difficult pursuit *William Cowper*
 1783 Never do anything standing that you can do sitting or anything sitting that you can do lying down *Chinese Proverb*

EAST

- 1784 It was easier to conquer the East than to know what to do with it
Horace Walpole
 1785 The farther I journey toward the West, the more convinced I am that the wise men came from the East *William Davy*
 1786 East and West shall meet—when each discovers the other to be a gentleman *Lin Yutang*
 1787 Too far East is West *Richard Chenevix Trench*

EASTER

- 1788 At Easter let your clothes be new
Or else be sure you will it rue *Old English Rhyme*

EATING

- 1789 The whole of nature is a conjunction of the verb eat in the active and passive *William R Inge*
 1790 I have heard it remarked by a statesman of high reputation that most great men have died of overeating themselves *Sir Henry Taylor*
 1791 In general mankind, since the improvement of cookery, eat twice as much as nature requires *Benjamin Franklin*
 1792 I saw few die of hunger of eating—100,000 *Ibid*
 1793 Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside *Mark Twain*
 1794 Most people eat as though they were fattening themselves for the market *Edgar W Howe*
 1795 Jack Sprat could eat no fat,
His wife could eat no lean
And so between the two of them
They licked the platter clean *English Nursery Rhyme*
 1796 It isn't so much what's on the table that matters, as what's on the chairs *W S Gilbert*
 1797 He was an ingenious man that first found out eating and drinking
Jonathan Swift

ECCENTRIC

- 1798 He pasted picture postcards around goldfish bowls to make the goldfish think they were going places *Fred Allen*
 1799 Be virtuous and you will be eccentric *Mark Twain*
 1800 Eccentricity is originality without sense *John Stuart Blackie*

ECONOMICS

- 1801 It's called political economy because it has nothing to do with either politics or economy *Stephen Leacock*
- 1802 If ignorance paid dividends, most Americans could make a fortune out of what they don't know about economics *Luther Hodges*
- 1803 Only one fellow in ten thousand understands the currency question, and we meet him every day *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1804 Nine out of ten economic laws are economic laws only till they are found out *Robert Lynd*

ECONOMISTS

- 1805 The instability of the economy is equaled only by the instability of the economists *John H Williams*
- 1806 John Stuart Mill,
By a mighty effort of will,
Overcame his natural bonhomie
And wrote *Principles of Political Economy* *Edmund Clerhew Bentley*
- 1807 I've always considered writing important I went through all the stages that economists go through from jargon to lucidity and on the way I passed through the sesquipedalian [weakness for using big words] stage *Arthur Burns*
- 1808 to avoid the conclusion that economists are persons who earn their living by taking in one another's definitions for mangling *Sir William Beveridge*
- 1809 If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1810 Economists now say we move in cycles instead of running around in circles It sounds better, but it means the same *Anonymous*

ECONOMY

- 1811 Economy is going without something you do want, in case you should someday want something which you probably won't want *Anthony Hope*
- 1812 Economy the wealth of the poor and the wisdom of the rich *Alexandre Dumas pere*

EDITOR

- 1813 Editor a person employed on a newspaper, whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed *Elbert Hubbard*
- 1814 There are just two people entitled to refer to themselves as "we", one is the editor and the other is the fellow with a tapeworm *Edgar Wilson Nye*
- 1815 Of all my Merry Christmas cards,
This was the cutest quip
'Merry Christmas' from an editor
On a rejection slip! *Leverett Lyon*

- 1816 I am not an editor of a newspaper and shall always try to do right and be good so that God will not make me one *Mark Twain*
- 1817 Editors are constantly on the watch to discover new talents in old names *Israel Zangwill*
- EDUCATION
- 1818 The college graduate is presented with a sheepskin to cover his intellectual nakedness *Robert M Hutchins*
- 1819 Whether four years of strenuous attention to football and fraternities is the best preparation for professional work has never been seriously investigated *Ibid*
- 1820 It has been said that we have not had the three R's in America, we had the six R's remedial readin , remedial ritin , and remedial 'rithmetic *Ibid*
- 1821 A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole rail road *Theodore Roosevelt*
- 1822 Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre but they are more deadly in the long run *Mark Twain*
- 1823 Education consists mainly in what we have unlearned *Ibid*
- 1824 I have never let my schooling interfere with my education *Ibid*
- 1825 Training is everything the peach was once a bitter almond cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education *Ibid*
- 1826 My education was so sound that I know hardly anything *Ronald Mackenzie*
- 1827 Education is not salesmanship No genuine teacher is trying to put something over *Alexander Meiklejohn*
- 1828 Very few can be trusted with an education *Louise Imogen Guiney*
- 1829 A college education shows a man how little other people know *Thomas C Haliburton*
- 1830 I was a modest, good-humored boy it is Oxford that has made me insufferable *Max Beerbohm*
- 1831 Half of the little education people have is usually wrong *Edgar W Howe*
- 1832 Education that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1833 It is tiresome to hear education discussed, tiresome to educate, and tiresome to be educated *Lord Melbourne*
- 1834 Anyone who has passed through the regular gradations of a classical education, and is not made a fool by it, may consider himself as having had a very narrow escape *William Hazlitt*
- 1835 Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught *Oscar Wilde*

- 1836 In examinations the foolish ask questions that the wise cannot answer *Ibid*
- 1837 I assure you that the number of things which I and my poor dear sister were taught not to understand was quite extraordinary *Ibid*
- 1838 Society produces rogues and education makes one rogue cleverer than another *Ibid*
- 1839 The whole theory of modern education is radically unsound Fortunately in England at any rate, education produces no effect whatsoever If it did it would prove a serious danger to the upper classes and probably lead to acts of violence in Grosvenor Square *Ibid*
- 1840 An educated man earns more And it seldom takes over ten years after graduating to get educated *Washington Post*
- 1841 Like every meddler with children who ever lived Rousseau wanted to educate poor Émile for a better world than this one *Aubrey Menen*
- 1842 Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self confidence *Robert Frost*
- 1843 The scramble to get into college is going to be so terrible in the next few years that students are going to put up with almost any thing even an education *Barnaby C Keeney*
- 1844 There is nothing so stupid as an educated man if you get off the thing that he was educated in *Will Rogers*
- 1845 It might be said now that I have the best of both worlds, a Harvard education and a Yale degree *John F Kennedy*
- 1846 The advantage of a classical education is that it enables you to despise the wealth which it prevents you from achieving *Russell Green*
- 1847 Education is the established church of the United States It is one of the religions that Americans believe in It has its own orthodoxy, its pontiffs and its noble buildings *Michael Sadler*
- 1848 I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education *Wilson Mizner*
- 1849 With half an hour's reading in bed every night as a steady practice, the busiest man can get a fair education before the plasma sets in the periganglionic spaces of his gray cortex *Sir William Osler*
- 1850 The greatest innovation in the world is the demand for education as a right of man, it is a disguised demand for comfort *Jacob Burckhardt*
- 1851 A Balliol education gives a man a tranquil sense of effortless superiority *Earl of Oxford and Asquith*
- 1852 "Whom are you?" said he, for he had been to night school *George Ade*
- 1853 Education is what remains when we have forgotten all that we have been taught *George S Halifax*

- 1854 We are students of words we are shut up in schools, and colleges and recitation rooms for ten or fifteen years and come out at last with a bag of wind a memory of words and do not know a thing *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 1855 Nothing is easier in America than to attend college and nothing harder than to get educated *Douglas Woodruff*
- 1856 The dons are too busy educating the young men to be able to teach them anything *Samuel Butler*
- 1857 When a man teaches something he does not know to somebody else who has no aptitude for it and gives him a certificate of proficiency the latter has undergone the education of a gentleman *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1858 Of course everybody likes and respects self made men It is a great deal better to be made in that way than not to be made at all *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 1859 Education is the process of driving a set of prejudices down your throat *Martin H Fischer*

EFFICIENT

- 1860 It's pretty hard to be efficient without being obnoxious *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 1861 He did nothing in particular,
And did it very well *W S Gilbert*

EGG

- 1862 A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg *Samuel Butler*
- 1863 An egg is always an adventure it may be different *Oscar Wilde*
- 1864 Probably one of the most private things in the world is an egg until it is broken *M F K Fisher*

EGGHEAD

- 1865 An egghead is one who stands firmly on both feet in midair on both sides of an issue *Homer Ferguson*

EGOISM

- 1866 How many years some of us have to spend in this world before we realize that we are not the center of observation! *E V Lucas*
- 1867 Talk to man about himself and he will listen for hours *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 1868 We go on fancying that each man is thinking of us, but he is not he is like us, he is thinking of himself *Charles Reade*
- 1869 Don't talk about yourself, it will be done when you leave *Addison Mizner*
- 1870 When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package *John Ruskin*
- 1871 Intolerance itself is a form of egoism, and to condemn egoism intolerantly is to share it *George Santayana*

- 1872 A wife encourages her husband's egoism in order to exercise her own *Russell Green*
- 1873 I never repeat anyone except myself *Ibid*
- 1874 Egotism speaks all sorts of languages and plays all sorts of roles even that of disinterestedness *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 1875 The reason why lovers are never weary of one another is this—they are always talking of themselves *Ibid*
- 1876 Cunning egotism if I cannot brag of knowing something, then I brag of not knowing it, at any rate brag *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 1877 Egotism is the anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity *Frank Leahy*
- 1878 Some of the greatest love affairs I've known have involved one actor—unassisted *Wilson Mizner*
- 1879 Other people are quite dreadful The only possible society is one's self *Oscar Wilde*
- 1880 What men, in their egoism, constantly mistake for a deficiency of intelligence in woman is merely an incapacity for mastering that mass of small intellectual tricks that complex of petty knowledge that collection of cerebral rubber stamps, which constitute the chief mental equipment of the average male *H L Mencken*
- 1881 You never say a word of yourself dear Lady Grey You have that dreadful sin of anti egotism *Sydney Smith*
- 1882 Egotist a person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1883 A self made man who worships his creator *John Bright*
- 1884 Every man thinks his own geese swans *German Proverb*

EINSTEIN, ALBERT

- 1885 My life is a simple thing that would interest no one It is a known fact that I was born and that is all that is necessary *Albert Einstein*

ELECTION

- 1886 In every election some good candidate receives the solid backing of all the good people who don't vote *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 1887 No matter whether the Constitution follows the flag or not the Supreme Court follows the election returns *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 1888 The idea that you can merchandise candidates for high office like breakfast cereal—that you can gather votes like box tops—is, I think the ultimate indignity to the democratic process *Adlai Stevenson*
- 1889 To the victor belong the toils *Ibid*

ELECTRON

- 1890 I hitched my wagon to an electron rather than the proverbial star *David Sarnoff*

1891 What is elegance Soap and water! *Cecil Beaton*

ELEGANCE

1892 A tail behind, a trunk in front
Complete the usual elephant
The tail in front the trunk behind,
Is what you very seldom find *A E Housman*

ELEPHANT

1893 When you have got an elephant by the hind legs and he is trying
to run away it's best to let him run *Abraham Lincoln*

1894 We held our breaths about two hours while an elephant twelve
paces away was silhouetted in the moonlight, listening to my wife's
snores And when we woke her she said, 'I never snore You've
got a fixation about it ' I replied So has the elephant" *Ernest
Hemingway*

ELOPEMENT

1895 If it were not for the presents, an elopement would be preferable
George Ade

1896 To elope is cowardly it is running away from danger and danger
has become so rare in modern life *Oscar Wilde*

ELOQUENCE

1897 Eloquence flourished most in Rome when public affairs were in
the worst condition *Michel de Montaigne*

1898 Noise proves nothing Often a hen who has merely laid an egg
cackles as if she laid an asteroid *Mark Twain*

1899 Continued eloquence wearies *Blaise Pascal*

EMBARRASSMENT

1900 It's always embarrassing to run unexpectedly into a girl you used to
be engaged to *P G Wodehouse*

EMERSON RALPH WALDO

1901 I doubt if Emerson could trundle a wheelbarrow through the streets,
because it would be out of character One needs to have a com-
prehensive character *Henry D Thoreau*

1902 Emerson is one who lives instinctively on ambrosia—and leaves
everything indigestible on his plate *F W Nietzsche*

EMINENCE

1903 His eminence was due to the flatness of the surrounding landscape
John Stuart Mill

1904 Let a dog bite a poor scholar and no one cares but if a scorpion
stung a mandarin, sympathizers come in crowds *Chinese Proverb*

EMOTIONS

1905 She ran the whole gamut of emotions from A to B *Dorothy Parker*

1906 The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray *Oscar
Wilde*

EMPIRE

- 1907 The Holy Roman Empire was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire *Voltaire*

EMPLOYMENT

- 1908 There is nothing amiable in being fired *Franklin P Adams*

ENCYCLOPEDIA

- 1909 To me the charm of an encyclopedia is that it knows—and I needn't *Francis Yeats-Brown*

ENEMY

- 1910 [Bernard Shaw] hasn't an enemy in the world, and none of his friends like him *Oscar Wilde*
- 1911 A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies *Ibid*
- 1912 I'm lonesome they are all dying I have hardly a warm personal enemy left *James McNeill Whistler*
- 1913 If you have no enemies you are apt to be in the same predicament in regard to friends *Elbert Hubbard*
- 1914 One should forgive one's enemies, but not before they are hanged *Heinrich Heine*
- 1915 My prayer to God is a very short one 'O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous' God has granted it *Voltaire*
- 1916 If you wish to make a man your enemy, tell him simply 'You are wrong' This method works every time *Henry G Link*
- 1917 The man who ain't got an enemy is really poor *Josh Billings*

ENGAGEMENT

- 1918 Long engagements give people the opportunity of finding out each other's character before marriage, which is never advisable *Oscar Wilde*
- 1919 An engagement is hardly a serious one that has not been broken off at least once *Ibid*

ENGLAND

- 1920 England produced Shakespeare, the British Empire the six-shilling novel *George Moore*
- 1921 A Frenchman who, having been three weeks here, proposed to write a book on England, after three months found he was not quite ready, and after three years concluded that he knew nothing about it *Herbert Spencer*
- 1922 Though I love my country I do not love my countrymen *Lord Byron*
- 1923 A scientist says 'Roast beef made England what she is today Moral: Eat more vegetables' *Anonymous*
- 1924 England has forty-two religions and only two sauces *Voltaire*
- 1925 The way to endure summer in England is to have it framed and glazed in a comfortable room *Horace Walpole*

- 1926 The climate of England has been the world's most powerful colonizing impulse *Russell Green*
- 1927 We don't bother much about dress and manners in England because as a nation we don't dress well and we've no manners *George Bernard Shaw*

ENGLAND AND AMERICA

- 1928 In England if something goes wrong—say if one finds a skunk in the garden—he writes to the family solicitor, who proceeds to take the proper measures, whereas in America you telephone the fire department. Each satisfies a characteristic need in the English love of order and legalistic procedure and here in America what you like is something vivid and red, and swift *Alfred North Whitehead*
- 1929 England and America are two countries separated by the same language *George Bernard Shaw*

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- 1930 I haven't been abroad in so long that I almost speak English without an accent *Robert Benchley*
- 1931 It is certain that more people speak English correctly in the United States than in Britain *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 1932 Vich I call addin' insult to injury as the parrot said ven they not only took him from his native land but made him talk the English langwidge arterwards *Charles Dickens*
- 1933 To learn English, you must begin by thrusting the jaw forward, almost clenching the teeth and practically immobilizing the lips. In this way the English produce the series of unpleasant little mewes of which their language consists *Jose Ortega y Gasset*
- 1934 Some of the commonest English words are not in use with us—such as 'ousemaid 'ospital otel 'istorian *Mark Twain*

ENGLISHMEN

- 1935 The Englishman is the most successful man in the world simply because he values success—meaning money and social precedence—more than anything else. He could have clear headedness, spiritual insight, intellectual honesty, truth, justice, fine art and so forth on the same terms *George Bernard Shaw*
- 1936 Englishmen will never be slaves, they are free to do whatever the government and public opinion allow them to do *Ibid*
- 1937 An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable *Ibid*
- 1938 An Englishman does everything on principle: he fights you on patriotic principles, he robs you on business principles, he enslaves you on imperial principles *Ibid*
- 1939 In dealing with Englishmen you can be sure of one thing only: that the logical solution will not be adopted *William R Inge*

- 1940 Not only England, but every Englishman is an island *Friedrich von Hardenberg (Novalis)*
- 1941 It is not at all easy (humanly speaking) to wind up an English man to a dogmatic level *John Henry Newman*
- 1942 Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun *Noel Coward*
- 1943 We will never have Fascism in England no Englishman will dress up, not even for a revolution *William Bolitho*
- 1944 For he might have been a Rooshian
A French or Turk or Prooshian
Or perhaps Italian
But in spite of all temptations
To belong to other nations
He remains an Englishman *W S Gilbert*
- 1945 Nearly all people in England are of the superior sort, superiority being an English ailment *D H Lawrence*
- 1946 There is nothing on earth more depressing than an Englishman feeling inferior *Robert Forsythe*
- 1947 We are now so badly degenerated that three Frenchmen can evidently beat one Englishman *Horace Walpole*
- 1948 The Englishman has all the qualities of a poker except its occasional warmth *Daniel O Connell*
- 1949 The people of France have made it no secret that those of England as a general thing, are, to their perception an inexpressive and speechless race perpendicular and unsociable, unaddicted to enriching any bareness of contact with verbal or other embroidery *Henry James*
- 1950 Don't trust any Englishman who speaks French with a correct accent *French Proverb*
- 1951 An Englishman is a man who has never been able to tell a lie about others and who is never willing to face the truth about himself *Michael Arlen*
- 1952 An Englishman who is laughed at thinks it's because his tie is crooked *Beachcomber*
- 1953 The English are the most interesting study in the world I could write a book in worship of them and another book damning them *Walter H Page*
- 1954 The English have an extraordinary ability for flying into a great calm *Alexander Woollcott*
- 1955 The English are mentioned in the Bible Blessed are the meek, for they should inherit the earth *Mark Twain*
- 1956 The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes *Sir Thomas Beecham*

ENJOYMENT

- 1957 When a felon's not engaged in his employment
Or maturing his felonious little plans
His capacity for innocent enjoyment
Is just as great as any honest man's *W S Gilbert*
- 1958 All of the animals excepting man know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it *Samuel Butler*
- 1959 Do not put off till tomorrow what can be enjoyed today *Josh Billings*

ENTERTAINER

- 1960 A man never does justice to himself as an entertainer when his wife is around *Edgar W Howe*

ENTHUSIASM

- 1961 Enthusiasm is not always the companion of total ignorance, it is often that of erroneous information *Voltaire*
- 1962 Enthusiasm is that temper of the mind in which the imagination has got the better of the judgment *William Warburton*
- 1963 It requires so infinitely much tact to handle enthusiasm *Jens Peter Jacobsen*
- 1964 Enthusiasm is very wearing and I begin to understand why prophets were unpopular in Judaea where they were best known *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 1965 Nothing will dispel enthusiasm like a small admission fee *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

ENVIRONMENT

- 1966 When you live on the banks of the River Pudma, you must make friends with the crocodile *S Lall*

EPICURE

- 1967 Epicure an opponent of Epicurus an abstemious philosopher who, holding that pleasure should be the chief aim of man wasted no time in gratification of the senses *Ambrose Bierce*
- 1968 'Mr Weller, says he a squeezin my hand wery hard and whispering in my ear—' Don t mention this 'ere agin—but it s the seasoning as does it They're all made of them noble animals" says he a pointin' to a wery nice little kitten, "and I seasons 'em for beefsteak weal or kidney, cordin' to demand And more than that,' says he, I can make a weal a beefsteak or a beefsteak a kidney, or any one of 'em a mutton at a minute's notice, just as the market changes and appetites wary!" *Charles Dickens*

EPIDEMIC

- 1969 Some people are so sensitive that they feel snubbed if an epidemic overlooks them *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

EPIGRAM

- 1970 An epigram is striking a verbal match on the seat of your intellectual pants *John A Lincoln*
- 1971 An epigram is a half truth so stated as to irritate the person who believes the other half *Shailer Mathews*
- 1972 Epigram a wisecrack that's played Carnegie Hall *Oscar Levant*
- 1973 An epigram is but a feeble thing
With straw in tail, stuck there by way of sting *William Cowper*
- 1974 What is an epigram? A dwarfish whole
Its body brevity and wit its soul *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
- 1975 A brilliant epigram is a solemn platitude gone to a masquerade ball *Lionel Strachey*
- 1976 He asked me how to make an epigram Since he was in the flying corps it seemed natural enough to answer You merely loop the loop on a commonplace and come down between the lines" *W Somerset Maugham*
- 1977 Epigrams cover a multitude of sins *Carolyn Wells*

EPITAPH

- 1978 Charles Lamb when a little boy walking in a churchyard with his sister and reading the epitaphs, said to her, 'Mary where are all the naughty people buried?'
- 1979 The rarest quality in an epitaph is truth *Henry D Thoreau*
- 1980 The writer of an epitaph should not be considered as saying nothing but what is strictly true Allowance must be made for some degree of exaggerated praise In lapidary inscriptions a man is not upon oath *Samuel Johnson*
- 1981 Life is a jest and all things show it
I thought so once but now I know it *John Gay*
- 1982 Epitaph a belated advertisement for a line of goods that has been permanently discontinued *Irvin S Cobb*
- 1983 FINIS
Magnis *Irish Epitaph*
- 1984 Here lies Anacreon then, stranger, pour
Freely thy wine—I'm thirsty as of yore *Greek Epitaph*
- 1985 Reading the epitaphs, our only salvation lies in resurrecting the dead and burying the living *Paul Eldridge*

EQUALITY

- 1986 The defect of equality is that we only desire it with our superiors
Henry Becque
- 1987 The only real equality is in the cemetery *German Proverb*
- 1988 The doctrine of human equality reposes on this that there is no man really clever who has not found that he is stupid *G K Chesterton*
- 1989 All men are born free and unequal *Grant Allen*

- 1990 Equality is essential to good breeding, but unfortunately equality is incompatible with differences in income, as the people on the lower income level always tend to consider themselves superior to those above them *George Bernard Shaw*

EQUATOR

- 1991 There isn't a parallel of latitude but thinks it would have been the equator if it had had its rights *Mark Twain*
- 1992 Afternoon Crossed the equator In the distance it looked like a blue ribbon stretched across the ocean Several passengers kodak d it *Ibid*

ERROR

- 1993 When a learned man errs he makes a learned error *Arab Proverb*
- 1994 The world always makes the assumption that the exposure of an error is identical with the discovery of the truth—that error and truth are simply opposite They are nothing of the sort What the world turns to, when it has been cured of one error, is usually simply another error, and maybe one worse than the first one *H L Mencken*
- 1995 To err is human—the animals never err except for the smartest among them *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 1996 If wise men never erred, fools would have to despair *Johann von Goethe*
- 1997 To err is human to remain in error is stupid *Anonymous*

ESCAPE

- 1998 There are various routes of escape from responsibility escape into death, escape into disease and escape into stupidity The last is the safest and easiest, for even intelligent people are usually closer to the goal than they would like to think *Arthur Schnitzler*

ESSENTIAL

- 1999 In all unimportant matters style not sincerity is the essential In all important matters style not sincerity, is the essential *Oscar Wilde*

ESTATE

- 2000 If a man dies and leaves his estate in an uncertain condition, the lawyers become his heirs *Edgar W Howe*
- 2001 There are few grave legal questions involved in a poor estate *Ibid*

ESTEEM

- 2002 Many men and women enjoy popular esteem, not because they are known, but because they are not known *Nicolas Chamfort*

ETHNOLOGY

- 2003 Ethnology the science that treats of the various tribes of Man,

as robbers thieves, swindlers dunces, lunatics, idiots and ethnologists *Ambrose Bierce*

ETIQUETTE

2004 Etiquette means behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely essential *Will Cuppy*

2005 Etiquette is knowing how to yawn with your mouth closed *Herbert V Prochnow*

EULOGY

2006 Eulogy praise of a person who has either the advantages of wealth and power, or the consideration to be dead *Ambrose Bierce*

EVANGELIST

2007 Evangelist a bearer of good tidings, particularly (in the religious sense) such as assure us of our own salvation and the damnation of our neighbors *Ambrose Bierce*

EVEN

2008 'Now we are even,' quoth Stephen, when he gave his wife six blows for one *Jonathan Swift*

EVIDENCE

2009 Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk *Henry D Thoreau*

2010 Circumstantial evidence is like a blackberry, which when red or white is really green *Austin O Malley*

EVIL

2011 If you don't want anyone to know it, don't do it *Chinese Proverb*

2012 Evil that which one believes of others It is a sin to believe evil of others, but it is seldom a mistake *H L Mencken*

2013 There is nothing that makes us feel so good as the idea that someone else is an evildoer *Robert Lynd*

2014 It is safer to believe evil of everyone until people are found out to be good, but that requires a great deal of investigation nowadays *Oscar Wilde*

2015 We prefer to speak evil of ourselves rather than not speak of ourselves at all *François de La Rochefoucauld*

2016 Of two evils choose the prettier *Carolyn Wells*

EVOLUTION

2017 So far, evolution has been nothing but staggering from one error to the other *Henrik Ibsen*

EXACTNESS

2018 Exactness is the sublimity of fools *Anonymous*

EXAGGERATION

- 2019** There are people so addicted to exaggeration that they can't tell the truth without lying *Josh Billings*
- 2020** Exaggeration is the definition of art *G K Chesterton*
- 2021** Nothing lays itself open to the charge of exaggeration more than the language of naked truth *Joseph Conrad*
- 2022** Many a young man starts in life with a natural gift of exaggeration which, if nurtured in congenial and sympathetic surroundings might grow into something really great and wonderful. But, as a rule, he comes to nothing. He either falls into careless habits of accuracy, or takes to frequenting the society of the aged and well-informed. Both things are equally fatal to his imagination as indeed they would be fatal to the imagination of anybody, and in a short time he develops a morbid and unhealthy faculty of truth-telling, begins to verify all statements made in his presence, has no hesitation in contradicting people who are much younger than himself, and often ends by writing novels which are so like life that no one can possibly believe in their probability *Oscar Wilde*

EXAMPLE

- 2023** The only rational way of educating is to be an example—if one can't help it, a warning example *Albert Einstein*
- 2024** Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example *Mark Twain*

EXCESS

- 2025** Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess *Oscar Wilde*
- 2026** There seems to be an excess of everything except parking space and religion *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

EXCITEMENT

- 2027** An excitement without consequence, such as you see expressed by the chorus in an opera *Peter Fleming*

EXCLUSIVE

- 2028** Exclusiveness is a characteristic of recent riches, high society and the skunk *Austin O Malley*

EXCUSE

- 2029** The truly free man is the one who will turn down an invitation to dinner without giving an excuse *Jules Renard*

EXECUTIVE

- 2030** Executive ability is deciding quickly and getting somebody else to do the work *J G Pollard*
- 2031** An executive is one who hires others to do what he is hired to do *Herbert V Prochnow*

- EXERCISE
- 2032 The only possible form of exercise is to talk, not to walk *Oscar Wilde*
- 2033 The need of exercise is a modern superstition invented by people who ate too much, and had nothing to think about Athletics don't make anybody either long lived or useful *George Santayana*
- 2034 As for exercise, if you have to take it take it and put up with it But as long as you have the price of a hack and can hire other people to play baseball for you and run races and do gymnastics when you sit in the shade and smoke and watch them—great heavens what more do you want? *Stephen Leacock*
- 2035 When I feel like exercising I just lie down until the feeling goes away *Robert M Hutchins*
- 2036 I get my exercise acting as a pallbearer to my friends who exercise *Chauncey Depew*
- 2037 The only exercise I get is when I take the studs out of one shirt and put them in another *Ring Lardner*

- EXHIBITIONIST
- 2038 If there's one thing that I loathe, it's an exhibitionist *Oscar Wilde*

- EXILE
- 2039 Exile one who serves his country by residing abroad, yet is not an ambassador *Ambrose Bierce*

- EXPECT
- 2040 To expect the unexpected shows a thoroughly modern intellect *Oscar Wilde*
- 2041 It is always nice to be expected, and not to arrive *Ibid*
- 2042 People come by here to see me They expect to see some big, imposing man And it's me I'm just a little old Democrat *John Nance Garner*
- 2043 A thing long expected takes the form of the unexpected when at last it comes *Mark Twain*
- 2044 Blessed is he who expecteth nothing, for he shall be gloriously surprised *G K Chesterton*
- 2045 Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed *Alexander Pope*

- EXPENDABLE
- 2046 I always considered statesmen to be more expendable than soldiers *Harry S Truman*

- EXPENDITURE
- 2047 Expenditure rises to meet income Individual expenditure not only rises to meet income but tends to surpass it [and] what is true of individuals is also true of governments *C Northcote Parkinson*

EXPENSE

- 2048 A thing of beauty is a great expense *Anonymous*
 2049 Many minor executives prefer a generous expense account to a raise in salary which would be heavily taxed and more soberly spent It is they who support the so called expense account restaurants places of exotic decor where patrons lunch in a darkness which is all but complete They cannot see to read the prices on the menu but these in the special circumstances are irrelevant
C Northcote Parkinson

EXPERIENCE

- 2050 Experience is a school where a man learns what a big fool he has been *Josh Billings*
 2051 Experience increases our wisdom but doesn't reduce our follies
Ibid
 2052 Experience is a revelation in the light of which we renounce our errors of youth for those of age *Ambrose Bierce*
 2053 Experience is a hard teacher, and there are no graduates degrees, or survivors *Anonymous*
 2054 The cat having sat upon a hot stove lid will not sit upon a hot stove lid again Nor upon a cold stove lid *Mark Twain*
 2055 Experience teaches us only one thing at a time—and hardly that in my case *Ibid*
 2056 Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes *Oscar Wilde*
 2057 In America the young are always ready to give to those who are older than themselves the full benefits of their inexperience *Ibid*
 2058 We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience *George Bernard Shaw*
 2059 Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough *Ibid*
 2060 Experience is the comb that Nature gives us when we are bald
Belgian Proverb
 2061 Nobody learns anything from experience everybody does the same thing over and over again *Lord Melbourne*
 2062 Some people have had nothing else but experience *Don Herold*
 2063 I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad *William Shakespeare*
 2064 The triumph of hope over experience *Samuel Johnson describing a second marriage*
 2065 It takes longer to hard boil a man or a woman than an egg
Frederick Lewis Allen
 2066 He who has burned his mouth blows his soup *German Proverb*
 2067 We learn from experience A man never wakes up his second baby just to see it smile *Grace Williams*

2068 I see nothing wrong with giving Robert some legal experience as Attorney General before he goes out to practice law *John F Kennedy*

EXPERT

2069 An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less *Nicholas Murray Butler*

2070 An expert is a person who avoids the small errors as he sweeps on to the grand fallacy *Benjamin Stolberg*

2071 Expert an ordinary man, away from home giving advice *Anonymus*

EXPLAIN

2072 I may have said the same thing before But my explanation I am sure, will always be different *Oscar Wilde*

2073 I fear explanations explanatory of things explained *Abraham Lincoln*

2074 I cannot agree that it should be declared public policy of Illinois that a cat visiting a neighbor's yard or crossing the highway is a public nuisance It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming to escort a cat abroad on a leash is against the nature of the owner Moreover cats perform useful service, particularly in the rural areas The problem of the cat vs the bird is as old as time If we attempt to resolve it by legislation, who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age old problem of dog vs cat bird vs bird or even bird vs worm In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency *Adlai Stevenson*

EXPORTS

2075 It takes two to make love and two partners to make trade agreements work Unrequited trade or unrequited exports pay no better than unrequited love *R A Butler*

EXTRAORDINARY

2076 All the extraordinary men I have ever known were chiefly extraordinary in their own estimation *Woodrow Wilson*

EXTRAVAGANCE

2077 An extravagance is anything you buy that is of no earthly use to your wife *Franklin P Jones*

EYES

2078 When a woman is speaking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes *Victor Hugo*

2079 As President, I have no eyes but constitutional eyes, I cannot see you *Abraham Lincoln to the South Carolina Commissioners*

2080 There's so much to say but your eyes keep interrupting me *Christopher Morley*

- 2081 Never touch your eye but with your elbow *English Proverb*
 2082 Every shut eye ain't asleep *American Negro Proverb*

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FACE

- 2083 She was a lady of incisive features bound in stale parchment
George Meredith
- 2084 The women pardoned all except her face *Lord Byron*
- 2085 God has given you one face and you make yourself another
William Shakespeare
- 2086 I leave it to my audience—if I had another face to wear, do you think I would wear this one? *Abraham Lincoln after being called a two faced man by Stephen A Douglas*
- 2087 I have always considered my face a convenience rather than an ornament *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 2088 It helps to have a rather odd face like mine People always recognize you *Elsa Lanchester*
- 2089 One of those characteristic British faces that once seen, are never remembered *Oscar Wilde*
- 2090 Her face was her chaperone *Rupert Hughes*
- 2091 She had her face lifted, but it fell when she got the bill for repairs
Anonymous
- 2092 Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it? *Mark Twain*
- 2093 A soldier at the great gate admitted us without further authority than my countenance, and I suppose he thought he was paying me a handsome compliment when he did so and so did I until I reflected that the place was a penitentiary *Ibid*
- 2094 As a beauty I am not a star,
There are others more handsome by far,
But my face—I don't mind it
For I am behind it
It's the people in front get the jar! *Anthony Euwer*
- 2095 Circumstances alter faces *Carolyn Wells*

FACTS

- 2096 He [Alexander Woollcott] wasn't exactly hostile to facts, but he was apathetic about them *Wolcott Gibbs*
- 2097 There are men who can think no deeper than a fact *Voltaire*
- 2098 Her taste exact
For faultless fact
Amounts to a disease *W S Gilbert*
- 2099 Oh don't tell me of facts—I never believe facts you know *Canning*

- said nothing was so fallacious as facts, except figures *Sydney Smith*
- 2100 A beautiful theory killed by a nasty, ugly, little fact *Thomas Huxley*
- 2101 Facts that have lain undisturbed by the pen of man *Aloysius Horn*
- 2102 You can't make the Duchess of Windsor into Rebecca of Sunny brook Farm The facts of life are very stubborn things *Cleveland Amory*
- 2103 Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please *Mark Twain*
- 2104 We do not deal much in facts when we are contemplating ourselves *Ibid*

FAILURE

- 2105 We are all of us failures—at least, the best of us are *Sir James M Barrie*
- 2106 A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in on the experience *Elbert Hubbard*
- 2107 Nothing succeeds like failure *Oliver Herford*

FAIR

- 2108 None but the brave can live with the fair *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

FAITH

- 2109 I can believe anything provided it is incredible *Oscar Wilde*
- 2110 You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 2111 Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable *H L Mencken*
- 2112 If it wasn't for faith, there would be no living in this world we couldn't even eat hash with any safety *Josh Billings*
- 2113 If men had no faith in each other they would have to live within their incomes *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2114 What is faith but a kind of betting or speculation after all? It should be, "I bet that my Redeemer liveth" *Samuel Butler*
- 2115 I admire the serene assurance of those who have religious faith It is wonderful to observe the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces *Mark Twain*
- 2116 There are those who scoff at the schoolboy, calling him frivolous and shallow Yet it was the schoolboy who said, "Faith is believing what you know ain't so" *Ibid*
- 2117 The great act of faith is when a man decides that he is not God *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr*

FAITHFUL

2118 Faithfulness is to the emotional life what consistency is to the life of the intellect—simply a confession of failure *Oscar Wilde*

2119 Faithful women are all alike, they think only of their fidelity never of their husbands *Jean Giraudoux*

FALL

2120 The harder you fall, the higher you bounce *American Proverb*

FAME

2121 His utter incapacity and his gift for the resounding phrase assured him a splendid destiny *Georges Courtlines*

2122 Being famous is like having a string of pearls given you It's nice but after a while if you think of it at all it's only to wonder if they're real or cultured *W Somerset Maugham*

2123 Fame is climbing a greasy pole for ten dollars and ruming trousers worth fifteen dollars *Josh Billings*

2124 Fame isn't a thing It's a feeling Like what you get after a pill *Joyce Cary*

2125 Herein the only royal road to fame and fortune lies Put not your trust in vinegar—molasses catches flies! *Eugene Field*

2126 Fame is chiefly a matter of dying at the right moment *Anonymous*

2127 Fame is a vapor popularity an accident, the only earthly certainty is oblivion *Mark Twain*

2128 He [Kipling] is a stranger to me but he is a most remarkable man—and I am the other one Between us, we cover all knowledge he knows all that can be known and I know the rest *Ibid*

2129 If fame is to come only after death I am in no hurry for it *Martial*

2130 After a fellow gets famous, it doesn't take long for someone to bob up that used to sit by him at school *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

2131 Fame is proof that the people are gullible *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

2132 You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they do *Olin Miller*

2133 Fame lies in being able to do what I like The Academie Française and the renown of being a great writer—this great crown so to speak, permits me to wear in season and out of season and wherever I choose my old gray felt hat If I wanted I could go to the opera in slippers *Anatole France*

2134 Fame the advantage of being known to those who do not know us *Nicolas Chamfort*

2135 If a man keeps his trap shut, the world will beat a path to his door *Franklin P Adams*

FAMILIARITY

2136 The man who enters his wife's dressing room is either a philosopher or a fool *Honore de Balzac*

FAMILY

- 2137 I've never met a mother, no matter how socially disorganized, who wouldn't rather be socially disorganized in five rooms with a bath and a kitchen than in one room *Hortense Gabel*
- 2138 A good' family it seems, is one that used to be better *Cleveland Amory*
- 2139 A family is but too often a commonweath of malignants *Alexander Pope*
- 2140 Nobody's family can hang out the sign "Nothing the matter here" *Chinese Proverb*
- 2141 Before fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, itch as you may you dare not scratch *Ibid*
- 2142 Every family has prize kin *Edgar W Howe*
- 2143 Many a family tree needs trimming *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2144 The family is a good institution because it is uncongenial *G K Chesterton*
- 2145 A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal and the common cold *Ogden Nash*
- 2146 Hamlet is the tragedy of tackling a family problem too soon after college *Thomas L Masson*
- 2147 All happy families are alike but each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way *Tolstoi*
- 2148 Don't try to marry an entire family or it may work out that way *George Ade*
- 2149 The families of one's friends are always a disappointment *Norman Douglas*
- 2150 Our family is not yet so good as to be degenerating *Karl Ewald*
- 2151 Where does the family start? It starts with a young man falling in love with a girl. No superior alternative has yet been found *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 2152 He walks as if balancing the family tree on his nose *Raymond Moley*

FANATIC

- 2153 One who redoubles his efforts after having forgotten his aims *Anonymous*
- 2154 Fanaticism, the false fire of an overheated mind *William Cowper*
- 2155 A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks the Lord would do if he knew the facts of the case *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 2156 A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject *Sir Winston Churchill*

FANTASY

- 2157 Fantasy weak serious drama filtered through a poetic imagination into beauty *George Jean Nathan*

FARCE

2158 Farce comedy in its cups *George Jean Nathan*

FARMING

2159 As soon as a farmer can afford to do so, he moves to the city, and then, as soon as he can afford it, he gets himself a country place
New York American

2160 He was a very inferior farmer when he first began, and he is now fast rising from affluence to poverty *Mark Twain*

2161 My father asserted that there was no better place to bring up a family than in a rural environment There s something about getting up at 5 A M feeding the stock and chickens and milking a couple of cows before breakfast that gives you a lifelong respect for the price of butter and eggs *William Vaughn*

2162 The first recipe to farm well is to be rich *Sydney Smith*

2163 It makes but little difference whether you are committed to a farm or a county jail *Henry D Thoreau*

2164 Even if a farmer intends to loaf, he gets up in time to get an early start *Edgar W Howe*

2165 About the only thing on a farm that has an easy time is the dog
Ibid

2166 One good thing about living on a farm is that you can fight with your wife without being heard *Frank McKimney Hubbard*

2167 A farm is an irregular patch of nettles bounded by short term notes, containing a fool and his wife who didn't know enough to stay in the city *S J Perelman*

2168 It brings up happy old days when I was only a farmer and not an agriculturist *O Henry*

2169 Farming is a most senseless pursuit, a mere laboring in a circle You sow that you may reap and then you reap that you may sow Nothing ever comes of it *Johannes Stobaeus*

2170 Haymaking has merit as a spectacle if you sit in the shade at the edge of the mowing and watch the jolly farmer at his toil
Frederic F Van de Water

2171 I have decided, after three years, that I am extremely tired of farming I am also extremely tired *Ibid*

2172 Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you re a thousand miles from the corn field *Dwight Eisenhower*

FASCINATING

2173 There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating people who know everything and people who know nothing
Oscar Wilde

2174 Women are most fascinating between the age of thirty five and forty after they have won a few races and know how to pace themselves Since few women ever pass forty, maximum fascination can continue indefinitely *Christan Dior*

- FASHION
- 2175 A fashionable woman is always in love—with herself *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2176 Change in fashion is the tax which the industry of the poor levies on the vanity of the rich *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 2177 Fashion a despot whom the wise ridicule and obey *Ambrose Bierce*
- 2178 Fashion is what one wears oneself What is unfashionable is what other people wear *Oscar Wilde*
- 2179 Fashion is that by which the fantastic becomes for a moment universal *Ibid*
- 2180 Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months *Ibid*
- 2181 We smile at the women who are eagerly following the fashions in dress whilst we are as eagerly following the fashions in thought *Austin O Malley*
- 2182 Every generation laughs at the old fashions but follows religiously the new *Henry D Thoreau*
- 2183 I see that the fashion wears out more apparel than the man *William Shakespeare*
- 2184 Fashion is gentility running away from vulgarity and afraid of being overtaken *William Hazlitt*
- 2185 When a man is once in fashion, all he does is right *Lord Chesterfield*
- 2186 He who goes against the fashion is himself its slave *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 2187 For an idea ever to be fashionable is ominous since it must afterward be always old-fashioned *George Santayana*

FASTIDIOUSNESS

- 2188 Fastidiousness is the ability to resist a temptation in the hope that a better one will come along *John A Lincoln*

FAT

- 2189 A fat man is no good in war He can neither fight nor run away *American Proverb*
- 2190 Nobody loves a fat man *Ibid*
- 2191 All fat man are jolly or if here and there a fat man doesn't find himself so terribly jovial by nature he is compelled to assume an air of jollity, because it is expected of him sort of noblesse obese *Frank Case*
- 2192 She had a lot of fat that did not fit *H G Wells*

FATHER

- 2193 Fathers should be neither seen nor heard That is the only proper basis for family life *Oscar Wilde*
- 2194 Diogenes struck the father when the son swore *Robert Burton*

- 2195 A father is a banker provided by nature *French Proverb*
- 2196 One father can support twelve children, but twelve children cannot support one father *Ibid*
- 2197 As fathers commonly go, it is seldom a misfortune to be fatherless and considering the general run of sons as seldom a misfortune to be childless *Earl of Chesterfield*
- 2198 It is a wise child that knows its own father, and an unusual one that unreservedly approves of him *Mark Twain*
- 2199 When I was a boy of fourteen my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around But when I got to be twenty one I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years *Ibid*
- 2200 My father and I were always on the most distant terms when I was a boy—a sort of armed neutrality so to speak At irregular intervals this neutrality was broken and suffering ensued but I will be candid enough to say that the breaking and suffering were always divided with strict impartiality between us—which is to say my father did the breaking and I did the suffering *Ibid*
- 2201 Father a kin you love to touch *Anonymous*
- 2202 Nearly every man is a firm believer in heredity until his son makes a fool of himself *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2203 Many a man spanks his children for things his own father should have spanked out of him *Don Marquis*

FAULTS

- 2204 The first part of the night, think of your own faults, the latter part think of the faults of others *Chinese Proverb*
- 2205 She's generous to a fault—if it's her own *Arthur Bugs Baer*
- 2206 The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none *Thomas Carlyle*
- 2207 Always acknowledge a fault frankly This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you opportunity to commit more *Mark Twain*
- 2208 People who have no faults are terrible there is no way of taking advantage of them *Anatole France*
- 2209 If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*
- 2210 We confess to small faults only to convey the impression that we have no big ones *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2211 Most of our faults are more pardonable than the means we use to conceal them *Ibid*
- 2212 If we had no faults of our own, we should take less pleasure in noticing the faults of others *Ibid*
- 2213 We give ourselves credit for the opposite faults of those we have when we are weak we boast of being obstinate *Ibid*

- 2214 Misfortunes one can endure, they come from the outside but to suffer for one's faults—Ah! there is the sting of life *Oscar Wilde*
- 2215 Don't tell your friends their social faults, they will cure the fault and never forgive you *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 2216 As soon as men have understanding enough to find a fault, they have enough to see the danger of amending it *Lord Halifax*

FAVOR

- 2217 The most effectual way of conferring a favor is condescending to accept one *Sir Walter Scott*
- 2218 Never let your inferiors do you a favor It will be extremely costly *H L Mencken*
- 2219 Never claim as a right what you can ask as a favor *John Churton Collins*

FEAR

- 2220 Fear is one of the passions of human nature of which it is impossible to divest it You remember the Emperor Charles V, when he read upon the tombstone of a Spanish nobleman, "Here lies one who never knew fear" wittily said, "Then he never snuffed a candle with his fingers" *Samuel Johnson*
- 2221 Fear gives intelligence even to fools *French Proverb*

FEAST

- 2222 The observances of the church concerning feasts and fasts are tolerably well kept since the rich keep the feasts and the poor the fasts *Sydney Smith*
- 2223 Dutch feast where the entertainer gets drunk before his guests *Francis Grose*

FELLOWSHIP

- 2224 What men call good fellowship is commonly but the virtue of pigs in a litter which lie close together to keep each other warm *Henry D Thoreau*

FEMALE

- 2225 The female of the species is more deadly than the male *Rudyard Kipling*

FICKLENESS

- 2226 The fickleness of the women I love is only equaled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me *George Bernard Shaw*

FICTION

- 2227 The good end happily, the bad unhappily—that is what fiction means *Oscar Wilde*
- 2228 Henry James writes fiction as if it were a painful duty *Ibid*

FIDDLER

- 2229 In the house of a fiddler all fiddle *George Herbert*
- 2230 He was a fiddler, and consequently a rogue *Jonathan Swift*
- 2231 In the fiddler's house all are dancers *French Proverb*

FIDELITY

- 2232 Fidelity a virtue peculiar to those who are about to be betrayed
Ambrose Bierce
- 2233 Histories are more full of examples of the fidelity of dogs than of
friends *Alexander Pope*

FIFE

- 2234 The vile squeaking of his wry necked fife *William Shakespeare*

FIFTY

- 2235 A man of fifty looks as old as Santa Claus to a girl of twenty
William Feather

FIGHT

- 2236 By a sudden and adroit movement I placed my left eye against
his fist *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
- 2237 You can refuse to love a man or to lend him money but if he
wants to fight, you've got to oblige him *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 2238 When a man fights it means that a fool has lost his argument
Chinese Proverb

FIGURES

- 2239 Figures don't lie, but liars figure *Anonymous*

FINANCE

- 2240 The way to stop financial joy-riding is to arrest the chauffeur not
the automobile *Woodrow Wilson*
- 2241 A financier is a pawnbroker with imagination *Arthur Wing Pinero*
- 2242 One third of the people in the United States promote while the
other two thirds provide *Will Rogers*
- 2243 Financial sense is knowing that certain men will promise to do
certain things, and fail *Edgar W Howe*

FINLAND

- 2244 Finland a country which sophisticated Europeans even today barely
consider civilized especially for its queer custom of paying its debts
E T Bell

FIRE

- 2245 My name is Clemens, we ought to have called on you before, and
I beg your pardon for intruding now in this informal way but your
house is on fire *Mark Twain calling on new neighbors*

FISH

- 2246 Fish hold the honors for being brain producers, even though they
haven't done as well as they might with their own organism *C C
and S M Furnas*
- 2247 There is no use in your walking five miles to fish when you can
depend on being just as unsuccessful near home *Mark Twain*
- 2248 One man's fish is another man's poison *Carolyn Wells*

- 2249 Fish should swim thrice, first it should swim in the sea, then it should swim in butter, and at last, it should swim in good claret
Lionel Strachey
- 2250 I would rather fish than eat, particularly eat fish *Corey Ford*
- 2251 Master, I marvel how the fishes live in the sea
Why as men do a-land the great ones eat up the little ones
Pericles
- 2252 Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes
Don Marquis
- 2253 A fishing rod is a stick with a hook at one end and a fool at the other
Samuel Johnson
- 2254 If you were to make little fishes talk, they would talk like whales
Oliver Goldsmith
- 2255 If a fisherman fibs to us,
Is his fib amphibious? *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2256 In northern lakes the fish are teeming
Say ads that send us northward streaming
But once you're up there and afloat,
Just try to get one in a boat!
Disdaining worms, flies, plugs, and scheming
The fish prefer to stay there—teeming! *Leverett Lyon*
- 2257 Fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air. It brings meekness and inspiration, reduces our egotism, soothes our troubles and shames our wickedness. It is discipline in the equality of men—for all men are equal before fish. *Herbert Hoover*
- 2258 The fish sees the bait not the hook *Chinese Proverb*
- FLAG
- 2259 It seems like the less a statesman amounts to the more he loves the flag
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 2260 Many a bum show has been saved by the flag *George M Cohan*
- FLATTERY
- 2261 A continual feast of commendation is only to be attained by merit or by wealth *Samuel Johnson*
- 2262 Flattery hearing from others the things you have always thought about yourself *Anonymous*
- 2263 Flatterers look like friends, as wolves like dogs *George Chapman*
- 2264 Flatterer one who extremely exaggerates in his opinion of your qualities so that it may come nearer to your opinion of them
Jonathan Swift
- 2265 'Tis an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery's the food of fools
Yet now and then your men of wit
Will condescend to take a bit *Ibid*
- 2266 But when I tell him he hates flatterers,

- He says he does being then most flattered *William Shakespeare*
- 2267 He who says he hates all kinds of flattery, and says so in earnest, simply says he has not yet become acquainted with all kinds of it
Georg C Lichtenberg
- 2268 Sometimes we think we dislike flattery when it is only its method we dislike *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2269 Baloney is the unvarnished lie laid on so thick you hate it Blarney is flattery laid on so thin you love it *Fulton Sheen*
- 2270 I was not very much accustomed to flattery and it came the sweeter to me I was rather like the Hoosier with the gingerbread when he said he reckoned he loved it better than any other man and got less of it *Abraham Lincoln*
- 2271 I hate careless flattery the kind that exhausts you in your effort to believe it *Wilson Mizner*
- 2272 He soft soaped her until she couldn't see for the suds *Mary Roberts Rinehart*
- 2273 If a man is vain flatter If timid flatter If boastful, flatter In all history too much flattery never lost a gentleman *Kathryn Cravens*
- 2274 You know what a fan letter is—it's just an inky raspberry *Bob Hope*
- 2275 Flattery is like cologne water to be smelled of, not swallowed
Josh Billings

FLEAS

- 2276 Fleas are, like the remainder of the universe a divine mystery
Anatole France
- 2277 Great fleas have little fleas upon their back to bite 'em,
And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum
The great fleas themselves in turn have greater fleas to go on
While these again have greater still, and greater still, and so on
Anonymous

FLIRT

- 2278 God created the coquette as soon as he had made the fool *Victor Hugo*
- 2279 A woman will flirt with anybody in the world as long as other people are looking on *Oscar Wilde*
- 2280 Attention without intention *Anonymous*

FLOOD

- 2281 Except the Flood, nothing was ever as bad as reported *Edgar W Howe*

FLORIDA

- 2282 Florida's all right if you can keep from catching a sailfish and going to the expense of having it mounted *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2283 In summer the crackers live off yams in winter they live off yanks
Florida Saying

FLUTE

2284 What is worse than a flute? Two flutes *Anonymous*

FLY

2285 Put cream and sugar on a fly, and it tastes very much like a black raspberry *Edgar W Howe*

2286 King James said to the fly, Have I three kingdoms, and thou must needs fly into my eye? *John Selden*

2287 Nothing is made in vain, but the fly came near it *Mark Twain*

FOLK SONG

2288 The only thing to do with a folk melody, once you have played it, is to play it louder *Anonymous*

FOLLY

2289 Some men's heads are as easily blown away as their hats *Lord Halifax*

2290 The follies of the fool are known to the world, but are hidden from himself the follies of the wise are known to himself, but hidden from the world *Charles C Colton*

2291 A good folly is worth whatever you pay for it *George Ade*

2292 There are more fools than wise men and even in the wise man himself there is more folly than wisdom *Nicolas Chamfort*

2293 When folly is bliss, tis ignorance to be otherwise *Ethel Watts Mumford*

2294 We spend half our lives unlearning the follies transmitted to us by our parents and the other half transmitting our own follies to our offspring *Isaac Goldberg*

2295 The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools *Herbert Spencer*

2296 Every man has his follies—and often they are the most interesting things he has got *Josh Billings*

2297 One man's folly is another man's wife *Helen Rowland*

2298 Ham't we got all the fools in town on our side? And ain't that a big enough majority in any town? *Mark Twain*

FOOD

2299 Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are *Anthelme Brillat Savarin*

2300 He who can make a perfect omelet can probably do nothing else *Hilaire Belloc*

2301 We all know that dinners are occupational hazards for Lord Mayors *Prince Philip*

2302 British food is something like a small child When it's good, it's very, very good, and when it's bad, it's absolutely awful *Ibid*

2303 On the Continent people have good food in England people have good table manners *George Mikes*

- 2304 A beefsteak is more important than a drawing I can easily make a drawing, but I cannot make a beefsteak *Amedeo Modigliani*
- 2305 There are nine ways of poaching eggs, and each of them is worse than the other *Robert Lynd*
- 2306 There is no love sincerer than the love of food *George Bernard Shaw*
- 2307 Madam, I have been looking for a person who disliked gravy all my life let us swear eternal friendship *Sydney Smith*
- 2308 Soup and fish explain half of the emotions of life *Ibid*
- 2309 Why is not a rat as good as a rabbit? Why should men eat shrimps and neglect cockroaches? *Henry Ward Beecher*
- 2310 Nothing helps scenery like ham and eggs *Mark Twain*
- 2311 Suppose a man were eating rotten stockfish the very smell of which would choke another and yet believed it a dish for the gods what difference is there as to his happiness? *Desiderius Erasmus*
- FOOL
- 2312 God save the fools, and don't let them run out, for if it weren't for them wise men couldn't get a living *Josh Billings*
- 2313 When a man makes up his mind to become a rascal, he should examine himself closely and see if he isn't better constructed for a fool *Ibid*
- 2314 The biggest fool in the world hasn't been born yet *Ibid*
- 2315 Nature never makes any blunders when she makes a fool she means it *Ibid*
- 2316 A learned fool is one who has read everything and simply remembered it *Ibid*
- 2317 A fool always finds one still more foolish to admire him *Nicolas Boileau*
- 2318 The learned fool writes his nonsense in better language than the unlearned but still 'tis nonsense *Benjamin Franklin*
- 2319 It is ill manners to silence a fool, and cruelty to let him go on *Ibid*
- 2320 Most fools think they are only ignorant *Ibid*
- 2321 Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit *Elbert Hubbard*
- 2322 A man who knows he is a fool is not a great fool *Chuang tse*
- 2323 Suffer fools gladly They may be right *Holbrook Jackson*
- 2324 A fool who has a lucid interval surprises and annoys us like a cart horse who suddenly starts to gallop *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 2325 You can't fool all the people all the time, but it isn't necessary A majority will do *Anonymous*
- 2326 A fellow who is always declaring he's no fool usually has his suspicions *Wilson Mizner*

- 2327 A clever man reaps some benefits from the worst catastrophe and a fool can turn even good luck to his disadvantage *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2328 You are never so easily fooled as when you are trying to fool someone else *Ibid*
- 2329 There are no fools so troublesome as those who have wit *Ibid*
- 2330 Wise men learn more from fools than fools from wise men *Cato*
- 2331 When he said we were trying to make a fool of him, I could only murmur that the Creator had beat us to it *George Chapman*
- 2332 Young men think old men are fools but old men know young men are fools *Ibid*
- 2333 Any fool can tell the truth but it requires a man of some sense to know how to lie well *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 2334 A fool must now and then be right by chance *William Cowper*
- 2335 Ever since Adam, fools have been in the majority *Casimir De Lavigne*
- 2336 The serene peaceful state of being a fool amongst knaves *Jonathan Swift*
- 2337 Let us be thankful for the fools But for them the rest of us could not succeed *Mark Twain*
- 2338 A fool is one whom bigger fools believe to be a man of merit *Jean de La Bruyere*
- 2339 The silliest woman can manage a clever man but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool! *Rudyard Kipling*
- 2340 A man never knows what a fool he is until he hears himself imitated by one *Herbert Beerbohm Tree*
- 2341 Better a witty fool than a foolish wit *William Shakespeare*
- 2342 If you wish to avoid seeing a fool, you must first break your looking glass *François Rabelais*
- 2343 There are fools everywhere, even in asylums *George Bernard Shaw*
- 2344 Nobody can describe a fool to the life, without much patient self-inspection *Frank Moore Colby*
- 2345 There are more fools than knaves in the world else the knaves would not have enough to live upon *Samuel Butler*
- 2346 He that does not know a fool when he sees him is one himself *Baltasar Gracian*
- 2347 Nothing is more like a wise man than a fool who holds his tongue *St Francis de Sales*
- 2348 You must play the fool a little if you would not be thought wholly a fool *Michel de Montaigne*
- 2349 Seeing she could not make fools wise, fortune has made them lucky *Ibid*

- 2350 A fool and her money are soon courted *Helen Rowland*
 2351 If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing
Anatole France
 2352 God help the fool' said the idiot *Irish Proverb*
 2353 There are two kinds of fools one says This is old, therefore it
 is good the other says, 'This is new, therefore it is better'
William R Inge

FOOTBALL

- 2354 Two halves make a hole, and the fullback goes through *Notre
 Dame Juggler*
 2355 Football makes a nation hardy You build up a lot of strong re-
 sistance sitting on a cold concrete seat *Herbert V Prochnow*
 2356 I am convinced that the greatest contribution Britain has made to
 the national life of Uruguay was teaching the people football
Prince Philip
 2357 There is a function of a quasi religious nature performed by a few
 experts but followed in spirit by the whole university world, serving
 indeed as a symbol to arouse in the students and in the alumni
 certain congregate and hieratic emotions I refer of course, to
 football *Charles Horton Cooley*

FOOTNOTES

- 2358 When you get to the footnote at the bottom of a page, like as not
 all you find is *ibid* *Frank Sullivan*

FORBIDDEN

- 2359 Adam was human he didn't want the apple for the apple's sake,
 he wanted it because it was forbidden *Mark Twain*

FORCEFUL

- 2360 Daniel Webster struck me much like a steam engine in trousers
Sydney Smith

FOREIGN

- 2361 He [Neville Chamberlain] looked at foreign affairs through the
 wrong end of a municipal drainpipe *Sir Winston Churchill*
 2362 Our foreign dealings are an open book—generally a checkbook
Will Rogers
 2363 They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy foreigners always
 spell better than they pronounce *Mark Twain*

FORESIGHT

- 2364 We can't cross a bridge until we come to it, but I always like to
 lay down a pontoon ahead of time *Bernard M Baruch*

FORGET

- 2365 It's sweet to be remembered, but it's often cheaper to be forgotten
Frank McKinney Hubbard

- 2366 Nobody ever forgits where he buried a hatchet *Ibid*
 2367 Blessed are those who forget, for they thus surmount even their mistakes *F W Nietzsche*

FORGIVE

- 2368 A woman forgives only when she is in the wrong *Arsene Houssaye*
 2369 What if I've done anything I'm sorry for, I'm willin' to be forgiven *Edward Noyes Westcott*
 2370 When you are ill make haste to forgive your enemies, for you may recover *Ambrose Bierce*
 2371 We never ask God to forgive anybody except where we haven't *Elbert Hubbard*

FORMULA

- 2372 A formula is something that worked once, and keeps trying to do it again *Henry S Haskins*

FORTITUDE

- 2373 It is remarkable with what Christian fortitude and resignation we can bear the suffering of other folks *Jonathan Swift*

FORTUNATE

- 2374 The fortunate always believe in a just Providence *Irene Williams*

FORTUNE

- 2375 Fortune is always on the side of the biggest battalions *Marquise de Sevigne*

FORTY

- 2376 When a man is past forty and does not become a crook, he is either feeble-minded or a genius *Lin Yutang*
 2377 My notion of a wife at forty is that a man should be able to change her, like a banknote for two twenties *Douglas Jerrold*

FOURTH OF JULY

- 2378 At a Fourth of July celebration, it is wonderful how many great men there are and how they swarm on the speaker's platform *Edgar Wilson Nye*

FOX

- 2379 A sleeping fox counts hens in his dreams *Russian Proverb*
 2380 A fox is a wolf who sends flowers *Ruth Weston*

FRANCE

- 2381 France is an absolute monarchy tempered by songs *Anonymous French Wit*
 2382 How can one conceive of a one party system in a country that has over two hundred varieties of cheeses *General Charles de Gaulle*
 2383 I always thought I was Jeanne d'Arc and Bonaparte How little one knows oneself *Ibid*

- 2384 A Frenchman loves his mother—in the abstract *H S Merriman*
- 2385 France is a country where it is often useful to exhibit one's vices, and invariably dangerous to exhibit one's virtues *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 2386 France was long a despotism tempered by epigrams *Thomas Carlyle*
- 2387 It is good to be on your guard against an Englishman who speaks French perfectly he is very likely to be a cardsharp or an attache in the diplomatic service *W Somerset Maugham*
- 2388 I like Frenchmen very much, because even when they insult you they do it so nicely *Josephine Baker*
- 2389 The American arrives in Paris with a few French phrases he has culled from a conversational guide or picked up from a friend who owns a beret He speaks the sort of French that is only understood by another American who has also just arrived in Paris *Fred Allen*

FRANKLIN BENJAMIN

- 2390 A philosophical Quaker full of mean and thrifty maxims *John Keats*

FRANKNESS

- 2391 Folks that blurt out just what they think wouldn't be so bad if they thought *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2392 Be frank and explicit That is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and to confuse the minds of others *Benjamin Disraeli*

FREE

- 2393 Those who have free seats at the play hiss first *Chinese Proverb*

FREEDOM

- 2394 in this free country where every man can do as he likes and if he doesn't he's made to! *Lord Fisher*
- 2395 The real value of freedom is not to the minority that wants to talk but to the majority, that does not want to listen *Zechariah Chafee Jr*
- 2396 An Englishman loves freedom like his legitimate wife, a Frenchman like his bride—and a German like his old grandmother *Heinrich Heine*
- 2397 Freedom is the capacity to counteract statistics *Antoine de Saint Exupery*
- 2398 In our country we have those three unspeakably precious things freedom of speech freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either *Mark Twain*
- 2399 To Franklin D Roosevelt, on freedom from want You are referring I presume Mr President to deprivation, not to desire *Sir Winston Churchill*

FREUD

- 2400 Freud found sex an outcast in the outhouse and left it in the living room an honored guest *W Beran Wolfe*

FRIENDSHIP

- 2401 Friendship increases in visiting friends, but more in visiting them seldom *Anonymous*
- 2402 A friend is one who dislikes the same people that you dislike *Anonymous*
- 2403 A friend is one who does not laugh when you are in a ridiculous position *Sir Arthur Helps*
- 2404 Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success *Oscar Wilde*
- 2405 I choose my friends for their good looks my acquaintances for their good characters and my enemies for their good intellects *Ibid*
- 2406 I might give my life for my friend but he'd better not ask me to do up a parcel *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 2407 There are no friends at cards or world politics *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 2408 A friend that ain't in need is a friend indeed *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2409 There is no man so friendless but what he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*
- 2410 Never speak ill of yourself your friends will always say enough on that subject *Charles M de Talleyrand-Périgord*
- 2411 If anything lucky happens to you, don't fail to go and tell it to your friends in order to annoy them *Count Montroud*
- 2412 I like a friend the better for having faults that one can talk about *William Hazlitt*
- 2413 We grow tired of everything but turning others into ridicule, and congratulating ourselves on their defects *Ibid*
- 2414 Friend one who knows all about you and loves you just the same *Elbert Hubbard*
- 2415 A friend forgives your defects, and if he is very fond of you he doesn't see any *St Louis Globe Democrat*
- 2416 Every man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends *Henry Ward Beecher*
- 2417 With each friend you buy you get an enemy free *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2418 It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you *Mark Twain*
- 2419 The proper office of a friend is to side with you when you are

- in the wrong Nearly anybody will side with you when you are in the right *Ibid*
- 2420 The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime if not asked to lend money *Ibid*
- 2421 My friends! There are no friends *Aristotle*
- 2422 A friend who is very near and dear may in time become as useless as a relative *George Ade*
- 2423 In the world remarked someone to me you have three kinds of friends the friends who love you the friends who do not trouble their heads about you and the friends who hate you *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 2424 You have friends, Paullus just like your pictures and vases all antique originals *Martial*
- 2425 Max [Lord Beaverbrook] is a foul weather friend *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 2426 In prosperity our friends know us in adversity we know our friends *John Churton Collins*
- 2427 Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet *Chinese Proverb*
- 2428 Having said from our respective points of view the worst thing we could say about each other, having uttered the ultimate insult, there's no reason we can't be friends *S N Behrman*
- 2429 The sacrifices of friendship were beautiful in her eyes as long as she was not asked to make them *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 2430 I divide my friends into two classes those who ply their wits for a living—and those who take exercise *Henry Morton Robinson*
- 2431 I would rather have five energetic and competent enemies than one fool friend *Luther Burbank*
- 2432 Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives and remembering what one receives *Alexandre Dumas pere*
- 2433 What good is a friend if you can't make an enemy of him *William Gillette*
- 2434 What causes the majority of women to be so little touched by friendship is that it is insipid when they have once tasted of love *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2435 Most friendships are formed by caprice or chance, mere confederacies in vice or leagues in folly *Samuel Johnson*
- 2436 I advise thee to visit thy relations and friends, but I advise thee not to live too near them *Thomas Fuller*
- 2437 Friendship among women is only a suspension of hostilities *Comte de Rivarol*
- 2438 What is commonly called friendship is only a little more honor among rogues *Henry D Thoreau*

- 1439 If you seek friends who can be trusted go to the cemetery
Russian Proverb
- 1440 A friend who cannot at a pinch remember a thing or two that never happened is as bad as one who does not know how to forget
Samuel Butler
- 1441 God save me from my friends I can protect myself from my enemies
Marshal de Villars
- 442 It is well, when one is judging a friend to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality
Arnold Bennett
- 443 Many a friend has been lost by a jest, but none has ever been got by one
Czech Proverb
- 444 Friends are generally of the same sex, for when men and women agree, it is only in their conclusions their reasons are always different
George Santayana
- 445 Nothing so fortifies a friendship as a belief on the part of one friend that he is superior to the other
Honore de Balzac
- 446 Friendship between two women is always a plot against each other
Alphonse Karr

FROG

- 447 What a wonderful bird the frog are—
When he stand he sit almost,
When he hop, he fly almost
He ain't got no sense hardly,
He ain't got no tail hardly either
When he sit he sit on what he ain't got almost
Anonymous

FRUIT

- 148 Watermelon a good fruit—you eat, you drink and you wash your face
Enrico Caruso

FRUSTRATE

- 149 Frustrate a Frenchman, he will drink himself to death, an Irish man, he will die of angry hypertension, a Dane he will shoot himself an American, he will get drunk, shoot you then establish a million-dollar aid program for your relatives Then he will die of an ulcer
Dr Stanley Rudin

FUN

- 150 Spinning a rope's a lot of fun—providing your neck ain't in it
Will Rogers
- 151 Fun is like life insurance the older you get, the more it costs
Frank McKinney Hubbard

FUND RAISING

- 52 I am deeply touched—not as deeply touched as you have been by coming to this dinner, but nevertheless it is a sentimental occasion
John F Kennedy

FUNERAL

2453 No, but I approve of it *George F Hoar when asked if he would attend Benjamin F Butler's funeral*

FUNNY

2454 When a thing is funny search it for a hidden truth *George Bernard Shaw*

2455 Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else *Will Rogers*

FUTILITY

2456 Sue a beggar and get a louse *John Clarke*

2457 Two baldheaded men are fighting over a comb *Russian Proverb*

FUTURE

2458 My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there *Charles F Kettering*

2459 Don't lay any certain plans for the future it is like planting toads and expecting to raise toadstools *Josh Billings*

2460 I try to be as philosophical as the old lady who said that the best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time *Dean Acheson*

2461 No one can walk backward into the future *Joseph Hergesheimer*

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GADGETS

2462 All the modern inconveniences *Mark Twain*

GALLANTRY

2463 Gallantry consists in saying empty things in an agreeable manner *François de La Rochefoucauld*

GALLOWS

2464 On the gallows everyone is a preacher *Dutch Proverb*

GAMBLING

2465 Gambling promises the poor what property performs for the rich—something for nothing *George Bernard Shaw*

2466 Gambling a disease of barbarians superficially civilized *William R Inge*

GAMES

2467 The first of all English games is making money *John Ruskin*

2468 Some men are so mean that when they attend a ball game, they want to see the home team beaten *Edgar W Howe*

2469 I am afraid I play no outdoor games at all except dominoes I have sometimes played dominoes outside French cafes *Oscar Wilde*

GARDENING

- 2470 What a man needs in gardening is a cast iron back, with a hinge in it *Charles Dudley Warner*
- 2471 Gardens are not made by singing Oh, how beautiful, and sitting in the shade *Rudyard Kipling*
- 2472 The best way to tell the vegetables from the weeds is to watch your neighbor's chickens *Judge*
- 2473 The objection to gardening is that by the time your back gets used to it, your enthusiasm is gone *Baltimore Sun*

GENEALOGIST

- 2474 Genealogist one who traces back your family as far as your money will go *Anonymous*

GENERALITY

- 2475 The glittering generalities of the speaker have left an impression more delightful than permanent *Franklin J Dickman*
- 2476 All generalizations are dangerous even this one *Alexandre Dumas pere*
- 2477 For parlor use the vague generality is a lifesaver *George Ade*
- 2478 The narrower the mind the broader the statement *Ted Cook*

GENERALS

- 2479 Generals always die in bed *Saying of British soldiers in France in World War I*
- 2480 I do not like a big general nor one who takes long strides nor one who is proud of his bushy hair *Archilochus*

GENERATION

- 2481 The man who sees two or three generations is like one who sits in the conjurer's booth at the fair and sees the tricks two or three times They are meant to be seen only once *Arthur Schopenhauer*

GENEROSITY

- 2482 It is easy to be generous with other people's money *Latin Proverb*
- 2483 The age at which one shares everything is generally the age when one has nothing *Octave Feuillet*

GENIUS

- 2484 The public is wonderfully tolerant It forgives everything except genius *Oscar Wilde*
- 2485 I have nothing to declare except my genius *Ibid*
- 2486 Genius is born not paid *Ibid*
- 2487 Genius, in one respect is like gold, numbers of persons are constantly writing about both, who have neither *Charles C Colton*
- 2488 Genius is an infinite capacity for giving pains *Don Herold*
- 2489 Good God! What a genius I had when I wrote that book *Lionel Strachey*

- 2490 The function of genius is not to give new answers, but to pose new questions which time and mediocrity can resolve *H R Trevor Roper*
- 2491 The description of genius in Bailey's *Festus* A zigzag streak of lightning in the brain *Earl of Oxford and Asquith*
- 2492 When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign that the dunces are all in confederacy against him *Jonathan Swift*
- 2493 The eagle never lost so much time as when he submitted to learn of the crow *William Blake*
- 2494 Some people's genius lies in giving infinite pains *Addison Mizner*
- 2495 Unless one is a genius it is best to aim at being intelligible *Anthony Hope*
- 2496 He continued to be an infant long after he ceased to be a prodigy *Robert Moses*
- 2497 Everyone is a genius at least once a year The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 2498 Sometimes men come by the name of genius in the same way that certain insects come by the name of centipede not because they have a hundred feet, but because most people can't count above fourteen *Ibid*
- 2499 One must have loved a woman of genius in order to comprehend what happiness there is in loving a fool *Charles M de Talleyrand-Perigord*
- 2500 Genius ain't anything more than elegant common sense *Josh Billings*
- 2501 Genius has been defined as a supreme capacity for taking trouble It might be more fully described as a supreme capacity for getting its possessors into trouble of all kinds *Samuel Butler*
- 2502 Every man of genius is considerably helped by being dead *Robert Lynd*
- 2503 Genius is the talent of a man who is dead *Edmond de Goncourt*
- 2504 You may have genius The contrary is of course, probable *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 2505 I believe that genius is an infinite capacity for taking life by the scruff of the neck *Christopher Quill*
- 2506 Women of genius commonly have masculine faces, figures and manners In transplanting brains to an alien soil God leaves a little of the original earth clinging to the roots *Benjamin Tucker*
- 2507 Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration *Thomas A Edison*
- 2508 Talent may in time be forgiven, but genius never! *Lord Byron*
- 2509 I have been called a charlatan and a genius It's possible both statements may be true *Pablo Picasso*

GENTLEMEN

- 2510 My master hath been an honorable gentleman, tricks he hath had in him which gentlemen have *William Shakespeare*
- 2511 No real gentleman will tell the naked truth in the presence of ladies *Mark Twain*
- 2512 A gentleman is a man more often a woman, who owes nothing and leaves the world in debt to him It is better to die a gentleman than a martyr *George Bernard Shaw*
- 2513 A gentleman is a gentleman the world over, loafers differ *Ibid*
- 2514 If a man is a gentleman he knows quite enough and if he is not a gentleman, whatever he knows is bad for him *Oscar Wilde*
- 2515 A gentleman never looks out of the window *Ibid*
- 2516 One's duty as a gentleman should never interfere with one's pleasure in the slightest degree *Ibid*
- 2517 When an Englishman is totally incapable of doing any work whatsoever he describes himself in the income tax form as a 'gentleman' *Robert Lynd*
- 2518 A woman in a London police court once said, "My husband is no gentleman he puts on his trousers before his socks" *Ibid*
- 2519 Give a man a secure position and you will note an access of self confidence and ease of intercourse, he feels the social order bearing him up It will go far to make a very common man a gentleman *Charles Horton Cooley*
- 2520 A real gentleman is at a big disadvantage these days *Frank Mc Kinney Hubbard*
- 2521 Gentleman one who never strikes a woman without provocation *H L Mencken*
- 2522 A gentleman is a man who can disagree without being disagreeable *Anonymous*
- 2523 It takes three generations to make a gentleman *Ascribed to Robert Peel*
- 2524 A gentleman makes no noise, a lady is serene *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 2525 A man may wear a red necktie, a green vest and tan shoes and still be a gentleman *E M Statler Statler Hotel Service Code*
- 2526 To make a fine gentleman, several trades are required, but chiefly a barber *Oliver Goldsmith*
- 2527 A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally *Oliver Herford*
- 2528 A gentleman never heard the story before *Austin O Malley*
- 2529 He is every other inch a gentleman *Rebecca West*
- 2530 One of the embarrassments of being a gentleman is that you are not permitted to be violent in asserting your rights *Nicholas Murray Butler*

- 2531 This is the final test of a gentleman his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him *William Lyon Phelps*
- 2532 A gentleman is any man who wouldn't hit a woman with his hat on *Fred Allen*

GERMAN LANGUAGE

- 2533 Life is too short to learn German *Richard Porson*
- 2534 My philological studies have satisfied me that a gifted person ought to learn English (barring spelling and pronouncing) in thirty hours French in thirty days, and German in thirty years *Mark Twain*
- 2535 Some German words are so long that they have a perspective Ob serve these examples *Freundschaftsbezeigungen, Dilletantenaufdring lichkeiten Stadtverordnetenversammlungen Ibid*

GERMANY

- 2536 Luther convulsed Germany—but Francis Drake calmed it down again He gave us the potato *Heinrich Heine*
- 2537 Wherever there are three Germans there are always four opinions *German Proverb*
- 2538 The situation in Germany is serious but not hopeless the situation in Austria is hopeless but not serious *Viennese Saying*
- 2539 The Germans live to work whereas other peoples work to live *Ascribed to a Zurich banker by Herbert V Prochnow*

GETTING

- 2540 In this world there are only two tragedies One is not getting what one wants and the other is getting it *Oscar Wilde*

GHOSTS

- 2541 The outward and visible sign of an inward fear *Ambrose Bierce*
- 2542 The Great Auk's ghost rose on one leg,
Sighed thrice and three times winkt,
And turned and poached a phantom egg,
And muttered "I'm extinct" *Ralph Hodgson*
- 2543 Ghosts, like the ladies, never speak till spoke to *Richard Harris Barham*

GIFTS

- 2544 I fear the Greeks even when bringing gifts *Virgil*
- 2545 I make presents to the mother, but think of the daughter *Johann von Goethe*
- 2546 Princely gifts don't come from princes any more They come from tycoons *Prince Philip*
- 2547 Gifts are like fish hooks *Martial*
- 2548 It takes all the fun out of a bracelet if you have to buy it yourself *Peggy Joyce*
- 2549 Presents, I often say, endear absents *Charles Lamb*

2550 We do not quite forgive a giver The hand that feeds us is in some danger of being bitten *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

GIRAFFE

2551 The giraffe must get up at six in the morning if it wants to have its breakfast in its stomach by nine *Nicholas Murray Butler*

GIRL

2552 The girl who makes the poet's sigh is a very different creature from the girl who makes his soup *Frederick Sheldon*

2553 No well bred European girl would chat with a stranger on a bus or if she did she wouldn't date him the same day or if she did she wouldn't bring him home, or if she did, her parents would have a fit *Hans Koningsberger*

GIVING

2554 Never give beyond the possibility of return *Baltasar Gracian*

2555 If it is more blessed to give than to receive, then most of us are content to let the other fellow have the greater blessing *Shailer Mathews*

2556 Giving is the business of the rich *Johann von Goethe*

2557 You cannot afford to have things given to you *Edgar W Howe*

GOD

2558 God said 'Let us make man in our image' and Man said, 'Let us make God in our image' *Douglas Jerrold*

2559 Sometimes a nation abolishes God, but fortunately God is more tolerant *Herbert V Prochnow*

2560 The sage looks up to God, but does not offer to aid *Chuang tse*

2561 God is a great expense but government would be impossible without Him *George Moore*

2562 Everyone is as God made him, and oftentimes a great deal worse *Miguel de Cervantes*

2563 We used to trust in God I think it was in 1863 that some genius suggested that 'In God we trust' be put upon the gold and silver coins which circulated among the rich They didn't put it upon the nickels and coppers because they didn't think the poor folks had any trust in God *Mark Twain*

2564 What God lacks is convictions—stability of character He ought to be a Presbyterian or a Catholic or something—not try to be every thing *Ibid*

2565 God does not believe in our God *Jules Renard*

2566 God will provide—ah, if only He would till He does so! *Yiddish Proverb*

2567 God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home *Joseph Roux*

2568 To stand on one leg and prove God's existence is a very different thing from going on one's knees and thanking Him *Soren Kierkegaard*

- 2569 If Henry Ward Beecher knows so much more about God than another if he has made some discovery of truth in this direction I would thank him to publish it in Silliman's Journal with as few flourishes as possible *Henry D Thoreau*
- 2570 God and the devil are an effort after specialization and division of labor *Samuel Butler*
- 2571 My father was a God-fearing man but he never missed a copy of *The New York Times* either *E B White*
- 2572 Indeed the times are troubled he said but we must remember that we are all in God's hands I know we are said Mrs Brandon earnestly, laying her hand on the Vicar's sleeve and that is just what is so perfectly dreadful *Angela Thirkell*
- 2573 Father expected a good deal of God He didn't actually accuse God of inefficiency, but when he prayed his tone was loud and angry like that of a dissatisfied guest in a carelessly managed hotel *Clarence Day*
- 2574 Even bein' Gawd ain't a bed of roses *Marc Connelly*

GOLD

- 2575 Some nations are said to have too much gold Still, if you have to be afflicted with something we don't know but that we would like gold as well as anything *Anonymous*

GOLDEN RULE

- 2576 Do unto others as you would have others do unto you But better not expect others to do unto you what you do unto them *Chen Chiju*
- 2577 The golden rule is that there are no golden rules *George Bernard Shaw*

GOLDFISH

- 2578 No one can feel as helpless as the owner of a sick goldfish *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

GOLF

- 2579 Many have reduced it to life, liberty and the pursuit of golf balls *Arkansas Gazette*
- 2580 It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf *Robert Lynd*
- 2581 Golf was, I should say offhand, the most useless outdoor game ever devised to waste the time and try the spirit of man *Westbrook Pegler*
- 2582 I don't have any handicap I am all handicap *Lyndon B Johnson*
- 2583 Many caddies become good golfers Unlike businessmen, they never read one of those books on how to play golf *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2584 If you watch a game, it's fun If you play it, it's recreation If you work at it, it's golf *Anonymous*
- 2585 Our view of an athletic man is the fellow who hires a small boy to

cut the grass so he can play golf and obtain a little exercise *Portland News*

- 2586 Golf is a funny game If there is any larceny in a man, golf will bring it out *Paul Gallico*
- 2587 Rail splitting produced an immortal President in Abraham Lincoln but golf, with 29 000 courses hasn't produced even a good A Number 1 Congressman *Will Rogers*

GOOD

- 2588 The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth and have it found out by accident *Charles Lamb*
- 2589 Good is when I steal other people's wives and cattle bad is when they steal mine *Hottentot Proverb*
- 2590 Men have a singular desire to be good without being good for anything *Henry D Thoreau*
- 2591 Be not simply good be good for something *Ibid*
- 2592 Be good and you will be lonesome *Mark Twain*
- 2593 He is so good that he is good for nothing *Italian Proverb*
- 2594 The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us *Oscar Wilde*
- 2595 When we are happy we are always good but when we are good we are not always happy *Ibid*
- 2596 To be good according to the vulgar standard of goodness is quite easy It merely requires a certain amount of sordid terror a certain lack of imaginative thought, and a certain low passion for middle class respectability *Ibid*
- 2597 There's too many folks of limited means who think that nothing's too good for them *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2598 Good behavior is the last refuge of mediocrity *Henry S Haskins*
- 2599 What a mystery is the folly and stupidity of the good! *Sydney Smuth*

GOOD NATURED

- 2600 If you do not ask their help all men are good-natured *Chinese Proverb*

GOSSIP

- 2601 She has a nice sense of rumor *John H Cutler*
- 2602 Don't talk about yourself it will be done when you leave *Addison Mizner*
- 2603 Hear no evil, see no evil speak no evil and you'll never be a success at a cocktail party *Anonymous*
- 2604 Half the world knows how the other half ought to live *Anonymous*
- 2605 It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about nowadays saying things against one, behind one's back, that are absolutely and entirely true *Oscar Wilde*

- 2606 There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about and that is not being talked about *Ibid*
- 2607 Gossip is charming! History is merely gossip But scandal is gossip made tedious by morality *Ibid*
- 2608 Gossip vice enjoyed vicariously—the sweet subtle satisfaction without the risk *Elbert Hubbard*
- 2609 She told him it was terrible to hear such things as he told her and to please go ahead *George Ade*
- 2610 Gossip is what no one claims to like—but everybody enjoys *Joseph Conrad*
- 2611 Gossips sociologists on a mean and petty scale *Woodrow Wilson*
- 2612 If all men knew what others say of them, there would not be four friends in the world *Blaise Pascal*
- 2613 She poured a little social sewage into his ears *George Meredith*
- 2614 The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them *Will Rogers*
- 2615 Cut men s throats with whisperings *Ben Jonson*
- 2616 When a woman says 'I don't wish to mention any names it ain't necessary *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2617 There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it *Ibid*
- 2618 I always prefer to believe the best of everybody it saves so much trouble *Rudyard Kipling*
- 2619 Gossip is none the less gossip because it comes from venerable antiquity *Bishop Mandell Creighton*
- 2620 Gossip is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves practically nothing unsaid *Walter Winchell*

GOTHIC

- 2621 A new Gothic building is in reality little less absurd than a new ruin *John Constable*

GOURMET

- 2622 A gourmet is just a glutton with brains *Phillip W Haberman Jr*

GOVERNMENT

- 2623 A minister of finance is a legally authorized pickpocket *Paul Ramadier*
- 2624 The work [as President of France] was killing me they called me out of bed at all hours of the night to receive the resignations of prime ministers *Vincent Auriol*
- 2625 The government is mainly an expensive organization to regulate evildoers and tax those who behave government does little for fairly respectable people except annoy them *Edgar W Howe*
- 2626 An official never flogs a bearer of gifts *Chinese Proverb*
- 2627 My experience in government is that when things are noncontro-

- versial, beautifully coordinated and all the rest, it must be that there is not much going on *John F Kennedy*
- 2628 They used to say that if you worked in wartime Washington you would get one of three things galloping frustration, ulcers or a sense of humor I guess I got them all *Adlai Stevenson*
- 2629 *Themistocles to his son* For the Athenians command the rest of Greece I command the Athenians, your mother commands me, and you command your mother *Plutarch*
- 2630 like the type of civil servant who has a difficulty for every solution *A E W Thomas*
- 2631 Is our government sound? asks a contemporary Yes, mostly, we should say *Anonymous*
- 2632 Government apathy at the circumference and apoplexy at the center *Anonymous*
- 2633 A majority is always the best repartee " said Coningsby *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 2634 The authorities were at their wits' end, nor had it taken them long to get there *Desmond MacCarthy*
- 2635 The nearest thing to immortality in this world is a government bureau *General Hugh S Johnson*
- 2636 In things a moderation keep
Kings ought to shear, not skin their sheep *Robert Herrick*
- 2637 I don't make jokes I just watch the government and report the facts *Will Rogers*
- 2638 To hear some men talk of the government you would suppose that Congress was the law of gravitation, and kept the planets in their places *Wendell Phillips*
- 2639 The art of government is the organization of idolatry *George Bernard Shaw*
- 2640 Does any man seriously believe that a modern Prime Minister is a more enlightened ruler than Julius Caesar because he drives a motorcar writes his dispatches by electric light and instructs his stockbroker through a telephone? *Ibid*
- 2641 Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish Don't overdo it *Lao-tse*
- 2642 Here is a pretty prospect—an endless vista of free false teeth with nothing to bite *Robert Boothby Member of Parliament commenting on the National Health Service and continued austerity*
- 2643 In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give it to the other *Voltaire*
- 2644 We must remember that the machinery of government would not work if it were not allowed a little play in its joints *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr*

- 2645 The greatest misfortune in government is that those out of office always know the answers to the nation's problems *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 2646 The art of putting the right men in the right places is first in the science of government but that of finding places for the discontented is the most difficult *Charles M de Talleyrand-Pengord*
- 2647 How the government is kept up! Like an hourglass, when one side is quite run out, we turn up the other, and go on again *Douglas Jerrold*
- 2648 I know not how better to describe our form of government in a single phrase than by calling it a government by the chairman of the Standing Committees of Congress *Woodrow Wilson*
- 2649 There is no government without mumbo-jumbo *Hilaire Belloc*

GOVERNOR

- 2650 I have the experience to be Governor I know how to play craps I know how to play poker I know how to get in and out of the Baptist Church and ride horses I know the oil and gas business I know both sides of the streets *Earl Long*

GRACEFUL

- 2651 How inimitably graceful children are in general—before they learn to dance *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

GRADUATE

- 2652 The college graduate is presented with a sheepskin to cover his intellectual nakedness *Robert M Hutchins*

GRAMMAR

- 2653 I've never heard a blue jay use bad grammar, but very seldom and when they do they are as ashamed as a human *Mark Twain*
- 2654 George Moore wrote brilliant English until he discovered grammar *Oscar Wilde*
- 2655 Everything bows to success, even grammar *Victor Hugo*
- 2656 No man forgets his original trade the rights of nations and of kings, sink into questions of grammar, if grammarians discuss them *Samuel Johnson*
- 2657 It takes a man of very strong character to become a grammarian and not lose his soul *Thomas L Masson*
- 2658 I am the King of Rome, and above grammar *Emperor Sigismund*
- 2659 Saving only the doctors, there are none more stupid than the grammarians *Heraclitus*
- 2660 Any fool can make a rule
And every fool will mind it *Henry D Thoreau*

GRANDCHILDREN

- 2661 By the time the youngest children have learned to keep the place tidy the oldest grandchildren are on hand to tear it to pieces again *Christopher Morley*

GRANDMOTHER

- 2662 Grandmother, about eighty is visiting in the East and sends home things she has bought for her house I don't suppose I shall live forever' she says, 'but while I do live I don't see why I shouldn't live as if I expected to' *Charles Horton Cooley*

GRAPEFRUIT

- 2663 A grapefruit is a lemon that had a chance and took advantage of it
Anonymous

GRATEFUL

- 2664 When a man has given you a dime, he says it was a dollar and that you were not as grateful as you should have been *Edgar W Howe*
- 2665 Nothing tires a man more than to be grateful all the time *Ibid*
- 2666 Nearly everyone takes pleasure in discharging his petty obligations, very many are grateful for average kindness but few indeed are not somewhat ungrateful for great services *François de La Roche foucauld*
- 2667 Gratitude, in most men, is only a strong secret hope of greater favors *Ibid*
- 2668 I believe the best definition of man is the ungrateful biped *Fedor Dostoevski*
- 2669 'I feel a very unusual sensation' said Mr St Barbe after dining with the Neufchatelets If it is not indigestion I think it must be gratitude" *Benjamin Disraeli*

GRAVEYARDS

- 2670 The graveyards are full of people the world could not do without
Elbert Hubbard

GRAY, THOMAS

- 2671 Sir, he was dull in company dull in his closet dull everywhere He was dull in a new way and that made many people think him great *Samuel Johnson*

GREAT

- 2672 If a great man could make us understand him we should hang him
George Bernard Shaw
- 2673 We are both great men, but I have succeeded better in keeping it a profound secret than he has *Edgar Wilson Nye*
- 2674 The pages of history are full of the names of great men They have always been a nuisance *Sir Patrick Hastings*

GREAT BRITAIN

- 2675 It's no good shutting your eyes and saying "British is best" three times a day after meals and expecting it to be so We've got to work for it by constantly criticizing and improving *Prince Philip*
- 2676 We are certainly not a nation of nitwits In fact, wits are our greatest single asset *Ibid*

GREATNESS

- 2677 Cheap editions of great books may be delightful but cheap editions of great men are absolutely detestable *Oscar Wilde*
- 2678 To feel themselves in the presence of true greatness many men find it necessary only to be alone *Thomas L Masson*

GREEK

- 2679 Greeks tell the truth but only once a year *Russian Proverb*
- 2680 After shaking hands with a Greek count your fingers *Albanian Proverb*

GREELEY HORACE

- 2681 a self-made man who worships his creator *Henry Clapp*

GREENHORN

- 2682 Gullibility is the key to all adventures The greenhorn is the ultimate victor in everything it is he that gets the most out of life *G K Chesterton*

GREETER

- 2683 Only in the United States has the greeter" become a profession and the ovation a fine art *Dixon Wecter*

GREETING

- 2684 Don't tell your friends about your indigestion "How are you!" is a greeting not a question *Arthur Guterman*

GRIEF

- 2685 Grief is a species of idleness *Samuel Johnson*
- 2686 Crying widows are easiest consoled *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 2687 Alas, I am nothing but a multitude Of walking griefs *Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher*

GROUCH

- 2688 A grouch escapes so many little annoyances that it almost pays to be one *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

GROWING OLD

- 2689 Some folks as they grow older grow wise, but most folks simply grow stubborn *Josh Billings*

GRUDGE

- 2690 Some men feel that the only thing they owe the woman who marries them is a grudge *Helen Rowland*

GUEST

- 2691 A man who stays a week with another makes him a slave for a week *Samuel Johnson*
- 2692 Every guest hates the others and the host hates them all *Albanian Proverb*
- 2693 You ask me to dinner and say there will be three hundred at table,

all strangers to me, and because I refuse you're surprised and make moan Why, Fabullus I don't relish dining alone *Martial*

- 2694 Frank Harris is invited to all the great houses in England—once *Oscar Wilde*
- 2695 I have sixty days for this tour and I have visited ten countries That makes six days in each country and when you start blocking up traffic—well the first day people enjoy it, but by the third day they get bloody tired of it The art of being a good guest is to know when to leave *Prince Philip*
- 2696 A constant guest is never welcome *Thomas Fuller*
- 2697 Fish and visitors smell in three days *Benjamin Franklin*
- 2698 Mankind is divisible into two great classes hosts and guests *Max Beerbohm*
- 2699 Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week *William Dean Howells*
- 2700 When the guests have gone the host is at peace *Chinese Proverb*
- 2701 Unbidden guests are often welcomest when they are gone *William Shakespeare*

GUILT

- 2702 It is base to filch a purse daring to embezzle a million, but it is great beyond measure to steal a crown The sin lessens as the guilt increases *Johann Schiller*
- 2703 Not guilty—but don't do it again *American Saying*
- 2704 In other words, psychoanalysts relieve their patients from feeling guilty about things of which they are not guilty and leave them with the sense of guilt about things of which they really are guilty *Gregory Zilboorg*

GUN

- 2705 When I take a gun in hand, the safest place for a pheasant is just opposite the muzzle *Sydney Smith*

GYPSY

- 2706 A gypsy tells the truth once in his life and immediately repents *Russian Proverb*

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HABIT

- 2707 Habit with him was all the test of truth, 'It must be right, I've done it from my youth' *George Crabbe*
- 2708 Last night I thought over a thousand plans, but this morning I went my old way *Chinese Proverb*
- 2709 Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits *Mark Twain*
- 2710 A man may have no bad habits and have worse *Ibid*

- 2711 The most unendurable thing, to be sure, the really terrible thing would be a life without habits a life which continually required improvisation *F W Nietzsche*
- 2712 It seems in fact, as though the second half of a man's life is made up of nothing but the habits he has accumulated during the first half *Fedor Dostoevski*

HAIR

- 2713 A hair in the head is worth two in the brush *Oliver Herford*
- 2714 Now see here! I cut my own hair I got sick of barbers because they talk too much And too much of their talk was about my hair coming out *Robert Frost*
- 2715 Young Lafe Bud says he allus hates t git his hair cut cause it makes his hat look so old *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2716 Better a bald head than none at all *Austin O Malley*
- 2717 When redheaded people are above a certain social grade, their hair is auburn *Mark Twain*
- 2718 It got to a point where I had to get a haircut or a violin *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*
- 2719 Why don t you get a haircut you look like a chrysanthemum *P G Wodehouse*
- 2720 More hair than wit *William Shakespeare*

HALF

- 2721 Half the world does not know how the other half lives but is trying to find out *Edgar W Howe*

HAMLET

- 2722 Hamlet s experience simply could not have happened to a plumber *George Bernard Shaw*

HANDICAP

- 2723 He has ever been the tin can on his own tail *George Jean Nathan*

HANDSOME

- 2724 A clever, ugly man every now and then is successful with the ladies but a handsome fool is irresistible *William M Thackeray*

HANGING

- 2725 Hanging is the worse use man can be put to *Sir Henry Wotton*
- 2726 Big thieves hang the little ones *Czech Proverb*

HAPPINESS

- 2727 With some whose nerves have a deep covering of fat happiness is less of a problem than it is an accident of anatomy *Henry S Haskins*
- 2728 Pleasure is the only thing to live for Nothing ages like happiness *Oscar Wilde*
- 2729 Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go *Ibid*

- 2730 The happiness of a married man depends on the people he has not married *Ibid*
- 2731 When I was young I thought that money was the most important thing in life, now that I am old I know that it is *Ibid*
- 2732 It's pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness, poverty and wealth have both failed *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2733 The true test of happiness is whether you know what day of the week it is A miserable man is aware of this even in his sleep To be as cheerful and rosy cheeked on Monday as on Saturday and at breakfast as at dinner is to—well, make an ideal husband *W N P Barbellion*
- 2734 One must be perfectly stupid to be perfectly happy *Anonymous*
- 2735 Happiness is like coke—something you get as a by product in the process of making something else *Aldous Huxley*
- 2736 A happy man may be a successful bishop, dog catcher, movie actor or sausage monger, but no happy man ever produced a first rate piece of painting sculpture music or literature *George Jean Nathan*
- 2737 I have now reigned about fifty years in victory or peace, beloved by my subjects, dreaded by my enemies and respected by my allies Riches and honors power and pleasure, have waited on my call, nor does any earthly blessing appear to have been wanting to my felicity In this situation I have diligently numbered the days of pure and genuine happiness which have fallen to my lot they amount to fourteen *Ascribed to Abd-er Rahman III of Spain*
- 2738 A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it it would be hell on earth *George Bernard Shaw*
- 2739 The only way to avoid being miserable is not to have enough leisure to wonder whether you are happy or not *Ibid*
- 2740 Happiness for me is largely a matter of digestion *Lin Yutang*
- 2741 Happiness is the perpetual possession of being well deceived *Lionel Strachey*
- 2742 Nothing flatters a man as much as the happiness of his wife, he is always proud of himself as the source of it *Samuel Johnson*
- 2743 Men have a much better time of it than women, for one thing they marry later for another thing they die earlier *H L Mencken*
- 2744 I had a pleasant time with my mind, for it was happy *Louisa May Alcott*
- 2745 Happiness a good bank account, a good cook and a good digestion *Jean Jacques Rousseau*
- 2746 Some few there be spoilt darlings of high Heaven
To whom the magic grace of charm is given *La Fontaine (translation by Sir Edward Marsh)*
- 2747 The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness *Eric Hoffer*

- 2748 The secret of happiness is to admire without desiring And that is not happiness *Francis H Bradley*
- 2749 The poor man is happy he expects no change for the worse *Demetrius*
- 2750 If a man is happy in America it is considered he is doing something wrong *Clarence Darrow*
- 2751 Happy are the rich for they are never without means of consolation *Cornetesse Diane*

HARDSHIP

- 2752 The times are not so bad as they seem they couldn't be *Jay Franklin*

HARM

- 2753 There is not much harm in a lion, he has no ideals no religion no politics no chivalry, no gentility *George Bernard Shaw*

HARVARD

- 2754 I have spent the past five years in study and writing up to my ears in the economic interpretation of American history getting the last lingering Harvard prejudices out of my system *Vernon L Parrington*
- 2755 And this is good old Boston
The home of the bean and the cod,
Where the Lowells talk to the Cabots
And the Cabots talk only to God *John Collins Bossidy*
- 2756 You can always tell a Harvard man but you can't tell him much *Ascribed to James Barnes*

HAT

- 2757 The only reason why a man should pay the least attention to a hat is that it is something one tips to a lady *John Barrymore*
- 2758 Never run after your own hat—others will be delighted to do it why spoil their fun *Mark Twain*
- 2759 When a man buys a new hat, he wants one just like the one he has had before But a woman isn't that way *Edgar W Howe*

HATE

- 2760 If you hate a man don't kill him but let him live *Hindu Proverb*
- 2761 Few people can be happy unless they hate some other person nation or creed *Bertrand Russell*
- 2762 I do desire we may be better strangers *William Shakespeare*

HEAD

- 2763 A man with a small head is like a pin without any very apt to get into things beyond his depth *Josh Billings*
- 2764 Better be the head of a lizard than the tail of a lion *George Herbert*

- 2765 The softer a man's head, the louder his socks *Helen Rowland*
 2766 Fat heads lean brains *Italian Proverb*
 2767 Her head looks as if it had worn out two bodies *New England Saying*
 2768 And still they gazed and still the wonder grew
 That one small head could carry all he knew *Oliver Goldsmith*

HEALTH

- 2769 A person seldom falls sick but the bystanders are animated with a faint hope that he will die *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
 2770 If you would live in health be old early *Spanish Proverb*
 2771 I am dying sir of a hundred good symptoms *Alexander Pope*
 2772 Never tell people how you are they don't want to know *Johann von Goethe*
 2773 Striving to outdo one's companions on the golf course and tennis court or in the swimming pool constitutes several socially acceptable forms of suicide *Dr George Griffith*
 2774 The fate of a nation has often depended on the good or bad digestion of a prime minister *Voltaire*
 2775 He is remarkably well, considering that he has been remarkably well for so many years *Sydney Smith*
 2776 I have no relish for the country it is a kind of healthy grave *Ibid*
 2777 I have gout asthma and seven other maladies, but am otherwise very well *Ibid*
 2778 The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not *Mark Twain*
 2779 We sit at breakfast, we sit on the tram on the way to work, we sit at work, we sit at lunch we sit all afternoon a hodgepodge of sagging livers, sinking gall bladders, drooping stomachs, compressed intestines and squashed pelvic organs *Dr John Button Jr*
 2780 Illness is the doctor to whom we pay most heed to kindness, to knowledge, we make promises only pain we obey *Marcel Proust*
 2781 I do not know a single person whose intellect I respect who enjoys robust health *Sir Peter Chalmers-Mitchell*
 2782 Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year *Franklin P Adams*
 2783 Some people think that doctors and nurses can put scrambled eggs back into the shell *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

HEAR

- 2784 It is a foolish man that hears all he hears *Austin O Malley*
 2785 We have two ears and only one tongue in order that we may hear more and speak less *Diogenes*

HEARSAY

2786 Everything I know about her is merely daresay *Alexander Woollcott*

HEART

2787 What if my trousers are shabby and worn, they cover a warm heart *Thomas L Masson*

2788 When a young man complains that a young lady has no heart, it is pretty certain that she has his *George D Prentice*

HEAVEN

2789 Heaven is the place where the donkey finally catches up with his carrot hell is the eternity while he waits for it *Russell Green*

2790 My idea of heaven is eating foie gras to the sound of trumpets *Sydney Smith*

2791 Heaven goes by favor if it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in *Mark Twain*

2792 Heaven for climate hell for society *Ibid*

2793 There are people who, if they ever reach heaven, will commence at once looking for their own set *Josh Billings*

2794 A German's idea of heaven is painted blue and has cast iron dogs on the lawn *Finley Peter Dunne*

2795 As soon as Herr and Frau Mueller get to heaven, they'll ask for picture postcards *Christian Morgenstern*

2796 In heaven all the interesting people are missing *F W Nietzsche*

2797 We all hope he is where we all know he ain't *Anonymous*

2798 *Asked what he thought about the existence of heaven or hell* I don't want to express an opinion You see, I have friends in both places *Mark Twain*

HEIGHT

2799 He's a little man that's his trouble never trust a man with short legs—brains too near their bottoms *Noel Coward*

HEINE HEINRICH

2800 He possesses that divine malice without which I cannot imagine perfection *F W Nietzsche*

HEIRESS

2801 Heiresses are never jilted *George Meredith*

HELL

2802 If you get gloomy just take an hour off and sit and think how much better this world is than hell Of course, it won't cheer you up much if you expect to go there *Don Marquis*

2803 Hell is other people *Jean Paul Sartre*

2804 If there is no hell, a good many preachers are obtaining money under false pretenses *Billy Sunday*

- 2805** There are no fans in hell *Arab Proverb*
- 2806** Kansas has started in to raise hell, and she seems to have an over production *William Allen White*
- 2807** My advice to the women's clubs of America is to raise more hell and fewer dahlias *James McNeill Whistler*
- HEN
- 2808** If you would have a hen lay, you must bear with her cackling
Thomas Fuller
- HENRY VIII
- 2809** Henry VIII had so many wives because his dynastic sense was very strong whenever he saw a maid of honor *Will Cuppy*
- HERALDRY
- 2810** The science of fools with long memories *James Robinson Planche*
- HEREDITY
- 2811** Heredity is an omnibus in which all our ancestors ride, and every now and then one of them puts his head out and embarrasses us
Oliver Wendell Holmes
- 2812** Man does not transmit a single acquired memory to his progeny
The son of the greatest mathematician does not inherit even the multiplication table *E M Marais*
- 2813** What is born of a hen will scratch *Italian Proverb*
- HERETIC
- 2814** An heretic, my dear sir, is a fellow who disagrees with you regarding something neither of you knows anything about *William Cowper Brann*
- 2815** That is the whole trouble with being a heretic One usually must think out everything for oneself *Aubrey Menen*
- HERO
- 2816** As Charles Lamb says, there is nothing so nice as doing good by stealth and being found out by accident, so I now say it is even nicer to make heroic decisions and to be prevented by 'circumstances beyond your control from ever trying to execute them *William James*
- 2817** No man is a hero to his valet This is not because the hero is no hero, but because the valet is a valet *Georg W F Hegel*
- 2818** Every hero becomes a bore at last *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 2819** The crude commercialism of America, its materializing spirit, its indifference to the poetical side of things, its lack of imagination and of high unattainable ideals, are entirely due to that country having adopted for its national hero one who, according to his own confession, was incapable of telling a lie, and it is not too much to say that the story of George Washington and the cherry tree has done more harm, and in a shorter space of time, than any other moral tale in the whole of literature *Oscar Wilde*

2820 When ye build yer triumphal arch to yer conquerin hero, Hinnessey,
build it out of bricks so the people will have somethin' convanient to
throw at him as he passes through *Finley Peter Dunne*

2821 Heroes exterminate each other for the benefit of people who are
not heroes *Havelock Ellis*

HESITATE

2822 Leave undone whatever you hesitate to do *Yoshida Kanko*

HIGHBROW

2823 A highbrow is a man who has found something more interesting
than women *Edgar Wallace*

2824 The lowbrow is a person who often believes that a bad book is good
the highbrow is a person who as often believes that a good book
is bad *Robert Lynd*

2825 A highbrow is a person educated beyond his intelligence *Brander
Matthews*

2826 The graffe may surely be regarded as an example of upright, and is
even, in a manner of speaking, a highbrow *G K Chesterton*

2827 A highbrow is the kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks
of Picasso *Sir Alan Patrick Herbert*

HIGHWAY

2828 Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf *Lewis Mumford*

HIPPOPOTAMUS

2829 The skin of the hippopotamus is two inches thick With a face like
that he needs it *Anonymous*

2830 I shoot the Hippopotamus
With bullets made of platinum
Because if I use leaden ones
His hide is sure to flatten 'em *Hilaire Belloc*

HISTORY

2831 The historian looks backward In the end he also believes backward
F W Nietzsche

2832 The final lesson of history 'Let's never go back there again!'
Ibid

2833 Very few things happen at the right time, and the rest do not
happen at all, the conscientious historian will correct these defects
Herodotus

2834 Any event once it has occurred, can be made to appear inevitable
by a competent historian *Lee Simonson*

2835 The historian is a prophet looking backward *August Wilhelm von
Schlegel*

2836 Historian an unsuccessful novelist *H L Mencken*

2837 The Deity cannot alter the past, but historians can and do, perhaps
that is why He allows them to exist *Samuel Butler*

- 2838 I'd like to have been around in the times the historical novelists write about—but I wouldn't like to be in the life insurance business
Finley Peter Dunne
- 2839 History is what enables each nation to use the other fellow's past record as an alibi *Anonymous*
- 2840 History is something that never happened written by a man who wasn't there *Anonymous*
- 2841 History may be divided into events which do not matter and events which probably never occurred *William R Inge*
- 2842 It is a great pity that every human being does not at an early stage of his life, have to write a historical work. He would then realize that the human race is in quite a jam about truth *Rebecca West*
- 2843 Walter Bagehot rightly argued that much history is of slender value—"the mere scum of events" *Roger Fulford*
- 2844 People think too historically. They are always living half in a cemetery *Aristide Briand*
- 2845 History repeats itself that's one of the things that's wrong with history *Clarence Darrow*
- 2846 When a history book contains no lies it is always tedious *Anatole France*
- 2847 I have written too much history to have faith in it and if anyone thinks I'm wrong I am inclined to agree with him *Henry Adams*
- 2848 History is rather interesting when it repeats itself, historians are not *Philip Guedalla*
- 2849 History an account mostly false, of events unimportant, which are brought about by rulers mostly knaves and soldiers mostly fools *Ambrose Bierce*
- 2850 History is always written wrong, and so always needs to be rewritten *George Santayana*
- 2851 History a distillation of rumor *Thomas Carlyle*
- 2852 We learn from history that we do not learn from history *Georg W F Hegel*
- 2853 He will hereafter believe less history than ever now that we have seen how it is made *Don Herold*
- 2854 The one duty we owe to history is to rewrite it *Oscar Wilde*
- 2855 History is merely gossip *Ibid*
- 2856 For my part, I consider that it will be found much better by all parties to leave the past to history, especially as I propose to write that history myself *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 2857 Advice to persons about to write history—don't *Lord Acton*
- 2858 You don't change the course of history by turning the faces of portraits to the wall *Jawaharlal Nehru*
- 2859 The very ink with which history is written is merely fluid prejudice *Mark Twain*

- 2860 Hard work you wouldn't do for a living *Anonymous*
- HOBBY
- 2861 A holding company is a thing where you hand an accomplice the goods while the policeman searches you *Will Rogers*
- HOLDING COMPANY
- 2862 A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it *Austin O Malley*
- HOLE
- 2863 Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for movie stars *Fred Allen*
- HOLLYWOOD
- 2864 Hollywood is no place for a professional comedian the amateur competition is too great *Ibid*
- 2865 What I like about Hollywood is that one can get along by knowing two words of English—*swell* and *lousy* *Vicki Baum*
- 2866 Hollywood a place where the inmates are in charge of the asylum *Ascribed to Laurence Stallings*
- 2867 Hollywood is a sewer with service from the Ritz Carlton *Wilson Mizner*
- 2868 Hollywood impresses me as being ten million dollars worth of intricate and highly ingenious machinery functioning elaborately to put skin on baloney *George Jean Nathan*
- 2869 Hollywood is the place where inferior people have a way of making superior people feel inferior *Dudley Field Malone*
- 2870 They know only one word of more than one syllable here, and that is *fillum* *Ascribed to Louis Sherwin*
- 2871 One of the charms of Hollywood is that almost nothing they do is real or true or practical or anything resembling life *Frank Case*
- HOME
- 2872 There are more time-saving devices and less leisure in American homes than ever before *Anonymous*
- 2873 My dwelling was small, and I could hardly entertain an echo in it *Henry D Thoreau*
- 2874 Home was quite a place when people stayed there *E B White*
- 2875 Home is the place where, when you have to go there they have to take you in *Robert Frost*
- 2876 The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2877 It's as hard to get a man to stay home after you've married him as it was to get him to go home before you married him *Helen Rowland*
- 2878 A cynic rises to remark that homes never before were as comfortable and families so seldom in them *Seattle Times*

HONESTY

- 2879 There's one way to find out if a man is honest—ask him. If he says "yes" you know he is crooked. *Groucho Marx*
- 2880 Every man is wholly honest to himself and to God, but not to any one else. *Mark Twain*
- 2881 Honesty the best of all the lost arts. *Ibid*
- 2882 In this age, when it is said of a man he knows how to live, it may be implied he is not very honest. *Lord Halifax*
- 2883 The world is surprised that there once was an honest man the situation remains vacant. *Heinrich Heine speaking of Lafayette*
- 2884 Honesty pays, but it don't seem to pay enough to suit some people. *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 2885 Honesty is the best policy but he who is governed by that maxim is not an honest man. *Richard Whately*

HONEYMOON

- 2886 The honeymoon is the period during which the bride trusts the bridegroom's word of honor. *Anonymous*

HONOR

- 2887 The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 2888 The difference between a moral man and a man of honor is that the latter regrets a discreditable act even when it has worked. *H L Mencken*

HOPE

- 2889 I never knew a man who lived on hope but what spent his old age at somebody else's expense. *Josh Billings*
- 2890 There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect some thing for nothing—but we all do and call it Hope. *Edgar W Howe*
- 2891 Hope a pathological belief in the occurrence of the impossible. *H L Mencken*
- 2892 Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity. *Robert G Ingersoll*
- 2893 He that lives on hope has but a slender diet. *Anonymous*

HORSE

- 2894 I was invariably dragged round the stables before or after lunch to see the hunters. Every horse looked exactly alike to me, and I was always completely at a loss for the correct comment to make on these occasions. "What nice paws it's got," for instance, I found never went down, and after a very short time I gave up trying. *Sir Christopher Lynch-Robinson*
- 2895 Horse sense is a sterling quality, but let's skip what it did for the horse. *Louis Hirsch*

2896 Go anywhere in England where there are natural, wholesome, contented and really nice English people, and what do you always find? That the stables are the real center of the household *George Bernard Shaw*

2897 The good old horse and buggy days then you lived until you died and not until you were just run over *Will Rogers*

HOSPITALITY

2898 Hospitality the virtue which induces us to feed and lodge certain persons who are not in need of food and lodging *Ambrose Bierce*

HOST

2899 To mankind in general Macbeth and Lady Macbeth stand out as the supreme type of all that a host and hostess should not be *Max Beerbohm*

2900 Travelers say that the Eskimo is a perfect host He never lets callers who have dropped in for the evening guess that the last few months of their stay are beginning to drag a little *Anonymous*

HOTEL

2901 It used to be a good hotel, but that proves nothing—I used to be a good boy *Mark Twain*

2902 The great advantage of a hotel is that it's a refuge from home life *George Bernard Shaw*

HOT WATER

2903 I believe in getting into hot water I think it keeps you clean *G K Chesterton*

HOUSE

2904 Fools build houses and wise men buy them *English Proverb*

2905 The house is full of carpenters and decorators, whereas what we really need here is an incendiary *Mark Twain*

2906 Don't buy the house buy the neighbor *Russian Proverb*

HOUSE OF LORDS

2907 The House of Lords is the British Outer Mongolia for retired politicians *Lord Stansgate*

2908 We, my lords, may thank Heaven that we have something better than our brains to depend upon *Lord Chesterfield*

2909 That hospital of incurables, the House of Lords *Ibid*

2910 The cure for admiring the House of Lords is to go and look at it *Walter Bagehot*

HUFF

2911 His huff arrived and he departed in it *Alexander Woollcott*

HUMANITY

2912 Humanity, let us say, is like people packed in an automobile which is traveling downhill without lights on a dark night at terrific speed

and driven by a four year old child The signposts along the way are all marked "Progress" *Lord Dunsany*

HUMAN RACE

- 2913 Etiquette requires us to admire the human race *Mark Twain*
 2914 Such is the human race Often it does seem such a pity that Noah and his party didn't miss the boat *Ibid*
 2915 I can stand any kind of society All I care to know is that a man is a human being—that is enough for me, he can't be any worse *Ibid*
 2916 It is easy to be human, but humanism is a dismal failure look at man *Holbrook Jackson*
 2917 To err may be human, but to admit it isn't *Herbert V Prochnow*
 2918 The best way to study human nature is when nobody else is present *Thomas L Masson*
 2919 No doubt Jack the Ripper excused himself on the grounds that it was human nature *A A Milne*
 2920 Human nature is not a high thing but at least it has a high idea of itself *Walter Bagehot*
 2921 The more one analyzes people the more all reasons for analysis disappear Sooner or later one comes to that dreadful universal thing called human nature *Oscar Wilde*
 2922 There's a good deal of human nature in man *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

HUMILITY

- 2923 You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself *Ethel Barrymore*
 2924 On their way to being exalted, the humble usually resign themselves comfortably to seeing the proud humbled *Henry S Haskins*
 2925 Humility is the first of the virtues—for other people *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
 2926 Christian humility is preached by the clergy, but practiced only by the lower classes *Bertrand Russell*
 2927 At moments she discovered she was grotesquely wrong, and then she treated herself to a week of passionate humility *Henry James*

HUMOR

- 2928 Humor is falling downstairs if you do it while in the act of warning your wife not to *Kenneth Bird*
 2929 A sense of humor keen enough to show a man his own absurdities as well as those of other people will keep a man from the commission of all sins, or nearly all, save those that are worth committing *Samuel Butler*
 2930 I have never understood why it should be considered derogatory to the Creator to suppose that He has a sense of humor *William R Inge*

- 2931 There are only three basic jokes but since the mother in law joke is not a joke but a very serious question, there are only two *George Ade*
- 2932 When humor is meant to be taken seriously it's no joke *Lionel Strachey*
- 2933 I have no sense of humor In illustration of this fact I will say this —by way of confession—that if there is a humorous passage in the *Pickwick Papers* I have never been able to find it *Mark Twain*
- 2934 There are very few good judges of humor, and they don't agree *Josh Billings*
- 2935 Women have a keen sense of humor The more you humor them the better they like it *Anonymous*

HUMORIST

- 2936 He must not laugh at his own wheeze
A snuffbox has no right to sneeze *Keith Preston*
- 2937 A humorist is a man who feels bad but who feels good about it
Don Herold

HUNGER

- 2938 An empty stomach is not a good political adviser *Albert Einstein*
- 2939 I can reason down or deny everything, except this perpetual belly feed he must and will and I cannot make him respectable *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 2940 Hunger finds no fault with the cookery *Henry George Bohn*

HUNTING

- 2941 The English country gentleman galloping after a fox—the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable *Oscar Wilde*
- 2942 When a big game hunter disappears, something he disagreed with ate him *Anonymous*
- 2943 When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport when a tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity *George Bernard Shaw*

HUSBAND

- 2944 The ideal husband is surely not a man of active and daring mind he is the man of placid and conforming mind *H L Mencken*
- 2945 The way to hold a husband is to keep him a little bit jealous The way to lose him is to keep him a little bit more jealous *Ibid*
- 2946 Being a husband is a whole-time job That is why so many husbands fail They cannot give their entire attention to it *Arnold Bennett*
- 2947 The only good husbands stay bachelors, they're too considerate to get married *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 2948 A husband is simply a lover with a two days' growth of beard, his collar off and a bad cold in the head *Anonymous*

- 2949 A luxury is anything a husband needs *Anonymous*
- 2950 A professor says that married men are much more inventive than single men They have to be *Anonymous*
- 2951 All husbands are alike but they have different faces so you can tell them apart *Anonymous*
- 2952 American women expect to find in their husbands a perfection that English women only hope to find in their butlers *W Somerset Maugham*
- 2953 Her capacity for family affection is extraordinary when her third husband died, her hair turned quite gold from grief *Oscar Wilde*
- 2954 A husband is a sort of promissory note—a woman is tired of meeting him *Ibid*
- 2955 Most wives are nicer than their husbands but that's nothing I am nice to everybody from whom I get money *Don Herold*
- 2956 A wife is to thank God her husband has faults a husband without faults is a dangerous observer *Lord Halifax*
- 2957 The majority of husbands remind me of an orangutan trying to play the violin *Honore de Balzac*
- 2958 It is necessary to be almost a genius to make a good husband *Ibid*
- 2959 A woman might as well propose her husband will claim she did *Edgar W Howe*
- 2960 A good husband should be deaf and a good wife blind *French Proverb*
- 2961 Among a husband's other uses, most wives find him a handy thing with which to impress other women *Charles W Morton*
- 2962 Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all himself, and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that *James M Barrie*
- 2963 I knew her when she didn't know where her next husband was coming from *Anne Baxter*
- 2964 At breakfast a husband is cheery or blue
At dinner he's blue or he's cheery
And when you've admitted these facts to be true
You've mastered the whole subject, dearie *Mrs M Bragdon Elspeth*
- 2965 Husband what is left of the lover after the nerve has been extracted *Helen Rowland*

HYPOCRISY

- 2966 I hope you have not been leading a double life pretending to be wicked, and being really good all the time That would be hypocrisy *Oscar Wilde*
- 2967 Hypocrisy is the homage which vice pays to virtue *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 2968 A hypocrite is a man who carefully folds his *New York Times* around his tabloid before starting home *Anonymous*

- 2969** It is very noble hypocrisy not to talk of one's self *F W Nietzsche*
2970 When the fox preaches, look to your geese *German Proverb*

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- IDEA
- 2971** Man can have only a certain number of teeth, hair and ideas. There comes a time when he necessarily loses his teeth, his hair and his ideas *Voltaire*
2972 Ideas are like beards: men do not have them until they grow up *Ibid*
2973 We use ideas merely to justify our evil, and speech merely to conceal our ideas *Ibid*
2974 That fellow seems to me to possess but one idea, and that is a wrong one *Samuel Johnson*
2975 An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all *Oscar Wilde*
2976 There is no adequate defense except stupidity, against the impact of a new idea *Percy W Bridgman*
2977 There are well-dressed foolish ideas just as there are well-dressed fools *Nicolas Chamfort*
2978 Man is ready to die for an idea provided that idea is not quite clear to him *Paul Eldridge*
2979 As soon as an idea is accepted it is time to reject it *Holbrook Jackson*
2980 An idea isn't responsible for the people who believe in it *Don Marquis*
2981 A cold in the head causes less suffering than an idea *Jules Renard*
2982 He can compress the most words into the smallest ideas of any man I ever met *Abraham Lincoln*
2983 To die for an idea is to place a pretty high price upon conjectures *Anatole France*
2984 Only the wise possess ideas, the greater part of mankind are possessed by them *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
2985 Nothing dies faster than a new idea in a committee meeting *Herbert V Prochnow*
2986 Crazy people with only a single idea are the men who make things move, but they are not nice to talk to *Rudyard Kipling*
2987 Very simple ideas lie within the reach only of complex minds *Remy de Gourmont*
- IDEAL
- 2988** An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband *Booth Tarkington*

- 2989 Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience this is the ideal life *Mark Twain*
- 2990 Some people never have anything except ideals *Edgar W Howe*
- 2991 Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement *Austin O Malley*

IDEALISM

- 2992 Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem *John Galsworthy*
- 2993 When they come downstairs from their ivory towers, idealists are apt to walk straight into the gutter *Logan Pearsall Smith*

IDLENESS

- 2994 Few women and fewer men have enough character to be idle *E V Lucas*
- 2995 He did nothing in particular, and did it very well *W S Gilbert*
- 2996 If it be difficult to persuade the idle to be busy it is likewise not easy to convince the busy that it is better to be idle *Samuel Johnson*
- 2997 There is no fun in having nothing to do the fun is having lots to do and not doing it *Francis H Bradley*
- 2998 It is difficult to keep quiet if you have nothing to do *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 2999 Stand still and silently watch the world go by—and it will *Anonymous*
- 3000 Every man is, or hopes to be, an idler *Anonymous*
- 3001 It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do *Jerome K Jerome*
- 3002 Some people have a perfect genius for doing nothing, and doing it assiduously *Richard Haliburton*
- 3003 I love idleness I love to busy myself about trifles to begin a hundred things and not finish one of them, to come and go as my fancy bids me, to change my plan every moment, to follow a fly in all its circlings, to try and uproot a rock to see what is underneath eagerly to begin on a ten years' task and to give it up after ten minutes in short to fritter away the whole day inconsequentially and incoherently, and to follow nothing but the whim of the moment *Jean Jacques Rousseau*
- 3004 An inability to stay quiet, an irritable desire to act directly, is one of the most conspicuous failings of mankind *Walter Bagehot*
- 3005 To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual *Oscar Wilde*
- 3006 If a loafer is not a nuisance to you, it is a sign that you are somewhat of a loafer yourself *Edgar W Howe*

IF

- 3007 If my aunt had wheels, she would be an omnibus *German Proverb*
 3008 If my aunt had been a man she'd be my uncle *English Proverb*
 3009 With enough *ifs* we could put Paris into a bottle *French Proverb*

IGNORAMUS

- 3010 Ignoramus a person unacquainted with certain kinds of knowledge familiar to yourself, and having certain other kinds that you know nothing about *Ambrose Bierce*

IGNORANCE

- 3011 A smattering of ignorance *Oscar Levant*
 3012 Behind every argument is someone's ignorance *Louis Dembitz Brandeis*
 3013 It's remarkable how large a part ignorance plays in making a man satisfied with himself *Herbert V Prochnow*
 3014 Ignorance is a voluntary condition *Ibid*
 3015 The best way to convince a fool that he is wrong is to let him have his own way *Josh Billings*
 3016 There is a happy pitch of ignorance that a man of sense might pray for *Lord Halifax*
 3017 To a lady who asked him how he came to define pastern as the *knee of a horse in his dictionary* Ignorance, madam, pure ignorance *Samuel Johnson*
 3018 According to a charming law of nature which is evident even in the most sophisticated societies, we live in complete ignorance of whatever we love *Marcel Proust*
 3019 Ignorance is like a delicate exotic fruit touch it and the bloom is gone *Oscar Wilde*
 3020 I do not approve of anything which tampers with natural ignorance *Ibid*
 3021 Most ignorance is vincible ignorance We don't know because we don't want to know *Aldous Huxley*
 3022 Nowadays a parlor maid as ignorant as Queen Victoria was when she came to the throne would be classed as mentally defective *George Bernard Shaw*
 3023 Ignorance is the mother of devotion *Jeremy Taylor*
 3024 Ignorance is the best of law reformers *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*
 3025 Any frontal attack on ignorance is bound to fail because the masses are always ready to defend their most precious possession—their ignorance *Hendrik Van Loon*
 3026 If you stop and think about it, you'll realize that three out of four persons do not know exactly what they're doing a large part of the time *Gelett Burgess*
 3027 Everybody is ignorant only on different subjects *Will Rogers*

- 3028 Ignorance is not so damnable as humbug but when it prescribes pills it may happen to do more harm *George Eliot*
- 3029 I would rather have my ignorance than another man's knowledge, because I have got so much more of it *Mark Twain*
- 3030 The older we grow the greater becomes our wonder at how much ignorance one can contain without bursting one's clothes *Ibid*
- 3031 I am thankful that the good God created us all ignorant I am glad that when we change His plans in this regard we have to do it at our own risk *Ibid*
- 3032 Where ignorance is bliss, it's foolish to borrow your neighbor's newspaper *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3033 I believe in the forgiveness of sin and the redemption of ignorance *Adlai Stevenson*
- 3034 There is nothing more terrible than energetic ignorance *Johann von Goethe*

ILL

- 3035 If a man stops to ponder over his physical or moral condition, he generally discovers that he is ill *Johann von Goethe*
- 3036 I've just learned about his illness let's hope it's nothing trivial *Irvin S Cobb*

ILLUSION

- 3037 Illusion is the first of all pleasures *Voltaire*

IMAGINATION

- 3038 He is indebted to his memory for his jests and to his imagination for his facts *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- 3039 His imagination resembled the wings of an ostrich It enabled him to run, though not to soar *Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- 3040 Let us leave pretty women to men without imagination *Marcel Proust*
- 3041 Were it not for imagination, sir, a man would be as happy in the arms of a chambermaid as of a duchess *Samuel Johnson*
- 3042 Imagination is what makes a politician think he is a statesman *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 3043 Imagination is too often accompanied by somewhat irregular logic *Benjamin Disraeli*

IMITATION

- 3044 A good imitation is the most perfect originality *Voltaire*
- 3045 To do exactly the opposite is also a form of imitation *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 3046 Hens lay where they see an egg *Dutch Proverb*

IMMIGRATION

- 3047 The early North American Indian made a great mistake by not having an immigration bureau *Anonymous*

3048 All the things I really like to do are either immoral illegal or fattening *Alexander Woolcott*

3049 This story is slightly immoral, but so I guess are all stories based on truth *Ring Lardner*

IMMORALITY

3050 Immorality the morality of those who are having a better time
H L Mencken

IMMORTALITY

3051 Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon *Susan Ertz*

3052 Preoccupation with immortality is for the upper classes particularly ladies with nothing to do An able man, who has a regular job and must toil and produce day by day leaves the future world to itself and is active and useful in this one *Johann von Goethe*

3053 Immortality is the genius to move others long after you yourself have stopped moving *Frank Rooney*

3054 The study of immortality is necessarily a long term project *Dr S A Parkes*

3055 The late F W H Myers used to tell how he asked a man at a dinner table what he thought would happen to him when he died The man tried to ignore the question but, on being pressed replied Oh, well, I suppose I shall inherit eternal bliss, but I wish you wouldn't talk about such unpleasant subjects *Bertrand Russell*

IMPARTIALITY

3056 A good many people maintain a philosophical impartiality about certain subjects, for the simple reason that they understand nothing at all about them *Georg C Lichtenberg*

IMPIETY

3057 Impiety your irreverence toward my deity *Ambrose Bierce*

IMPORTANCE

3058 Nothing that actually occurs is of the smallest importance *Oscar Wilde*

3059 He's the whole team, and the little dog under the wagon *New England Saying*

IMPOSSIBILITY

3060 I can answer in two words—im possible *Ascribed to an American movie magnate*

3061 You cannot make a crab walk straight *Aristophanes*

3062 You can't set a hen in one morning and have chicken salad for lunch *George Humphrey*

IMPOSTOR

3063 Impostor a rival aspirant to public honors *Ambrose Bierce*

IMPROBABLE

3064 Life is what tends toward the improbable *Antoine de Saint Exupery*

3065 Man can believe the impossible but can never believe the im probable *Oscar Wilde*

IMPROMPTU

3066 The impromptu is always successful in life *Benjamin Disraeli*

3067 His impromptu smell of the lamp *Pytheas describing Demos thenes orations*

IMPROPRIETY

3068 Impropryety is the soul of wit *W Somerset Maugham*

IMPROVEMENT

3069 If you think that I am going to bother myself again before I die about social improvement or read any of those stinking upward and onwarders, you err I mean to have some good out of being old *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*

IMPUDENCE

3070 I haven't got as much money as some folks but I've got as much impudence as any of them and that's the next thing to money *Josh Billings*

IMPULSE

3071 Don t trust first impulses—they are always good *Charles M de Talleyrand-Perigord*

3072 M de Montrond says that you must guard against first impulses because they are almost always honest *Prosper Merumee*

INACCURACY

3073 I do not mind lying, but I hate inaccuracy *Samuel Butler*

INATTENTION

3074 When a neighbor is in your fruit garden, inattention is the truest politeness *Chinese Proverb*

INCLUDE

3075 Include me out *Samuel Goldwyn*

INCOME

3076 It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating *Oscar Wilde*

3077 There are few sorrows, however poignant, in which a good income is of no avail *Logan Pearsall Smith*

3078 I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart *H H Munro (Saki)*

3079 All decent people live beyond their incomes nowadays, and those who aren't respectable live beyond other people's A few gifted individuals manage to do both *Ibid*

- 3080 There are several ways in which to apportion the family income, all of them unsatisfactory *Robert Benchley*
- 3081 There is nothing more demoralizing than a small but adequate income *Edmund Wilson*
- 3082 An income is what you can't live without or within *Anonymous*
- 3083 More and more these days I find myself pondering on how to reconcile my net income with my gross habits *John Kirk Nelson*

INCOME TAX

- 3084 To produce an income tax return that has any depth to it, any feeling, one must have lived—and suffered *Frank Sullivan*

INCOMPETENT

- 3085 There are not competent people enough in the world to go round somebody must get the incompetent lawyers and doctors *George Bernard Shaw*

INCREDIBLE

- 3086 The world is divided into two classes those who believe the incredible, and those who do the improbable *Oscar Wilde*

INDECISION

- 3087 ~~Indecision~~ is like the stepchild if he doesn't wash his hands he is called dirty, if he does he is wasting the water *African Proverb*

INDEPENDENCE

- 3088 There are men of so much courage and independence that they would rather be in a minority and wrong than right with the majority *Viscount Samuel*

INDIANA

- 3089 I come from Indiana, the home of more first rate second-class men than any state in the Union *Thomas R Marshall*

INDICTED

- 3090 The only time some fellows are ever seen with their wives is after they've been indicted *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

INDIGESTION

- 3091 Indigestion is charged by God with enforcing morality on the stomach *Victor Hugo*
- 3092 He sows hurry and reaps indigestion *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 3093 An indigestion is an excellent commonplace for two people that never met before *William Hazlitt*

INDIGNATION

- 3094 Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo *H G Wells*
- 3095 Righteous indignation your own wrath as opposed to the shocking bad temper of others *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3096 A puritan is a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things *G K Chesterton*

INDISCRETION

- 3097 Nothing looks so like innocence as an indiscretion *Oscar Wilde*
 3098 Questions are never indiscreet answers sometimes are *Ibid*
 3099 It's almost got so you can't speak the truth without committing an indiscretion *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
 3100 It is indiscreet for a rat to gnaw at a tiger's tail *Chinese Proverb*

INDISPENSABLE

- 3101 Some folks can look so busy doing nothin' that they seem indispensable *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

INDIVIDUAL

- 3102 The individual is always mistaken *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

INDUCEMENT

- 3103 As an inducement to hard work and economy nothing beats a big family *Herbert V Prochnow*

INDUSTRIOUS

- 3104 We live in an age of the overworked and the undereducated the age in which people are so industrious that they become absolutely stupid *Oscar Wilde*

INDUSTRY

- 3105 Industry is the root of all ugliness *Oscar Wilde*
 3106 We might just as well have had the Industrial Age in the time of Archimedes, everything necessary was known the only things lacking were tea and coffee That fact so affected the habits of people that the Industrial Age had to wait centuries until people in Scotland watched their kettles boil and so invented the steam engine *Alfred North Whitehead*

INEVITABLE

- 3107 There is no good in arguing with the inevitable The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat *James Russell Lowell*

INFALLIBLE

- 3108 Even the youngest among us is not infallible *Benjamin Jowett*

INFANCY

- 3109 Infancy the period of our lives when, according to Wordsworth, 'Heaven lies about us' The world begins lying about us pretty soon afterward *Ambrose Bierce*
 3110 One cannot love lumps of flesh, and little infants are nothing more *Samuel Johnson*
 3111 I recollect a nurse called Ann,
 Who carried me about the grass,
 And one fine day a fine young man
 Came up, and kissed the pretty lass
 She did not make the least objection!

Thinks I, 'Aha'
 When I can talk I'll tell Mamma"
 —And that's my earliest recollection *Frederick Locker-Lampson*

INFERIOR

3112 It is inferior for coffee, but it is pretty fair tea *Mark Twain*

INFERIORITY

3113 When an Italian talks with an American he's inclined to feel a twinge of inferiority. America is rich and strong. Italy is poor. But when he talks to me, he's more at ease. I still represent a big strong nation but I am a woman—and he's a man. *Clare Booth Luce*

3114 Add pitiful figures—a truck driver with an inferiority complex
Anonymous

INFINITE

3115 The ignorance of French society gives one a rough sense of the infinite. *Joseph Ernest Renan*

INFINITIVE

3116 Word has somehow got around that the split infinitive is always wrong. That is of a piece with the outworn notion that it is always wrong to strike a lady. *James Thurber*

INFLATION

3117 A little inflation is like a little pregnancy—it keeps growing. *Leon Henderson*

INFLUENCE

3118 Influence in politics—a visionary quo given in exchange for a substantial quid. *Ambrose Bierce*

INFORMATION

3119 Information seems to stew out of me naturally like the precious otter of roses out of an otter. *Mark Twain*

3120 The mind of a thoroughly well-informed man is a dreadful thing. It is like a bric-a-brac shop—all monsters and dust with everything priced above its proper value. *Oscar Wilde*

INGENIOUS

3121 He was an ingenious man that first found out about eating and drinking. *Jonathan Swift*

INGRATE

3122 Ingrate—one who receives a benefit from another, or is otherwise an object of charity. *Ambrose Bierce*

INGRATITUDE

3123 Do no good—and you will suffer no ingratitude. *Arab Proverb*

INHERITANCE

3124 If you want him to mourn, you had best leave him nothing.
Martial

- 3125 Say not you know another entirely, till you have divided an inheritance with him *Johann Lavater*

INJUSTICE

- 3126 Injustice is relatively easy to bear, what stings is justice *H L Mencken*

INNOCENCE

- 3127 The truly innocent are those who not only are guiltless themselves but who think others are *Josh Billings*
- 3128 The first age of man is when he thinks of all the wicked things he is going to do This is called the age of innocence *Anonymous*

INQUISITIVENESS

- 3129 In ancient days the most celebrated precept was 'Know thyself' in modern times it has been supplanted by the more fashionable maxim 'Know thy neighbor, and everything about him' *Samuel Johnson*

INSECT

- 3130 It makes all the difference whether you hear an insect in the bedroom or in the garden *Robert Lynd*

INSINCERE

- 3131 The most exhausting thing in life is being insincere *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
- 3132 Insincerity is merely a method by which we can multiply our personalities *Oscar Wilde*

INSOMNIA

- 3133 He had insomnia so bad that he couldn't sleep when he was working *Arthur Bugs' Baer*
- 3134 Insomnia a contagious disease often transmitted from babies to parents *Shannon Fife*

INSPIRATION

- 3135 A writer is rarely so well inspired as when he talks about himself *Anatole France*
- 3136 The man who turns inspiration to his own account is embezzling his cargo *Henry S Haskins*

INSTALLMENT

- 3137 The paramount question before the country today is, 'How much is the down payment?' *Judge*
- 3138 When there is too much stall in installment, a boom has gone too far *Anonymous*

INSTINCT

- 3139 A goose flies by a chart which the Royal Geographical Society could not mend *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

INSULT

- 3140 They share the insult of each other's presence *Christopher Isherwood*
- 3141 Do not insult the mother alligator until after you have crossed the river *Haitian Proverb*
- 3142 The only gracious way to accept an insult is to ignore it if you can't ignore it top it if you can't top it, laugh at it if you can't laugh at it it's probably deserved *Russell Lynes*

INSURANCE

- 3143 Insurance an ingenious modern game of chance in which the player is permitted to enjoy the comfortable conviction that he is beating the man who keeps the table *Ambrose Bierce*

INTELLECTUAL

- 3144 An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows *Dwight Eisenhower*
- 3145 Our most anxious social class is that known by courtesy as the intellectuals *Frank Moore Colby*
- 3146 Intellectuals should never marry they won't enjoy it, and besides they should not reproduce themselves *Don Herold*
- 3147 Swollen in head, weak in legs, sharp in tongue but empty in belly *Mao Tse-tung*

INTELLIGENCE

- 3148 Unless one is a genius it is best to aim at being intelligible *Anthony Hope*
- 3149 Nowadays to be intelligible is to be found out *Oscar Wilde*
- 3150 It is impossible to underrate human intelligence—beginning with one's own *Henry Adams*
- 3151 If an animal does something, they call it instinct. If we do exactly the same thing for the same reason they call it intelligence. I guess what they mean is that we all make mistakes, but intelligence enables us to do it on purpose *Will Cuppy*
- 3152 There is nobody so irritating as somebody with less intelligence and more sense than we have *Don Herold*
- 3153 The cuckoo who is on to himself is halfway out of the clock *Wilson Mizner*
- 3154 There is no limit to either intelligence or ignorance *Anonymous*
- 3155 Intelligent people are always on the unpopular side of anything *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3156 This intelligence testing business reminds me of the way they used to weigh hogs in Texas. They would get a long plank, put it over a crossbar, and somehow tie the hog on one end of the plank. They'd search all around till they found a stone that would balance the weight of the hog and they'd put that on the other end of the plank. Then they'd guess the weight of the stone *John Dewey*

INTENTION

- 3157** The hardest task of a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious *Helen Rowland*
- 3158** Everything works for the best, even the worst intentions *Lord Melbourne*
- 3159** It is always with the best intentions that the worst work is done *Oscar Wilde*

INTEREST

- 3160** 'Tis against some men's principles to pay interest and seems against others' interest to pay the principal *Benjamin Franklin*
- 3161** In investing money the amount of interest you want should depend on whether you want to eat well or sleep well *J Kenfield Morley*
- 3162** I am interested in physical medicine because my father was I am interested in medical research because I believe in it I am interested in arthritis because I have it *Bernard M Baruch*
- 3163** There is a lot to say in her favor, but the other is more interesting *Mark Twain*
- 3164** When a person takes you aside and asks you what rent you pay and whether your boots pinch you know that he is interested in you *George Bernard Shaw*

INTERRUPTION

- 3165** Interruptions are the spice of life *Don Herold*
- 3166** Nobody kicks on being interrupted if it's by applause *Frank Mc Kinney Hubbard*

INTOLERABLE

- 3167** When human relations last long enough, the intolerable becomes the indispensable *Alfred Polgar*
- 3168** She is intolerable, but that is her only fault *Charles M de Talley rand-Perigord*
- 3169** There are certain things which are intolerable when second rate poetry, music, painting and public speaking *Jean de La Bruyere*

INTOLERANCE

- 3170** The devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers *James Russell Lowell*

INTUITION

- 3171** Intuition is reason in a hurry *Holbrook Jackson*
- 3172** Women's intuition is the result of millions of years of not thinking *Rupert Hughes*
- 3173** Intuition the strange instinct that tells a woman she is right, whether she is or not *Oscar Wilde*
- 3174** What passes for woman's intuition is often nothing more than man's transparency *George Jean Nathan*

INVENTION

- 3175 The same person invented the telephone booth and the breakfast nook *Anonymous*
- 3176 Invention is the mother of necessity *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 3177 Someone invented the telephone,
And interrupted a nation's slumbers,
Ringing wrong but similar numbers *Ogden Nash*
- 3178 High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead *Christopher Morley*

INVENTOR

- 3179 Inventor a person who makes an ingenious arrangement of wheels, levers and springs and believes it civilization *Ambrose Bierce*

INVESTMENT

- 3180 Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repainting *Billy Rose*

INVITATION

- 3181 I must decline your invitation owing to a subsequent engagement *Oscar Wilde*

IRELAND

- 3182 Ireland is a fatal disease fatal to Englishmen and doubly fatal to Irishmen *George Moore*
- 3183 My one claim to originality among Irishmen is that I have never made a speech *Ibid*
- 3184 Ireland is a country in which the probable never happens and the impossible always does *Sir John Pentland Mahaffy*
- 3185 The Irish are a fair people, they never speak well of one another *Samuel Johnson*
- 3186 An Irishman, before answering a question, always asks another *P W Joyce*
- 3187 Politics is the chloroform of the Irish people, or rather, the hashish *Oliver St John Gogarty*
- 3188 Put an Irishman on the spit and you can always get another Irishman to turn him *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3189 An Irishman can be worried by the consciousness that there is nothing to worry about *Austin O Malley*
- 3190 God is good to the Irish, but no one else is not even the Irish *Ibid*

IRONY

- 3191 The ironic philosopher reflects with a smile that Sir Walter Raleigh is more safely enshrined in the memory of mankind because he set his cloak for the Virgin Queen to walk upon than because he carried the English name to undiscovered countries *W Somerset Maugham*

- ISOLATION
- 3192 The word *isolation* means short pants for a grown up United States
Henry A Wallace
- ITALY
- 3193 A man who has not been to Italy is always conscious of his inferiority
Samuel Johnson
- 3194 Italians come to ruin most generally in three ways—women, gambling
and farming My family chose the slowest one *Pope John XXIII*
- IVY
- 3195 The creeping dirty, courtly ivy *Alexander Pope*

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- JADE
- 3196 Jade a semiprecious stone or a semiprecious woman *Oliver Herford*
- JAYWALKER
- 3197 A jay is a bird of the crow family which can be found in fields and meadows A jaywalker, on the other hand, is a bird of the Schmoe family who can be found in traffic jams and morgues
Phyllis Battelle
- JAZZ
- 3198 Jazz will endure just as long as people hear it through their feet instead of their brains *John Philip Sousa*
- JEALOUSY
- 3199 Plain women are always jealous of their husbands, beautiful women never are they have no time, they are always occupied in being jealous of other people's husbands *Oscar Wilde*
- 3200 Lots of people know a good thing the minute the other fellow sees it first *Job E Hedges*
- JEWELRY
- 3201 The first thing to turn green in the spring is Christmas jewelry
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 3202 Orators of love *Samuel Daniel*
- JOKE
- 3203 If you think before you speak, the other fellow gets in his joke first
Edgar W Howe
- 3204 It is only the dull who like practical jokes *Oscar Wilde*
- JOURNALISM
- 3205 The press is not our daily bread but our daily sugar pill *T S Matthews*
- 3206 Journalism is organized gossip *Edward Eggleston*
- 3207 Modern journalism justifies its own existence by the great Darwinian principle of the survival of the vulgarest *Oscar Wilde*

- 3208 In America, the President reigns for four years and journalism governs for ever and ever *Ibid*
- 3209 The difference between journalism and literature is that journalism is unreadable and literature is not read That is all! *Ibid*
- 3210 There is much to be said in favor of modern journalism By giving us the opinions of the uneducated it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community *Ibid*
- 3211 You cannot hope to bribe or twist
Thank God! the British journalist
But, seeing what the man will do
Unbribed there's no occasion to *Humbert Wolfe*
- 3212 Any man with ambition integrity—and \$10 000 000—can start a daily newspaper *Henry Morgan*
- 3213 The lawyers make th law th judges make th errors, but th iditors make th juries *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 3214 Th printed wurrud! What can I do against it? I can buy a gun to protect me against me inimy I can change me name to save me fr m the gran jury But there's no escape fr good man or bad fr'm th' printed wurrud *Ibid*
- 3215 Journalism consists in buying white paper at two cents a pound and selling it at ten cents a pound *Charles A Dana*
- 3216 Journalism has two patron saints Ananias and Nell Gwyn *Anonymous*
- 3217 Journalism is literature in a hurry *Matthew Arnold*
- 3218 Journalism a profession whose business it is to explain to others what it personally does not understand *Lord Northcliffe*
- 3219 It is part of the social mission of every great newspaper to provide a refuge and a home for the largest possible number of salaried eccentrics *Roy Thompson*
- 3220 Journalism consists largely in saying Lord Jones died to people who never knew that Lord Jones was alive *G K Chesterton*
- 3221 People are always dying in *The [New York] Times* who don't seem to die in other papers, and they die at greater length and maybe even with a little more grace *James Reston*
- 3222 Like officials in Washington we suffer from Afghanistanism If it's far away it's news, but if it's close at home, it's sociology *Ibid*
- 3223 In America journalism is apt to be regarded as an extension of history, in Britain, as an extension of conversation *Anthony Sampson*
- 3224 The trouble with daily journalism is that you get so involved with "Who hit John?" that you never really know why John had his chin out in the first place *Chalmers Roberts*
- 3225 Writing good editorials is chiefly telling the people what they think, not what you think *Arthur Brisbane*

3226 The editorial we" has often been fatal to rising genius, though all the world knows that it is only a form of speech, very often employed by a single needy blockhead *Thomas Babington Macaulay*

JOURNALIST

3227 What is everybody's business is nobody's business—except the journalist's *Joseph Pulitzer*

3228 Bad manners make a journalist *Oscar Wilde*

JOY

3229 My theory is to enjoy life but the practice is against it *Charles Lamb*

JUDGE

3230 I shall no more mind you than a hungry judge does a cause after the clock has struck one *William Wycherley*

3231 A judge is a law student who marks his own examination papers *H L Mencken*

3232 Judges are apt to be naive simpleminded men *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

JUDGMENT

3233 It is well when one is judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same God-like and superior impartiality *Arnold Bennett*

3234 The average man's judgment is so poor, he runs a risk every time he uses it *Edgar W Howe*

JULY FOURTH

3235 Statistics show that we lose more fools on this day than on all other days of the year put together This proves, by the number left in stock, that one Fourth of July per year is now inadequate, the country has grown so *Mark Twain*

3236 That which distinguishes this day from all others is that then both orators and artillerymen shoot blank cartridges *John Burroughs*

JURY

3237 The efficiency of our criminal jury system is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read *Mark Twain*

3238 A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer *Robert Frost*

3239 America is a country where they lock up juries and let the defendants out *Anonymous*

3240 A jury too often has at least one member more ready to hang the panel than to hang the traitor *Abraham Lincoln*

3241 The hungry judges soon the sentence sign,
And wretches hang that jury men may dine *Alexander Pope*

JUSTICE

- 3242 The love of justice is, in most men, nothing more than the fear of suffering injustice *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 3243 All things come to him who waits—even justice *Austin O Malley*
- 3244 He reminds me of the man who murdered both his parents and then when sentence was about to be pronounced, pleaded for mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan *Abraham Lincoln*
- 3245 Justice is too good for some people and not good enough for the rest *Norman Douglas*
- 3246 Justice has a nose of wax *German Proverb*
- 3247 A fox should not be of the jury at a goose's trial *Thomas Fuller*

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KANSAS

- 3248 Kansas is a state of the Union but it is also a state of mind, a neurotic condition, a psychological phase a symptom indeed, something undreamed of in your philosophy an inferiority complex against the tricks and manners of plutocracy—social political and economic *William Allen White*

KIND

- 3249 Kindness goes a long way lots o' times when it ought t' stay at home *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3250 Be kind and considerate to others, depending somewhat upon who they are *Don Herold*

KING

- 3251 In things a moderation keep,
Kings ought to shear not skin, their sheep *Robert Herrick*
- 3252 I am a royalist by trade *Joseph II of Austria*
- 3253 Kings are not born they are made by universal hallucination
George Bernard Shaw
- 3254 The modern king has become a vermiform appendix useless when quiet when obtrusive in danger of removal *Austin O Malley*
- 3255 Everyone is born a king and most people die in exile *Oscar Wilde*
- 3256 Kings is mostly rapscallions *Mark Twain*
- 3257 A virtuous king is a king who has shirked his proper function to embody for his subjects an idea of illustrious misbehavior beyond their reach *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 3258 An illiterate king is a crowned donkey *Ascribed to Foulques II*

KISS

- 3259 To a woman the first kiss is just the end of the beginning to a man it is the beginning of the end *Helen Rowland*

- 3260 A man snatches the first kiss, pleads for the second, demands the third takes the fourth accepts the fifth—and endures all the rest
Ibid
- 3261 Marriage is the miracle that transforms a kiss from a pleasure into a duty *Ibid*
- 3262 A kiss is now attestedly a quite innocuous performance, with nothing very fearful about it one way or the other It even has its pleasant side *James Branch Cabell*
- 3263 If you are ever in doubt as to whether or not you should kiss a pretty girl always give her the benefit of the doubt *Thomas Carlyle*
- 3264 When women kiss it always reminds one of prizefighters shaking hands *H L Mencken*
- 3265 This done he took the bride about the neck
And kissed her lips with such a clamorous smack
That at the parting all the church did echo *William Shakespeare*
- 3266 Lord! I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing *Jona than Swift*
- 3267 Kissing don't last, cookery do *George Meredith*

KITTEN

- 3268 A kitten is so flexible that she is almost double the hind parts are equivalent to another kitten with which the forepart plays She does not discover that her tail belongs to her until you tread upon it
Henry D Thoreau

KNEE

- 3269 The female knee is a joint and not an entertainment *Percy Hammond*

KNOWLEDGE

- 3270 I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so *Josh Billings*
- 3271 I am the only person in the world I should like to know thoroughly, but I don't see any chance of it just at present *Oscar Wilde*
- 3272 People tell me to be frank, but how can I be when I don't dare to know myself? *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 3273 It's what a fellow thinks he knows that hurts him *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3274 Ask your neighbor only about things you know better His advice might be valuable *Karl Kraus*
- 3275 Universities are full of knowledge the freshmen bring a little in and the seniors take none away, and knowledge accumulates *Abbott L Lowell*
- 3276 He mastered whatever was not worth the knowing *James Russell Lowell*
- 3277 He half knows everything *Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- 3278 The happiest life is to know nothing *Latin Proverb*

- 3279 Knowledge is power, if you know it about the right person *Ethel Watts Mumford*
- 3280 Strange how much you've got to know
Before you know how little you know *Anonymous*
- 3281 If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger? *Thomas Henry Huxley*
- 3282 To the small part of ignorance that we arrange and classify we give the name knowledge *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3283 You may have noticed that the less I know about a subject, the more confidence I have and the more new light I throw on it *Mark Twain*
- 3284 I was gratified to be able to answer promptly and I did I said I didn't know *Ibid*
- 3285 This devil of a man [Poincare] is the opposite of Briand the latter knows nothing and understands everything the other knows everything and understands nothing *Georges Clemenceau*
- 3286 He knows so little and knows it so fluently *Ellen Glasgow*
- 3287 The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn *Henry S Haskins*
- 3288 I've known countless people who were reservoirs of learning yet never had a thought *Wilson Mizner*
- 3289 Knowledge is the thing you know and how can you know more than you do know *Gertrude Stein*
- 3290 He was not made for climbing the tree of knowledge *Sigrud Undset*
- 3291 What I have been taught, I have forgotten, what I know, I have guessed *Charles M de Tallyrand Perigord*
- 3292 The farther one pursues knowledge, the less one knows *Lao tse*

KNOW THYSELF

- 3293 Even when I am reading my lectures I often think to myself, 'What a humbug you are' and I wonder the people don't find it out *William M Thackeray*
- 3294 Know thyself A Yale undergraduate left on his door a placard for the janitor on which was written, Call me at 7 o'clock, it 's absolutely necessary that I get up at seven Make no mistake Keep knocking until I answer Under this he had written "Try again at ten" *William Lyon Phelps*

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LABOR

- 3295 The goose that laid the golden egg had nothing on the modern bricklayer *Anonymous*
- 3296 Labor one of the processes by which A acquires property for B *Ambrose Bierce*

- 3297 After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad the vampire He had some awful substance left with which he made a scab *Jack London*
- 3298 Whether you work by the piece or the day,
Decreasing the hours increases the pay *Anonymous*

LABORATORY

- 3299 Even when one achieves nothing one smells the odor of truth in hiding *Jean Rostand*

LABORER

- 3300 I am a friend of the working man and I would rather be his friend than be one *Clarence Darrow*

LACE

- 3301 It is difficult to see why lace should be so expensive, it is mostly holes *Mary Wilson Little*

LADY

- 3302 A lady is one who never shows her underwear unintentionally *Lillian Day*
- 3303 A true lady or gentleman remains at home with a grouch same as if they had pneumonia *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3304 A lady is a woman who makes a man behave like a gentleman *Russell Lynes*
- 3305 A lady is known by the product she endorses *Ogden Nash*

LAMB

- 3306 Sir Walter Scott, one day in spring, was walking round Abbotsford with Lady Scott Passing a field where there were a number of ewes and frolicking lambs Sir Walter said (so the story goes) 'Ah 'tis no wonder that poets, from the earliest ages, have made the lamb the emblem of peace and innocence ' Delightful animals indeed" rejoined Lady Scott, ' especially with mint sauce ' *Daniel George*
- 3307 Well, well, we can't be all roaring lions in this world, there must be some lambs and harmless kindly gregarious creatures for eating and shearing *William M Thackeray*

LAND

- 3308 If a man owns land the land owns him *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 3309 Land gives one position, and prevents one from keeping it up *Oscar Wilde*
- 3310 Alaska nothing but miles and miles of miles and miles of land *Anonymous*

LANDLORD

- 3311 A landlord is a person who pays for a house once and then quits *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 3312 A Los Angeles landlord was arrested and charged with robbing people who were not his tenants *Anonymous*

LANGUAGE

- 3313 Spanish is the language for lovers, Italian for singers French for diplomats German for horses and English for geese *Spanish Proverb*
- 3314 Spoken language is merely a series of squeaks *Alfred North Whitehead*
- 3315 We have really everything in common with America nowadays except, of course, language *Oscar Wilde*
- 3316 Our study of English begins with years and years of the silly stuff called grammar and rhetoric All the grammar that any human being ever needs or that is of any use as an intellectual training can be learned in a few weeks from a little book as thin as a Ritz Carlton sandwich Rhetoric is worse It lays down laws for the writing of sentences and paragraphs about as reasonable and as useful as a set of directions telling how to be a gentleman, or how to have a taste for tomatoes *Stephen Leacock*
- 3317 A great many people use faulty English without knowing it Am'n't you? *Robert Benchley*
- 3318 Drawing on my fine command of language I said nothing *Ibid*
- 3319 I am biased in favor of boys learning English I would let the clever ones learn Latin as an honor and Greek as a treat But the only thing I would whip them for is not knowing English I would whip them hard for that *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 3320 I told [the Frenchman] in French He said he could not understand me I repeated Still, he did not understand He appeared to be very ignorant of French *Mark Twain*

LAO TSE

- 3321 Lao-tse, perhaps the first of the great mystics, wrote his book (so tradition avers) at a customhouse while he was waiting to have his baggage examined and as might be expected, it is full of the doctrine that action is futile *Bertrand Russell*

LATIN

- 3322 A fool unless he knows Latin, is never a great fool *Spanish Proverb*
- 3323 The Romans would never have found time to conquer the world if they had been obliged first to learn Latin *Heinrich Heine*

LAUGHTER

- 3324 Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else *Will Rogers*
- 3325 Laughter is not a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is the best ending for one *Oscar Wilde*
- 3326 He who laughs, lasts *Mary Pettibone Poole*
- 3327 Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over, and showing it principally in one spot *Josh Billings*

- 3328 The vulgar only laugh but never smile whereas well bred people often smile but seldom laugh *Lord Chesterfield*
- 3329 I am sure that since I have had the full use of my reason, nobody has ever heard me laugh *Ibid*
- 3330 Perhaps I know best why it is man alone who laughs, he alone suffers so deeply that he had to invent laughter *F W Nietzsche*
- 3331 The fellow who laughs last may laugh best, but he gets the reputation of being a dumbbell *Anonymous*

LAUNDRY

- 3332 Our laundry has just sent back some buttons with no shirt on them *Anonymous*

LAW

- 3333 A receiver is appointed by the court to take what's left *Robert Frost*
- 3334 A successful lawsuit is the one worn by a policeman *Ibid*
- 3335 The one great principle of the English law is to make business for itself *Charles Dickens*
- 3336 I suppose they'll give you the custody of the Daimler? *Noel Coward*
- 3337 I was never ruined but twice once when I lost a lawsuit, and once when I won one *Voltaire*
- 3338 If you laid all our laws end to end, there would be no end *Arthur Bugs Baer*
- 3339 I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement *Calvin Coolidge*
- 3340 Ignorance of the law excuses no man—from practicing it *Addison Mizner*
- 3341 Where there's a will, there's a lawsuit *Ibid*
- 3342 He who goes to law for a sheep loses his cow *Spanish Proverb*
- 3343 Ignorance of the law is no excuse Neither is the ignorance of the lawmaker *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 3344 The trouble with law and government is lawyers *Clarence Darrow*
- 3345 In law, nothing is certain but the expense *Samuel Butler*
- 3346 Law and equity are two things which God hath joined, but which man has put asunder *Charles C Colton*
- 3347 The law, in its majestic equality forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges to beg in the streets and to steal bread *Anatole France*
- 3348 Every so often we pass laws repealing human nature *Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse*
- 3349 Draco wrote his laws in blood the Senate writes its laws in wind *Tom Connally*

- 3350 After the rogues, what honest people dread most of all is a court of law *A Tournier*
- 3351 The law protects everybody who can afford to hire a good lawyer
Anonymous
- 3352 Lawsuit a machine which you go into as a pig and come out of as a sausage *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3353 Cases were decided in the chambers of a six shooter instead of a supreme court *O Henry*
- 3354 Clergymen can marry you, but if you find you have made a mistake, in order to get unmarried you have to hire a lawyer *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3355 There is no end to the laws, and no beginning to the execution of them *Mark Twain*
- 3356 The United States is the greatest law factory the world has ever known *Charles Evans Hughes*
- 3357 The people have nothing to do with the laws but to obey them
Edgar Allen Poe

LAWBREAKING

- 3358 Much as he is opposed to lawbreaking he is not bigoted about it
Damon Runyon

LAWYER

- 3359 Lawyer one who protects us against robbery by taking away the temptation *H L Mencken*
- 3360 Lawyer one skilled in the circumvention of the law *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3361 I defended about one hundred forty people for murder in this country and I think in all of the cases I received just one Christmas card from all of these defendants *Judge Samuel Leibowitz*
- 3362 Woodpeckers and lawyers have long bills *Dr C K Allen*
- 3363 A lawyer is a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it himself *Lord Henry Brougham*
- 3364 They all laid their heads together like as many lawyers when they are gettin ready to prove that a man's heirs ain't got any right to his property *Mark Twain*
- 3365 Every once in a while you meet a fellow in some honorable walk of life that was once admitted to the bar *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3366 He is no lawyer who cannot take two sides *Charles Lamb*
- 3367 I think we may class lawyers in the natural history of monsters
John Keats
- 3368 Castles in the air are the only property you can own without the intervention of lawyers Unfortunately however there are no title deeds to them *J Tudor Rees*
- 3369 What's the first excellence in a lawyer? Tautology What the second? Tautology What the third? Tautology *Richard Steele*

- 3370 In Verona I ruined a lawyer—no, that comes by and by among my good acts *Douglas Jerrold*
- 3371 The sharp employ the sharp, verily, a man may be known by his attorney *Ibid*
- 3372 Lawyers are men who hire out their words and anger *Martial*
- 3373 I cannot exactly tell you sir who he is and I would be loth to speak ill of any person who I do not know deserves it, but I am afraid he is an attorney *Samuel Johnson*
- 3374 If the laws could speak for themselves, they would complain of the lawyers in the first place *Lord Halifax*
- 3375 A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats *Benjamin Franklin*
- 3376 You must always explain things frankly and explicitly to your lawyer it is for him to embroil them afterward *Alessandro Manzoni*
- 3377 Lawyer the only man in whom ignorance of the law is not punished *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3378 When there's a rift in the lute the business of the lawyer is to widen the rift and gather the loot *Arthur Garfield Hays*
- 3379 You cannot live without lawyers, and certainly you cannot die without them *Joseph H Choate*
- 3380 If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers *Charles Dickens*
- 3381 Every man should know something of law, if he knows enough to keep out of it, he is a pretty good lawyer *Josh Billings*
- 3382 It is a feature of nearly every Utopia that there has been no place in it for lawyers *Benjamin Cardozo*
- 3383 It is the trade of lawyers to question everything, yield nothing, and to talk by the hour *Thomas Jefferson*
- 3384 Most lawyers who win a case advise their clients that "We have won," and when justice has frowned upon their cause that "You have lost" *Louis Nizer*
- 3385 Lawyers are the only civil delinquents whose judges must of necessity be chosen from themselves *Charles C Colton*
- 3386 It is a secret worth knowing that lawyers rarely go to law *Moses Crowell*
- 3387 A lawyer's opinion is worth nothing unless paid for *English Proverb*
- 3388 Ignorance of the law excuses no man who retains poor counsel *Anonymous*
- 3389 Lawyers earn a living by the sweat of their browbeating *James Gibbons Huneker*
- 3390 I've had ample contact with lawyers, and I'm convinced that the only fortune they ever leave is their own *Wilson Mizner*

LAZINESS

- 3391 Some folks can keep so busy doing nothin' that they seem indispensable *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3392 Laziness unwarranted repose of manner in a person of low degree *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3393 There are but few men who have character enough to lead a life of idleness *Josh Billings*

LEADER

- 3394 To be a leader of men one must turn one's back on men *Havelock Ellis*
- 3395 If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee *William Graham Sumner*
- 3396 The question 'Who ought to be boss?' is like asking 'Who ought to be the tenor in the quartet?' Obviously, the man who can sing tenor *Henry Ford*

LEARNING

- 3397 The eagle never lost so much time as when he submitted to learn of the crow *William Blake*
- 3398 A learned man is an idler who kills time by study *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3399 I've known countless people who were reservoirs of learning yet never had a thought *Wilson Mizner*
- 3400 A little learning is a dangerous thing, but none at all is fatal *Viscount Samuel*
- 3401 As the French physiologist Claude Bernard once said 'It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning' *F Z Young*
- 3402 Words are but wind learning is nothing but words ergo, learning is nothing but wind *Jonathan Swift*
- 3403 We should live and learn, but by the time we've learned, it's too late to live *Carolyn Wells*
- 3404 Pedantry stupidity that reads a book *Anonymous*
- 3405 Learning the kind of ignorance distinguishing the studious *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3406 Tim was so learned that he could name a horse in nine languages So ignorant that he bought a cow to ride on *Benjamin Franklin*

LECTURER

- 3407 Lecturer one with his hand in your pocket, his tongue in your ear and his faith in your patience *Ambrose Bierce*

LEGEND

- 3408 A legend is a lie that has attained the dignity of age *Anonymous*

LEISURE

- 3409 When I rest I rust *Fritz Thyssen*

- 3410 To be for one day entirely at leisure is to be for one day an immortal *Chinese Proverb*
- 3411 More free time means more time to waste The worker who used to have only a little time in which to get drunk and beat his wife now has time to get drunk, beat his wife—and watch TV *Robert M Hutchins*
- 3412 It has been left to our generation to discover that you can move heaven and earth to save five minutes and then not have the faintest idea what to do with them when you have saved them *Dr C E M Joad*
- 3413 Half a loaf is better than no time off *Anonymous*

LEND

- 3414 Boswell, lend me sixpence—not to be repaid *Samuel Johnson*
- 3415 If you lend you either lose the money or gain an enemy *Albanian Proverb*
- 3416 If you have had enough of your friend, lend him some money *Russian Proverb*

LESSON

- 3417 The dinosaur's eloquent lesson is that if some bigness is good an overabundance of bigness is not necessarily better *Eric Johnston*

LETTER

- 3418 When I began this letter I thought I had something to say but I believe the truth was I had nothing to do *Edward Fitzgerald*
- 3419 Sydney Smith, or Napoleon or Marcus Aurelius (somebody about that time) said that after ten days any letter would answer itself You see what he meant *A A Milne*
- 3420 I have made this letter longer than usual because I lack the time to make it shorter *Pascal*
- 3421 You say there is nothing to write about Then write to me that there is nothing to write about *Pliny the Younger*
- 3422 I have received no more than one or two letters in my life that were worth the postage *Henry D Thoreau*
- 3423 I am going to write you but not now for I haven't anything to do and I can't write letters except when I am rushed *Mark Twain*
- 3424 A woman seldom writes Her Mind but in her Postscript *Richard Steele*
- 3425 The only kind of letters a woman likes to receive from a man are those which should not have been written *Anonymous*
- 3426 Correspondences are like smallclothes before the invention of suspenders it is impossible to keep them up *Sydney Smith*
- 3427 Letter writing that most delightful way of wasting time *John Morley*

LEVEL

- 3428 Your levelers wish to level down as far as themselves, but they cannot bear leveling up to themselves *Samuel Johnson*

LEVITY

- 3429 Levity is the soul of wit *Melville D Landon*
 3430 My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say And then say it with the utmost levity *George Bernard Shaw*

LIAR

- 3431 The aim of the liar is simply to charm to delight to give pleasure He is the very basis of civilized society *Oscar Wilde*
 3432 The only form of lying that is absolutely beyond reproach is lying for its own sake *Ibid*
 3433 Liars are never specific You even believe a fisherman when he announces the length of his fish in feet and inches You smile only when he measures his catch with a gesture *James R Adams*
 3434 If you want to be thought a liar, always tell the truth *Logan Pearsall Smith*
 3435 A man who won't lie to a woman has very little consideration for her feelings *Olin Miller*
 3436 Liar a lawyer with a roving commission *Ambrose Bierce*
 3437 The hardest tumble a man can make is to fall over his own bluff *Ibid*
 3438 No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar *Abraham Lincoln*
 3439 Liar one who tells an unpleasant truth *Oliver Herford*
 3440 Let the liar forget and then ask him *Moroccan Proverb*
 3441 With a man a lie is a last resort, with women, it's first aid *Gelett Burgess*
 3442 The man who can't tell a lie thinks he is the best judge of one *Mark Twain*
 3443 George Washington couldn't tell a lie I can, but I won't *Ibid*
 3444 Carlyle said A lie cannot live It shows that he did not know how to tell them *Ibid*
 3445 When in doubt tell the truth *Ibid*
 3446 George Washington was ignorant of the commonest accomplishments of youth He could not even lie *Ibid*
 3447 A lie in time saves nine *Addison Mizner*
 3448 I love to hear him lie *William Shakespeare*
 3449 The devil is the father of lies but he neglected to patent the idea, and the business now suffers from competition *Josh Billings*
 3450 There are people so addicted to exaggeration that they can't tell the truth without lying *Ibid*
 3451 A lie with a purpose is one of the worst kind, and the most profitable *Finley Peter Dunne*
 3452 Lied is a rough phrase say he fell from the truth *Robert Browning*
 3453 Those who think it permissible to tell white lies soon grow color blind *Austin O Malley*

- 3454 As universal a practice as lying is, and as easy one as it seems, I do not remember to have heard three good lies in all my conversation even from those who were most celebrated in that faculty
Jonathan Swift
- 3455 There are three kinds of lies lies, damned lies and statistics
Benjamin Disraeli
- 3456 Figures won't lie but liars will figure
General Charles Henry Grosvenor
- 3457 Terminological inexactitude
Sir Winston Churchill
- 3458 Someone says it's a lie Well I am reminded by that of the remark of the witty Irishman who said 'There are a terrible lot of lies going about the world and the worst of it is that half of them are true'
Ibid
- 3459 A good memory is needed once we have lied
Pierre Corneille
- 3460 He who is not very strong in memory should not meddle with lying
Michel de Montaigne
- 3461 Any fool can tell the truth, but it requires a man of some sense to lie well
Samuel Butler
- 3462 It takes a wise man to handle a lie A fool had better remain honest
Norman Douglas

LIBERAL

- 3463 A liberal is a man who is willing to spend somebody else's money
Carter Glass
- 3464 A liberal mind is a mind that is able to imagine itself believing anything
Max Eastman
- 3465 A liberal is a man who leaves a room when the fight begins
Heywood Brown
- 3466 So we may put him [John Dalton] down as a liberal conservative which perhaps may be defined as a man who thinks things ought to progress, but would rather they remained as they are
Sir James Fitzjames Stephen
- 3467 I'm liberal I mean so altruistically moral, I never take my own side in a quarrel
Robert Frost
- 3468 A liberal is one who believes in more laws and more job holders, therefore in higher taxes and less liberty
Baltimore Evening Sun

LIBERTY

- 3469 Civil liberties are always safe as long as their exercise doesn't bother anyone
Anonymous
- 3470 There should be more in American liberty than the privilege we enjoy of insulting the President with impunity
Austin O Malley

LIBRARY

- 3471 Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads
Oliver Wendell Holmes

- 3472 There are seventy million books in American libraries, but the one you want is always out *Thomas L Masson*
- 3473 Shelved around me lie the mummied authors *Bayard Taylor*

LIFE

- 3474 Good parents happy marriages, good children fine funerals
Chinese Proverb
- 3475 Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? Is it because we are not the person concerned? *Mark Twain*
- 3476 'On with the dance let joy be unconfined' is my motto whether there's any dance to dance or any joy to unconfine *Ibid*
- 3477 Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen *Ibid*
- 3478 Life is like a B picture script It is that corny If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down *Kirk Douglas*
- 3479 Life is something like this trumpet If you don't put anything in it, you don't get anything out And that's the truth *W C Handy*
- 3480 The life of man school tablet aspirin tablet, stone tablet *Anonymous*
- 3481 Out in the country life is what you make it, but in the city it too often is what you make *Anonymous*
- 3482 While we live let's live in clover
For when we're dead we're dead all over *Anonymous*
- 3483 All tragedies are finished by death, all comedies are ended by a marriage *Lord Byron*
- 3484 Were it offered to my choice I should have no objection to a repetition of the same life from its beginning only asking the advantages authors have in a second edition to correct some faults of the first *Benjamin Franklin*
- 3485 Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you do hold well *Josh Billings*
- 3486 Life is a hospital, in which every patient is possessed by the desire of changing his bed One would prefer to suffer near the fire, and another is certain he would get well if he were by the window *Charles Baudelaire*
- 3487 Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on *Samuel Butler*
- 3488 Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises *Ibid*
- 3489 Is life worth living? This is a question for an embryo, not for a man *Ibid*
- 3490 Life is one long process of getting tired *Ibid*
- 3491 Life is not a spectacle or a feast it is a predicament *George Santayana*

- 3492 There is no cure for birth or death save to enjoy the interval *Ibid*
- 3493 When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?" *Sydney Harris*
- 3494 For most men life is a search for the proper manila envelope in which to get themselves filed *Clifton Fadiman*
- 3495 Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about *Oscar Wilde*
- 3496 Life is simply a *mauvais quart d'heure* made up of exquisite moments *Ibid*
- 3497 Indiscretion is the better part of valor The sure way of knowing nothing about life is to try to make oneself useful *Ibid*
- 3498 He who is only wise lives a sad life *Voltaire*
- 3499 In the great game of human life, one begins by being a dupe and ends by being a rogue *Ibid*
- 3500 To suppose as we all suppose, that we could be rich and not behave as the rich behave, is like supposing that we could drink all day and stay sober *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 3501 There are two things to aim at in life first to get what you want and after that, to enjoy it Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second *Ibid*
- 3502 Pythagoras used to say life resembles the Olympic Games, a few men strain their muscles to carry off a prize others bring trinkets to sell to the crowd for a profit and some there are (and not the worst) who seek no further advantage than to look at the show and see how and why everything is done They are spectators of other men's lives in order better to judge and manage their own *Michel de Montaigne*
- 3503 In the battle of existence, talent is the punch tact is the clever footwork *Wilson Mizner*
- 3504 How little we should enjoy life if we never flattered ourselves *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 3505 Don't refuse to go on an occasional wild goose chase, that is what wild geese are made for *Henry S Haskins*
- 3506 How gaily a man wakes in the morning to watch himself keep on dying *Ibid*
- 3507 No one has yet computed how many imaginary triumphs are silently celebrated by people each year to keep up their courage *Ibid*
- 3508 My theory is to enjoy life, but the practice is against it *Charles Lamb*
- 3509 He has spent all his life in letting down empty buckets into empty wells and he is frittering away his age in trying to draw them up again *Sydney Smith*

- 3510 I don't want to own anything that won't fit into my coffin *Fred Allen*
- 3511 Life is like eating artichokes—you've got to go through so much to get so little *T A Dorgan*
- 3512 Life is not so bad, if you have plenty of luck, a good physique and not too much imagination *Christopher Isherwood*
- 3513 Life is a progress from want to want, not from enjoyment to enjoyment *Samuel Johnson*
- 3514 Surely life if it be not long is tedious since we are forced to call in the assistance of so many trifles to rid us of our time *Ibid*
- 3515 Life is a jest and all things show it
I thought so once, and now I know it *Thomas Gay*
- 3516 Life is like a blanket too short You pull it up and your toes rebel you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder, but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night *Marion Howard*
- 3517 To get the whole world out of bed
And washed and dressed and warmed and fed
To work, and back to bed again,
Believe me, Saul costs worlds of pain *John Masefield*
- 3518 He that will live in this world must be endowed with the three rare qualities of dissimulation, equivocation and mental reservation *Aphra Behn*
- 3519 Elephants are always drawn smaller in life, but a flea always larger *Jonathan Swift*
- 3520 The latter part of a wise man's life is taken up in curing the follies prejudices and false opinions he had contracted in the former *Ibid*
- 3521 One learns in life to keep silent and draw one's own confusions *Cornelia Otis Skinner*
- 3522 Life is easier to take than you'd think all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable *Kathleen Norris*
- 3523 Life is a foreign language all men mispronounce it *Christopher Morley*
- 3524 The three most important events of human life are equally devoid of reason birth, marriage and death *Austin O Malley*
- 3525 The only way a woman can provide for herself decently is to be good to some man that can afford to be good to her *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3526 There is nothing in the world more pitifully absurd than the man who goes about telling his friends that life is not worth living, when they know perfectly well that if he meant it he could stop living much more easily than go on eating *Ibid*

- 3527 Do not try to live forever You will not succeed *Ibid*
- 3528 It is a very funny thing about life if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it *W Somerset Maugham*
- 3529 I think some folks are foolish to pay what it costs to live *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3530 Life is made up of sobs snuffles and smiles with snuffles predominating *O Henry*
- 3531 Half the world does not know how the other half lives but is trying to find out *Edgar W Howe*
- 3532 It is but a few short years from diapers to dignity and from dignity to decomposition *Don Herold*
- 3533 I wish I were either rich enough or poor enough to do a lot of things that are impossible in my present comfortable circumstances *Ibid*
- 3534 If life had a second edition how I would correct the proofs *John Clare*
- 3535 Man weeps to think that he will die so soon, woman, that she was born so long ago *H L Mencken*
- 3536 Men have a much better time of it than women, for one thing they marry later, for another thing, they die earlier *Ibid*
- 3537 May my last breath be drawn through a pipe and exhaled in a pun *Charles Lamb*
- 3538 Positively the best thing a man can have to do is nothing, and next to that perhaps good works *Ibid*
- 3539 Do not take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3540 Life is a predicament which precedes death *Henry James*
- 3541 Life would not be worth living if we didn't keep our enemies *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 3542 Life can only be understood backward, but it must be lived forward *Soren Kierkegaard*
- 3543 Life is like an onion you peel off layer after layer and then you find there is nothing in it *James Gibbons Huneker*
- 3544 We cannot get grace from gadgets In the Bakelite house of the future, the dishes may not break, but the heart can Even a man with ten shower baths may find life flat, stale and unprofitable *J B Priestley*
- 3545 The man I am sorry for is the man who goes through life without any invisible means of support *J Tudor Rees*
- 3546 Life isn't all beer and skittles *Thomas Hughes*
- 3547 The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children *Clarence Darrow*
- 3548 The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do *Walter Bagehot*

- 3549 The obstinate insisting that Tweedledum is not Tweedledee is the bone and marrow of life *William James*
- 3550 Life is an experiment in the art of living but you die before you see the result *Russell Green*
- 3551 Many are called but few get up *Oliver Herford*
- 3552 When the eagles are silent the parrots begin to jabber *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 3553 Life is a fatal complaint, and an eminently contagious one *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 3554 Gosh! I feel like a real good cry!
Life, he says is a cheat a fake
Well I agree with the grouchy guy—
The best you get is an even break *Franklin P Adams*
- 3555 Life is an onion and one peels it crying *French Proverb*

LIKE

- 3556 He made me like him, and did it without trouble He made me better satisfied with myself than I had ever been before *Mark Twain*

LIMERICK

- 3557 A certain young gourmet of Crediton
Took some *pâte de foie gras* and spread it on
A chocolate biscuit
Then murmured, "I'll risk it"
His tomb bears the date that he said it on *Reverend Charles Inge*
- 3558 A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee,"
Said the flea, "Let us fly,"
So they flew through a flaw in the flue *Anonymous*
- 3559 An epicure, dining at Crewe
Found quite a large mouse in his stew
Said the waiter, "Don't shout,
And wave it about
Or the rest will be wanting one, too!" *Anonymous*
- 3560 There was a young man of Devizes,
Whose ears were of different sizes,
The one that was small
Was of no use at all,
But the other won several prizes *Anonymous*
- 3561 The bottle of perfume that Willie sent
Was highly displeasing to Millicent,
Her thanks were so cold
They quarreled, I'm told,
Through that silly scent Willie sent Millicent *Anonymous*

3562 I wish that my room had a floor,
I don't so much care for a door,
But this walking around
Without touching the ground
Is getting to be quite a bore! *Gelett Burgess*

3563 The English never draw a line without blurring it *Sir Winston Churchill* LINE

3564 I don't drink I don't like it It makes me feel good *Oscar Levant* LIQUOR

3565 I drink to make other people interesting *George Jean Nathan*

3566 Lo! the poor toper whose untutored sense
Sees bliss in ale, and can with wine dispense
Whose head proud fancy never taught to steer
Beyond the muddy ecstasies of beer *George Crabbe*

3567 A man who overindulges lives in a dream He becomes concerted
He thinks the whole world revolves around him, and it usually does
W C Fields

3568 Lips that touch wine jelly
Will never touch mine Nellie *Frederick G Hall*

3569 Said Aristotle unto Plato
'Have another sweet potato'"
Said Plato unto Aristotle,
'Thank you I prefer the bottle " *Owen Wister*

3570 The horse and mule live thirty years
And nothing know of wines and beers
The goat and sheep at twenty die
And never taste of Scotch or Rye
A cow drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen is mostly done
The dog at fifteen cashes in
Without the aid of rum and gin
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in twelve short years it croaks
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs then dies at ten
All animals are strictly dry
They sinless live and swiftly die
But sinful, ginful rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten
And some of them a very few
Stay pickled till they're ninety-two *Anonymous*

3571 Licker talks mighty loud when it gets loose from the jug *Joel Chandler Harris*

3572 When I was younger I made it a rule never to take strong drink

before lunch It is now my rule never to do so before breakfast
Sir Winston Churchill

LISTENING

- 3573 A woman would rather marry a poor provider any time than a poor listener *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3574 The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them *Ibid*
- 3575 When it comes to making love, a girl can always listen so much faster than a man can talk *Helen Rowland*
- 3576 One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears—by listening to them *Dean Rusk*
- 3577 A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something *Wilson Mizner*
- 3578 He began to realize the deep truth that no one broadly speaking ever wishes to hear what you have been doing *Angela Thirkell*
- 3579 Nature has given to men one tongue, but two ears that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak *Epictetus*

LITERACY

- 3580 The older I grow, the more respect I have for the wise people who cannot read or write *E V Lucas*

LITERATURE

- 3581 You must not suppose because I am a man of letters, that I never tried to earn an honest living *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3582 In literature the ambition of the novice is to acquire the literary language, the struggle of the adept is to get rid of it *Ibid*
- 3583 Hemingway's remarks are not literature *Gertrude Stein*
- 3584 Literature is the orchestration of platitudes *Thornton Wilder*
- 3585 His [Pope's] more ambitious works may be defined as careless thinking carefully versified *James Russell Lowell*
- 3586 Our American professors like their literature clear, cold, pure and very dead *Sinclair Lewis*
- 3587 There is a great discovery still to be made in literature, that of paying literary men by the quantity they do not write *Thomas Carlyle*
- 3588 If its [John Milton's *Paradise Lost*] length be not considered a merit it hath no other *Edmund Waller*
- 3589 The only sensible ends of literature are first, the pleasurable toil of writing second, the gratification of one's family and friends and, lastly the solid cash *Nathaniel Hawthorne*
- 3590 Literature always anticipates life It does not copy it, but molds it to its purpose The nineteenth century, as we know it, is largely an invention of Balzac *Oscar Wilde*
- 3591 Literature is an occupation in which you have to keep proving your talent to people who have none *Jules Renard*

- 3592 Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice
Cyril Connolly
- 3593 One of the bad things about our literature is that our scholars have little wit and our men of wit are not scholars *Joseph Joubert*
- 3594 Literature is printed nonsense *August Strindberg*

LITIGANT

- 3595 Litigant a person about to give up his skin for the hope of retaining his bones *Ambrose Bierce*

LITTLE

- 3596 Three things are good in little measure and evil in large yeast salt and hesitation *Talmud*
- 3597 Little pot soon hot *John Heywood*
- 3598 While the tall maid is stooping, the little one has swept the house
Spanish Proverb

LIVE

- 3599 What good are vitamins? Eat four lobsters, eat a pound of caviar—live! If you are in love with a beautiful blonde with an empty face and no brain at all, don't be afraid, marry her—live! *Artur Rubin stein*

LIVER

- 3600 Liver a large red organ thoughtfully provided by nature to be bilious with *Ambrose Bierce*

LIVING

- 3601 Don't believe the world owes you a living the world owes you nothing—it was here first *Robert Jones Burdette*
- 3602 The living are the dead on holiday *Maurice Maeterlinck*

LOAFING

- 3603 Even if a farmer intends to loaf, he gets up in time to get an early start *Edgar W Howe*
- 3604 It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all
James Thurber

LOAN

- 3605 The man who won't lend money isn't going to have many friends—or need them *Wilson Mizner*
- 3606 I have bought a property in the country for a good round sum, Caecilianus, and ask you to lend me a thousand Won't you give me an answer? I fancy from your silence you are saying 'You won't pay it back' That is just why I am asking for it *Caecilianus Martual*
- 3607 It's better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same *Sir Philip Gibbs*
- 3608 It saves a lot of trouble if, instead of having to earn money and save it, you can just go and borrow it *Sir Winston Churchill*

LOGIC

- 3609 Logic an instrument used for bolstering a prejudice *Elbert Hubbard*
bard
- 3610 Logic is like the sword—those who appeal to it shall perish by it
Samuel Butler
- 3611 Logic is neither a science nor an art but a dodge *Benjamin Jowett*
- 3612 That log house did me more good in politics than anything I ever
 said in a speech *John Nance Garner*

LONDON

- 3613 Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life for there is
 in London all that life can afford *Samuel Johnson*
- 3614 I'm leaving because the weather is too good I hate London when
 it's not raining *Groucho Marx*
- 3615 The London season is entirely matrimonial people are either hunt
 ing for husbands or hiding from them *Oscar Wilde*
- 3616 Hell is a city much like London *Percy Bysshe Shelley*

LONELY

- 3617 Next to a city the loneliest place in the world when you're broke
 is among relatives *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3618 My wife poor wretch, is troubled with her lonely life *Samuel*
Pepys

LONGEVITY

- 3619 Longevity, barring hanging and accidents is largely a matter of
 heredity *Howard W Haggard*
- 3620 Longevity is one of the more dubious rewards of virtue *Ngao*
Marsh
- 3621 Longevity uncommon extension of the fear of death *Ambrose*
Bierce

LOOK

- 3622 From looking, men get to loving *Clement of Alexandria*
- 3623 He looked at me as if I was a side dish he hadn't ordered *Ring*
Lardner

LOSER

- 3624 It's the good loser that finally loses out *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3625 The loser is always in the wrong *Spanish Proverb*

LOVE

- 3626 Paper napkins never return from a laundry—nor love from a trip
 to the law courts *John Barrymore*
- 3627 Love is the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and
 discovering that she looks like a haddock *Ibid*
- 3628 You can always get someone to love you—even if you have to do
 it yourself *Thomas L Masson*

- 3629 You've got to love what's lovable, and hate what's hateable It takes brains to see the difference *Robert Frost*
- 3630 In my Sunday School class there was a beautiful little girl with golden curls I was smitten at once and still am *Harry S Truman*
- 3631 A lady of forty-seven who has been married twenty seven years and has six children knows what love really is and once described it for me like this "Love is what you've been through with somebody" *James Thurber*
- 3632 Love is the strange bewilderment which overtakes one person on account of another person *Ibid*
- 3633 Love is the wisdom of the fool and the folly of the wise *Samuel Johnson*
- 3634 No man, at one time, can be wise and love *Robert Herrick*
- 3635 The people who love only once in their lives are really the shallow people What they call their loyalty and fidelity I call either the lethargy of custom or their lack of imagination *Oscar Wilde*
- 3636 To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance *Ibid*
- 3637 Women love men for their defects, if men have enough of them women will forgive them everything, even their gigantic intellects *Ibid*
- 3638 Men all want to be a woman's first love—women like to be a man's last romance *Ibid*
- 3639 One should always be in love That is the reason one should never marry *Ibid*
- 3640 The loves of some people are but the results of good suppers *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 3641 We don't believe in rheumatism and true love until after the first attack *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*
- 3642 In love, victory goes to the man who runs away *Napoleon I*
- 3643 They say love's like the measles—all the worse when it comes late in life *Douglas Jerrold*
- 3644 People who are happily in love wear a profoundly intent air, which to a Frenchman, means a very gloomy one *Stendhal*
- 3645 First love is a kind of vaccination which saves a man from catching the complaint a second time *Honore de Balzac*
- 3646 People who are not in love fail to understand how an intelligent man can suffer because of a very ordinary woman This is like being surprised that anyone should be stricken with cholera because of a creature so insignificant as the comma vacillus *Marcel Proust*
- 3647 How do you know love is gone? If you said that you would be there at seven, and you get there by nine, and he or she has not called the police yet—it's gone *Marlene Dietrich*
- 3648 Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it *Maurice Chevalier*

- 3649 On the whole, I haven't found men unduly loath to say, 'I love you' The real trick is to get them to say, 'Will you marry me?'
Ilka Chase
- 3650 Women in love are less ashamed than men They have less to be ashamed of
Ambrose Bierce
- 3651 No one acts more foolishly than a wise man in love
Welsh Proverb
- 3652 Love is the state in which man sees things most decidedly as they are not
F W Nietzsche
- 3653 Two things only a man cannot hide that he is drunk, and that he is in love
Antiphanes
- 3654 Two minds without a single thought
Philip Barry
- 3655 To live is like to love—all reason is against it and all healthy instinct for it
Samuel Butler
- 3656 It is awful work, this love, and prevents all a man's projects of good or glory
Lord Byron
- 3657 Love is a talkative passion
Thomas Wilson
- 3658 He gave her a look that you could pour on a waffle
Ring Lardner
- 3659 They gave each other a smile with a future in it
Ibid
- 3660 The voyage of love is all the sweeter for an outside stateroom and a seat at the captain's table
Henry S Haskins
- 3661 Love is the association of two beings for the benefit of one
Countess Nathalie
- 3662 Love a grave mental disease
Plato
- 3663 Love your neighbor—but don't pull down your hedge
Benjamin Franklin
- 3664 Let the man who does not wish to be idle fall in love
Ovid
- 3665 To love and win is the best thing, to love and lose, the next best
William M Thackeray
- 3666 A lover who reasons is no lover
Norman Douglas
- 3667 The only true love is love at first sight second sight dispels it
Israel Zangwill
- 3668 Love in France is a comedy in England a tragedy, in Italy an opera seria and in Germany a melodrama
Marguerite Blessington
- 3669 Love is an ocean of emotions, entirely surrounded by expenses
Thomas Robert Dewar
- 3670 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have lost at all
Nicholas Murray Butler
- 3671 By the time you swear you're his,
Shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is
Infinite, undying—
One of you is lying
Dorothy Parker
- 3672 Scratch a lover, and find a foe
Ibid

- 3673 Love is a wonderful thing and highly desirable in marriage *Rupert Hughes*
- 3674 Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl *Stephen Leacock*
- 3675 Love never dies of starvation but often of indigestion *Ninon de Lenclos*
- 3676 Love is a woman's eternal spring and man's eternal fall *Helen Rowland*
- 3677 The hardest task of a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious *Ibid*
- 3678 To write a love letter, we must begin without knowing what we intend to say, and end without knowing what we have written *Jean Jacques Rousseau*
- 3679 She was torn between love and booty *Faith Baldwin*
- 3680 The greatest love is a mother's then comes a dog's, then comes a sweetheart's *Polish Proverb*
- 3681 A wall between preserves love *Samuel Palmer*
- 3682 The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies probably because they are generally the same people *G K Chesterton*
- 3683 Make love to every woman you meet if you get five percent on your outlays it's a good investment *Arnold Bennett*
- 3684 Love makes time pass and time makes love pass *American Proverb*
- 3685 It is well to love Not to love any more is well also *Paul Gerald*
- 3686 All the world loves a lover, but not while the lovemaking is going on *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3687 I love men, not because they are men, but because they are not women *Queen Christina of Sweden*
- 3688 Man makes love by braggadocio Woman makes love by listening—once a woman passes a certain point in intelligence she finds it almost impossible to get a husband she simply cannot go on listening without snickering *H L Mencken*
- 3689 Love is the delusion that one woman differs from another *Ibid*
- 3690 Women never acknowledge that they have fallen in love until the man has formally avowed his delusion and so cut off his retreat *Ibid*
- 3691 Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence *Ibid*
- 3692 Love is like war easy to begin but very hard to stop *Ibid*
- 3693 No normal man ever fell in love after thirty when the kidneys begin to disintegrate *Ibid*
- 3694 To be in love is merely to be in a state of perceptual anesthesia *Ibid*
- 3695 When a woman really loves a man, he can make her do anything she wants to do *Anonymous*

- 3696 Love is like measles you can get it only once, and the later in life it occurs, the tougher it goes *Josh Billings*
- 3697 Love is said to be blind but I know lots of fellows in love who can see twice as much in their sweethearts as I can *Ibid*
- 3698 First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3699 Love is a gross exaggeration of the difference between one person and everybody else *Ibid*
- 3700 Men have died from time to time and worms have eaten them, but not for love *William Shakespeare*
- 3701 When my love swears that she is made of truth, I do believe her though I know she lies *Ibid*

LOVER

- 3702 A lover is a man who endeavors to be more amiable than it is possible for him to be this is the reason why almost all lovers are ridiculous *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 3703 A lover even tries to stand well with the house dog *Moliere*
- 3704 A husband is what is left of the lover after the nerve is extracted *Helen Rowland*
- 3705 All the world may not love a lover but all the world watches him *Robert W Chambers*

LOYALTY

- 3706 He has all the characteristics of a dog—except loyalty *Sam Houston speaking of an enemy*

LUCK

- 3707 If you were born lucky even your rooster will lay eggs *Russian Proverb*
- 3708 The only sure thing about luck is that it will change *Wilson Mizner*
- 3709 As for what you're calling hard luck—well, we made New England out of it, that and codfish *Stephen Vincent Benet*
- 3710 Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will but remember it didn't work for the rabbit! *R E Shay*
- 3711 I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it *Stephen Leacock*
- 3712 Good luck is a lazy man's estimate of a worker's success *Anonymous*
- 3713 Good luck beats early rising *Irish Proverb*

LUNCH

- 3714 It is taken for granted that by lunchtime the average man has been so beaten down by life that he will believe anything *Christopher Morley*
- 3715 When ordering lunch, the big executives are just as indecisive as the rest of us *William Feather*

LUXURY

- 3716 There, little luxury, don't you cry—you'll be a necessity by and by
Anonymous
- 3717 Give us the luxuries of life and we will dispense with necessaries
Oliver Wendell Holmes
- 3718 A luxury becomes a necessity if you can make the down payment
on it *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 3719 He practiced the utmost economy in order to keep the most ex-
pensive habits *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3720 I love splendor, but I hate luxury *William Ewart Gladstone*
- 3721 King Farouk was wallowing like a sow in a trough of luxury
Sir Winston Churchill

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MADNESS

- 3722 In individuals insanity is rare, but in groups, parties, nations and
epochs it is the rule *F W Nietzsche*
- 3723 It is better to be mad with the rest of the world than to be wise
alone *Baltasar Gracian*

MAID

- 3724 Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful
sensation after you cease to struggle *Edna Ferber*
- 3725 The virtuous maid and the broken leg must stay at home *Miguel
de Cervantes*
- 3726 Maids want nothing but husbands and when they have them, they
want everything *William Shakespeare*

MAIL

- 3727 We long for the good old days when a special delivery letter ar-
rived ahead of the regular mail *Herbert V Prochnow*

MAINE

- 3728 As Maine goes, so goes Vermont *James A Farley*

MAJORITY

- 3729 We go by the major vote, and if the majority are insane, the sane
must go to the hospital *Horace Mann*
- 3730 If the fools do not control the world, it isn't because they are not
in the majority *Edgar W Howe*
- 3731 Whenever you find that you are on the side of the majority, it is
time to reform (or pause and reflect) *Mark Twain*
- 3732 One, with God, is always a majority, but many a martyr has been
burned at the stake while the votes were being counted *Thomas
B Reed*

MAMMON

- 3733 Mammon the god of the world's leading religion His chief temple is in the holy city of New York *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3734 Those who set out to serve God and Mammon soon discover that there is no God *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 3735 The spread of atheism among the young is something awful I give no credit however to the report that some of them do not believe in Mammon *Ibid*

MAN

- 3736 Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps, for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they ought to be *William Hazlitt*
- 3737 It is hard for a pure and thoughtful man to live in a state of rapture at the spectacle afforded him by his fellow creatures *Matthew Arnold*
- 3738 When a man gets talking about himself he seldom fails to be eloquent and often reaches the sublime *Josh Billings*
- 3739 Man is the only animal that can be a fool *Holbrook Jackson*
- 3740 A man reserves his greatest and deepest love not for the woman in whose company he finds himself electrified and enkindled but for that one in whose company he may feel tenderly drowsy *George Jean Nathan*
- 3741 He was the mildest-mannered man that ever scuttled ship or cut a throat *Lord Byron*
- 3742 Man is Creation's masterpiece but who says so? Man *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3743 Man has his will but woman has her way *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 3744 Man is always looking for someone to boast to woman is always looking for a shoulder to put her head on *H L Mencken*
- 3745 A man loses his illusions first his teeth second and his follies last *Helen Rowland*
- 3746 There are times when one would like to end the whole human race, and finish the farce *Mark Twain*
- 3747 All that I care to know is that a man is a human being—that is enough for me he can't be any worse *Ibid*
- 3748 Man has almost mastered the elements—provided nothing happens *Anonymous*
- 3749 Any man who agrees with his wife can have his way *Anonymous*
- 3750 Man is the only animal that eats when he is not hungry drinks when he is not thirsty and makes love at all seasons *Anonymous*
- 3751 If the animals suddenly got the gift of laughter they'd start by laughing themselves sick about man *Egon Friedell*
- 3752 Man is God's highest present development He is the latest thing in God *Samuel Butler*

- 3753 I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability *Oscar Wilde*
- 3754 Man is a rational animal who always loses his temper when he is called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason *Ibid*
- 3755 Advice to young writers who want to get ahead without any annoying delays don't write about Man, write about a man *E B White*
- 3756 No self-made man ever did such a good job that some woman didn't want to make a few alterations *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3757 God created man and finding him not sufficiently alone, gave him a female companion to make him feel his solitude more keenly *Paul Valery*
- 3758 The earth has a skin and that skin has diseases, one of its diseases is called man *F W Nietzsche*
- 3759 Man does not live long enough to be benefited by his faults he is committing them during the whole course of his life and it is as much as he can do, if after many errors he dies at last improved *Jean de La Bruyere*
- 3760 Man is a two-legged animal without feathers *Plato*
- 3761 Man is made for error it enters his mind naturally and he discovers a few truths only with the greatest effort *Frederick the Great*
- 3762 The superior man is dignified, but not proud, the inferior man is proud but not dignified *Confucius*
- 3763 The superior man understands what is right the inferior man understands what will sell *Ibid*
- 3764 A man is something that feels happy, plays the piano, likes going for a walk and in fact, wants to do a whole lot of things that are really unnecessary *Karel Capek*
- 3765 God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man *William Shakespeare*
- 3766 Man is an animal that makes bargains no other animal does this—no dog exchanges bones with another *Adam Smith*
- 3767 Darwinian Man, though well-behaved
At best is only a monkey shaved! *W S Gilbert*
- 3768 Nature gave men two ends—one to sit on and one to think with Ever since then, man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he used most *George R Kirkpatrick*
- 3769 The race of men while sheep in credulity, are wolves for conformity *Carl Van Doren*
- 3770 The time will come when human intelligence will rise to the mastery of property *Lewis Henry Morgan*
- 3771 Man is an intellect served by organs *L G A De Bonald*
- 3772 An omnivorous biped that wears breeches *Thomas Carlyle*
- 3773 A man is a golden impossibility *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

3774 Man wants a great deal here below, and woman even more *James Thurber*

MANKIND

3775 I hate mankind for I think myself one of the best of them, and I know how bad I am *Samuel Johnson*

3776 Mankind is being reformed but conditions among the lower animals are frightful *Don Marquis*

3777 Don't overestimate the decency of the human race *H L Mencken*

3778 Every species of mankind is good except the bore species *Voltaire*

3779 Mankind is a tribe of animals living by habits and thinking in symbols and it can never be anything else *George Santayana*

3780 In my youth I thought of writing a satire on mankind, but now in my age I think I should write an apology for them *Horace Walpole*

MANNERISM

3781 Mannerism is the sign of a second rate mind pride in mannerism is the sign of a third rate mind *Van Wyck Brooks*

MANNERS

3782 If a man has good manners and is not afraid of other people, he will get by—even if he is stupid *David Eccles*

3783 There is a close connection between manners and clothes You can't curtsy in a tight skirt *Mary Borden*

3784 The relation of superior to inferior excludes good manners *George Bernard Shaw*

3785 You may observe that I am well-bred to a degree of needless scrupulosity *Samuel Johnson*

3786 It is a mistake that there is no bath that will cure people's manners but drowning would help *Mark Twain*

3787 The great change in manners today is the relaxation of what is proper It makes relations among the young so much easier and more friendly You can be companions When I was a boy, you were expected to protect young girls For instance if you were playing lawn tennis, you would be considered a cad if you didn't lob her a high ball so she could return it easily That made for curious relations and bad tennis *W Somerset Maugham*

3788 I don't recall your name, but your manners are familiar *Oliver Herford*

MANUSCRIPT

3789 Your manuscript is both good and original, but the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original is not good *Samuel Johnson*

3790 Manuscript something submitted in haste and returned at leisure *Oliver Herford*

MARRIAGE

- 3791 Marriage is the only known example of the happy meeting of the immovable object and the irresistible force *Ogden Nash*
- 3792 Strange to say what delight we married people have to see these poor fools decoyed into our condition *Samuel Pepys*
- 3793 You may think you had a conscience, but what is a conscience to a wife? To marry is to domesticate the Recording Angel *Robert L Stevenson*
- 3794 Marriage is one long conversation checkered by disputes *Ibid*
- 3795 Marriage is a step so grave and decisive that it attracts light headed variable men by its very awfulness *Ibid*
- 3796 Once you are married there is nothing left for you, not even suicide, but to be good *Ibid*
- 3797 He is dreadfully married He's the most married man I ever saw in my life *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
- 3798 There are two kinds of marriages—where the husband quotes the wife or where the wife quotes the husband *Clifford Odets*
- 3799 Marriage is a very good thing but I think it's a mistake to make a habit of it *W Somerset Maugham*
- 3800 I have always been convinced that if a woman once made up her mind to marry a man nothing but instant flight could save him *Ibid*
- 3801 If you are afraid of loneliness, do not marry *Anton Chekhov*
- 3802 A man and a woman marry because both of them don't know what to do with themselves *Ibid*
- 3803 If you wish women to love you be original, I know a man who used to wear felt boots summer and winter, and women fell in love with him *Ibid*
- 3804 No man likes to live under the eye of perpetual disapprobation *Samuel Johnson*
- 3805 Being married to a sleepy souled woman is just like playing at cards for nothing no passion is excited and the time is filled up *Ibid*
- 3806 Marriage is much more necessary to a man than to a woman for he is much less able to supply himself with domestic comforts *Ibid*
- 3807 It is a woman's business to get married as soon as possible, and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can *George Bernard Shaw*
- 3808 Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity *Ibid*
- 3809 The great secret of successful marriage is to treat all disasters as incidents and none of the incidents as disasters *Harold Nicolson*
- 3810 As to marriage or celibacy, let a man take which course he will, he will be sure to repent *Socrates*
- 3811 By all means marry, if you get a good wife, you'll become happy, if you get a bad one you'll become a philosopher *Ibid*

- 3812 I've sometimes thought of marrying—and then I've thought again
Noel Coward
- 3813 Married life ain't so bad after you get so you can eat the things your
wife likes *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 3814 The feller that puts off marryin' till he can support a wife ain't
very much in love *Ibid*
- 3815 A chap ought to save a few of the long evenings he spends with
his girl till after they're married *Ibid*
- 3816 A fellow never knows what he would have done till he's been married
a couple of years *Ibid*
- 3817 Nobody works as hard for his money as the man who marries it
Ibid
- 3818 Before marriage a man will lie awake all night thinking about
something you said, after marriage he'll fall asleep before you finish
saying it *Helen Rowland*
- 3819 After a few years of marriage a man can look right at a woman
without seeing her—and a woman can see right through a man
without looking at him *Ibid*
- 3820 Love, the quest marriage, the conquest, divorce the inquest *Ibid*
- 3821 It isn't tying himself to one woman that a man dreads when he
thinks of marrying it's separating himself from all the others *Ibid*
- 3822 Some men feel that the only thing they owe the woman who marries
them is a grudge *Ibid*
- 3823 Some men think that being married to a woman means merely
seeing her in the mornings instead of in the evenings *Ibid*
- 3824 When a girl marries she exchanges the attentions of many men
for the inattention of one *Ibid*
- 3825 When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one
who is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad *Ibid*
- 3826 The days just prior to marriage are like a snappy introduction to a
tedious book *Wilson Mizner*
- 3827 The trouble with marriage is that while every woman is at heart
a mother every man is at heart a bachelor *E V Lucas*
- 3828 After you have been married five years, there should always be
someone to dinner *Ibid*
- 3829 They stood before the altar and supplied
The fire themselves in which their fat was fried *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3830 Marriage the state or condition of a community consisting of a
master, a mistress and two slaves, making in all, two *Ibid*
- 3831 Marriage is a mistake of youth—which we should all make *Don
Herold*
- 3832 Matrimony a woman's hairnet tangled in a man's spectacles on top
of the bedroom dresser *Ibid*
- 3833 Married men live longer than single men, or at least they complain
more about it *Ibid*

- 3834 Marriage is neither heaven nor hell, it is simply purgatory
Abraham Lincoln
- 3835 I have now come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying, and for this reason—I can never be satisfied with anyone who would be blockhead enough to have me *Ibid*
- 3836 They say a parson first invented gunpowder, but one cannot believe it till one is married *Douglas Jerrold*
- 3837 In marriage, as in war, it is permitted to take every advantage of the enemy *Ibid*
- 3838 A good marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband
Michel de Montaigne
- 3839 It [marriage] may be compared to a cage the birds without despair to get in, and those within despair to get out *Ibid*
- 3840 No woman can satisfactorily explain to herself why she married her husband *Anonymous*
- 3841 I married her because we have so many faults in common
Anonymous
- ~~3842~~ All men are born free, but some get married *Anonymous*
- 3843 If wives only knew what stenographers think of their husbands, they would cease to worry *Anonymous*
- 3844 So far no one has invented an intelligence test to equal matrimony
Anonymous
- 3845 Marriage makes two one—but which one? *Anonymous*
- 3846 People do not marry as early as they used to, but they marry oftener *Anonymous*
- 3847 Marriage is a romance in which the hero dies in the first chapter
Anonymous
- 3848 A wise woman will always let her husband have her way *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- 3849 Those who marry to escape something usually find something else
George Ade
- 3850 I dislike the idea of wives about a house they accumulate dust Besides so few of the really nice women in my set could afford to marry me *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 3851 When I was a young man I vowed never to marry until I found the ideal woman Well I found her—but, alas, she was waiting for the ideal man *Robert Schumann*
- 3852 As a general thing, people marry most happily with their own kind The trouble lies in the fact that people usually marry at an age where they do not really know what their own kind is *Robertson Davies*
- 3853 He may be wrong, he probably is but why do you have to tell him? The trouble is that men like to think they know best Why not let him think it? It is not a very high price to pay for peace and security and good health *Kenneth Hutchins*

- 3854 You study one another for three weeks you love each other three months you fight for three years, you tolerate the situation for thirty *Andre de Missan*
- 3855 I was at a party feeling very shy because there were a lot of celebrities around and I was sitting in a corner alone and a very beautiful young man came up to me and offered me some salted peanuts and he said 'I wish they were emeralds' as he handed me the peanuts and that was the end of my heart I never got it back *Helen Hayes*
- 3856 I gravely doubt whether women were ever married by capture I think they pretended to be as they do still *G K Chesterton*
- 3857 What they do in heaven we are ignorant of but what they do not do we are told expressly, that they neither marry nor are given in marriage *Jonathan Swift*
- 3858 His wife might not be a clever woman, but she was a cosy woman and there was a lot to be said for cosiness in this very unc cosy world *J B Priestley*
- 3859 Is not marriage an open question, when it is alleged from the beginning of the world that such as are in the institution want to get out, and such as are out want to get in *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 3860 I should like to see any kind of man distinguishable from a gorilla that some good and even pretty woman could not shape a husband out of *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 3861 The man who has no secrets from his wife either has no secrets or no wife *Gilbert Wells*
- 3862 A man may be a fool and not know it—but not if he is married *H L Mencken*
- 3863 No man, examining his marriage intelligently, can fail to observe that it is compounded at least in part, of slavery and that he is the slave *Ibid*
- 3864 No matter how happily a woman may be married, it always pleases her to discover that there is a nice man who wishes that she were not *Ibid*
- 3865 It does not much signify whom one marries as one is sure to find next morning that it is someone else *Samuel Rogers*
- 3866 Nobody knows why men marry so it's best to make the most of any chance you happen to get *Mary L Pendered*
- 3867 The only real argument for marriage is that it remains the best method for getting acquainted *Heywood Broun*
- 3868 The conception of two people living together for twenty five years without having a cross word suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep *Sir Alan Patrick Herbert*
- 3869 Marriage is the only life sentence that is suspended by bad behavior *Louisville Times*
- 3870 If Heaven wishes to rain or your mother to remarry, there is no way to stop them *Chinese Proverb*

- 3871 A maiden marries to please her parents, a widow to please herself
Ibid
- 3872 People grow tired of marriage, some people do, but one is never bored with a companion who sees the world through the same ridiculous distorting lenses that we look through ourselves *Frank Case*
- 3873 Keep thy eyes wide open before marriage and half shut afterward
Thomas Fuller
- 3874 There are but two objects in marriage love or money If you marry for love, you will certainly have some very happy days, and probably many very uneasy ones if for money, you will have no happy days and probably no uneasy ones *Lord Chesterfield*
- 3875 A modernist married a fundamentalist wife,
And she led him a catechism and dogma life *Keith Preston*
- 3876 Every man plays the fool once in his life but to marry is playing the fool all one's life long *William Congreve*
- 3877 All tragedies are finished by death all comedies are ended by a marriage *Lord Byron*
- 3878 His designs were strictly honorable that is to rob a lady of her fortune by way of marriage *Henry Fielding*
- 3879 It's a funny thing that when a man hasn't got anything on earth to worry about, he goes off and gets married *Robert Frost*
- 3880 Generally the woman chooses the man who will choose her *Paul Gerald*
- 3881 Marriage is a book of which the first chapter is written in poetry and the remaining chapters in prose *Beverly Nichols*
- 3882 Marriage makes an end of many short follies—being one long stupidity *F W Nietzsche*
- 3883 Marriage is a meal where the soup is better than the dessert
Austin O'Malley
- 3884 Marriage a ceremony in which rings are put on the finger of the lady and through the nose of the gentleman *Herbert Spencer*
- 3885 Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly *Voltaire*
- 3886 Who says marriage is a failure? It's nothing of the kind—provided you let it alone *Lionel Strachey*
- 3887 Marriage is like a beleaguered fortress those who are without want to get in, and those within to get out *Charles Todd Quintard*
- 3888 It is no excuse when you are neglecting your wife to say it doesn't matter because she is only a relation by marriage *Sir Seymour Nicks*
- 3889 Think of your ancestors and your posterity, and you will never marry *Ethel Watts Mumford*
- 3890 Us country women make good wives No matter what happens, we've seen worse *Keith Jennison*

- 3891 On the way to Aarhus, I saw a very comical sight Two cows which were tied together cantered past us the one was gaddish, and had a swing of genius about its tail the other as it appeared, was more prosaic, and was depressed at having to take part in the same movements Do not most marriages turn out to be like that *Soren Kierkegaard*
- 3892 Love is the most subtle form of self interest *Holbrook Jackson*
- 3893 Maybe you heard the complaint which was voiced not long ago, by a leading lady of New York state She said that with taxes as they are today, a girl might as well marry for love *Benjamin F Fairless*
- 3894 Who wooed in haste and means to wed at leisure *William Shakespeare*
- 3895 Marriage is the only evil that men pray for *Arab Proverb*
- 3896 When billing and cooing results in matrimony the billing always comes after the cooing *Thomas L Masson*
- 3897 Marriage is Heaven and Hell *German Proverb*
- 3898 To marry once is a duty, twice a folly, thrice is madness *Dutch Proverb*
- 3899 What a holler would ensue if people had to pay the minister as much to marry them as they have to pay a lawyer to get them a divorce *Claire Trevor*
- 3900 He's a fool that marries but he's a greater that does not marry a fool *William Wycherley*
- 3901 The chain of wedlock is so heavy that it takes two to carry it—sometimes three *Alexandre Dumas pere*
- 3902 A husband is always a sensible man he never thinks of marrying *Alexandre Dumas fils*
- 3903 Before going to war say a prayer before going to sea say two prayers, before marrying say three prayers *Proverb*
- 3904 It's an experiment frequently tried *W S Gilbert*
- 3905 The trouble with wedlock is, there's not enough wed and too much lock *Christopher Morley*
- 3906 The husband needs to be blind at times the wife deaf, both need much of the time to be dumb *Ivan N Panin*
- 3907 Marriage a great institution, and no family should be without it *Channing Pollock*
- 3908 He married an Anglo Indian widow, and soon after published a pamphlet in favor of suttee *George Meredith*
- 3909 One should always be in love That is the reason one should never marry *Oscar Wilde*
- 3910 Twenty years of romance makes a woman look like a ruin, but twenty years of marriage make her something like a public building *Ibid*

- 3911 Marriage is the one subject on which all women agree and all men disagree *Ibid*
- 3912 The one charm of marriage is that it makes a life of deception absolutely necessary for both parties *Ibid*
- 3913 Marriage is hardly a thing one can do now and then—except in America *Ibid*
- 3914 A man who desires to get married should know either everything or nothing *Ibid*
- 3915 Married men are horribly tedious when they are good husbands and abominably conceited when they are not *Ibid*
- 3916 The happiness of a married man depends on the people he has not married *Ibid*
- 3917 More marriages are ruined nowadays by the common sense of the husband than by anything else How can a woman be expected to be happy with a man who insists on treating her as if she were a perfectly rational being? *Ibid*
- 3918 By persistently remaining single a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation *Ibid*
- 3919 Love pleases more than marriage for the reason that romance is more interesting than history *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 3920 One of the main conveniences of marriage is that if you can't stand a visitor you can pass him along to your wife *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 3921 He who marries is like the doge who marries the Adriatic—he doesn't know what's in it treasures, pearls monsters unknown storms *Heinrich Heine*
- 3922 Matrimony the high sea for which no compass has yet been invented *Ibid*
- 3923 If you marry at all, marry last year *Irish Proverb*
- 3924 Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite directions yet always punishing anyone who comes between them *Sydney Smith*
- 3925 There were two brothers who were smart and a third who got married *Polish Proverb*
- 3926 I have always thought that every woman should marry and no man *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 3927 Bachelor, a peacock betrothed, a lion, married a donkey *Spanish Proverb*
- 3928 To marry is to get a binocular view of life *William R Inge*
- 3929 Young man, if she asks you if you like her hair that way, beware the woman has already committed matrimony in her heart *Don Marquis*
- 3930 A man finds himself seven years older the day after his marriage *Francis Bacon*

- 3931 When the blind lead the blind, they both fall into—matrimony
George Farquhar

MARTYRDOM

- 3932 Martyrdom covers a multitude of sins *Mark Twain*
3933 [He] is as happy as a martyr when the fire won't burn *Ibid*
3934 Martyrdom is the only way in which a man can become famous
without ability *George Bernard Shaw*

MARX

- 3935 The only vital political difference between Marx and Lenin is that
Lenin had a revolution to practice on and Marx had not *Max
Eastman*

MATHEMATICS

- 3936 The mathematicians are a sort of Frenchmen when you talk to
them, they immediately translate it into their own language and
right away it is something utterly different *Johann von Goethe*
3937 I had a feeling once about Mathematics—that I saw it all Depth
beyond Depth was revealed to me—the Byss and the Abyss I saw
—as one might see the transit of Venus or even the Lord Mayor's
Show—a quantity passing through infinity and changing its sign from
plus to minus I saw exactly how it happened and why the tergiversa-
tion was inevitable—but it was after dinner and I let it go *Sir
Winston Churchill*

MATINEE AUDIENCE

- 3938 Two thousand dear ladies All very careful and diplomatic with one
another Ever so sweet and catty, you know I can hear that sweet
and catty sound through the curtain while the house lights are still
on They all applaud with their gloves on, never too hard or too
much They're busier watching each other than the show *Cyril
Ritchard*

MAUSOLEUM

- 3939 Mausoleum the final and funniest folly of the rich *Ambrose
Bierce*

MAXIM

- 3940 So so" is good, very good very excellent maxim and yet it is not
it is but so so *William Shakespeare*

MEANS

- 3941 It appears that I am dying beyond my means *Oscar Wilde*

MEDICINE

- 3942 The aim of medicine is surely not to make men virtuous it is to
safeguard and rescue them from the consequences of their vices
The true physician does not preach repentance, he offers absolution
H L Mencken

- 3943 Medicine is the only profession that labors incessantly to destroy the reason for its own existence *Lord Bryce*
- 3944 Many people live their lives in an atmosphere of slight nausea, produced by constant overdoses, first of one thing and then of its antidote *Gilbert Murray*
- 3945 The difference between psychoneurosis and nervousness is about \$150 *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 3946 The best medicine I know for rheumatism is to thank the Lord it ain't the gout *Josh Billings*
- 3947 One of the first duties of the physician is to educate the masses not to take medicine *Sir William Osler*
- 3948 The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals *Ibid*
- 3949 Medicine can cure only curable diseases *Chinese Proverb*
- 3950 The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease *Voltaire*
- 3951 I don't see why any man who believes in medicine would shy at the faith cure *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 3952 I don't know much about medicine, but I know what I like *S J Perelman*
- 3953 He s a devout believer in the department of witchcraft called medical science *George Bernard Shaw*

MEDIocre

- 3954 Women want mediocre men and men are working hard to be as mediocre as possible *Margaret Mead*

MEEK

- 3955 It s going to be fun to watch and see how long the meek can keep the earth after they inherit it *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

MELANCHOLY

- 3956 Melancholy is the pleasure of being sad *Victor Hugo*

MEMOIRS

- 3957 I dislike modern memoirs They are generally written by people who have either entirely lost their memories or have never done anything worth remembering, which, however is, no doubt the true explanation of their popularity, as the English public always feels perfectly at its ease when a mediocrity is talking to it *Oscar Wilde*
- 3958 There ain't nothing that breaks up homes, country and nations like somebody publishing their memoirs *Will Rogers*
- 3959 The memoirs of statesmen and scholars, even those thought to be modest, betray their secret vanity and remind us of the story of the saint who left a hundred thousand dollars for his own canonization *Nicolas Chamfort*

MEMORANDUM

- 3960 The horror of that moment" the King went on I shall never, never forget!" You will though' the Queen said, if you don't make a memorandum of it" *Lewis Carroll*

MEMORY

- 3961 You never know how much a man can't remember till he is called as a witness *Detroit News*
- 3962 Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food *Austin O Malley*
- 3963 No woman should have a memory Memory in a woman is the beginning of dowdiness *Oscar Wilde*
- 3964 Memory is the diary that chronicles things that never happened and couldn't possibly have happened *Ibid*
- 3965 Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us *Ibid*
- 3966 He had the sort of face that once seen is never remembered *Ibid*
- 3967 I have done this,' says memory, 'I can't have done this,' says pride In the end memory yields *F W Nietzsche*
- 3968 Blessed are the forgetful for they get the better even of their blunders *Ibid*
- 3969 If, after I depart this vale you ever remember me and have thought to please my ghost forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl *H L Mencken*
- 3970 Quite literally, a man's memory is what he forgets with *Odell Shepard*
- 3971 Memory is a fickle jade, particularly in the case of fat women and theater critics *George Jean Nathan*
- 3972 People with good memories seldom remember anything worth remembering *Anonymous*
- 3973 If a man can remember what he worried about last week he has a very good memory *Anonymous*
- 3974 There must be at least 500 000 000 rats in the United States of course, I am speaking only from memory *Edgar Wilson Nye*
- 3975 No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar *Abraham Lincoln*
- 3976 I've a grand memory for forgetting *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 3977 A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness *Elbert Hubbard*
- 3978 It isn't so astonishing the number of things that I can remember, as the number of things I can remember that aren't so *Mark Twain*
- 3979 When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not, but I am getting old, and soon I shall remember only the latter *Ibid*

MEN

- 3980 The human species is composed of two distinct races the men who borrow, and the men who lend *Charles Lamb*
- 3981 The lives of great men rarely remind us of anything sublime *Lord Vansittart*
- 3982 First time you buy a house you see how pretty the paint is and buy it The second time you look to see if the basement has termites It's the same with men *Lupe Velez*
- 3983 Men become old but they never become good *Oscar Wilde*
- 3984 Women lie about their age, men lie about their income *William Feather*

MERCY

- 3985 Mercy an attribute beloved of detected offenders *Ambrose Bierce*
- 3986 He was so benevolent so merciful a man that he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain *Douglas Jerrold*

MERIT

- 3987 What I like about the Order of the Garter is that there is no damned merit about it *Lord Melbourne*

MESS

- 3988 You can't clean up a mess without making a bad smell *Hulbert Footner*

METAPHYSICIANS

- 3989 Metaphysicians are musicians without musical ability *Rudolf Carnap*

METAPHYSICS

- 3990 Metaphysics the art of bewildering oneself methodically *Jules Michelet*
- 3991 Metaphysics is the finding of bad reasons for what we believe upon instinct, but to find these reasons is no less an instinct *Francis H Bradley*
- 3992 Metaphysics is almost always an attempt to prove the incredible by an appeal to the unintelligible *H L Mencken*
- 3993 He had learned to play a few pieces on the metaphysics *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 3994 It is remarkable what a fascination metaphysics seems to possess for the human mind It is like falling in love But you get over it after a time *Benjamin Jowett*
- 3995 Metaphysics is the science of proving what we don't understand *Josh Billings*
- 3996 When the speaker and he to whom he speaks do not understand, that is metaphysics *Voltaire*

MICHELANGELO

- 3997 I used to worship the mighty genius of Michael Angelo—that man who was great in poetry painting sculpture architecture—great in everything he undertook But I do not want Michael Angelo for breakfast—for luncheon—for dinner—for tea—for supper—for between meals I like a change occasionally In Genoa he designed everything in Milan he or his pupils designed everything In Florence he painted everything designed everything nearly and what he did not design he used to sit on a favorite stone and look at and they showed us the stone In Pisa he designed everything but the old shot tower and they would have attributed that to him if it had not been so awfully out of the perpendicular He designed St Peter's he designed the Pope he designed the Pantheon, the uniform of the Pope's soldiers, the Tiber the Vatican the Colosseum the Capitol the eternal bore designed the Eternal City and unless all men and books do lie he painted everything in it! Dan said the other day to the guide Enough enough! Say no more! Lump the whole thing! say that the Creator made Italy from designs by Michael Angelo! I never felt so fervently thankful so soothed so tranquil so filled with a blessed peace as I did yesterday when I learned that Michael Angelo was dead
Mark Twain

MICROBES

- 3998 Adam
Had 'em *Strickland Gillilan*

MIDDLE AGE

- 3999 The youth gets together materials for a bridge to the moon and at length the middle-aged man decides to make a woodshed with them
Henry D Thoreau
- 4000 Middle age when you begin to exchange your emotions for symptoms
Irvn S Cobb
- 4001 The five Bs of middle age—baldness bridgework bifocals, bay windows and bunions
Anonymous

MIDDLE AGES

- 4002 We owe to the Middle Ages the two worst inventions of humanity—romantic love and gunpowder
Andre Maurois

MILK

- 4003 Man should go out of this world as he came in—chiefly on milk
Sir William Osler

MILLIONAIRE

- 4004 I'm opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position
Mark Twain
- 4005 I love money, just to be in the room with a millionaire makes me less forlorn
Logan Pearsall Smith

- MILTON, JOHN
- 4006 Milton cannot have been at all the sort of person one would want to know *Angela Thirkell*

- MIND
- 4007 At a certain age some people's minds close up, they live on their intellectual fat *William Lyon Phelps*
- 4008 His mind is open yes it is so open that nothing is retained ideas simply pass through him *Francis H Bradley*
- 4009 Some people have such open minds that nothing stays in them long *J Tudor Rees*
- 4010 What is mind? No matter What is matter? Never mind *Thomas Hewitt Key*
- 4011 If you don't lose your mind over certain things, you haven't got a mind to lose *Johann Nestroy*
- 4012 He discloses the workings of a mind to which incoherence lends an illusion of profundity *T De Vere White*
- 4013 He [Sir Stafford Cripps] has a first-rate mind until he makes it up *Lady Violet Bonham Carter*
- 4014 An open mind is all very well in its way but it ought not to be so open that there is no keeping anything in or out of it It should be capable of shutting its doors sometimes, or it may be found a little drafty *Samuel Butler*
- 4015 A mind of a thoroughly well-informed man is like a bric-a-brac shop—all monsters and dust and everything priced above its proper value *Oscar Wilde*
- 4016 On an occasion of this kind it becomes more than a moral duty to speak one's mind it becomes a pleasure *Ibid*
- 4017 He would come in and say he had changed his mind—which was a gilded figure of speech, because he hadn't any *Mark Twain*
- 4018 Mind a mysterious form of matter secreted by the brain *Ambrose Bierce*

MINE

- 4019 Mine is better than ours *Benjamin Franklin*

MINORITY

- 4020 The minority is always wrong—at the beginning *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 4021 It would be an entertaining change in human affairs to determine everything by minorities, they are almost always in the right *Sydney Smith*
- 4022 If a man is a minority of one, we lock him up *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*

MIRACLE

- 4023 Miracle an event described by those to whom it was told by men who did not see it *Elbert Hubbard*

4024 Miracles sometimes occur, but one has to work terribly hard for them *Chaim Weizmann*

MISANTHROPE

4025 A misanthrope I can understand—a womanthrope never *Oscar Wilde*

MISBEHAVE

4026 I don't say we all ought to misbehave but we ought to look as if we could *Orson Welles*

MISCHIEF

4027 It is difficult to say who do you the most mischief enemies with the worst intentions or friends with the best *Edward G Bulwer-Lytton*

MISER

4028 Misers are very good people, they amass wealth for those who wish their death *Stanislaus Leszcynski*

4029 Every miser has a spendthrift son *French Proverb*

MISERY

4030 If misery loves company misery has company enough *Henry D Thoreau*

4031 Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate *Addison Mizner*

4032 The miserable are very talkative *Hindu Proverb*

MISFORTUNE

4033 I never knew any man in my life who could not bear another's misfortune perfectly like a Christian *Jonathan Swift*

4034 When you're down and out something always turns up—and it's usually the noses of your friends *Orson Welles*

4035 In the misfortune of our best friends we find something which is not displeasing to us *François de La Rochefoucauld*

4036 Misfortunes and twins never come singly *Josh Billings*

4037 Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come *James Russell Lowell*

4038 When a man is falling, every saint pushes him *Italian Proverb*

MISSIONARY

4039 Our noble society for providing the infant Negroes in the West Indies with flannel waistcoats and moral pocket handkerchiefs *Charles Dickens*

4040 Missionaries, my dear! Don't you realize that missionaries are the divinely provided food for destitute and underfed cannibals? Whenever they are on the brink of starvation, Heaven in its infinite mercy sends them a nice plump missionary *Oscar Wilde*

MISTAKE

- 4041 The only things one never regrets are one's mistakes *Oscar Wilde*
- 4042 If I am accused of this mistake, I can only say with M. Clemenceau on a celebrated occasion 'Perhaps I have made a number of other mistakes of which you have never heard' *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 4043 It is very easy to forgive others their mistakes; it takes more grit and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own *Jessamyn West*
- 4044 I never made a mistake in my life, at least never one that I couldn't explain away afterward *Rudyard Kipling*
- 4045 I have made mistakes but I have never made the mistake of claiming that I never made one *James Gordon Bennett*
- 4046 The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything *Bishop William Connor Magee*
- 4047 The first mistake in public business is going into it *Benjamin Franklin*
- 4048 The fellow who never makes a mistake takes his orders from one who does *Herbert V Prochnow*

MOB

- 4049 I am a member of the rabble in good standing *Westbrook Pegler*

MODERATION

- 4050 Moderation has been called a virtue wherewith to curb the ambition of the great, and to console men of moderate means for their small fortunes and insignificant merits *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 4051 Moderation is a fatal thing, nothing succeeds like excess *Oscar Wilde*

MODESTY

- 4052 I was born modest, not all over, but in spots *Mark Twain*
- 4053 Modesty antedates clothes and will be resumed when clothes are no more *Ibid*
- 4054 I was born modest, but it didn't last *Ibid*
- 4055 Mr. Attlee is a very modest man. But then he has much to be modest about *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 4056 I was a modest, good humored boy, it is Oxford that has made me insufferable *Max Beerbohm*
- 4057 The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent and is modest about it *James Agate*
- 4058 Modesty is the polite concession worth makes to inferiority *Comtesse Diane*
- 4059 A modest man is usually admired—if people ever hear of him *Edgar W Howe*
- 4060 Modesty is one of the seven deadly virtues *Alfred Sutro*

- 4061 The clock struck eleven with the respectful unobtrusiveness of one whose mission in life is to be ignored *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 4062 I m an extinct volcano *Lady Nancy Astor*
- 4063 You must never seem to affect the character in which you have a mind to shine Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise *Lord Chesterfield*
- 4064 Modesty the gentle art of enhancing your charm by pretending not to be aware of it *Oliver Herford*
- 4065 Modesty is an ornament, but you go farther without it *German Proverb*

MONEY

- 4066 It takes a major operation to extract money from a minor poet *A T Thomas*
- 4067 I have enough money to get by I m not independently wealthy, just independently lazy I suppose *Montgomery Clift*
- 4068 I do everything for a reason Most of the time the reason is money *Suzy Parker*
- 4069 When it is a question of money everybody is of the same religion *Voltaire*
- 4070 In the old days a man who saved money was a miser now he is a wonder *Anonymous*
- 4071 A person never knows how wonderful it was to be born poor until after he makes money *Anonymous*
- 4072 Money doesn't always bring happiness A man with ten million dollars is no happier than a man with nine million dollars *Anonymous*
- 4073 It is at our mother's knee that we acquire our noblest and truest and highest ideals but there is seldom any money in them *Mark Twain*
- 4074 In an age when we would rather have money than health and would rather have another man's money than our own, he lived and died unsordid *Ibid*
- 4075 His money is twice tainted 'tain't yours and 'tain t mine *Ibid*
- 4076 The more a man possesses over and above what he uses, the more careworn he becomes *George Bernard Shaw*
- 4077 Make money and the whole nation will conspire to call you a gentleman *Ibid*
- 4078 There is only one class in the community that thinks more about money than the rich, and that is the poor The poor can think of nothing else That is the misery of being poor *Oscar Wilde*
- 4079 Young people, nowadays imagine that money is everything, and when they grow older they know it *Ibid*
- 4080 A moneylender serves you in the present tense, lends you in the

conditional mood, keeps you in the subjunctive, and ruins you in the future *Joseph Addison*

- 4081 Coming home tonight I did go to examine my wife's accounts, and finding things that seemed somewhat doubtful I was angry, though she did make it pretty plain, but confessed that when she do miss a sum she do add something to other things to make it, and upon my being very angry she do protest she will here lay up something for herself and buy her a necklace with, which maddened me and so still trouble me, for I fear she will forget by degrees the way of living cheap and under sense of want *Samuel Pepys*
- 4082 When I had money everyone called me brother *Polish Proverb*
- 4083 Money speaks sense in a language all nations understand *Alfred Behan*
- 4084 There are plenty of good five cent cigars in the country The trouble is they cost a quarter What the country really needs is a good five cent nickel *Franklin P Adams*
- 4085 To the office and heard a vast amount of discussion about the inflation of currency and for all of me they may inflate it till it bursts or deflate it to flatness For I have found that no matter what happens to the national currency, there is only one thing that happens to mine it vanishes *Ibid*
- 4086 I don't like money actually but it quiets my nerves *Joe Louis*
- 4087 As a cousin of mine once said about money, money is always there but the pockets change it is not in the same pockets after a change, and that is all there is to say about money *Gertrude Stein*
- 4088 That money talks
I'll not deny
I heard it once
It said, "Good bye" *Richard Armour*
- 4089 To force myself to earn more money, I determined to spend more *James Agate*
- 4090 Money often costs too much *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 4091 Money alone can't bring you happiness but money alone has not brought me unhappiness I won't say my previous husbands thought only of my money, but it had a certain fascination for them *Barbara Hutton*
- 4092 Money is like an arm or leg—use it or lose it *Henry Ford*
- 4093 Anyone who tries to understand the money question goes crazy *Frank Vanderlip*
- 4094 The atmosphere reeked of the delicious odor of unearned money *Peter Black*
- 4095 Money isn't everything—but it's a long way ahead of what comes next *Sir Edmund Stockdale*
- 4096 Give, and you may keep your friend if you lose your money, lend,

- and the chances are that you lose your friend if ever you get back your money *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*
- 4097 He had so much money that he could afford to look poor *Edgar Wallace*
- 4098 The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4099 Money never made a fool of anybody it only shows 'em up *Ibid*
- 4100 When a fellow says 'It ain't the money but the principle of the thing,' it's the money *Ibid*
- 4101 Some folks get credit for having horse sense that hasn't ever had enough money to make fools of themselves *Ibid*
- 4102 When money talks, there are few interruptions *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 4103 When a man says money can do everything that settles it, he hasn't any *Edgar W Howe*
- 4104 When one has had to work so hard to get money why should he impose on himself the further hardship of trying to save it? *Don Herold*
- 4105 In the bad old days there were three easy ways of losing money—racing being the quickest women the pleasantest and farming the most certain *Lord Amherst*
- 4106 He was subject to a kind of disease which at that time they called lack of money *François Rabelais*
- 4107 I owe much I have nothing, the rest I leave to the poor *Ibid*
- 4108 Money is the only substance which can keep a cold world from nicknaming a citizen 'Hey you!' *Wilson Mizner*
- 4109 There's nothing so comfortable as a small bankroll A big one is always in danger *Ibid*
- 4110 Money is what you'd get on beautifully without if only other people weren't so crazy about it *Margaret Case Harriman*
- 4111 Money has no ears but it hears *Japanese Proverb*
- 4112 If you have no money be polite *Danish Proverb*
- 4113 Money makes the mayor go *Oliver Herford*
- 4114 Money is like muck not good except it be spread *Francis Bacon*
- 4115 Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 4116 Money is the fruit of evil and often is the root of it *Henry Fielding*
- 4117 Money brings everything to you, even your daughters *Honore de Balzac*
- 4118 I cannot afford to waste my time making money *Louis Agassiz*
- 4119 Money is the god of our time, and Rothschild is his prophet *Heinrich Heine*

- 4120 One of the strangest things about life is that the poor, who need money the most, are the very ones who never have it *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4121 The money men make lives after them *Samuel Butler*
- 4122 There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed than in getting money *Samuel Johnson*
- 4123 As a general rule, nobody has money who ought to have it *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 4124 The chief value of money lies in the fact that one lives in a world in which it is overestimated *H L Mencken*
- 4125 Many beautiful things have been said about money One of the best was pulled by a man named L'Estrange, who remarked, 'A narrow fortune is a cramp to a great mind' You said something, Mr L'Estrange! *Will Cuppy*
- 4126 Money never goes to jail *Arab Proverb*
- 4127 When a man needs money, he needs money, and not a headache tablet or a prayer *William Feather*

MONKEY

- 4128 The monkey is an organized sarcasm upon the human race *Henry Ward Beecher*
- 4129 No monkey ever laughs at another *West African Proverb*

MONOGAMY

- 4130 Even in civilized mankind faint traces of a monogamic instinct can sometimes be perceived *Bertrand Russell*

MONOTONY

- 4131 A variety of nothing is better than a monotony of something *Jean Paul Richter*

MOON

- 4132 Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody *Mark Twain*
- 4133 The sky is poor tonight—the moon is down to its last quarter *Fred Allen*
- 4134 Among the more elderly inhabitants of the South I found a melancholy tendency to date every event of importance on the late War "How beautiful the moon is tonight," I once remarked to a gentleman standing near me "Yes" was his reply "but you should have seen it before the War" *Oscar Wilde*

MORAL

- 4135 'Tut, tut child' said the Duchess Everything's got a moral if only you can find it' *Lewis Carroll*
- 4136 An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only comfortable *George Bernard Shaw*

4137 The Moral Sense teaches us what is right and how to avoid it when unpopular *Mark Twain*

MORALITY

4138 Morality is the custom of one's country and the current feeling of one's peers Cannibalism is moral in a cannibal country *Samuel Butler*

4139 Morality is simply the attitude we adopt toward people whom we personally dislike *Oscar Wilde*

4140 Morality is moral only when it is voluntary *Lincoln Steffens*

4141 Morality is the theory that every human act must either be right or wrong and that ninety-nine percent of them are wrong *H L Mencken*

4142 We have two kinds of morality side by side one which we preach but do not practice and another which we practice but seldom preach *Bertrand Russell*

4143 We know no spectacle so ridiculous as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality *Thomas Babington Macaulay*

4144 What is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after *Ernest Hemingway*

4145 Morality is a private and costly luxury *Henry Adams*

4146 Morality is simply another means of living but the saints make it an end in itself *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

4147 What is morality? Gentility *George Bernard Shaw*

4148 You can draw a line and make other chaps toe it That's what I call morality *Ibid*

MORALS

4149 If your morals make you dreary depend on it they are wrong *Robert Louis Stevenson*

4150 No one who has not tried knows how uplifting it is to go astray *Henry S Haskins*

4151 Good behavior is the last refuge of mediocrity *Ibid*

4152 A fairly decent man does not need a state or national law to keep him straight his competitors and patrons usually attend to that *Edgar W Howe*

4153 A man very careless in his own morals may have the highest ideals for the guidance of the world *Ibid*

4154 It's my opinion that everyone I know has morals, though I wouldn't like to ask I know I have But I'd rather teach them than practice them any day Give them to others—that's my motto *Mark Twain*

MORE

4155 "Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice very earnestly "I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone, "so I can't

take any more You mean you can't take less said the Hatter
It's very easy to take more than nothing *Lewis Carroll*

MORNING

4156 The first thing I do in the morning is brush my teeth and sharpen my
tongue *Oscar Levant*

MOSQUITOES

4157 Mosquitoes were using my ankles for filling stations *Cornelia
Otis Skinner*

4158 Good night sleep tight,
Don't let the mosquitoes bite *American Nursery Rhyme*

MOTHER

4159 The God to whom little boys say their prayers has a face very like
their mother's *Sir James M Barrie*

4160 The old time mother who used to wonder where her boy was now
has a grandson who wonders where his mother is *Frank McKinney
Hubbard*

4161 How beautifully everything is arranged by Nature as soon as a
child enters the world it finds a mother ready to take care of it
Jules Michelet

4162 In the eyes of its mother every beetle is a gazelle *Moroccan
Proverb*

4163 A girl's best friend is her mother *Dorothy Parker*

4164 To say mother instead of mother seems to many the acme of
romance *Oscar Wilde*

4165 All women become like their mothers—that is their tragedy no
man does—that's his *Ibid*

4166 Nobody can misunderstand a boy like his own mother *Norman
Douglas*

4167 Educating mothers means training children in the womb *Georg C
Lichtenberg*

4168 Overheard in a department store Be quiet be quiet, and mama'll
buy you a drum' *Judge*

MOTHER IN LAW

4169 Of all men, Adam was the happiest, he had no mother-in-law *Paul
Parfait*

4170 Distrust all mothers in law They are completely unscrupulous in
what they say in court The wife's mother is always more prejudiced
against the husband than even the most ill treated wife If I had my
way I am afraid I would abolish mothers-in-law entirely *Sir
Geoffrey Wrangham*

4171 The mother-in-law remembers not that she was a daughter in law
Thomas Fuller

MOTIVE

- 4172 Whenever a man does a thoroughly stupid thing it is always from the noblest motives *Oscar Wilde*
- 4173 He was a man who acted from the best motives There is one born every minute *P G Wodehouse*

MOTORISTS

- 4174 Before our highways became choked with motor vehicles it was good to be alive today it is a surprise *J Tudor Rees*

MOUSE

- 4175 A mouse never trusts his life to one hole only *Plautus*

MOUTH

- 4176 Diseases enter by the mouth misfortunes issue from it *Chinese Proverb*
- 4177 Dentopedalogy is the science of opening your mouth and putting your foot in it I've been practicing it for years *Prince Philip*
- 4178 Some people approach every problem with an open mouth *Adlai Stevenson*
- 4179 If you keep your mouth shut you will never put your foot in it *Austin O Malley*
- 4180 Mouth in man the gateway to the soul in woman the outlet of the heart *Ambrose Bierce*

MOVIES

- 4181 Old cinema films are sold as junk Some of them, of course, started like that *Anonymous*
- 4182 There is only one thing that can kill the movies and that is education Some say what is the salvation of the movies? I say run 'em backward It can't hurt 'em and it's worth a trial *Will Rogers*
- 4183 I've had several years in Hollywood and I still think the movie heroes are in the audience *Wilson Mizner*
- 4184 What I am waiting for is a film about beautiful identical quintuplets who all love the same man *Richard Winnington*
- 4185 A wide screen just makes a bad film twice as bad *Samuel Goldwyn*
- 4186 People in Hollywood can't face the truth in themselves or in others This town is filled with people who make adventure pictures and who have never left this place They make religious pictures and they haven't been in a church or a synagogue in years They make pictures about love and they haven't been in love—ever *Richard Brooks*

MULE

- 4187 A mule has neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity *Robert G Ingersoll*
- 4188 The mule always keeps a kick in reserve for its master *French Proverb*

4189 Consider the mule The origin was probably a mistake Its past is drab Its present is dismal Its future is blunt Each mule is the beginning and end of its own line There is no dignity about a mule *Arthur Vernon*

MURDER

4190 Murder is always a mistake one should never do anything that one cannot talk about after dinner *Oscar Wilde*

4191 Murderer *Q* one who is presumed to be innocent until he is proved insane *Ibid*

4192 *Q* What does an autopsy do? *A* An autopsy reveals *Q* What do the police suspect? *A* Foul play *Q* What do the neighbors do? *A* They report that they heard a shot during the night but thought nothing of it believed it to be the backfire of an automobile *Q* What is there no sign of after the crime? *A* There is no sign of a weapon *Q* What does a murder do to the police? *A* It baffles them *Frank Sullivan*

4193 If the desire to kill and the opportunity to kill came always together who would escape hanging? *Mark Twain*

4194 We welcome almost any break in the monotony of things, and a man has only to murder a series of wives in a new way to become known to millions of people who have never heard of Homer *Robert Lynd*

MUSEUM

4195 In a museum in Havana there are two skulls of Christopher Columbus one when he was a boy and one when he was a man' *Mark Twain*

4196 An artist may visit a museum but only a pedant can live there *George Santayana*

MUSIC

4197 I can't sing As a singer I am not a success I am saddest when I sing So are those who hear me They are sadder even than I am *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

4198 Classic music is the kind that we keep thinking will turn into a tune *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

4199 Hell is full of musical amateurs Music is the brand of the damned *George Bernard Shaw*

4200 The other evening feeling rather in want of a headache I bethought me that I had not been to a music hall for a long time *Ibid*

4201 There is nothing that soothes me more after a long and maddening course of pianoforte recitals than to sit and have my teeth drilled by a finely skilled hand *Ibid*

4202 The chief objection to playing wind instruments is that it prolongs the life of the player *Ibid*

4203 I like Wagner's music better than any other music It is so loud

that one can talk the whole time without people hearing what one says That is a great advantage *Oscar Wilde*

- 4204 If one hears bad music it is one's duty to drown it in conversation
Ibid
- 4205 Please do not shoot the pianist He is doing his best *Ibid*
- 4206 Wagner's music is better than it sounds *Mark Twain*
- 4207 We often feel sad in the presence of music without words and often more than that in the presence of music without music *Ibid*
- 4208 Wagner has beautiful moments but awful quarter hours *Gioacchino Rossini*
- 4209 Give me a laundry list and I'll set it to music *Ibid*
- 4210 Hell hath no music like a woman playing second fiddle *John Patrick*
- 4211 What is worse than a flute? Two flutes *Anonymous*
- 4212 I know only two tunes one of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't *Ulysses S Grant*
- 4213 Berlioz says nothing in his music but he says it magnificently
James Gibbons Huneker
- 4214 Song the licensed medium for bawling in public things too silly or sacred to be uttered in ordinary speech *Oliver Herford*
- 4215 Swans sing before they die twere no bad thing
Should certain persons die before they sing *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
- 4216 Music is another lady that talks charmingly and says nothing
Austin O Malley
- 4217 Somebody once asked Anton Bruckner 'Master how, when where did you think of the divine motif of your Ninth Symphony?' Well it was like this I walked up the Kahlenberg and when it got hot and I got hungry I sat down by a little brook and unpacked my Swiss cheese And just as I opened the greasy paper that darn tune pops into my head! *Peter Altenberg*
- 4218 When I was young I used to go into the practice room and lock the door behind me I'd put a beautiful novel in with my sheet music and a box of cherries on the right-hand side of the piano and a box of chocolates on the left and play runs with my left hand and eat cherries with my right and all the time be reading my book *Artur Schnabel*
- 4219 I occasionally play works by contemporary composers and for two reasons First to discourage the composer from writing any more and secondly to remind myself how much I appreciate Beethoven
Jascha Heifetz
- 4220 Of all noises I think music is the least disagreeable *Samuel Johnson*
- 4221 The number of women in the musical profession has been steadily

- increasing in the last thirty years or so As the art of music is in a state of hopeless decadence, this phenomenon is inevitable *Sir Thomas Beecham*
- 4222 A musical education is necessary for musical judgment What most people relish is hardly music it is rather a drowsy reverie relieved by nervous thrills *George Santayana*
- 4223 The notes I handle no better than many pianists But the pauses between the notes—ah that is where the art resides! *Artur Schnabel*
- 4224 Oh, the kinda singing I do you can t hurt your voice *Bing Crosby*
- 4225 Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing *John Erskine*
- MYSTICISM
- 4226 Mysticism is not a religion but a religious disease *George Santayana*
- 4227 India What mysteries does the very mention of its name not bring to mind? (Answer Mysteries of the Deep, Mysteries of the Arctic Wastes the Lizzie Borden Mystery, and Sweet Mystery of Life) *Robert Benchley*

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- NAME
- 4228 When Rotary began to spread over the world taking the great boons and usufructs of American Kultur with it, the given name habit went along and no doubt it was as influential as any other Rotarian idea in preventing World War II *H L Mencken*
- 4229 The first Rotarian was the first man to call John the Baptist Jack *Ibid*
- 4230 We were named by a certain Professor Waldseemuller who got all mixed up in his facts and thought the credit belonged to Amerigo Vespucci, which it didn t at all So Professor Waldseemuller gave the name of America to the New World in a geography that he published in 1507, and from that day to this nobody has ever had time to fix it Isn t that the way things go in this world? *Will Cuppy*
- 4231 Aziz Ezzet, a gentleman of importance in Egypt, says his name can be pronounced by opening a soda bottle slowly *Harry V Wade*
- 4232 Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 4233 We called him Barney for short We couldn't use his real name, there wasn t time *Mark Twain*
- 4234 Names are not always what they seem The common Welsh name Bzjxllwep is pronounced Jackson *Ibid*

NATION

4235 European nations cannot understand our foreign policy Well that makes us even *Anonymous*

4236 We see the wisdom of Solon s remark that no more good must be attempted than the nation can bear *Thomas Jefferson*

NATIONALISM

4237 Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill *Richard Aldington*

4238 Nationalism is an infantile disease It is the measles of mankind *Albert Einstein*

NATURAL

4239 Being natural is simply a pose and the most irritating pose I know *Oscar Wilde*

NATURE

4240 I always think of nature as a great spectacle somewhat resembling the opera *Bernard de Fontenelle*

4241 I m glad the sky is painted blue
And the earth is painted green
And such a lot of nice fresh air
All sandwiched in between *Anonymous*

4242 So naturalists observe, a flea
Hath smaller fleas that on him prey
And these have smaller still to bite em
And so proceed ad infinitum *Jonathan Swift*

4243 You and I are exceptions to the laws of nature you have risen by your gravity and I have sunk by my levity *Sydney Smith*

4244 The big fish eat the little fish the little fish eat the water insects, and the water insects eat the weeds and the mud *Chinese Proverb*

4245 The mantis seizes the locust but does not see the yellow bird behind him *Ibid*

NAVY

4246 Stick close to your desks and never go to sea
And you all may be rulers of the Queen s navee *W S Gilbert*

NECESSITY

4247 Necessity is the argument of those who have no good reasons *Anonymous*

4248 Necessity is the mother of taking chances" *Mark Twain*

NECKTIE

4249 I have a hankering to go back to the Orient and discard my necktie
Neckties strangle clear thinking *Lin Yutang*

NEIGHBOR

4250 We make our friends we make our enemies, but God makes our next door neighbor *G K Chesterton*

- 4251 There is more pleasure in being shocked by the sin of one's neighbor or one's neighbor's wife than in eating cream buns *Robert Lynd*
- 4252 My neighbor tells me there is no God I give him his dinner this much I owe to him I keep my eye on my spoons this much I owe to myself *Ivan N Panin*
- 4253 It is very easy to manage our neighbor's business, but our own sometimes bothers us *Josh Billings*
- 4254 Neighbor one whom we are commanded to love as ourselves and does all he knows how to make us disobedient *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4255 Good fences make good neighbors *Robert Frost*
- 4256 If you want to annoy your neighbors, tell the truth about them *Pietro Aretino*
- 4257 Lock your door and keep your neighbors honest *Thomas Fuller*
- 4258 A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence but doesn't climb over it *Arthur Bugs Baer*

NERO

- 4259 Nero renamed the month of April after himself calling it Neroneus but the idea never caught on because April is not Neroneus and there is no use pretending that it is *Will Cuppy*

NEUROSIS

- 4260 A neurasthenic is a man in good health who has a mortal illness *Jules Renard*

NEW

- 4261 The man with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds *Mark Twain*
- 4262 First a new theory is attacked as absurd then it is admitted to be true but obvious and insignificant finally it is seen to be so important that its adversaries claim that they themselves discovered it *William James*
- 4263 Those we call the ancients were really new in everything *Blaise Pascal*

NEW ENGLAND

- 4264 The swaggering underemphasis of New England *Heywood Brown*

NEW JERSEY

- 4265 Behind the billboards lies New Jersey *Irvn S Cobb*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

- 4266 New Year's Day is every man's birthday *Charles Lamb*

NEW YORK

- 4267 Many a New Yorker spends a lifetime within the confines of an area smaller than a country village Let him walk two blocks from

- his corner and he is in a strange land and will feel uneasy till he gets back *E B White*
- 4268 No other city in the United States can divest the visitor of so much money with so little enthusiasm In Dallas they take it away with gusto in New Orleans with a bow in San Francisco with a wink and a grin In New York you're lucky if you get a grunt *Fletcher Knebel*
- 4269 I don't like the life here There is no greenery It would make a stone sick *Nikita S Khrushchev*
- 4270 Most of the people living in New York have come here from the farm to try to make enough money to go back to the farm *Don Marquis*
- 4271 There is more sophistication and less sense in New York than anywhere else on the globe *Don Herold*
- 4272 There is nothing distinctive about living in New York over eight million other people are doing it *Ibid*
- 4273 Broadway is a main artery of New York life—the hardened artery *Walter Winchell*
- 4274 New York prison towers and modern posters for soap and whiskey *Frank Lloyd Wright*
- 4275 New York the Jerusalem of journalism *Jim Bishop*
- 4276 The wise people are in New York because the foolish went there first that's the way the wise men make a living *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4277 Coney Island where the surf is one-third water and two thirds people *John Steinbeck*
- 4278 Why if you're not in New York you are camping out *Thomas W Dewing*

NEWS

- 4279 There ain't any news in being good You might write the doings of all the convents of the world on the back of a postage stamp and have room to spare *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4280 News is that which comes from the north east west and south and if it comes from only one point of the compass then it is a class publication and not news *Benjamin Disraeli*

NEWSPAPERS

- 4281 The newspapers are full of what we would like to happen to us and what we hope will never happen to us *John Fowles*
- 4282 [Newspapers] can be used by men as barriers against their wives It is still the only effective screen against the morning features of the loved one, and as such performs a unique human service The second advantage is that you can't line a garbage pail with a television set—it's usually the other way around *Marya Mannes*
- 4283 He was as shy as a newspaper is when referring to its own merits *Mark Twain*

- 4284 I wanted to be a sports writer, but it took me too long to turn out my stuff I found I could become Vice President faster than I could become a newspaperman *Richard M Nixon*
- 4285 A newspaper is a circulating library with high blood pressure
Arthur Bugs Baer
- 4286 If words were invented to conceal thought newspapers are a great improvement on a bad invention *Henry D Thoreau*
- 4287 Where ignorance is bliss it's foolish to borrow your neighbor's newspaper *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4288 Went to a rubbish heap and got some evening newspapers Shoved em in my boots Shoved em up my trousers stuffed 'em down my waistcoat As good as leather against an east wind Thank God for the Press the friend of the poor *Joyce Cary*

NIAGARA FALLS

- 4289 Niagara Falls is simply a vast unnecessary amount of water going the wrong way and then falling over unnecessary rocks *Oscar Wilde*
- 4290 You can descend a staircase here a hundred and fifty feet down, and stand at the edge of the water After you have done it you will wonder why you did it but you will then be too late *Mark Twain*

NIGHT

- 4291 The worst sensation I know of is getting up at night and stepping on a toy train of cars *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

NOAH

- 4292 It seems such a pity that Noah and his party did not miss the boat
Mark Twain

NOBILITY

- 4293 Hereditary nobility is due to the presumption that we shall do well because our fathers have done well *Joseph Joubert*
- 4294 It becomes noblemen to do nothing well *George Chapman*

NOBLE

- 4295 To be good is noble but to teach others how to be good is nobler—and less trouble *Mark Twain*

NOBODY

- 4296 Who is wise? He that learns from everyone
Who is powerful? He that governs his passions
Who is rich? He that is content
Who is that? Nobody *Benjamin Franklin*

NOISE

- 4297 A noisy man is always in the right *William Cowper*
- 4298 Noise a stench in the ear Undomesticated music The chief product and authenticating sign of civilization *Ambrose Bierce*

- 4299 I do not like noise unless I make it myself *French Proverb*
- 4300 Nominee a modest gentleman shrinking from the distinction of private life and diligently seeking the honorable obscurity of public office *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4301 No one is exempt from talking nonsense the misfortune is to do it solemnly *Michel de Montaigne*
- 4302 The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat *Edward Lear*
- 4303 As I was going up the stair
I met a man who wasn't there!
He wasn't there again today!
I wish I wish he'd stay away! *Hughes Mearns*
- 4304 I express many absurd opinions but I am not the first man to do it
American freedom consists largely in talking nonsense *Edgar W Howe*
- 4305 Many a necklace becomes a noose *Paul Eldridge*
- 4306 A valley of humiliation between two mountains of conceit *Anonymous*
- 4307 If the nose of Cleopatra had been a little shorter the whole face of the world would have been changed *Blaise Pascal*
- 4308 Nobody don't never get nothing for nothing nowhere no time, nohow *American Proverb*
- 4309 The average value of conversations could be enormously improved by the constant use of four simple words 'I do not know, or of Louis XIV's favorite remark 'I shall see' *Andre Maurois*
- 4310 Notoriety the fame of one's competitor for public honors *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4311 One should not be too severe on English novels they are the only relaxation of the intellectually unemployed *Oscar Wilde*
- 4312 Anybody can write a three-volume novel It merely requires a complete ignorance of both life and literature *Ibid*
- 4313 The best part of the fiction in many novels is the notice that the characters are all purely imaginary *Franklin P Adams*

- 4314 November the eleventh twelfth of a weariness *Ambrose Bierce* NOVEMBER



- 4315 Oath in law, a solemn appeal to the deity made binding upon the conscience by a penalty for perjury *Ambrose Bierce* OATH

- 4316 Take not God's name in vain select a time when it will have effect *Ibid*

- 4317 Oats a grain which in England is generally given to horses but in Scotland supports the people *Samuel Johnson* OATS

- 4318 Those people who know precisely the right time to disobey orders are a big help to humanity but they're mighty scarce *R A Wason* OBEDIENCE

- 4319 The general creased a little in the middle to signify he was bowing *Negley Farson* OBESITY

- 4320 I never wanted to see anybody die but there are a few obituary notices I have read with pleasure *Clarence Darrow* OBITUARY

- 4321 An ill woodwind that nobody blows good *Anonymous* OBOE

- 4322 Obscurity and a competence—that is the life that is best worth living *Mark Twain* OBSCURITY

- 4323 M said what he liked above all was peace, silence, obscurity He was told That's a sickroom *Nicolas Chamfort*

- 4324 What on earth would a man do with himself if something did not stand in his way *H G Wells* OBSTACLES

- 4325 The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't *Henry Ward Beecher* OBSTINACY

- 4326 Everybody is overworked Now the main occupation of the educated man is not his job but helping his wife at home *Margaret Mead* OCCUPATION

- 4327 The ugliest of trades have their moments of pleasure Now, if I were a gravedigger or even a hangman there are some people I could work for with a great deal of enjoyment *Douglas Jerrold*

OCEAN

4328 Ocean a body of water occupying about two thirds of a world
made for man—who has no gills *Ambrose Bierce*

OFFEND

4329 To offend is my pleasure I love to be hated *Edmond Rostand*

OFFICE

4330 A friend of mine says that every man who takes office in Wash-
ington either grows or swells and when I give a man an office
I watch him carefully to see whether he is swelling or growing
Woodrow Wilson

4331 They that buy an office must sell something *Thomas Fuller*

4332 Public office is the last refuge of the incompetent *Boise Penrose*

OLD

4333 Old foxes want no tutors *Thomas Fuller*

4334 Old birds are hard to pluck *German Proverb*

4335 I'm as old as my tongue, and a little older than my teeth *Jonathan
Swift*

4336 Let us not be too particular it is better to have old secondhand
diamonds than none at all *Mark Twain*

OLD AGE

4337 There is more felicity on the far side of baldness than young men
can possibly imagine *Logan Pearsall Smith*

4338 I have never known a person to live to 110, or more and then
die to be remarkable for anything else *Josh Billings*

OMEN

4339 Omen a sign that something will happen if nothing happens *Am-
brose Bierce*

ONE

4340 People will buy anything that s one to a customer *Sinclair Lewis*

OPEN MIND

4341 Suffer fools gladly they may be right *Holbrook Jackson*

4342 Some so called open minds should be closed for repairs *Anonymous*

OPERA

4343 Comic operas do not lie *Isaac Goldberg*

4344 Sleep is an excellent way of listening to an opera *James Stephens*

4345 I look upon opera as a magic scene contrived to please the eyes and
the ears at the expense of the understanding *Lord Chesterfield*

4346 I would rather sing grand opera than listen to it *Don Herold*

4347 How wonderful opera would be if there were no singers *Gioac-
chino Rossini*

4348 No good opera plot can be sensible, for people do not sing when
they are feeling sensible *W H Auden*

- 4349 The opera is like a husband with a foreign title expensive to support, hard to understand and therefore a supreme social challenge
Cleveland Amory
- 4350 Opera in English is in the main just about as sensible as baseball in Italian
H L Mencken

OPERATION

- 4351 Before undergoing a surgical operation arrange your temporal affairs
You may live
Remy de Gourmont

OPINION

- 4352 It were not best that we should all think alike it is difference of opinion that makes horse races
Mark Twain
- 4353 To be positive to be mistaken at the top of one's voice
Ambrose Bierce
- 4354 An opinion is a minimum of facts combined with prejudice and emotion
Herbert V Prochnow
- 4355 It is always considered a piece of impertinence in England if a man of less than two or three thousand a year has any opinions at all upon important subjects
Sydney Smith
- 4356 'I never offered an opinion till I was sixty' said the old Turk, "and then it was one which had been in our family for a century"
Benjamin Disraeli
- 4357 In all matters of opinion our adversaries are insane
Mark Twain
- 4358 Everybody knows better than anybody
French Proverb
- 4359 My father picked up an opinion as a man in the state of nature picks up an apple—it becomes his own—and if he is a man of spirit, he would lose his life rather than give it up
Laurence Sterne
- 4360 The public buys its opinions as it buys its meat or takes in its milk, on the principle that it is cheaper to do this than to keep a cow. So it is, but the milk is more likely to be watered
Samuel Butler
- 4361 The pressure of public opinion is like the pressure of the atmosphere you can't see it—but all the same it is sixteen pounds to the square inch
James Russell Lowell
- 4362 It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion
William R Inge
- 4363 I am always of the opinion with the learned, if they speak first
William Congreve
- 4364 You've no idea what a poor opinion I have of myself, and how little I deserve it
W S Gilbert
- 4365 Our enemies come nearer the truth in their opinions of us than we do in our opinion of ourselves
François de La Rochefoucauld
- 4366 Nothing contributes more to peace of mind than to have no opinions whatever
Georg C Lichtenberg
- 4367 He never chooses an opinion, he just wears whatever happens to be in style
Tolstoi

- 4368 Every man has a perfect right to his opinion, provided it agrees with ours *Josh Billings*
- 4369 There are two kinds of fools those who can't change their opinions and those who won't *Ibid*
- 4370 Opinion surveys people who don't matter reporting on opinions that do matter *John A Lincoln*

OPPORTUNITY

- 4371 Opportunity a favorable occasion for grasping a disappointment *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4372 The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 4373 Never miss an opportunity to make others happy even if you have to leave them alone to do it *Anonymous*

OPTIMISM

- 4374 Optimism the noble temptation to see too much in everything *G K Chesterton*
- 4375 Every cloud has its silver lining, but it is sometimes a little difficult to get it to the mint *Don Marquis*
- 4376 Being optimistic after you've got everything you want don't count *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4377 Optimism is the state of mind which believes matrimony will be cheaper than the engagement *Anonymous*
- 4378 Optimism the doctrine or belief that everything is beautiful, including what is ugly *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4379 Pessimism, when you get used to it is just as agreeable as optimism *Arnold Bennett*
- 4380 I hate the Pollyanna pest
Who says that All Is for the Best *Franklin P Adams*
- 4381 A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad An optimist is one who hopes they are *Chauncey Depew*
- 4382 Whenever I read in a sermon said Mr Dooley that th' wurruld is goin to pot that th' foundations iv government is threatened that th whole fabric iv civilised s'ciety is in danger, that humanity is on th down grade and morality is blinkin, that men 're becomin' dhrunkards an women gamblers an that th future iv the race is destruction I can always console meself with wan thought 'What s that?' asked Mr Hennessey 'It ain't so,' said Mr Dooley *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4383 The vague optimism of Tennyson s 'Oh yet we trust that somehow good shall be the final goal of ill'" Oh that sloppy somehow' as Matthew Arnold remarked *Irene C Willis*
- 4384 What passes for optimism is most often the effect of an intellectual error *Raymond Aron*

- 4385 If it wasn't for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how happy he isn't *Anonymous*
- 4386 Every cloud has a silver lining and even an old suit of clothes has its shiny side *Anonymous*
- 4387 Optimism is the content of small men in high places *F Scott Fitzgerald*
- 4388 Optimism is a kind of heart stimulant—the digitalis of failure *Elbert Hubbard*
- 4389 An optimist is a neurotic person with gooseflesh and teeth a chatter trying hard to be brave *Ibid*
- 4390 An optimist is always broke *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4391 An optimist is a fellow who believes what's going to be will be postponed *Ibid*
- 4392 An optimist is a guy who has never had much experience *Don Marquis*
- 4393 Optimist the sort of man who marries his sister's best friend *H L Mencken*
- 4394 The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds and the pessimist fears that this is true *James Branch Cabell*
- 4395 An optimist is a fellow who believes a housefly is looking for a way to get out *George Jean Nathan*
- 4396 In these times you have to be an optimist to open your eyes when you awake in the morning *Carl Sandburg*
- 4397 Many of the optimists in the world don't own a hundred dollars, and because of their optimism never will *Edgar W Howe*
- 4398 I am an optimist It does not seem too much use being anything else *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 4399 An optimist can always see the bright side of the other fellow's misfortune *Richmond News Leader*

ORATORY

- 4400 What orators lack in depth they make up for in length *Baron de Montesquieu*
- 4401 A man never becomes an orator if he has anything to say *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4402 Charm us orator, till the lion looks no larger than the cat *Lord Tennyson*
- 4403 One orator in a family, nay, even in a city, is enough *Cicero*
- 4404 Here comes the orator with his flood of words and his drop of reason *Benjamin Franklin*
- 4405 Oratory is the power to talk people out of their sober and natural opinions *Paul Chatfield*
- 4406 I never failed to convince an audience that the best thing they could do was to go away *Thomas Love Peacock*
- 4407 He can best be described as one of those orators who, before they

get up do not know what they are going to say when they are speaking, do not know what they are saying and when they have sat down, do not know what they have said *Sr Winston Churchill*

- 4408 Oratory the art of making deep noises from the chest sound like important messages from the brain *H I Phillips*

ORDER

- 4409 Once you have missed the first buttonhole you'll never manage to button up *Johann von Goethe*

- 4410 When you have got a thing where you want it it is a good thing to leave it where it is *Sir Winston Churchill*

ORIGINAL

- 4411 About the most originality that any writer can hope to achieve honestly is to steal with good judgment *Josh Billings*

- 4412 What is originality? Undetected plagiarism *William R Inge*

- 4413 Originality is nothing but judicious imitation *Voltaire*

- 4414 He has left off reading altogether, to the great improvement of his originality *Charles Lamb*

ORTHODOXY

- 4415 Orthodoxy is my doxy heterodoxy is another man's doxy *Ascribed to William Warburton*

- 4416 Orthodoxy, said a real Alice of a bishop 'is reticence *W H Auden*

OTHER WORLD

- 4417 We thank God for having created this world, and praise Him for having made another quite different one, where the wrongs of this one are corrected *Anatole France*

OTHERS

- 4418 The success of others irks me but less than if it were deserved *Jules Renard*

- 4419 If you try to cleanse others, like soap you will waste away in the process *African Proverb*

- 4420 Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you Their tastes may not be the same *George Bernard Shaw*

- 4421 Don't do for others what you wouldn't think of asking them to do for you *Josh Billings*

OUTWIT

- 4422 What makes us so bitter against people who outwit us is that they think themselves cleverer than we are *François de La Rochefoucauld*

OVER

- 4423 It's over, and can't be helped and that's one consolation as they always say in Turkey, ven they cuts the wrong man's head off *Charles Dickens*

- OVERDONE
- 4424 On the Continent you can't get a rare beefsteak—everything is as
overdone as a martyr *Mark Twain*
- OWL
- 4425 A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw, the less he spoke,
The less he spoke, the more he heard
Why can't we all be like that bird? *Anonymous*
- OWN
- 4426 "If everybody minded their own business" the Duchess said, in a
hoarse growl, "the world would go round a great deal faster than
it does *Lewis Carroll*
- OYSTER
- 4427 There's nothing in Christianity or Buddhism that quite matches
the sympathetic unselfishness of an oyster *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 4428 He was a very valiant man who first adventured on eating of oysters
Thomas Fuller
- 4429 Secret and self contained and solitary as an oyster *Charles
Dickens*
- 4430 An oyster is a fish built like a nut *Anonymous*
- 4431 Than an oyster
There's nothing moister *Anonymous*

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- PAIN
- 4432 If as a psychologist tells us, there is no such thing as pain, what
is it some people give us *Knickerbocker Press*
- 4433 One pain is lessened by another's anguish *William Shakespeare*
- PAINTING
- 4434 There is nothing more difficult for a truly creative painter than to
paint a rose, because before he can do so he has first to forget all
the roses that were ever painted *Henri Matisse*
- 4435 Most of our modern portrait painters are doomed to absolute ob-
livion They never paint what they see They paint what the public
sees, and the public never sees anything *Oscar Wilde*
- 4436 Painting is not very difficult when you don't know how, but when
you know how—ah, then, that's a different matter *Edgar Degas*
- 4437 I do not paint a portrait to look like the subject, rather does the
person grow to look like his portrait *Salvador Dalí*
- 4438 Every time I paint a portrait I lose a friend *John Singer Sargent*
- 4439 And if it is less like anything does it make any difference and if

it is more like anything does it make any difference and yet if it is not like anything at all it is an oil painting *Gertrude Stein*

4440 When I get to heaven I mean to spend a considerable portion of my first million years in painting, and so get to the bottom of the subject But then I shall require a still gayer palette than I get here below I expect orange and vermilion will be the darkest dullest colors upon it and beyond them there will be a whole range of wonderful new colors which will delight the celestial eye *Sir Winston Churchill*

4441 There are only two styles of portrait painting the serious and the smirk *Charles Dickens*

PAMPHLET

4442 He was one of those men who think that the world can be saved by writing a pamphlet *Benjamin Disraeli*

PAPERWORK

4443 We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming *Wernher Von Braun speaking of space engineering*

PARADE

4444 Lots of times you have to pretend to join a parade in which you are not really interested in order to get where you are going *Christopher Morley*

PARASITE

4445 We humans are the greatest of the earth's parasites *Martin H Fischer*

PARENTS

4446 To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while *Josh Billings*

4447 Some people seem compelled by unkind fate to parental servitude for life There is no form of penal servitude much worse than this *Samuel Butler*

4448 The only people who seem to have nothing to do with the education of the children are the parents *G K Chesterton*

4449 There may be some doubt as to who are the best people to have charge of children, but there can be no doubt that parents are the worst *George Bernard Shaw*

4450 If parents would only realize how they bore their children *Ibid*

4451 The incomparable stupidity of life teaches us to love our parents, divine philosophy teaches us to forgive them *George Moore*

4452 Parents were invented to make children happy by giving them something to ignore *Ogden Nash*

4453 Schoolmasters and parents exist to be grown out of *Sir John Wolfenden*

- 4454 Anything which parents have not learned from experience they can now learn from their children *Anonymous*
- 4455 Few parents nowadays pay any regard to what their children say to them the old-fashioned respect for the young is fast dying out *Oscar Wilde*
- 4456 There are times when parenthood seems nothing but feeding the mouth that bites you *Peter de Vries*
- 4457 The first duty of the parents is to make the child realize from infancy that there is nothing extraordinary about him *George E Sokolsky*
- 4458 The parent who could see his boy as he really is would shake his head and say 'Willie is no good, I'll sell him' *Stephen Leacock*
- 4459 The children despise their parents until the age of forty, when they suddenly become just like them—thus preserving the system *Quen in Crewe*

PARENTHESIS

- 4460 One has to dismount from an idea and get into the saddle again at every parenthesis *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

PARIS

- 4461 Good Americans when they die, go to Paris *Thomas G Appleton*
- 4462 Paris is a city of gaieties and pleasures where four-fifths of the inhabitants die of grief *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 4463 Paris is nothing but an immense hospitality *Victor Hugo*

PARLIAMENT

- 4464 A parliament is nothing less than a big meeting of more or less idle people *Walter Bagehot*

PARTING

- 4465 The best company must part at last, as King Dagobert said to his dogs *French Proverb*

PARTY (POLITICAL)

- 4466 Ignorance makes most men go into a party and shame keeps them from getting out of it *Lord Halifax*
- 4467 Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought *Dwight W Morrow*
- 4468 He calls it loyalty to his party but it's only laziness, he doesn't want to get out of his bed *F W Nietzsche*
- 4469 I always voted at my party's call,
And I never thought of thinking for myself at all *W S Gilbert*

PARTY (SOCIAL)

- 4470 It was one of those parties where you cough twice before you speak, and then decide not to say it after all *P G Wodehouse*
- 4471 The best parties are given by people who can't afford them *Elsa Maxwell*

4472 One does not leave a convivial party before closing time *Sir Winston Churchill*

PASSPORT PHOTO

4473 If I look like this, I need the trip *Gloria Swanson*

PAST

4474 The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here. *Finley Peter Dunne*

PATERNALISM

4475 What the United States needs is less paternalism in Washington and more in American homes. *Anonymous*

PATIENCE

4476 Patience, a minor form of despair, distinguished as a virtue. *Ambrose Bierce*

4477 Patience is sometimes a case of not knowing what to do. *Herbert V Prochnow*

4478 Lack of pep is often mistaken for patience. *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

PATIENTS

4479 Doctors think a lot of patients are cured who have simply quit in disgust. *Don Herold*

4480 In the presence of the patient, Latin is the language. *Medieval Medical Maxim*

PATRIOTISM

4481 In Dr Johnson's famous dictionary, patriotism is defined as the last resort of a scoundrel. With all due respect to an enlightened but inferior lexicographer, I beg to submit that it is the first. *Ambrose Bierce*

4482 Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. *Samuel Johnson*

4483 Patriotism is the finest flower of Western civilization as well as the refuge of the scoundrel. *Leonard Woolf*

4484 What is patriotism but love of the good things we ate in our childhood? *Lin Yutang*

4485 To be patriotic, hate all nations but your own; to be religious, all sects but your own; to be moral, all pretenses but your own. *Lionel Strachey*

4486 Every man loves and admires his own country because it produced him. *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*

4487 No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach. *William Cowper Brann*

4488 A loyal American is one who gets mad when an alien curses the institutions he curses. *Huntington Herald*

4489 We should behave toward our country as women behave toward the men they love. A loving wife will do anything for her husband.

except stop criticizing and trying to improve him We should cast the same affectionate but sharp glance at our country *J B Priestley*

- 4490 Patriotism varies, from a noble devotion to a moral lunacy *William R Inge*
- 4491 I once heard an Irishman say, Every man loves his native land whether he was born there or not *Thomas Fitch*
- 4492 You'll never have a quiet world till you knock the patriotism out of the human race *George Bernard Shaw*
- 4493 Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it *Ibid*
- 4494 Patriotism as I see it is often an arbitrary veneration of real estate above principles *George Jean Nathan*
- 4495 I have already given two cousins to the war and I stand ready to sacrifice my wife's brother rather than not see the rebelyin krusht *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

PATRONAGE

- 4496 Patron commonly a wretch who supports with insolence, and is repaid with flattery *Samuel Johnson*

PAUSE

- 4497 The pause—that impressive silence that eloquent silence, that geometrically progressive silence which often achieves a desired effect where no combination of words howsoever felicitous could accomplish it *Mark Twain*

PAWNBROKER

- 4498 A person who asks you to see him at your earliest inconvenience *Anonymous*

PAY

- 4499 I think some folks are foolish to pay what it costs to live *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

PEACE

- 4500 Peace has its victories no less than war, but it doesn't have as many monuments to unveil *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4501 Peace in international affairs, a period of cheating between two periods of fighting *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4502 Though General Sherman lived on into the peace, he never said what he thought of it *Harry V Wade*

PEDANTRY

- 4503 Pedantry consists in the use of words unsuitable to the time, place and company *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

PEDESTRIAN

- 4504 For most of us life is what we make it, but for the pedestrian, it's if he makes it *Judge*

- 4505 A zombie has no mind of his own and walks around without knowing where he's going or what he's doing In Hollywood they call them pedestrians *Bob Hope*
- 4506 A pedestrian is a man whose son is home from college *Anonymous*
- 4507 A man who has a car and a grown-up daughter *Anonymous*

PENITENT

- 4508 Penitent—undergoing or awaiting punishment *Ambrose Bierce*

PENNSYLVANIA

- 4509 If Virginia can be called the mother of presidents Pennsylvania can be called the mother of dissension For some odd reason, rebels are constantly being born in Pennsylvania although they seldom remain there *Struthers Burt*

PENSIONER

- 4510 Pensioner a kept patriot *H L Mencken*

PEOPLE

- 4511 It is flattering some men to endure them *Lord Halifax*
- 4512 There are three kinds of people—commonplace men, remarkable men and lunatics *Mark Twain*
- 4513 He liked to like people therefore people liked him *Ibid*
- 4514 It is absurd to divide people into good and bad People are either charming or tedious *Oscar Wilde*
- 4515 Just when you're beginning to think pretty well of people you run across somebody who puts sugar on sliced tomatoes *Will Cuppy*
- 4516 The American nation in the sixth ward is a fine people they love the eagle—on the back of a dollar *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 4517 It is amazing how nice people are to you when they know you are going away *Michael Arlen*
- 4518 Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it *Robert Frost*
- 4519 I am a member of the rabble in good standing *Westbrook Pegler*
- 4520 Few persons despair of the human race after looking in the mirror *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 4521 Those who try to lead the people can only do so by following the mob *Oscar Wilde*
- 4522 There are two kinds of people in one's life—people whom one keeps waiting and the people for whom one waits *S N Behrman*
- 4523 Early to bed and early to rise, and you'll meet very few of our best people *George Ade*
- 4524 The people are to be taken in very small doses *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

PERFECTION

- 4525 The editor of an English magazine having received a letter pointing out the erroneous nature of his views and style and signed 'Perfection' promptly wrote at the foot of the letter 'I don't agree with you, and mailed it to Matthew Arnold' *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4526 Bachelors wives and old maids children are always perfect *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 4527 The condition of perfection is idleness the aim of perfection is youth *Oscar Wilde*
- 4528 Perfection is such a nuisance that I often regret having cured myself of using tobacco *Émile Zola*

PERFUME

- 4529 Perfume any smell that is used to drown a worse one *Elbert Hubbard*

PERJURER

- 4530 The perjurer's mother told white lies *Austin O Malley*

PERPLEXITY

- 4531 Inability to pay decides for many of us perplexing questions that worry the well-to do *William Feather*

PERSECUTION

- 4532 Opposition may become sweet to a man when he has christened it persecution *George Eliot*

PERSEVERANCE

- 4533 Perseverance is the most overrated of traits if it is unaccompanied by talent beating your head against a wall is more likely to produce a concussion in the head than a hole in the wall *Sydney Harris*
- 4534 Results! Why man I have gotten a lot of results I know several thousand things that won't work *Thomas A Edison*
- 4535 By perseverance the snail reached the Ark *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*
- 4536 'Tis known by the name of perseverance in a good cause and obstinacy in a bad one *Laurence Sterne*
- 4537 Perseverance a lowly virtue whereby mediocrity achieves an in glorious success *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4538 I recall the story of a man in my home town of Bloomington who was interviewed by a newspaper reporter on his one hundredth anniversary After congratulating the old gentleman on his anniversary the reporter asked him a few questions 'To what do you attribute your longevity?' The centenarian thought for a moment and holding up his hand and ticking off the items on his fingers, began 'I never smoked I never drank liquor and I never over ate, and I always rise at six in the morning' To that the reporter

remarked 'I had an uncle who acted the same way but he only lived to be eighty How do you account for that?' He didn't keep it up long enough came the reply *Adlai Stevenson*

PERSONALITY

- 4539 I like him and his wife he is so ladylike and she's such a perfect gentleman *Sydney Smith*
- 4540 In her single person she managed to produce the effect of a majority *Ellen Glasgow*

PESSIMIST

- 4541 The decline and fall of practically everybody *Will Cuppy*
- 4542 Pessimist one who when he has the choice of two evils, chooses both *Oscar Wilde*
- 4543 A pessimist thinks everybody as nasty as himself and hates them for it *George Bernard Shaw*
- 4544 The man who is a pessimist before forty eight knows too little *Mark Twain*
- 4545 There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist except an old optimist *Ibid*
- 4546 Pessimist one who sizes himself up and gets angry about it *Anonymous*
- 4547 A pessimist is a person who stops by the meat market before he goes hunting and has a chicken sent home *Anonymous*

PHILANTHROPY

- 4548 Philanthropist a rich (and usually bald) old gentleman who has trained himself to grin while his conscience is picking his pocket *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4549 Philanthropy has become simply the refuge of people who wish to annoy their fellow creatures *Oscar Wilde*

PHILOSOPHER

- 4550 I always think of a remark of Brooks Adams that the philosophers were hired by the comfortable class to prove that everything is all right I think it is all right but on very different grounds *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*
- 4551 All are lunatics but he who can analyze his delusions is called a philosopher *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4552 There is only one thing that a philosopher can be relied on to do and that is to contradict other philosophers *William James*
- 4553 No one would be angry with a man for unintentionally making a mistake about a matter of fact, but if he perversely insists on spoiling your story in the telling of it you want to kick him, and this is the reason why every philosopher and theologian is justly vexed with every other *George Santayana*
- 4554 Philosophy consists largely of one philosopher arguing that all

- others are jackasses He usually proves it and I should add that he also usually proves that he is one himself *H L Mencken*
- 4555 There is no record in human history of a happy philosopher, they exist only in romantic legends *Ibid*
- 4556 There is no opinion so absurd but that some philosopher will express it *Cicero*
- 4557 There is nothing so absurd or ridiculous that has not at some time been said by some philosopher *Oliver Goldsmith*
- 4558 There are nowadays professors of philosophy but not philosophers *Henry D Thoreau*
- 4559 He knows the universe but not himself *Jean de La Fontaine*
- 4560 The more conscious a philosopher is of the weak spots of his theory the more certain he is to speak with an air of final authority *Don Marquis*
- 4561 The greater the philosopher the harder it is for him to answer the questions of the average man *Henryk Sienkiewicz*
- 4562 To be a real philosopher one must be able to laugh at philosophy *Blaise Pascal*
- 4563 There was never yet a philosopher that could endure the toothache patiently *William Shakespeare*
- 4564 A married philosopher is necessarily comic *F W Nietzsche*
- 4565 He had, he said studied the great philosophers and had therefore come to expect very little in this life and rather less in the next *Alex Atkinson*
- 4566 Pythagoras said that the whole world was a comedy, of which the philosophers were the spectators *John Baltul*
- 4567 Diogenes was twitted that he pretended to be a philosopher and knew nothing I am the great philosopher, said he for philosophy consists in making doubts of all things *Ibid*
- 4568 If I wished to punish a province, I would have it governed by philosophers *Frederick the Great*
- 4569 I have tried in my time to be a philosopher but, I don't know how, cheerfulness was always breaking in *Oliver Edwards*
- 4570 Most philosophers are poor, so most of them give the poor the best of it *Edgar W Howe*
- 4571 Philosophers dwell in the moon *Henry Ford*
- PHILOSOPHY
- 4572 I think if an angel could tell us about his philosophy, some sentences would sound like two times two makes thirteen *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- 4573 Language originated before philosophy, and that's what is the matter with philosophy *Ibid*
- 4574 Philosophy, like medicine has many drugs, few good remedies and almost no specifics *Nicolas Chamfort*

- 4575 Philosophy is a kind of revenge on reality *F W Nietzsche*
 4576 Philosophy as a general rule is like stirring mud or not letting a sleeping dog lie *Samuel Butler*
 4577 Philosophy? Philosophy I am a Christian and a Democrat—that's all *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*
 4578 Philosophy a route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing *Ambrose Bierce*
 4579 The crab more than any of God's creatures has formulated the perfect philosophy of life Whenever he is confronted by a great moral crisis in life he first makes up his mind what is right and then goes sideways as fast as he can *Oliver Herford*
 4580 A filter turned upside down where what goes in clear comes out cloudy *Anonymous*
 4581 Philosophy unintelligible answers to insoluble problems *Henry Adams*
 4582 Truth is the object of philosophy but not always of philosophers *John Churton Collins*

PHONOGRAPH

- 4583 Phonograph an irritating toy that restores life to dead noises *Ambrose Bierce*

PHOTOGRAPHER

- 4584 Photographers are the only dictators in America *Celal Bayar*
 4585 The photographer is like the cod which produces a million eggs in order that one may reach maturity *George Bernard Shaw*

PHYSICIAN

- 4586 He that sinneth before his Maker, let him fall into the hands of a physician *Ecclesiasticus 38*
 4587 The wise physician if he has failed to cure looks out for someone who, under the name of consultation, may help him carry out the corpse *Baltasar Gracian*
 4588 A physician gets no pleasure out of the health of his friends *Michel de Montaigne*
 4589 That sick man does badly who makes his physician his heir *Publius Syrus*
 4590 A lucky physician is better than a good one *German Proverb*
 4591 A physician who treats himself has a fool for a patient *Sir William Osler*
 4592 Taking a lady's hand gives her confidence in her physician *Ibid*
 4593 I die by the help of too many physicians *Alexander the Great*

PHYSICS

- 4594 O physics! Preserve me from metaphysics! *Isaac Newton*

- PICCOLO
- 4595 A piccolo, the smallest instrument a musician may play in public and still maintain his self-respect *Émile Gauvreau*
- PICTURE
- 4596 The best test to know whether or not one likes a picture is to ask one's self whether one would like to look at it if one was quite sure one was alone *Samuel Butler*
- 4597 That which, perhaps, hears more silly remarks than anything else in the world is a picture in a museum *Brothers Goncourt*
- PIETY
- 4598 A wicked fellow is the most pious when he takes to it He'll beat you all in piety *Samuel Johnson*
- 4599 If the thunder is not loud, the peasant forgets to cross himself *Russian Proverb*
- 4600 If your neighbor has made one pilgrimage to Mecca, watch him, if two avoid him if three move to another street *Arab Proverb*
- PILGRIM
- 4601 Pilgrim a traveler that is taken seriously *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4602 The Pilgrims landed, worthy men,
And saved from wreck on raging seas
They fell upon their knees, and then
Upon the aborigines *Arthur Guiterman*
- PIONEER
- 4603 Never be a pioneer It's the Early Christian that gets the fattest lion *H H Munro (Saki)*
- PITY
- 4604 Pity is the deadliest feeling that can be offered to a woman *Vicki Baum*
- 4605 Pity costs nothing, and ain't worth nothing *Josh Billings*
- 4606 He that pities another remembers himself *George Herbert*
- PLAGIARISM
- 4607 The only *ism* Hollywood believes in is plagiarism *Dorothy Parker*
- 4608 Taking something from one man and making it worse is plagiarism *George Moore*
- 4609 Great literature must spring from an upheaval in the author's soul If that upheaval is not present, then it must come from the works of any other author which happen to be handy and easily adapted *Robert Benchley*
- 4610 When Omer smote 'is bloomin' lyre,
He d' eard men sing by land an' sea,
An' what he thought 'e might require,
'E went an' took—the same as me! *Rudyard Kipling*

- 4611 Plagiarists, at least, have the merit of preservation *Benjamin Disraeli*
 4612 Plagiarists are always suspicious of being stolen from *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

PLATITUDE

- 4613 Platitude all that is mortal of a departed truth *Ambrose Bierce*
 4614 She plunged into a sea of platitudes and with the powerful breast stroke of a channel swimmer made her confident way toward the white cliffs of the obvious *W Somerset Maugham*
 4615 Nothing produces such an effect as a good platitude *Oscar Wilde*
 4616 I am not fond of uttering platitudes
 In stained glass attitudes *W S Gilbert*

PLATO

- 4617 Plato's *Republic* does not begin as some of the modern writers would have it, with some such sentence as Human civilization as seen through its successive stages of development is a dynamic movement from heterogeneity to homogeneity or some other equally incomprehensible rot It begins rather with the genial sentence 'I went down to Peiraeus yesterday with Glaucon, Ariston's son to pay my devotion to the goddess and at the same time I wanted to see how they would manage the festival, as this was the first time they held it *Lin Yutang*

PLATONIC

- 4618 Show me a genuine case of platonic friendship, and I shall show you two old or homely faces *Austin O Malley*
 4619 Platonic love is love from the neck up *Thyra Samter Winslow*

PLAY

- 4620 Opening night the night before the play is ready to open *George Jean Nathan*
 4621 You don't expect me to know what to say about a play when I don't know who the author is, do you? *George Bernard Shaw*
 4622 *Perfectly Scandalous* was one of those plays in which all of the actors unfortunately enunciated very clearly *Robert Benchley*

PLAYTHINGS

- 4623 There are playthings for all ages the playthings of old people is to talk of the playthings of their youth *Horace Walpole*

PLAYWRIGHT

- 4624 The first rule for a young playwright to follow is not to write like Henry Arthur Jones The second and third rules are the same *Oscar Wilde*

PLEASANT

- 4625 It would be a swell world if everything was as pleasant as the fellow who's trying to skin you *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

PLEASURE

- 4626 The first thing men do when they have renounced pleasure through decency, lassitude or for the sake of health is to condemn it in others *Jean de La Bruyere*
- 4627 Pleasure is more trouble than trouble *Don Herold*
- 4628 If you would rule the world quietly you must keep it amused
Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 4629 Business first, pleasure afterward as King Richard the Third said, when he stabbed t'other king in the Tower, afore he smothered the babies *Charles Dickens*
- 4630 I do not believe in doing for pleasure things I do not like to do
Don Herold
- 4631 The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do
Walter Bagehot
- 4632 Pleasure is the only thing to live for Nothing ages like happiness
Oscar Wilde
- 4633 No civilized man ever regrets a pleasure and no uncivilized man ever knows what a pleasure is *Ibid*
- 4634 Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter
Sermons and soda water the day after *Lord Byron*

PLUCK

- 4635 Pluck is not so common nowadays as genius *Oscar Wilde*

PLUMBING

- 4636 When we were finishing our house, we found we had a little cash left over, on account of the plumber not knowing it *Mark Twain*
- 4637 Anybody who has any doubt about the ingenuity or the resourcefulness of a plumber never got a bill from one *George Meany*
- 4638 When you consider how indifferent Americans are to the quality and cooking of the food they put into their insides, it cannot but strike you as peculiar that they should take such pride in the mechanical appliances they use for its excretion *W Somerset Maugham*

POET

- 4639 A poet can survive anything but a misprint *Oscar Wilde*
- 4640 It is the business of reviewers to watch poets, not of poets to watch reviewers *William Hazlitt*
- 4641 My quarrel with poets is not that they are unclear but that they are too diligent *E B White*
- 4642 Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand *Plato*
- 4643 Poets are born, not paid *Addison Mizner*
- 4644 Modern poets talk against business, poor things, but all of us write for money Beginners are subjected to trial by market, poor things
Robert Frost

- 4645 I don't call myself a poet yet. It's for the world to say whether you're a poet or not. I'm one-half teacher, one-half poet and one-half farmer—that's three halves. *Ibid*
- 4646 The little girl had the making of a poet in her who, being told to be sure of her meaning before she spoke said: "How can I know what I think till I see what I say?" *Graham Wallas*
- 4647 You don't have to suffer to be a poet. Adolescence is enough suffering for anyone. *John Ciardi*
- 4648 Poets we know, are terribly sensitive people and in my observation one of the things they are most sensitive about is cash. *Robert Penn Warren*
- 4649 A poet makes a great mistake if he thinks of himself as moored halfway up to heaven away from humanity. *C Day Lewis*
- 4650 A prose writer gets tired of writing prose and wants to be a poet. So he begins every line with a capital letter and keeps on writing prose. *Samuel McChord Crothers*
- 4651 I have never known a poet who did not think himself super excellent. *Cicero*
- 4652 Sir, I admit your general rule
That every poet is a fool
But you yourself may serve to show it,
That every fool is not a poet. *Alexander Pope*
- 4653 I would love to be the poet laureate of Coney Island. I would feel enormous satisfaction in being regarded as the voice of the average American. *Thornton Wilder*
- 4654 The poet is a liar who always speaks the truth. *Jean Cocteau*
- 4655 Perhaps no person can be a poet or even enjoy poetry without a certain unsoundness of mind. *Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- 4656 Tennyson is a beautiful half of a poet. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 4657 There is no more self-assured man than a bad poet. *Martial*
- 4658 A poet in history is divine, but a poet in the next room is a joke. *Max Eastman*

POETRY

- 4659 It is easier to write a mediocre poem than to understand a good one. *Michel de Montaigne*
- 4660 Poetry, said Emilia, seems like talking on tiptoe." *George Meredith*
- 4661 She wasn't particular. She could write about anything you choose to give her to write about just so it was sadful. Every time a man died, or a woman died or a child died she would be on hand with her 'tribute' before he was cold. She called them tributes. The neighbors said it was the doctor first, then Emmeline but once, and then she hung fire on a rhyme for the dead person's name, which was Whistler. She wasn't ever the same after that, she never com

- plained, but she kinder pined away and did not live long *Mark Twain*
- 4662 A poem is no place for an idea *Edgar W Howe*
- 4663 Poetry is the impish attempt to paint the color of the wind *Maxwell Bodenheim*
- 4664 Uhland's poetry was like the famous war horse Bayard, it possesses all possible virtues and only one fault it is dead *Heinrich Heine*
- 4665 It is indeed a pity that our great public knows so little about poetry almost as little in fact as our poets *Ibid*
- 4666 Meredith is a prose Browning and so is Browning *Oscar Wilde*
- 4667 Books of poetry by young writers are usually promissory notes that are never met *Ibid*
- 4668 There are two ways of disliking poetry one way is to dislike it the other is to read Pope *Ibid*
- 4669 One man's poetry is another man's poison *Ibid*
- 4670 Whistler with all his faults, was never guilty of writing a line of poetry *Ibid*
- 4671 There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money either *Robert Graves*
- 4672 Poetry is evidently a contagious complaint *Washington Irving*
- 4673 It's silly to suggest the writing of poetry as something ethereal, a sort of soul-crashing emotional experience that wrings you I have no fancy ideas about poetry It doesn't come to you on the wings of a dove It's something you work hard at *Louise Bogan*
- 4674 Publishing a volume of verse is like dropping a rose petal down the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo *Don Marquis*
- 4675 Poetry can never be concocted by any purely intellectual process It has nothing to do with the intellect it is in fact a violent and irreconcilable enemy to the intellect Its purpose is not to establish facts but to evade and deny them *H L Mencken*
- 4676 Fortunately for himself [Charles Montague] and for his country, he early quitted poetry *Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- 4677 Free verse the triumph of mind over meter *Anonymous*
- 4678 Language is simplified gesture, and poetry is simplified language Poetry is a sort of dancing with the voice *Francis Scarfe*
- 4679 Poetry is the language in which man explores his own amazement *Christopher Fry*
- 4680 I wish our clever young poets would remember my homely definitions of prose and poetry that is prose—words in their best order poetry—the best words in the best order *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
- 4681 I've read some of your modern free verse and wonder who set it free *John Barrymore*
- 4682 I have always had a sneaking sympathy with George Crabbe, who read the poems of Byron, Walter Scott, Keats and Shelley, and

thought them all stuff and nonsense After all, he might have been
right *W Somerset Maugham*

- 4683 A true sonnet goes eight lines and then takes a turn for better or
worse and goes six or eight lines more *Robert Frost*
- 4684 Writing free verse is like playing tennis with the net down *Ibid*
- 4685 Excellent, were it not for its length *Nicolas Chamfort, giving his
opinion of a couplet*
- 4686 O bard of rhyme and meter free
My gratitude goes out to ye
For all your deathless lines—ahem!
Let s see now What is one of them? *Franklin P Adams*
- 4687 Poets are people who despise money except what you need for
today *James M Barrie*
- 4688 Poetry is the achievement of the synthesis of hyacinths and bis
cuits *Carl Sandburg*
- 4689 Poetry is the bill and coo of sex *Elbert Hubbard*
- 4690 I never indulge in poetics
Unless I am down with rheumatics *Ennius*

POISE

- 4691 One woman's poise is another woman's poison *Katherine Brush*

POKER

- 4692 Man is the only animal that plays poker *Don Herold*

POLAND

- 4693 Any Pole who can read and write is a nobleman *Anonymous*
- 4694 Eat in Poland drink in Hungary, sleep in Germany and make love
in Italy *Polish Proverb*

POLICEMAN

- 4695 Policeman a never present help in time of trouble *Anonymous*

POLITENESS

- 4696 If you bow at all, bow low *Chinese Proverb*
- 4697 Great politeness usually means I want something *Ibid*
- 4698 Politeness is like an air cushion there is nothing inside, but it
softens the shocks of life *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 4699 Politeness is a liberating constraint It makes it possible to say
everything that rudeness couldn't *Sigismund von Radecki*
- 4700 Some folks are too polite to be up to any good *Frank McKinney
Hubbard*
- 4701 Politeness is fictitious benevolence *Samuel Johnson*
- 4702 I shall be so polite to my wife as though she were a perfect stranger
Robert Jones Burdette
- 4703 That rogush and cheerful vice, politeness *F W Nietzsche*
- 4704 Politeness the most acceptable hypocrisy *Ambrose Bierce*

- 4705 I refused to attend his funeral But I wrote a very nice letter explaining that I approved of it *Mark Twain*
- 4706 Politeness is one-half good nature and the other half good lying *Mary Wilson Little*
- 4707 The audience was swell They were so polite, they covered their mouths when they yawned *Bob Hope*

POLITICAL ABILITY

- 4708 Political ability It is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow next week next month and next year And to have the ability afterward to explain why it didn't happen *Sir Winston Churchill*

POLITICAL ECONOMY

- 4709 It's called political economy because it has nothing to do with either politics or economy *Stephen Leacock*

POLITICIAN

- 4710 An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought *Simon Cameron*
- 4711 The politician who steals is worse than a thief He is a fool With the grand opportunities all around for a man with political pull there's no excuse for stealin' a cent *George Washington Plunkitt*
- 4712 Politicians Little Tin Gods on wheels *Rudyard Kipling*
- 4713 A politician is an animal who can sit on a fence and yet keep both ears to the ground *American Proverb*
- 4714 Since a politician never believes what he says he is surprised when others believe him *General Charles de Gaulle*
- 4715 I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians *Ibid*
- 4716 For now his soul lies moldering in the grave and his body goes marching on *H W Nevins speaking of a rising politician*
- 4717 A politician is a man who understands government, and it takes a politician to run a government A statesman is a politician who's been dead ten or fifteen years *Harry S Truman*
- 4718 You don't set a fox to watching the chickens just because he has a lot of experience in the hen house *Ibid*
- 4719 Give a politician a free hand and he will put it in your pocket *Anonymous*
- 4720 There is no such thing as a cheap politician *Anonymous*
- 4721 A good politician is one who has prejudices enough to suit the needs of all his constituents *Anonymous*
- 4722 A liberal politician calls it share the wealth, a conservative calls it soak the rich *Anonymous*
- 4723 A good one [politician] is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar *H L Mencken*

- 4724 Politician any citizen with influence enough to get his old mother a job as charwoman in the City Hall *Ibid*
- 4725 A dilemma is a politician trying to save both his faces at once
John A Lincoln
- 4726 A politician is a person with whose politics you don't agree, if you agree with him he is a statesman *David Lloyd George*
- 4727 I am not a politician, and my other habits are good *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
- 4728 A politician is like quicksilver, if you try to put your finger on him, you will find nothing under it *Austin O Malley*
- 4729 The most successful politician is he who says what everyone is thinking most often and in the loudest voice *Theodore Roosevelt*
- 4730 There is but one way for a newspaperman to look at a politician, and that is down *Frank H Simonds*
- 4731 Our constitution protects aliens drunks and US Senators There ought to be one day (just one) when there is an open season on Senators *Will Rogers*
- 4732 Politicians are the same all over They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river *Nikita Khrushchev*
- 4733 The politicians were talking themselves red white and blue in the face *Clare Boothe Luce*
- 4734 A conservative politician is one in office *Columbia Record*
- 4735 An important art of politicians is to find new names for institutions which under old names have become odious to the public
Charles M de Talleyrand-Perigord
- POLITICS
- 4736 Politics makes strange postmasters *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4737 Now and then an innocent man is sent t th' legislature *Ibid*
- 4738 Politics is the art of preventing people from busying themselves with what is their own business *Paul Valery*
- 4739 Politics a strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles The conduct of public affairs for private advantage *Ambrose Bierce*
- 4740 Adherent a follower who has not yet obtained all that he expects to get *Ibid*
- 4741 Imposter a rival aspirant to public honors *Ibid*
- 4742 Always be on time Do as little talking as humanly possible Remember to lean back in the parade car so everybody can see the President Be sure not to get too fat, because you'll have to sit three in the back seat *Eleanor Roosevelt*
- 4743 Politics is the diversion of trivial men who, when they succeed at it, become important in the eyes of more trivial men *George Jean Nathan*

- 4744 Moderate Progressivism Don't just do something—stand there
Adlai Stevenson
- 4745 Those of you who regard my profession of political life with some disdain should remember that it made it possible for me to move from being an obscure lieutenant in the United States Navy to Commander in Chief in fourteen years with very little technical competence *John F Kennedy*
- 4746 As long as I count the votes what are you going to do about it?
William M Tweed
- 4747 Every time I bestow a vacant office I make a hundred discontented persons and one ingrate *Louis XIV of France*
- 4748 What I want to know is how to break out of politics *Harry S Truman*
- 4749 The Republican Party either corrupts its liberals or it expels them
Ibid
- 4750 I think I can say and say with pride, that we have legislatures that bring higher prices than any in the world *Mark Twain*
- 4751 When the politicians complain that TV turns their proceedings into a circus, it should be made clear that the circus was already there and that TV has merely demonstrated that not all the performers are well trained *Edward R Murrow*
- 4752 Still I can talk to 'im—got an open mind and hates the government That's the two great things *John Galsworthy*
- 4753 There is just one rule for politicians all over the world Don't say in power what you say in opposition if you do you only have to carry out what the other fellows have found impossible
Ibid
- 4754 In politics nothing is contemptible *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 4755 A political war is one in which everyone shoots from the lip
Raymond Moley
- 4756 I seldom think of politics more than eighteen hours a day *Lyndon B Johnson*
- 4757 If you have a weak candidate and a weak platform wrap yourself up in the American flag and talk about the Constitution *Matt Quay*
- 4758 In politics the choice is constantly between two evils *John Morley*
- 4759 My politics are short and sweet, like the old woman's dance
Abraham Lincoln
- 4760 Politics are almost as exciting as war and quite as dangerous, al though in war you can be killed only once, in politics many times
Sir Winston Churchill
- 4761 Some men change their party for the sake of their principles, others their principles for the sake of their party *Ibid*
- 4762 When I was called upon to be Prime Minister, now nearly two

years ago there were not many applicants for the job Since then perhaps the market has improved *Ibid*

- 4763 Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other *Oscar Ameringer*
- 4764 All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies *John Arbuthnot*
- 4765 Every four years in the United States is the year of the Big Wind *Anonymous*
- 4766 Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money even to get beat with *Will Rogers*
- 4767 Democrats are to the manna born *Ogden Nash*
- 4768 Those who are in Albany escaped Sing Sing, and those who are in Sing Sing were on their way to Albany *Elbert Hubbard*
- 4769 He will remember me, because I was the person who did not ask for an office *Mark Twain*
- 4770 Vice President a spare tire on the automobile of government *John Nance Garner*
- 4771 The various admirable movements in which I have been engaged have always developed among their members a large lunatic fringe *Theodore Roosevelt*
- 4772 A mugwump is one of those boys who always has his mug on the one side of the political fence and his wump on the other *Albert J Engel*
- 4773 Practical politics consists in ignoring facts *Henry Adams*

POLYGAMY

- 4774 Shakespeare endorses polygamy he speaks of the Merry Wives of Windsor, how many wives did Mr Windsor have? *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

POOR

- 4775 Remember the poor—it costs nothing *Josh Billings*
- 4776 I hate the poor and look forward eagerly to their extermination *George Bernard Shaw*
- 4777 It's no disgrace to be poor, but it might as well be *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 4778 There's another advantage of being poor—a doctor will cure you faster *Ibid*
- 4779 'No one has ever said it,' observed Lady Caroline, 'but how painfully true it is that the poor have us always with them!'" *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 4780 Most of our realists and sociologists talk about a poor man as if he were an octopus or an alligator *G K Chesterton*
- 4781 One of the advantages of being poor is that it necessitates the cultivation of the virtues *Jerome K Jerome*

- 4782 The real tragedy of the poor is that they can afford nothing but self denial *Oscar Wilde*
- 4783 The poor ye have with you always—but they are not invited *Addison Mizner*

POPE

- 4784 When I eat alone I feel like a seminarian being punished I tried it for one week and I was not comfortable Then I searched through Sacred Scripture for something saying I had to eat alone I found nothing, so I gave it up and it's much better now *Pope John XXIII*
- 4785 Here I am at the end of the road and at the top of the heap *Ibid*
- 4786 It often happens that I wake at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope *Ibid*

POPERY

- 4787 Defoe says that there were a hundred thousand stout country fellows in his time ready to fight to the death against popery, without knowing whether popery was a man or a horse *William Hazlitt*

POPULARITY

- 4788 Isn't it strange that I who have written only unpopular books should be such a popular fellow? *Albert Einstein*
- 4789 Popularity is exhausting The life of the party almost always winds up in a corner with an overcoat over him *Wilson Mizner*
- 4790 Popularity the capacity for listening sympathetically when men boast of their wives and women complain of their husbands *H L Mencken*
- 4791 There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face,
And when responding to the cheers he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 't was Casey at the bat
Ernest L Thayer

PORTRAIT

- 4792 To sit for one's portrait is like being present at one's own creation
Alexander Smith
- 4793 Menodotis's portrait here is kept,
Most odd it is
How very like to all the world,
Except Menodotis *Leonidas of Alexandria*
- 4794 In love, she who gives her portrait promises the original *C M Dupuy*

POSITION

- 4795 To establish oneself in the world, one does all one can to seem established there *François de La Rochefoucauld*

POSSESSION

- 4796 Most of the happiness in this world consists in possessing what others can't get *Josh Billings*
- 4797 Possession is nine points of the law and self possession is the other one *Anonymous*
- 4798 Love and toothache have many cures, but none infallible, except possession and dispossession *Benjamin Franklin*
- 4799 Them as has gits *American Proverb*

POVERTY

- 4800 Poverty has no relatives *Italian Proverb*
- 4801 Honest poverty is a gem that even a king might be proud to call his own, but I wish to sell out *Mark Twain*
- 4802 Poverty is an anomaly to rich people, it is very difficult to make out why people who want dinner do not ring the bell *Walter Bagehot*
- 4803 I can recall the moment when I shed poverty like an infected cloak I had a speaking engagement and as usual dashed after a bus only to see it go off I began to walk to save money and suddenly stopped short I realized that I did not need to save twopence I could afford half a crown for a taxi I jumped into a taxi and arrived in style *George Bernard Shaw*
- 4804 Poverty is no disgrace to a man but it is confoundly inconvenient *Sydney Smith*
- 4805 No man ever realizes how wonderful it is to be poor until he gets over it *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 4806 Poverty must have many satisfactions else there would not be so many poor people *Don Herold*

PRACTICAL

- 4807 A practical man is a man who practices the errors of his forefathers *Benjamin Disraeli*

PRAGUE

- 4808 If you throw a stone in Prague, you throw a bit of history *Czech Proverb*

PRAISE

- 4809 A refusal of praise is a desire to be praised twice *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 4810 In whatever terms people may praise us, they never teach us any thing new *Ibid*
- 4811 I will praise any man that will praise me *William Shakespeare*
- 4812 When I walk with you I feel as if I had a flower in my buttonhole *William M Thackeray*
- 4813 You need never lack praise, if you stoop to acquire it For folly finds always its fool to admire it *Austin Dobson*

4814 The praise of a fool is incense to the wisest of us *Benjamin Disraeli*

PRAYER

4815 Common people do not pray they only beg *George Bernard Shaw*

4816 There is nothing more impressive than spontaneous prayer because it involves long and arduous preparation *Ibid*

4817 Pray to ask the laws of the universe to be annulled in behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy *Ambrose Bierce*

4818 As the simple Red Man of the Western Wild put it with it must be confessed, a certain force Plenty well, no pray, big bellyache, heap God *Ibid*

4819 O God help our side and if you can't then at least don't help those scoundrels *Prince Leopold of Anhalt Dessau*

4820 I don't know of a single foreign product that enters this country untaxed except the answer to prayer *Mark Twain*

4821 It is best to read the weather forecasts before we pray for rain *Ibid*

4822 If you want to make a man very angry, get someone to pray for him *Edgar W Howe*

4823 When the gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers *Oscar Wilde*

4824 Prayer must never be answered if it is it ceases to be prayer and becomes correspondence *Ibid*

4825 God is not a cosmic bellboy for whom we can press a button to get things *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

4826 Don't ask for what you'll wish you hadn't got *Seneca*

PREACHING

4827 A woman's preaching is like a dog's walking on his hind legs It is not done well but you are surprised to find it done at all *Samuel Johnson*

4828 His only adequate punishment would be to be preached to death by wild curates *Sydney Smith speaking of a Dean*

4829 There is not the least use in preaching to anyone unless you chance to catch them ill *Ibid*

4830 The clergy are allowed about twenty six hours every year for the instruction of their fellow creatures *Ibid*

4831 When I am in the pulpit, I have the pleasure of seeing my audience nod approbation while they sleep *Ibid*

4832 I once heard a preacher who was powerful good I decided to give him every cent I had with me But he kept at it too long Ten minutes later I decided to keep the bills and just give him my loose change Another ten minutes and I was darned if I'd give him anything at all Then when he finally stopped, and the plate came

around, I was so exhausted, I extracted two dollars out of sheer spite *Mark Twain*

4833 He was a preacher, too and never charged nothing for his preaching, and it was worth it, too *Ibid*

4834 The best sermon is preached by the minister who has a sermon to preach and not by the man who has to preach a sermon *William Feather*

4835 Clergyman a man who undertakes the management of our spiritual affairs as a method of bettering his temporal ones *Ambrose Bierce*

PREJUDICE

4836 Prejudice a vagrant opinion without visible means of support *Ambrose Bierce*

4837 I don't like principles I prefer prejudices *Oscar Wilde*

4838 I never approve or disapprove of anything now It is an absurd attitude to take toward life We are not sent into the world to air our moral prejudices *Ibid*

4839 For those who do not think it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while *Luther Burbank*

4840 I am free of all prejudices I hate everyone equally *W C Fields*

4841 Prejudice is a raft onto which the shipwrecked mind clambers and paddles to safety *Ben Hecht*

4842 A fox should not be of the jury at a goose's trial *Thomas Fuller*

4843 There are people who are too stupid to have prejudices *Egon Friedell*

4844 A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices *William James*

4845 My corns ache I get gouty and my prejudices swell like varicose veins *James Gibbons Huneker*

PREPAREDNESS

4846 No wolf will leave a sheep to dine upon a porcupine *Charles C Colton*

PREPOSITION

4847 A preposition is a very bad word to end a sentence with *Anonymous*

PRESENT

4848 Whenever you see a man with handkerchief socks and tie to match, you may be sure he is wearing a present *Frank Case*

PRESIDENT

4849 If forced to choose between the penitentiary and the White House for four years, I would say the penitentiary, thank you *William Tecumseh Sherman*

4850 The day before my inauguration, President Eisenhower told me,

'You'll find that no easy problems ever come to the President of the United States. If they are easy to solve, somebody else has solved them. I found that hard to believe, but now I know it is true.' *John F. Kennedy*

- 4851 I was in favor of giving former Presidents a seat in the Senate until I passed seventy-five years. Since then I have less taste for sitting on hard-bottomed chairs during long addresses. *Herbert Hoover*
- 4852 Thirty years ago we used to believe there were only two occasions in which the American people would respect the privacy of the President—in prayer and fishing. I now detect you have lost the second part of this. That is one of the degenerations of the last thirty years. *Ibid*
- 4853 As for being President, I feel like the man who was tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail. To the man who asked him how he liked it, he said, "If it wasn't for the honor of the thing, I'd rather walk." *Abraham Lincoln*
- 4854 It was never intended by the Founding Fathers that the President of the United States should be a ventriloquist's dummy sitting on the lap of Congress. *J. William Fulbright*
- 4855 I would rather that the people should wonder why I wasn't President than why I am. *Salmon P. Chase*
- 4856 When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it. *Clarence Darrow*
- 4857 There's some folks standing behind the President that ought to get around where he can watch 'em. *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

PRESS

- 4858 The most important services rendered by the press and the magazines is that of educating people to approach printed matter with distrust. *Samuel Butler*
- 4859 In the old days men had the rack; now they have the press. *Oscar Wilde*
- 4860 Modern journalism justifies its own existence by the great Darwinian principle of the survival of the vilest. *Ibid*
- 4861 In centuries before ours, the public nailed the ears of journalists to the pump. In this century journalists have nailed their own ears to the keyhole. *Ibid*

PRETENSE

- 4862 The only good in pretending is the fun we get out of fooling ourselves that we fool somebody. *Booth Tarkington*

PRETTY

- 4863 It is not easy to be a pretty woman without causing mischief. *Anatole France*

PRICE

- 4864 Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing. *Oscar Wilde*

PRIDE

- 4865 The proud hate pride—in others *Benjamin Franklin*
- 4866 They are proud in humility, proud in that they are not proud
Anonymous
- 4867 Even the dog of a great man is proud *Japanese Proverb*
- 4868 One of the best temporary cures for pride and affectation is sea sickness a man who wants to vomit never puts on airs *Josh Billings*
- 4869 Although [my father] left us a sumptuous legacy of pride in his fine Virginian stock and its national distinction, I presently found that I could not live on that alone without occasional bread to wash it down with *Mark Twain*
- 4870 The first peer and president of Hell *Daniel Defoe*

PRIEST

- 4871 The doctor sees all the weakness of mankind, the lawyer all the wickedness the priest all the stupidity *Arthur Schopenhauer*

PRIG

- 4872 A prig is a fellow who is always making you a present of his opinions *George Eliot*

PRIME MINISTER

- 4873 If he trips he must be sustained if he makes mistakes they must be covered if he sleeps he must not be wantonly disturbed if he is no good he must be poleaxed *Sir Winston Churchill*

PRINCE

- 4874 When the prince wants a minister to die he dies *Chinese Proverb*
- 4875 They say princes learn no art truly but the art of horsemanship The reason is, the brave beast is no flatterer He will throw a prince as soon as his groom *Ben Jonson*

PRINCIPLE

- 4876 Nobody ever did anything very foolish except from some strong principle *Lord Melbourne*
- 4877 Prosperity is the best protector of principle *Mark Twain*
- 4878 Principles have no real force except when one is well fed *Ibid*
- 4879 If we looked too close into first principles, we should never believe at all *Anatole France*
- 4880 I like persons better than principles and I like persons with no principles better than anything else in the world *Oscar Wilde*
- 4881 In politics a man must learn to rise above principle *American Political Proverb*
- 4882 I have been a selfish being all my life, in practice, though not in principle *Jane Austen*
- 4883 In any assembly the simplest way to stop the transacting of business and split the ranks is to appeal to a principle *Jacques Barzun*

4884 It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them
Alfred Adler

PRINTING

4885 Printing broke out in the province of Kansu in 868 A D The early Chinese simply could not let well enough alone
Will Cuppy

4886 The printing press is either the greatest blessing or the greatest curse of modern times, one sometimes forgets which
Sir James M Barrie

PRISON

4887 Many a checkered career ends in a striped suit
Arkansas Gazette

4888 The most anxious man in a prison is the governor
George Bernard Shaw

4889 All my major works have been written in prison I would recommend prison not only to aspiring writers but to aspiring politicians too
Jawaharlal Nehru

4890 The only really humanizing influence in prison is the influence of the prisoners
Oscar Wilde

4891 A criminologist says that jails are a prolific source of crime That should be a warning to avoid them
Anonymous

PRIVILEGE

4892 Privilege is privilege—whether it is due to money or intellect or whether you have six toes
Prince Philip

4893 What men prize most is a privilege, even if it be that of chief mourner at a funeral
James Russell Lowell

4894 Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges
Sir Walter Scott

PROBABLY

4895 A pinch of probably is worth a pound of perhaps
James Thurber

PROBLEM

4896 The problem of the middle class is trying to save while spending as much as the rich do
Anonymous

4897 The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with but whether it's the same problem you had last year
John Foster Dulles

4898 Men have more problems than women In the first place, they have to put up with women
Françoise Sagan

PROCRASTINATION

4899 Most people put off till tomorrow that which they should have done yesterday
Edgar W Howe

4900 Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday
Don Marquis

- 4901 Do not put off till tomorrow what can be put off till day-after tomorrow just as well *Mark Twain*
 4902 At once is two hours and a half *Scottish Proverb*
 4903 One of these days is none of these days *Henry George Bohn*

PRODIGAL

- 4904 Every reformation must have its victims You can't expect the fatted calf to share the enthusiasm of the angels over the prodigal's return *H H Munro (Saki)*
 4905 A fat housekeeper makes lean executors *John Ray*

PRODUCT

- 4906 There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper *John Ruskin*

PROFESSOR

- 4907 A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep *W H Auden*
 4908 He had been rejected from military service He had weak ribs He had poor eyes He was flatfooted He was a professor *Will Durant*
 4909 Very little happens to a teacher after he has achieved his professorship *Vernon L Parrington*
 4910 To be able to distinguish between a badly and well-written book is not enough a professor of literature can do that occasionally *George Moore*
 4911 A university professor is a person whose words are so long they paragraph them *Anonymous*

PROFOUND

- 4912 Many a writer seems to think he is never profound except when he can't understand his own meaning *George D Prentice*

PROGRESS

- 4913 An enemy to progress He would, no doubt, have opposed vaccination as interfering with the marked privileges of the smallpox *Douglas Jerrold*
 4914 What we call progress is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance *Havelock Ellis*
 4915 All progress is based upon universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income *Samuel Butler*
 4916 I have always considered that the substitution of the internal combustion engine for the horse marked a very gloomy milestone in the progress of mankind *Sir Winston Churchill*
 4917 Men have learned to travel farther and faster, though on errands not conspicuously improved This, I believe, is called progress *Willis Fisher*
 4918 The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us *Oscar Wilde*

- 4919 Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backward *Aldous Huxley*
- 4920 We re about to enter the age of flight before we ve even developed a chair that a man can sit on comfortably *Philip Wylie*
- 4921 The price of progress is trouble, and I must be making a lot of progress *Charles E Wilson*

PROHIBITION

- 4922 A prohibitionist is the sort of man one wouldn t care to drink with— even if he drank *H L Mencken*

PROMOTE

- 4923 One-third of the people in the United States promote while the other two thirds provide *Will Rogers*

PRONOUN

- 4924 A pronoun is used instead of a noun,
As “James was tired and he sat down ’ *Old English Rhyme*

PRONUNCIATION

- 4925 If anyone corrects your pronunciation of a word in a public place, you have every right to punch him in the nose *Heywood Brown*

PROOF

- 4926 I come from a State that raises corn and cotton and cockleburrs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me I am from Missouri You have got to show me *Willard D Vandiver*

PROPAGANDA

- 4927 Money puts the prop in propaganda *Anonymous*

PROPERTY

- 4928 The world seldom asks how a man acquired his property The only question is, has he got it? *Anonymous*
- 4929 It is immoral to use private property to alleviate the horrible evils that result from the institution of private property It is both im moral and unfair *Oscar Wilde*
- 4930 Thieves respect property They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it *G K Chesterton*
- 4931 Who has, is *Italian Proverb*

PROPHECY

- 4932 Among all forms of mistake, prophecy is the most gratuitous *George Eliot*
- 4933 Don't never prophesy, for if you prophesy wrong nobody will forget it and if you prophesy right, nobody will remember it *Josh Billings*
- 4934 I shall always consider the best gesser the best prophet *Cicero*
- 4935 A prophet is a man that foresees trouble *Finley Peter Dunne*

- 4936 Don't ever prophesy—unless ye know *James Russell Lowell*
- 4937 I always avoid prophesying beforehand, because it is much better policy to prophesy after the event has already taken place *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 4938 The wisest prophets make sure of the event first *Horace Walpole*
- 4939 The best prophets are children and fools *French Proverb*

PROSE

- 4940 For more than forty years I have been speaking prose without knowing it *Moliere*
- 4941 Prose is where all the lines but the last go onto the margin
Poetry is where some of them fall short of it *Jeremy Bentham*
- 4942 To write prose one must have something to say but he who has nothing to say can still make verses and rhymes, where one word suggests the other, and at last something comes out which in fact is nothing but looks as if it were something *Johann von Goethe*

PROSPERITY

- 4943 It requires a strong constitution to withstand repeated attacks of prosperity *J L Basford*
- 4944 Man can bear all things except good days *Dutch Proverb*
- 4945 Only Americans have mastered the art of being prosperous though broke *Anonymous*
- 4946 Everything in the world may be endured except continual prosperity *Johann von Goethe*
- 4947 There is an old-time toast which is golden for its beauty 'When you ascend the hill of prosperity may you not meet a friend'
Mark Twain

PROVERB

- 4948 Proverbs it has well been said, should be sold in pairs, a single one being but a half-truth *William Mathews*

PROVIDENCE

- 4949 As luck would have it Providence was on my side *Samuel Butler*

PRUDE

- 4950 A prude is one who blushes modestly at the indelicacy of her thoughts and virtuously flies from the temptation of her desires
Ambrose Bierce

PRUDENCE

- 4951 Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue in order that they should see twice as much as they say *Charles C Colton*

PSYCHOANALYSIS

- 4952 Psychoanalysis makes quite simple people feel they're complex
S N Behrman
- 4953 Psychoanalysis is the disease it purports to cure *Karl Kraus*

4954 Psychoanalysis is confession without absolution *G K Chesterton*

PSYCHOLOGIST

4955 The psychologist has been slanderously defined as a man who tells you what everybody knows in language nobody can understand
Dr Joseph Jastrow

4956 Psychologist a man who when a beautiful girl enters the room, watches everybody else *Bruce Patterson*

4957 It must be a hard life to be the child of a psychologist *Thomas L Masson*

PUBLIC

4958 The public is just a great baby *John Ruskin*

4959 The public is an old woman Let her maunder and mumble
Thomas Carlyle

PUBLIC OFFICE

4960 The thing I enjoyed most were visits from children They did not want public office *Herbert Hoover*

4961 Everybody said I was the worst Chancellor of the Exchequer that ever was And I am inclined to agree with them *Sir Winston Churchill*

PUBLIC OPINION

4962 England has done one thing it has invented and established public opinion, which is an attempt to organize the ignorance of the community, and to elevate it to the dignity of physical force *Oscar Wilde*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

4963 Publicity is easy to get Just be so successful you don't need it and then you'll get it *Anonymous*

4964 Will somebody please explain to me why public relations people are almost invariably "associates"? Whom do they associate with, and who can stand it? *George Dixon*

PUBLIC SERVANT

4965 Public servants persons chosen by the people to distribute the graft
Mark Twain

PUBLIC SPEAKING

4966 Accustomed as I am to public speaking, I know the futility of it
Franklin P Adams

PUBLICITY

4967 I don't care what is written about me so long as it isn't true
Katherine Hepburn

PUBLISHER

4968 Publishers are demons, there's no doubt about it *William James*

4969 There are worse occupations in this world than feeling a woman's pulse *Laurence Sterne*

PULSE

4970 It was so quiet you could hear a pun drop *Arthur Bugs Baer*

4971 Puns should be punished unless they be pungent *Salvador de Madariaga*

4972 He that would pun would pick a pocket *Alexander Pope*

4973 Punning is a talent which no man affects to despise but he that is without it *Jonathan Swift*

4974 A pun is the lowest form of humor—when you don't think of it first *Oscar Levant*

PUNCTUALITY

4975 Punctuality is the thief of time *Oscar Wilde*

4976 It is never too late for a woman to keep an appointment *Anonymous*

4977 If you're there before it's over you're on time *James J Walker*

4978 People who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them *E V Lucas*

4979 I am a believer in punctuality though it makes me very lonely *Ibid*

4980 A woman on time is one in nine *Addison Mizner*

PUNISHMENT

4981 When I was a boy I'd rather be licked twice than postponed once *Josh Billings*

4982 The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else *George Bernard Shaw*

PURITAN

4983 Cavaliers and Puritans are interesting for their costumes and not for their convictions *Oscar Wilde*

4984 That stern and rockbound coast felt like an amateur when it saw how grim the Puritans that landed on it were *Don Marquis*

4985 A puritan is a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things *G K Chesterton*

4986 The objection to Puritans is not that they try to make us think as they do but that they try to make us do as they think *H L Mencken*

4987 The Puritan hated bear-baiting not because it gave pain to the bear but because it gave pleasure to the spectators *Thomas Babington Macaulay*

4988 The Puritan through life's sweet garden goes
To pluck the thorn and cast away the rose *Anonymous*

PURITANISM

- 4989 Puritanism the haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy *H L Mencken*

PUZZLE

- 4990 Nothing puzzles me more than time and space and yet nothing puzzles me less for I never think about them *Charles Lamb*
- 4991 The great god Ra whose shrine once covered acres
Is filler now for crossword puzzle makers *Keith Preston*

PYRAMID

- 4992 Cheops built the Great Pyramid of Gizeh about 3050 B C Then he felt better *Will Cuppy*

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QUARREL

- 4993 Those who in quarrels interpose
Must often wipe a bloody nose *John Gay*
- 4994 'Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just —
And four times he who get his fist in fust *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*
- 4995 A small country town is not the place in which one would choose to quarrel *Samuel Johnson*

QUEER

- 4996 All the world is queer save thee and me, and even thou art a little queer *Robert Owen*

QUESTION

- 4997 Questions are never indiscreet Answers sometimes are *Oscar Wilde*
- 4998 Socrates asked so many questions that the exasperated Athenians compelled him to drink poison King Lear subjected his daughters to a questionnaire and he and his daughters perished tragically as a result *Robert Lynd*
- 4999 It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all the answers *James Thurber*
- 5000 A fool may ask more questions in an hour than a wise man can answer in seven years *English Proverb*
- 5001 He admits that there are two sides to every question—his own and the wrong side *Channing Pollock*

QUIET

- 5002 It is difficult to be quiet if you have nothing to do *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 5003 Very often the quiet fellow has said all he knows *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

QUOTATION

- 5004 Quotation the act of repeating erroneously the words of another
Ambrose Bierce

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RABBLE

- 5005 The great unwashed *Anonymous*

RACE

- 5006 The future of mankind belong to its mongrels and not to its handsome but brainless Borzois *George Bernard Shaw*

RADICAL

- 5007 If a man is right he can't be too radical, if he is wrong, he can't be too conservative *Josh Billings*

- 5008 I am trying to do two things—dare to be a radical and not a fool which if I may judge by the exhibition around me is a matter of no small difficulty *James A Garfield*

- 5009 The radical in one century is the conservative of the next The radical invents the views When he has worn them out, the conservative adopts them *Mark Twain*

- 5010 A radical is a person who feels he might get a little more if he howled a little louder *Herbert V Prochnow*

RADICALISM

- 5011 Radicalism the conservatism of tomorrow injected into the affairs of today *Ambrose Bierce*

RADIO

- 5012 Before the advent of the radio there were advantages in being a shut in *Don Herold*

- 5013 We have on the radio every Sunday a stroke of culture a symphony concert from New York or somewhere with a toothwash That's the culture part the toothwash *Lincoln Steffens*

- 5014 Listening to Mr Woolcott on the radio is like being hit by a cream puff you are uninjured but rather sickened *Robert Forsythe*

- 5015 Radio the triumph of illiteracy *John Dos Passos*

- 5016 On ships they call them barnacles in radio they attach themselves to desks and are called vice presidents *Fred Allen*

- 5017 The ideal voice for radio may be defined as having no substance, no sex no owner, and a message of importance to every housewife *Harry V Wade*

- 5018 Radio death in the afternoon and into the night *Arthur Miller*

RAIN

- 5019 The rain is famous for falling on the just and unjust alike, but if I had the management of such affairs I would rain softly and sweetly

on the just, but if I caught a sample of the unjust outdoors I would drown him *Mark Twain*

5020 If I were running the world I would have it rain only between 2 and 5 A M—anyone who was out then ought to get wet *William Lyon Phelps*

5021 One thing we have never been able to save for a rainy day is an umbrella *Herbert V Prochnow*

RAPHAEL

5022 Raphael was employed to decorate the Vatican not because he was a great painter but because his uncle was architect to the Pope *Lord Melbourne*

RASPBERRY

5023 A raspberry will grow up, get ripe come to town and go to all sorts of trouble just to get a few seeds lodged in your teeth *Life*

REACTIONARY

5024 A reactionary is a somnambulist walking backward *Franklin Del ano Roosevelt*

READ

5025 People in general do not willingly read, if they can have anything else to amuse them *Samuel Johnson*

5026 Sir, I never did the man an injury, yet he would read his tragedy to me *Ibid*

5027 Some people read only because they are too lazy to think *Georg C Lichtenberg*

5028 We read to say that we have read *Charles Lamb*

READERS

5029 Readers are of two sorts one who carefully goes through a book, and the other who as carefully lets the book go through him *Douglas Jerrold*

READING

5030 The book had the effect which books usually have it made the fools greater fools, the intelligent more intelligent, and left the remaining thousands as they were *Georg C Lichtenberg*

5031 I know of no sentence that can induce such immediate and brazen lying as the one that begins, 'Have you read—' *Wilson Mizner*

5032 If I had read as much as other men, I should have known no more than other men *Thomas Hobbes*

5033 Reading made Don Quixote a gentleman, but believing what he read made him mad *George Bernard Shaw*

5034 Anybody that's got time to read half of the new books has got entirely too much time *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

REAL ESTATE

5035 A monologue is a conversation between a realtor and a prospect
Anonymous

REALISM

5036 I hate vulgar realism in literature The man who could call a spade a spade should be compelled to use one It is the only thing he is fit for
Oscar Wilde

REALIST

5037 You may be sure that when a man begins to call himself a realist he is preparing to do something he is secretly ashamed of doing
Sydney Harris

REASON

5038 Company policy means there is no understandable reason for this action"
Herbert V Prochnow

5039 A man has two reasons for doing anything—a good reason and the real reason
J Pierpont Morgan

5040 When speculation has done its worst two and two still make four
Samuel Johnson

5041 By nature's kindly disposition most questions which it is beyond a man's power to answer do not occur to him at all
George Santayana

5042 I can stand brute force but brute reason is quite unbearable There is something unfair about its use It is like hitting below the intellect
Oscar Wilde

5043 I have no other but a woman's reason I think him so because I think him so
William Shakespeare

5044 If you follow reason far enough it always leads to conclusions that are contrary to reason
Nicholas Murray Butler

RECOGNITION

5045 I beg your pardon, I didn't recognize you—I've changed a lot
Oscar Wilde

RECOMMEND

5046 The hardest thing is writing a recommendation for someone we know
Frank McKinney Hubbard

REDUCING

5047 Modern woman's fondest wish is to be weighed and found wanting
Arkansas Gazette

5048 Everybody loves a fat man until he sits down in a bus
Anonymous

REFINEMENT

5049 She was not quite what you would call refined She was not quite what you would call unrefined She was the kind of person who keeps a parrot
Mark Twain

REFLECTION

- 5050 The man who has learned to reflect has laid by something nice for a wet day *Josh Billings*
- 5051 I think I am better than the people who are trying to reform me
Edgar W Howe
- 5052 Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits *Mark Twain*
- 5053 It is a dangerous thing to reform anyone *Oscar Wilde*
- 5054 Necessity reforms the poor, and satiety the rich *Tacitus*
- 5055 You never hear of a man marrying a woman to reform her *Anon-ymous*
- 5056 The only way a woman can ever reform a man is by boring him so completely that he loses all possible interest in life *Oscar Wilde*
- 5057 All reformers, however strict their conscience, live in houses just as big as they can pay for *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 5058 A man that would expect to train lobsters to fly in a year is called a lunatic, but a man that thinks men can be turned into angels by an election is a reformer and remains at large *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 5059 Old reformers never die They get thrown out *Herbert Hoover*
- 5060 A reformer is a man who rides through a sewer in a glass bottomed boat *James J Walker*

RELATIVES

- 5061 A distant relative can be very distant when he has money *Florida Times Union*
- 5062 I can't help detesting my relations I suppose it comes from the fact that we can't stand other people having the same faults as ourselves *Oscar Wilde*
- 5063 Relations are simply a tedious pack of people who haven't got the remotest knowledge of how to live, nor the smallest instinct about when to die *Ibid*
- 5064 After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one's own relatives *Ibid*
- 5065 Visit your aunt but not every day and call at your brother's, but not every night *Benjamin Franklin*
- 5066 And so do his sisters and his cousins and his aunts'
His sisters and his cousins,
Whom he reckons up by dozens,
And his aunts' *W S Gilbert*
- 5067 It is hard to find the relatives of a poor man *Menander*
- 5068 If a man's character is to be abused there's nobody like a relative to do the business *William M Thackeray*
- 5069 We call our rich relatives the kin we love to touch *Eddie Cantor*
- 5070 I advise thee to visit thy relations and friends, but I advise thee not to live too near them *Thomas Fuller*

- 5071 A man who can be a hero to his wife's relations may face the rest of the world fearlessly *Meredith Nicholson*
- 5072 Distant relatives are the best kind and the further the better *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5073 The hardest thing is to disguise your feelings when you put a lot of relatives on the train for home *Ibid*
- 5074 There is only one good substitute for the endearments of a sister, and that is the endearments of some other fellow's sister *Josh Billings*
- 5075 Don't despise your poor relations they may become suddenly rich someday and then it will be awkward to explain things to them *Ibid*
- 5076 Even the Emperor has straw sandaled relatives *Chinese Proverb*

RELATIVITY

- 5077 When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute—and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity *Albert Einstein*
- 5078 To the ant a few drops of rain is a flood *Japanese Proverb*
- 5079 To a mouse a cat is a lion *Albanian Proverb*

RELIGION

- 5080 Religion consists in a set of things which the average man thinks he believes and wishes he was certain *Mark Twain*
- 5081 Religion is the fashionable substitute for belief *Oscar Wilde*
- 5082 What religion is he of? Why he is an Anythingarian *Jonathan Swift*
- 5083 Men despise religion they hate it, and fear it is true *Blaise Pascal*
- 5084 Since the whole affair had become one of religion, the vanquished were of course exterminated *Voltaire*
- 5085 Most men's anger about religion is as if two men should quarrel for a lady they neither of them care for *Lord Halifax*
- 5086 Things are coming to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to invade private life *Lord Melbourne*
- 5087 The religion of one age is the literary entertainment of the next *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 5088 Irreligion the principal one of the great faiths of the world *Ambrose Bierce*
- 5089 Religion a daughter of Hope and Fear, explaining to Ignorance the nature of the Unknowable *Ibid*
- 5090 That part of a man's religion which is convenient, that he'll never drop *A A Horn*
- 5091 A congregation who can't afford to pay a clergyman enough want a missionary more than they do a clergyman *Josh Billings*

- 5092 There are two branches of religion—high and low mystical sleep walkers and practical idealists *John Maynard Keynes*
- 5093 If men are so wicked with religion what would they be without it? *Benjamin Franklin*
- 5094 A man can no more possess a private religion than he can possess a private sun and moon *G K Chesterton*
- 5095 It is the test of a good religion whether you can joke about it *Ibid*
- 5096 Most people have some sort of religion, at least they know which church they're staying away from *John Erskine*
- 5097 We have just enough religion to make us hate but not enough to make us love one another *Jonathan Swift*
- 5098 When a dog barks at the moon then it is religion but when he barks at strangers it is patriotism! *David Starr Jordan*
- 5099 He that dies a martyr proves that he was not a knave, but by no means that he was not a fool *Charles C Colton*
- 5100 Pop used to say about the Presbyterians it don't prevent them committing all the sins there are but it keeps them from getting any fun out of it *Christopher Morley*
- 5101 Religion has reduced Spain to a guitar Italy to a hand organ and Ireland to exile *Robert G Ingersoll*
- 5102 Men of sense are really all of one religion But men of sense never tell what it is *Earl of Shaftesbury*

REMEMBER

- 5103 Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it *George Santayana*
- 5104 Why can we remember the tiniest detail that has happened to us, and not remember how many times we have told it to the same persons? *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 5105 Those dry martinis were too much for me
Last night I really felt immense,
Today I feel like thirty cents
It is no time for mirth and laughter
In the cold gray dawn of the morning after *George Ade*

REMORSE

- 5106 Remorse is a sign that it wasn't quite as pleasant as one expected it to be *Anonymous*

REPORTEE

- 5107 Repartee any reply that is so clever that it makes the listener wish he had said it himself *Elbert Hubbard*
- 5108 Don't answer back if you're out to make money, but do if you're out for enjoyment *Barry Pain*
- 5109 Repartee is a duel fought with the points of jokes *Max Eastman*
- 5110 Repartee is something we think of twenty-four hours too late *Mark Twain*

- 5111 I should like to have been present when the lady on being re-
proached for burning the candle at both ends, said "Why I thought
that was the very way to make both ends meet" *W Somerset*
Maugham
- 5112 When advised by his doctor to take a walk on an empty stomach,
Sydney Smith inquired "Whose?"
- 5113 Repartee is what you wish you d said *Heywood Broun*

REPENTANCE

- 5114 The hardest sinner in the whole lot to convert is the one who
spends half of his time in sinning and the other half in repentance
Josh Billings
- 5115 Most people repent of their sins by thanking God they ain't so
wicked as their neighbors *Ibid*
- 5116 The best part of repentance is the sinning *Arab Proverb*

REPETITION

- 5117 Romance lives by repetition, and repetition converts an appetite
into an art *Oscar Wilde*
- 5118 No sweetness in a cabbage twice boiled *Thomas Fuller*

REPUTATION

- 5119 A man is always stronger while he is making a reputation than he
is after it is made *Josh Billings*
- 5120 Get a name to rise early, and you may lie all day *Anonymous*
- 5121 The only time you realize you have a reputation is when you re not
living up to it *Jose Iturbi*
- 5122 What people say behind your back is your standing in the com-
munity in which you live *Edgar W Howe*
- 5123 Many a man's reputation would not know his character if they met
on the street *Elbert Hubbard*
- 5124 A woman can defend her virtue from men much more easily than
she can protect her reputation from women *Ibid*
- 5125 To enjoy a good reputation give publicly, and steal privately
Josh Billings
- 5126 Sometimes you can tell by watching a person what kind of past
he is going to have *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 5127 One can survive everything except Death and live down everything
except a good reputation *Oscar Wilde*
- 5128 My gifts are small I've used them very well and discreetly, never
straining them and the result is that I have made a charming little
reputation *Max Beerbohm*

RESIGNATION

- 5129 A man may practice resignation all his days as he takes physic,
and not come to like it in the end *Robert Louis Stevenson*
- 5130 If I have no featherbed, I'll sleep on straw *German Saying*

RESOLUTIONS

- 5131 Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account *Oscar Wilde*
- 5132 The fatality of good resolutions is that they are always too late
Ibid
- 5133 Never again" means until the next time *Toledo Blade*
- 5134 On New Year's Day some years ago,
I swore off alcohol
And, one year later, I eschewed
Pipes, cigarettes, et al
The next I quit profanity
As something not too nice
And then abandoned slot machines
Card games roulette and dice
Thus, curing faults each year I reached
A state of such perfection
That I have not a single flaw
Now calling for correction
But New Year's Day is now for me
A ruined Institution
For what is New Year's Day without
A New Year's resolution? *Leverett Lyon*
- 5135 One swallow doesn't make a summer, but it breaks a New Year's resolution *Anonymous*

RESOURCES

- 5136 There is a lesson for all of us in this rallying of our forces from every corner of Illinois Perhaps I can best illustrate it with the story of the young man who approached the father of his intended bride to seek his approval of the marriage The father was skeptical 'I doubt very much he said, that you would be able to support my daughter—I can hardly do it myself" To which the young suitor offered the bright suggestion, 'We'll just have to pool our resources *Adlai Stevenson*
- 5137 The worst jolt most of us ever get is when we fall back on our own resources *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

RESPECT

- 5138 Treating your adversary with respect is giving him an advantage to which he is not entitled *Samuel Johnson*
- 5139 One of the surprising things of this world is the respect a worthless man has for himself *Edgar W Howe*

RESPECTABILITY

- 5140 Men have to do some awfully mean things to keep up their respectability *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5141 We live in an atmosphere of shame We are ashamed of everything that is real about us Ashamed of ourselves, our relations, of our

incomes of our accents of our opinions of our experience The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is *Ibid*

5142 Respectability the offspring of a liaison between bald head and bank account *Ambrose Bierce*

5143 She looked as respectable as a pair of rubbers *François Woolsey Bronson*

5144 Respectable means rich, and decent means poor I should die if I heard my family called decent *Thomas Love Peacock*

5145 Virtue has never been as respectable as money *Mark Twain*

5146 When one has never heard a man's name in the course of one's life it speaks volumes for him he must be quite respectable *Oscar Wilde*

5147 After having lived half their lives respectably, many men get tired of honesty, and many women of propriety *Sydney Smith*

RESPONSIBILITY

5148 Why did the Lord give us so much quickness of movement unless it was to avoid responsibility? *Ogden Nash*

5149 I am the captain of my soul
I rule it with stern joy,
And yet I think I had more fun
When I was cabin boy *Keith Preston*

REST

5150 Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest *Laurence Sterne*

5151 In many ways the rest of a man's days depend upon the rest of his nights *Anonymous*

RESTAURANT

5152 We are told most of the food on the stage during a play can be eaten The idea may eventually be copied by more restaurants *Anonymous*

RETIRE

5153 When a man retires and time is no longer a matter of urgent importance, his colleagues generally present him with a clock *Robert Cedric Sherriff*

RETRIBUTION

5154 They have simply stepped in their own chewing gum *Philip Barry*

5155 If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot *Italian Proverb*

REVENGE

5156 You are not permitted to kill a woman who has injured you, but nothing forbids you to reflect that she is growing older every minute You are avenged 1 440 times a day *Ambrose Bierce*

5157 Revenge is often like biting a dog because the dog bit you *Austin O Malley*

5158 When women cannot be revenged they do as children do—they cry *Jerome Cardan*

REVIEW

5159 I look upon reviews as a sort of infant disease to which newborn books are subject *Georg C Lichtenberg*

REVOLUTION

5160 Revolutions are not made with rose water *Edward G Bulwer Lytton*

5161 A revolution is legality on vacation *Leon Blum*

5162 Few revolutionists would be such if they were heirs to a baronetcy *George Santayana*

5163 Revolution in politics an abrupt change in the form of misgovernment *Ambrose Bierce*

5164 Insurrection an unsuccessful revolution *Ibid*

5165 Revolutions are not made by men in spectacles *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

5166 With the exception of capitalism there is nothing so revolting as revolution *George Bernard Shaw*

RHETORIC

5167 That pestilent cosmetic rhetoric *Thomas Henry Huxley*

RHEUMATISM

5168 Much more is known about the stars than about rheumatism *Henry S Haskins*

RICH

5169 Rich people have no passions except that of hurt vanity *Stendhal*

5170 The rich should remember that when they reach heaven they will find Lazarus there and have to be polite to him *Josh Billings*

5171 It ain't so much trouble to get rich as it is to tell when we have got rich *Ibid*

5172 Many speak the truth when they say that they despise riches but they mean the riches possessed by other men *Charles C Colton*

5173 Whoever is rich is my brother *Russian Proverb*

5174 To teach rich men to enjoy life would mean to ask them to give money away which is difficult to say the least *Li Liweng*

5175 If a man is wise, he gets rich and if he gets rich, he gets foolish, or his wife does *Finley Peter Dunne*

5176 Some men's domestic troubles drive them to drink, others to labor. You read about a man becoming a millionaire and think he done it by his own exertions when it was the fear of coming home empty-handed and dislike of staying around the house all day that made him rich *Ibid*

5177 A rich man and an ashtray—the more they collect, the dirtier they get *Japanese Proverb*

- 5178 The rich never feel so good as when they are speaking of their possessions as responsibilities *Robert Lynd*
- 5179 The rich man and his daughter are soon parted *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5180 It must be great to be rich and let the other fellow keep up appearances *Ibid*
- 5181 God must love the poor said Lincoln or he wouldn't have made so many of them He must love the rich or he wouldn't divide so much mazuma among so few of them *H L Mencken*
- 5182 People who are hard grasping and always ready to take advantage of their neighbors become very rich *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5183 Man is the only animal which esteems itself rich in proportion to the number and voracity of its parasites *Ibid*
- 5184 What is the matter with the poor is poverty what is the matter with the rich is uselessness *Ibid*
- 5185 The rich have many consolations *Plato*
- 5186 The foolish sayings of a rich man pass for wise ones *Spanish Proverb*
- 5187 The difference between what is commonly called ordinary company and good company is only hearing the same things said in a little room or in a large salon at small tables or at great tables, before two candles or twenty sconces *Alexander Pope*
- 5188 A mere madness to live like a wretch and die rich *Robert Burton*
- 5189 A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone *Henry D Thoreau*
- 5190 A miser grows rich by seeming poor, an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich *William Shakespeare*
- 5191 It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 5192 When I wish I was rich, then I know I am ill *D H Lawrence*

RICH AND POOR

- 5193 God help the rich the poor can beg *James Howell*
- 5194 Only the rich preach content to the poor *Holbrook Jackson*

RIDING

- 5195 Riding a horse makes gentlemen of some and grooms of others *Miguel de Cervantes*

RIGHT

- 5196 Always do right, this will gratify some people and astonish the rest *Mark Twain*
- 5197 My speciality is being right when other people are wrong *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5198 If it be right to me, it is right *Max Sturmer*

5199 It's an odd thing about this universe that though we all disagree with each other, we are all of us always in the right *Logan Pearsall Smith*

RIGHT AND LEFT

5200 Noel Sullivan dropped in here with a witty line picked out of an editorial in a country newspaper 'My country right or left' *Lincoln Steffens*

5201 Women have a wonderful sense of right and wrong, but little sense of right and left *Don Herold*

RIGHT AND MIGHT

5202 The more might the more right *Plautus*

RIGHT AND WRONG

5203 Any preoccupation with ideas of what is right or wrong in conduct shows an arrested intellectual development *Oscar Wilde*

5204 It is easy to know and do right When in doubt, simply do whatever you least want to do *Anonymous*

RISING

5205 The worm was punished for early rising *John Godfrey Saxe*

5206 Who hath once the fame to be an early riser may sleep till noon *James Howell*

RISK

5207 *Asked if as a boy he had ever thought of the possibility he would grow up to be President* Yes but I just dismissed it as a normal risk that any red blooded American boy has to take *Adlai Stevenson*

5208 If a gentleman chooses to walk about with a couple of pounds of gunpowder in his pocket if I give him the shelter of my roof, I may at least be permitted to exclude him from the seat next the fire *Sir Walter Scott*

RIVALRY

5209 Anybody can win unless there happens to be a second entry *George Ade*

RIVER

5210 I've seen this river so wide that it had only one bank *Mark Twain*

5211 The river Nile is lower than it has been for 150 years This news will be chiefly interesting to parties who remember the former occasion *Ibid*

ROCKING CHAIR

5212 You will recall what Senator Dirksen said about the rocking chair—it gives you a sense of motion without any sense of danger *Jonn F Kennedy*

ROGUE

- 5213 When you are kissed by a rogue count your teeth immediately
Hebrew Proverb
- 5214 Society produces rogues, and education makes one rogue cleverer than another *Oscar Wilde*

ROMANCE

- 5215 When one is in love one always begins by deceiving oneself and one always ends by deceiving others That is what the world calls a romance *Oscar Wilde*
- 5216 The worst of having a romance is that it leaves you so unromantic *Ibid*
- 5217 There is no such thing as romance in our day, women have become too brilliant nothing spoils a romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman *Ibid*
- 5218 This fate is the newly married sir's
To think she's his and find he's hers *S H Dewhurst*
- 5219 One should always learn to love oneself that is the only lifelong romance *Gabriele D Annunzio*
- 5220 By the time you swear you're his,
shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is infinite,
undying—
Lady, make a note of this
One of you is lying *Dorothy Parker*

ROME

- 5221 If you live in Rome, don't quarrel with the Pope *French Proverb*

ROOSEVELT THEODORE

- 5222 Theodore if there is one thing more than another for which I admire you, it is your original discovery of the Ten Commandments *Thomas B Reed*
- 5223 A combination of St Paul and St Vitus *Ascribed to John Morley*

ROOSTER

- 5224 The rooster makes more racket than the hen that lays the egg *Joel Chandler Harris*

ROSE

- 5225 A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose *Gertrude Stein*

ROUTINE

- 5226 When one wakes up after daylight one should breakfast five hours after that, luncheon Six hours after luncheon dinner Thus one becomes dependent on the sun, which otherwise meddles too much in one's affairs and upsets the routine of work *Sir Winston Churchill*

- ROYALTY
- 5227 The court may be said to be a company of well bred fashionable
beggars *Lord Halifax*
- RUBBISH
- 5228 The idea of strictly minding our own business is moldy rubbish
Who could be so selfish? *Myrtle Barker*
- RUDE
- 5229 It seldom pays to be rude It never pays to be only half rude
Norman Douglas
- 5230 Rudeness is better than any argument it totally eclipses intellect
Arthur Schopenhauer
- RUIN
- 5231 The road to ruin is always in good repair, the travelers pay the
expense of it *Sir William Gurney Benham*
- RULER
- 5232 O Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers and grant, O
Lord that they may not act so we can't help it *Lyman Beecher*
- 5233 I have seen three emperors in their nakedness, and the sight was
not inspiring *Otto von Bismarck*
- RULES
- 5234 When I read some of the rules for speaking and writing the English
language correctly—as that a sentence must never end with a
participle—and perceive how implicitly even the learned obey it, I
think
Any fool can make a rule
And every fool will mind it *Henry D Thoreau*
- 5235 I have only three rules of life never do anything underhand, never
get your feet wet, go to bed at ten *Bishop William Stubbs*
- RUMOR
- 5236 She has a nice sense of rumor *John H Cutler*
- 5237 Rumor, that most efficient of press agents *Bruce Barton Jr*
- 5238 The secret was hushed about from place to place *L K Hogan*
- RUSSIA
- 5239 Despotism tempered by assassination that is our Magna Charta
Anonymous
- 5240 An anthill Utopia *Andre Gide*
- 5241 Russia is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma *Sir
Winston Churchill*
- 5242 A colossus of brass on a pedestal of clay *Joseph II of Austria*
- RUSSIAN
- 5243 A person with a Caucasian body and a Mongolian soul *Ambrose
Bierce*

- 5244 Scratch a Russian and you will wound a Tartar *Joseph de Maistre*
 5245 Russian is nothing but sneezing *Owen Meredith*
 5246 The Russian is clever, but always too late *Russian Proverb*
 5247 When it comes to laying cards on the table the Russians never play anything but clubs *Georges Bidault*

RUT

- 5248 You won't skid if you stay in a rut *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
 5249 The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions *Ellen Glasgow*

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SAILOR

- 5250 No man will be a sailor who has contrivance enough to get himself into a jail for being in a ship is being in a jail with the chance of being drowned. A man in a jail has more room, better food, and commonly better company. *Samuel Johnson*

SAINT

- 5251 Saint a dead sinner revised and edited *Ambrose Bierce*
 5252 Every saint has a bee in his halo *E V Lucas*
 5253 I admire the saints because they are such uncompromisingly difficult people to get on with. My brother always says that it's a happy bishop who hasn't got a saint in his diocese. *Aubrey Menen*
 5254 Many of the insights of the saint stem from his experience as a sinner. *Eric Hoffer*
 5255 The only difference between a saint and a sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. *Oscar Wilde*
 5256 A saint may be defined as a person of heroic virtue whose private judgment is privileged. *George Bernard Shaw*

SALARY

- 5257 It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it. *Upton Sinclair*

SALT

- 5258 Salt is what makes things taste bad when it isn't in them. *Anonymous*

SANDWICH

- 5259 A garlic sandwich is two pieces of bread traveling in bad company. *Denison Flamingo*

SANE

- 5260 Every man has a sane spot somewhere. *Robert Louis Stevenson*

SANTA CLAUS

- 5261** Retail merchants who are sharing in five billions of Christmas business will tell you emphatically that there is a Santa Claus *George Washburn*

SARCASM

- 5262** Sarcasm is the sour cream of wit *Anonymous*

SARONG

- 5263** A sarong is a simple garment carrying the implicit promise that it will not long stay in place *E B White*

SATIRE

- 5264** Satire an obsolete kind of literary composition in which the vices and follies of the author's enemies were expounded with imperfect tenderness *Ambrose Bierce*
- 5265** Satire lies about literary men while they live and eulogy lies about them when they die *Voltaire*
- 5266** Satire is a lonely and introspective occupation, for nobody can describe a fool to the life without much patient self inspection *Frank Moore Colby*
- 5267** Satire does not look pretty upon a tombstone *Charles Lamb*
- 5268** Satire is a sort of glass wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own *Jonathan Swift*

SATISFACTION

- 5269** There is no satisfaction in hanging a man who does not object to it *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5270** Satisfaction is a state of mind produced when you witness another person's discomfort *Anonymous*
- 5271** A person who is satisfied with what he has and what he hasn't is happy *Anonymous*
- 5272** A man who is always satisfied with himself is seldom satisfied with others *François de La Rochefoucauld*

SAUSAGE

- 5273** Everything has an end, except a sausage which has two *Danish Proverb*

SAVE

- 5274** Any young man with good health and a poor appetite can save up money *James Montgomery Bailey*

SAVING

- 5275** As an occupation in declining years, I declare I think saving is useful amusing and not unbecoming It must be a perpetual amusement It is a game that can be played by day, by night, at home and abroad, and at which you must win in the long run What an interest it imparts to life! *William M Thackeray*

SCANDAL

- 5276 Scandal is gossip made tedious by morality *Oscar Wilde*
- 5277 One should never make one's debut with a scandal one should reserve that to give interest to one's old age *Ibid*
- 5278 I love scandals about other people, but scandals about myself don't interest me they have not got the charm of novelty *Ibid*
- 5279 Scandal is merely the compassionate allowance which the gay make to the humdrum Think how many blameless lives are brightened by the blazing indiscretions of other people *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 5280 To most women art is a form of scandal *F Scott Fitzgerald*
- 5281 Gossips are frogs—they drink and talk *George Herbert*
- 5282 How far a little scandal throws its beams *Herbert V Prochnow*

SCHOLAR

- 5283 He never completed his History of Ephesus,
But his name got mentioned in numerous prefaces *W Cradde*
- 5284 Greek scholars are privileged men, few of them know Greek, and most of them know nothing else *George Bernard Shaw*

SCHOLARSHIP

- 5285 Scholarship is polite argument *Philip Rieff*

SCHOOL

- 5286 None of the teachers ever raised his voice None of the children ever lowered his except through hoarseness *Emily Hahn*
- 5287 I was happy as a child with my toys in the nursery I have been happier every year since I became a man But this interlude of school makes a somber gray patch upon the chart of my journey *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 5288 It used to take me all vacation to grow a new hide in place of the one they flogged off me during school term *Mark Twain*

SCHOOL BOARDS

- 5289 In the first place God made idiots this was for practice then he made school boards *Mark Twain*

SCIENCE

- 5290 Science increases our power in proportion as it lowers our pride *Claude Bernard*
- 5291 Science is a collection of successful recipes *Paul Valery*
- 5292 In everything that relates to science I am a whole encyclopedia behind the rest of the world *Charles Lamb*
- 5293 I could wish that in the next era of civilization the monkeys may get on top and begin shooting scientists into space *Anonymous*
- 5294 Scientists are men who prolong life so we can have time to pay for the gadgets they invent *Anonymous*

- 5295 Science is always wrong it never solves a problem without creating ten more *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5296 It was Einstein who made the real trouble He announced in 1905 that there was no such thing as absolute rest After that there never was *Stephen Leacock*
- 5297 The sciences are beneficent they prevent man from thinking *Anatole France*
- 5298 It is inexcusable for scientists to torture animals let them make their experiments on journalists and politicians *Henrik Ibsen*

SCOTCHMEN

- 5299 The noblest prospects which a Scotchman ever sees is the highroad that leads him to England *Samuel Johnson*
- 5300 Much may be made of a Scotchman if he be caught young *Ibid*
- 5301 There are few more impressive sights in the world than a Scotsman on the make *James M Barrie*
- 5302 It's a sure sign of summer when a Scotchman throws his Christmas tree away *Denison Flamingo*
- 5303 If the Scotch knew enough to go in when it rained, they would never get any outdoor exercise *Simeon Ford*
- 5304 I have been trying all my life to like Scotchmen, and am obliged to desist from the experiment in despair *Charles Lamb*
- 5305 A Scotsman nods his head for the same reason as a puppy chases its tail and expressed in terms of pure thought the nodding equals the chasing *Bruce Marshall*
- 5306 Some men live on credit but the Scotchman pays as he goes That is, unless he goes with somebody *Judge*

SCOUNDREL

- 5307 Every man over forty is a scoundrel *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5308 I have always thought respectable people scoundrels and I look anxiously at my face every morning for signs of my becoming a scoundrel *Bertrand Russell*

SEA

- 5309 Love the sea? I dote upon it—from the beach *Douglas Jerrold*

SEASICKNESS

- 5310 The only cure for seasickness is to sit on the shady side of an old brick church in the country *English Sailors Proverb*
- 5311 Nothing makes a man or woman look so saintly as seasickness *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 5312 You cannot eat your cake and have it too *Anonymous*

SECRET

- 5313 Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead *Benjamin Franklin*

- 5314 The only secret a woman can keep is the one she doesn't know
Arab Proverb
- 5315 A woman can keep one secret—the secret of her age *Voltaire*
- 5316 Actually most women keep secrets as well as men It just takes more women *Clyde Melton Jr*
- 5317 The reason we are so pleased to find out other people's secrets is that it distracts public attention from our own *Oscar Wilde*
- 5318 No man should have a secret from his wife she invariably finds it out *Ibid*
- 5319 There is something about a closet that makes a skeleton terribly restless *Wilson Mizner*
- 5320 None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them such persons covet secrets as a spendthrift covets money, for the purpose of circulation *Charles C Colton*
- 5321 Secrets are things we give to others to keep for us *Elbert Hubbard*

SELF CENTERED

- 5322 All self, yet he had so little self *W B Yeats*

SELF CONFIDENCE

- 5323 I have great faith in fools self confidence my friends call it *Edgar Allan Poe*

SELF DECEPTION

- 5324 When a mouse falls into a meal sack he thinks he is the miller himself *Dutch Proverb*

SELF DEFENSE

- 5325 That animal is very vicious when it is attacked it defends itself
French Proverb

SELF DENIAL

- 5326 Self denial is simply a method by which man arrests his progress
Oscar Wilde
- 5327 Self denial is not a virtue, it is only the effect of prudence on rascality *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5328 Self denial is indulgence of a propensity to forgo *Ambrose Bierce*

SELF ESTEEM

- 5329 Nothing is so soothing to our self esteem as to find our bad traits in our forebears It seems to absolve us *Van Wyck Brooks*
- 5330 Self esteem is the most valuable of the emotions *Frank Moore Colby*
- 5331 I am very willing to admit that I have some poetical abilities
Robert Burns
- 5332 When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package
John Ruskin

5333 If we could only see ourselves as others see us, we would never speak to them again *Anonymous*

SELF EVIDENT

5334 Self-evident evident to oneself and to nobody else *Ambrose Bierce*

SELF FLATTERY

5335 Without self-flattery there would be little pleasure in life *French Proverb*

SELF HELP

5336 Robinson had a servant even better than Friday his name was Crusoe *F W Nietzsche*

SELFISHNESS

5337 He that eats his fowl alone must saddle his horse alone *Spanish Proverb*

5338 Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live it is asking others to live as one wishes to live *Oscar Wilde*

5339 The same people who can deny others everything are famous for refusing themselves nothing *Leigh Hunt*

5340 As for the largest-hearted of us, what is the word we write most often in our checkbooks? Self' *Eden Phillpotts*

5341 What's yours is mine what's mine's my ain *Scottish Proverb*

5342 There's plenty of boys that will come hankering and gruvelling around when you've got an apple, and beg the core off you, but when they've got one, and you beg for the core, and remind them how you give them a core one time, they make a mouth at you, and say thank you most to death, but there ain't a-going to be no core *Mark Twain*

SELF JUDGMENT

5343 I don't know what a moron is,
And I don't give a damn
I'm thankful that I am not one—
My God, perhaps I am *Henry Pratt Fairchild*

SELF LOVE

5344 Self-love is the greatest of all flatterers *François de La Roche foucauld*

5345 None loves himself too little *Benjamin Whichcote*

SELF MADE

5346 Everybody likes and respects self-made men, it's a great deal better to be made that way than not to be made at all *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

5347 Self-made men are very apt to usurp the prerogative of the Almighty and overwork themselves *Edgar Wilson Nye*

5348 Self made men are most always apt to be a little too proud of the job *Josh Billings*

SELF PITY

5349 A capacity for self pity is one of the last things that any woman surrenders *Irvin S Cobb*

SELF-PRAISE

5350 If you wish in this world to advance
Your merits you're bound to enhance,
You must stir it and stump it,
And blow your own trumpet,
Or, trust me you haven't a chance *W S Gilbert*

5351 Self praise stinks *English Proverb*

5352 When you die your trumpeter will be buried *Thomas Fuller*

SELF-PRESERVATION

5353 In a narrow pass there is no borrower and no friend *Arab Proverb*

SELF RELIANCE

5354 Self reliance the name we give to the egotism of the man who succeeds *Elbert Hubbard*

5355 Let every vat stand upon its own bottom *William Bullein*

SELF RESPECT

5356 Self respect the secure feeling that no one, as yet, is suspicious *H L Mencken*

SELF RESTRAINT

5357 Self restraint feeling your oats without sowing them *Shannon Fife*

SELF SACRIFICE

5358 Self sacrifice is a thing that should be put down by law It is so demoralizing to the people for whom one sacrifices oneself *Oscar Wilde*

5359 Self sacrifice enables us to sacrifice other people without blushing *George Bernard Shaw*

5360 It is the self-sacrificing women that sacrifice others most recklessly *Ibid*

SELF-SATISFACTION

5361 There is nothing that makes a man more self-satisfied than a poor memory *Herbert V Prochnow*

SELLING

5362 Nothing is as irritating as the fellow that chats pleasantly while he's overcharging you *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

- SENATE
- 5363 About all I can say for the United States Senate up on the hill is that it opens with prayer and closes with an investigation *Will Rogers*
- 5364 Senate a body of elderly gentlemen charged with high duties and misdemeanors *Ambrose Bierce*
- 5365 If the distinguished Senator will allow me I will try to extricate him from his thoughts *Senator Eugene Millikin*

- SENSE
- 5366 It is a dangerous thing for a man to have more sense than his fellow citizens *C M Wieland*
- 5367 There is nobody so irritating as somebody with less intelligence and more sense than we have *Don Herold*
- 5368 The English have better sense than any other nation—and they are fools *Prince von Metternich*
- 5369 In the world a man will often be reputed to be a man of sense, only because he is not a man of talent *Sir Henry Taylor*
- 5370 Common sense is not so common *Voltaire*
- 5371 Nature makes boys and girls lovely to look upon so they can be tolerated until they acquire some sense *William Lyon Phelps*

- SENSES
- 5372 I never know whether to pity or congratulate a man on coming to his senses *William M Thackeray*

- SENSIBLE
- 5373 We think very few people sensible except those who agree with us *François de La Rochefoucauld*

- SENTENCE
- 5374 A man who takes half a page to say what can be said in a sentence will be damned *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*

- SENTIMENT
- 5375 It is as healthy to enjoy sentiment as to enjoy jam *G K Chesterton*

- SENTIMENTALITY
- 5376 A sentimentalist is simply one who desires to have the luxury of an emotion without paying for it *Oscar Wilde*
- 5377 Sentimentality is only sentiment that rubs you up the wrong way *W Somerset Maugham*
- 5378 Sentimentality—that's what we call the sentiment we don't share *Graham Greene*
- 5379 Sentimentally I am disposed to harmony, but organically I am incapable of a tune *Charles Lamb*
- 5380 It takes a lot of time to be sentimental *Don Herold*

SERIOUS

- 5381 Humanity takes itself too seriously It is the world's original sin
If the cavemen had known how to laugh, history would have been
different *Oscar Wilde*
- 5382 Seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow *Ibid*
- 5383 It is a curious fact that the worst work is always done with the best
intentions, and that people are never so trivial as when they take
themselves very seriously *Ibid*
- 5384 One must be serious about something if one wants to have any
amusement in life *Ibid*
- 5385 It is not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about the
important things The monkey wears an expression of seriousness
which would do credit to any college student, but the monkey is
serious because he itches *Robert M Hutchins*

SERMON

- 5386 Few sinners are saved after the first twenty minutes of a sermon
Mark Twain
- 5387 A good, honest and painful sermon *Samuel Pepys*

SERVANT

- 5388 She treated her hired girl like one of the family—so she quit
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 5389 Ladies and gentlemen are permitted to have friends in the kennel
but not in the kitchen *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5390 A good servant hears but doesn't hear He is nothing but eyes and
feet *J C F von Schiller*

SEVENTY

- 5391 I have achieved my seventy years in the usual way by sticking
strictly to a scheme of life which would kill anybody else *Mark
Twain*

SEVENTY FIVE

- 5392 My diseases are an asthma and a dropsy and, what is less curable,
seventy five *Samuel Johnson*

SEX

- 5393 In company with several other old ladies of both sexes *Charles
Dickens*
- 5394 The sexes are the first or are among the first, great experiments
in the social subdivision of labor *Samuel Butler*
- 5395 Amoebas at the start
Were not complex
They tore themselves apart
And started sex *Arthur Guterman*
- 5396 A woman never forgets her sex She would rather talk with a man
than an angel any day *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

5397 Breathes there a man with hide so tough
Who says two sexes aren't enough? *Samuel Goodman*

SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM

5398 Shakespeare never has six lines together without a fault *Samuel Johnson*

5399 Shakespeare was a dramatist of note who lived by writing things to quote *Henry Cuyler Bunner*

5400 Now we sit through Shakespeare in order to recognize the quotations *Oscar Wilde*

5401 With the single exception of Homer there is no eminent writer, not even Sir Walter Scott whom I can despise so entirely as I despise Shakespeare when I measure my mind against his *George Bernard Shaw*

5402 Now you who rhyme, and I who rhyme,
Have not we sworn it, many a time,
That we no more our verse would scrawl,
For Shakespeare he had said it all! *Richard Watson Gilder*

5403 To the King's Theater, where we saw *Midsummer Night's Dream* which I had never seen before nor shall ever again for it is the most insipid ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life *Samuel Pepys*

SHAW GEORGE BERNARD

5404 Bernard Shaw is an excellent man he has not an enemy in the world, and none of his friends like him *Oscar Wilde*

5405 The way Bernard Shaw believes in himself is very refreshing in these atheistic days when so many believe in no God at all *Israel Zangwill*

5406 If I were not a gloriously successful person in England they would have dismissed me as an Irishman and in America as a Socialist *George Bernard Shaw*

SHEEP

5407 He [Clement Attlee] is a sheep in sheep's clothing *Sir Winston Churchill*

SHIP

5408 For she is such a smart little craft,
Such a neat little, sweet little craft—
Such a bright little,
Tight little
Slight little,
Light little,
Trim little, slim little craft! *W S Gilbert*

5409 That packet of assorted miseries which we call a ship *Rudyard Kipling*

SHORT

- 5410 One of the finest accomplishments is making a long story short
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 5411 Personally, I like short words and vulgar fractions *Sir Winston Churchill*

SICK

- 5412 It is dainty to be sick if you have leisure and convenience for it
Ralph Waldo Emerson

SICKNESS

- 5413 The purse of the patient protracts his cure *Anonymous*
- 5414 On gout cherubims that have no legs and do nothing but stick their chins in a cloud and sing are never out of order *Horace Walpole*
- 5415 Drink wine and have the gout drink none and have the gout
Thomas Cogan

SILENCE

- 5416 The silent man is the best to listen to *Japanese Proverb*
- 5417 A closed mouth catches no flies *Miguel de Cervantes*
- 5418 I believe in the discipline of silence and could talk for hours about it
George Bernard Shaw
- 5419 It ain't a bad plan to keep still occasionally even when you know what you are talking about
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 5420 Silence is the unbearable repartee *G K Chesterton*
- 5421 A crowd like that can make a good deal of silence when they combine
Mark Twain
- 5422 Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute *Josh Billings*
- 5423 Silence is a still noise *Ibid*
- 5424 That man's silence is wonderful to listen to *Thomas Hardy*
- 5425 B'lessed are they who have nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it
James Russell Lowell
- 5426 He missed an invaluable opportunity to hold his tongue
Andrew Lang
- 5427 Keep quiet and people will think you a philosopher *Latin Proverb*
- 5428 Women like silent men They think they're listening
Marcel Achard
- 5429 Silence is the fool's wisdom *Spanish Proverb*

SIMILAR

- 5430 Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this that you are dreadfully like other people
James Russell Lowell
- 5431 We are all pretty much alike when we get out of town
Frank McKinney Hubbard

SIMPLE

- 5432 I adore simple pleasures they are the last refuge of the complex
Oscar Wilde
- 5433 All the books extolling the simple life are written by men *William Feather*

SIMPLICITY

- 5434 There is more simplicity in the man who eats caviar on impulse than in the man who eats grapenuts on principle *G K Chesterton*
- 5435 Out of intense complexities intense simplicities emerge *Sir Winston Churchill*

SIN

- 5436 That which we call sin in others is experiment for us *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 5437 It is much easier to repent of sins that we have committed than to repent of those we intend to commit *Josh Billings*
- 5438 Most women caress sin before embracing penitence *Bernard de Fontenelle*
- 5439 Sin is geographical *Bertrand Russell*
- 5440 Do not dwell on your sins David killed Uriah the Hittite for the sake of stealing his wife had Solomon by her, and everything went well *Henry S Haskins*
- 5441 Be careful, and you will save many men from the sin of robbing you *Edgar W Howe*
- 5442 No matter how hard the times get, the wages of sin are always liberal and on the dot *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5443 His face was filled with broken commandments *John Masefield*
- 5444 I am writing seven one act plays on the seven deadly sins You can find many of the sins right here in St Moritz *Thornton Wilder*
- 5445 We know we sin, and we're not happy unless there are bigger sinners to point to *Aubrey Menen*
- 5446 God may forgive you your sins, but your nervous system won't *Alfred Korzybski*

SINCERE

- 5447 It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5448 People are always sincere They change sincerities that's all *Tristan Bernard*

SINCERITY

- 5449 A little sincerity is a dangerous thing and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal *Oscar Wilde*
- 5450 It is a dangerous man who believes everything he says *Anony mous*

SINGING

- 5451 I see you have a singing face—a heavy dull sonata face *George Farquhar*
- 5452 The singing man keeps his shop in his throat *Thomas Fuller*
- 5453 The German imagines even God as a singer *F W Nietzsche*
- 5454 The requisites of a singer—a big chest a big mouth, ninety percent memory ten percent intelligence, lots of hard work and something in the heart *Enrico Caruso*

SINNER

- 5455 Only the sinner has a right to preach *Christopher Morley*
- 5456 There are only two kinds of men the righteous who believe themselves sinners the rest sinners, who believe themselves righteous *Blaise Pascal*
- 5457 Nothing makes one so vain as being told that one is a sinner *Oscar Wilde*
- 5458 The church saves sinners, but science seeks to stop their manufacture *Elbert Hubbard*
- 5459 Men who make no pretensions to being good on one day out of seven are called sinners *Mary Wilson Little*

SISTER

- 5460 Two heads are better than one but the man who said that did not know my sisters *Nicholas Murray Butler*

SIXTY

- 5461 Every year sees a man less easy to save At sixty all missionary effort is hopeless, it takes burning at the stake *Jean Paul Richter*
- 5462 After a man passes sixty, his mischief is mainly in his head *Edgar W Howe*

SKEPTIC

- 5463 A skeptic who turns dogmatist has decided it is high time to take it easy *Henry S Haskins*
- 5464 The only safe skeptic is one who was never exposed to faith in his infancy *H L Mencken*

SLANDER

- 5465 No listeners, no slanderers *French Proverb*
- 5466 The mouth of a cannon is safer than the mouth of a slanderer *Arab Proverb*

SLANG

- 5467 Slang is the speech of him who robs the literary garbage carts on their way to the dumps *Ambrose Bierce*
- 5468 Slang is the language that takes off its coat, spits on its hands and goes to work *Carl Sandburg*

SLEEP

- 5469 If you sleep till noon you have no right to complain that the days are short *Thomas Fuller*
- 5470 Sleeping all the morning makes it night till noon *Ibid*
- 5471 Lying in bed would be an altogether perfect and supreme experience if only one had a colored pencil long enough to draw on the ceiling *G K Chesterton*
- 5472 In sleep what difference is there between Solomon and a fool? *Henry George Bohn*
- 5473 No civilized person ever goes to bed the same day he gets up *Richard Harding Davis*
- 5474 He had insomnia so bad that he couldn't sleep when he was working *Arthur Bugs' Baer*
- 5475 Insomniacs don't sleep because they worry about it and they worry about it because they don't sleep *Franklin P Adams*
- 5476 It is no small art to sleep, to achieve it one must keep awake all day *F W Nietzsche*
- 5477 Sleep is the rest we need to keep from getting fed up with our selves *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 5478 Abolish sleep, as suggested and destroy the only few hours man lives above reproach *Anonymous*

SLOWNESS

- 5479 I have seen slower people than I am—and more deliberate and even quieter and more listless and lazier people than I am But they were dead *Mark Twain*
- 5480 Go slow because I am in a hurry *Italian Saying*

SMALL TOWN

- 5481 A small town is a place where a telegram is opened with prayer *Anonymous*
- 5482 A small town is one where there is no place to go that you shouldn't *Anonymous*

SMART

- 5483 The first dawn of smartness is to stop trying things you don't know anything about—especially if they run to anything over a dollar *Wilson Mizner*
- 5484 It takes a lot of things to prove you are smart, but only one thing to prove you are ignorant *Don Herold*

SMELL

- 5485 The flavor of frying bacon beats orange blossoms *Edgar W Howe*
- 5486 The real secret of class distinctions in the West is summed up in four frightful words the lower classes smell *George Orwell*

SMILE

- 5487 In came Mrs Fezziwig one vast substantial smile *Charles Dickens*
 5488 She had the mouth that smiles in repose *George Meredith*
 5489 A lot of men think that if they smile for a second somebody will
 take advantage of them, and they are right *Don Herold*
 5490 One may smile and smile, and be a villain *William Shakespeare*

SMITH

- 5491 Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith *Oliver Wendell
Holmes*

SMOKING

- 5492 It has always been my rule never to smoke when asleep and never
 to refrain when awake *Mark Twain*
 5493 To cease smoking is the easiest thing I ever did I ought to know
 because I've done it a thousand times *Ibid*
 5494 Wives can be trained to tolerate their husbands' smoking in bed
 That is the surest sign of a happy and successful marriage *Lin
Yutang*
 5495 Much smoking kills live men and cures dead swine *George D
Prentice*

SNAIL

- 5496 How ingenious an animal is a snail When it encounters a bad
 neighbor it takes up its house and moves away *Philemon*

SNAKE

- 5497 If you see a snake coming toward you in a jungle you have a right
 to be anxious If you see it coming down Park Avenue you're
 in trouble *Theodor Reik*

SNEEZE

- 5498 The autocrat of Russia possesses more power than any other man
 in the earth but he cannot stop a sneeze *Mark Twain*

SNOBBERY

- 5499 As the prig is bent so is the snob inclined *Anonymous*
 5500 Religious snobs talk about God as though nobody had ever heard
 of Him before *Russell Lynes*
 5501 When a Missourian stops calling it Mizzoura, he's getting upstage
Mary Margaret McBride
 5502 Now she is dead she greets Christ with a nod *Virginia Taylor
McCormuck*
 5503 Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors *Herbert
Agar*
 5504 I love Virginians because Virginians are all snobs and I like snobs
 A snob has to spend so much time being a snob that he has little
 time left to meddle with you *William Faulkner*

SNORING

- 5505 There ain't no way to find out why a snorer can't hear himself
snore *Mark Twain*
- 5506 Snoring is sleeping out loud *Anonymous*

SNOW

- 5507 The frolic architecture of the snow *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

SNUFF

- 5508 You abuse snuff! Perhaps it is the final cause of the human nose
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

SNUG

- 5509 Here Skugg
Lies snug
As a bug
In a rug *Benjamin Franklin (epitaph for a pet squirrel)*

SOCIALISM

- 5510 There are people who are socialists and rebels today and company
directors tomorrow Examples of reincarnation *Friedrich Hebbel*
- 5511 It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice I consider the
real vice is making losses *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 5512 Government of the duds by the duds and for the duds *Ibid*
- 5513 Socialism is a dead horse *Thorstein Veblen*

SOCIETY

- 5514 Society is composed of two great classes those who have more
dinners than appetite and those who have more appetite than
dinners *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 5515 To get into the best society nowadays one has either to feed people,
amuse people or shock people *Oscar Wilde*
- 5516 Other people are quite dreadful The only possible society is one
self *Ibid*
- 5517 To be in it [society] is merely a bore But to be out of it is simply
a tragedy *Ibid*
- 5518 Society has gone to the dogs a lot of nobodies talking about
nothing *Ibid*
- 5519 She tried to found a salon but only succeeded in opening a restau-
rant *Ibid*
- 5520 Society is a madhouse whose wardens are the officials and police
August Strindberg
- 5521 There are only two classes in good society in England the eques-
trian classes and the neurotic classes *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5522 Nature makes only dull animals, we owe the fool to society *Honore
de Balzac*
- 5523 Lions of society are tigers for publicity *Thomas Robert Dewar*

- 5524 There are only two classes in society those who get more than they earn and those who earn more than they get *Holbrook Jackson*
- 5525 People would not long remain in social life if they were not fooled by one another *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 5526 Society would be delighted were all women married and all men single *Edgar Saltus*
- 5527 Society is divided into two classes the shearers and the shorn *Ascribed to Charles M de Talleyrand-Perigord*

SOCRATES

- 5528 Socrates went around barefoot asking people to define their terms He taught that the good life consists in being good and that virtue is knowledge and knowledge is virtue *Will Cuppy*

SOLAR SYSTEM

- 5529 The solar system has no anxiety about its reputation *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

SOLDIER

- 5530 You can always tell an old soldier by the inside of his holsters and cartridge boxes The young ones carry pistols and cartridges the old ones, grub *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5531 When the military man approaches the world locks up its spoons and packs off its womankind *Ibid*
- 5532 It is the man who is afraid of the enemy's general staff that is a coward the man who is afraid of his own is merely an old soldier *Aubrey Menen*
- 5533 The combat infantry man should combine the arts of a successful poacher, a cat burglar and a gunman *Field Marshal Earl Wavell*
- 5534 The emperor sent his troops to the field with immense enthusiasm, he will lead them in person—when they return *Mark Twain*
- 5535 Soldiers win battles and generals get the credit *Napoleon I*

SOLEMNITY

- 5536 Solemnity is a trick of the body to hide the faults of the mind *François de La Rochefoucauld*

SOLITUDE

- 5537 Solitude is dangerous to reason without being favorable to virtue *Samuel Johnson*
- 5538 Solitude would be ideal if you could pick the people to avoid *Karl Kraus*
- 5539 Solitude is terrible even when drowning *Russian Proverb*
- 5540 Solitude is fine but you need someone to tell you that solitude is fine *Honore de Balzac*
- 5541 People who live to themselves are generally left to themselves *George Kelly*

- SOLUTION
- 5542 There is always a well-known solution to every human problem
—neat, plausible and wrong *H L Mencken*
- SON
- 5543 The owl always believes his son is a hawk *Hungarian Proverb*
- SONG
- 5544 Song the licensed medium for bawling in public things too silly or
sacred to be uttered in ordinary speech *Oliver Herford*
- 5545 Several thousands of people in this country cannot read or write
They devote themselves to writing our popular songs *Anonymous*
- SOPHISTICATION
- 5546 Sophistication knowing enough to keep your feet out of the crack
of the theater seat in front of you *Don Herold*
- SOPRANO
- 5547 She was a town and country soprano of the kind often used for
augmenting the grief at a funeral *George Ade*
- 5548 Most of them sound like they live on seaweed *Sir Thomas Beecham*
- SPACE AGE
- 5549 In the space age, man will be able to go around the world in two
hours—one hour for flying and the other to get to the airport
Neil McElroy
- SPAGHETTI
- 5550 No man is lonely while eating spaghetti—it requires so much atten-
tion *Christopher Morley*
- SPAIN
- 5551 There is nothing bad in Spain but that which speaks *Spanish
Proverb*
- SPEAKER
- 5552 A sophisticated rhetorician, mebrated with the exuberance of his
own verbosity *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 5553 Of all the substitutes a substitute speaker is worst *Frank McKinney
Hubbard*
- 5554 Second wind what a speaker gets when he says, "In Conclusion"
Anonymous
- 5555 The reason there are so few women after-dinner speakers is because
few can wait that long *Anonymous*
- 5556 One orator in a family nay even in a city, is enough *Cicero*
- 5557 When I was a boy I never had much sympathy for a holiday speaker
He was just a kind of interruption between the hot dog and find-
ing a fly in the lemonade *Adlai Stevenson*

SPECIALIST

5558 No man can be a pure specialist without being in a strict sense an idiot *George Bernard Shaw*

SPEECH

5559 It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech *Mark Twain*

5560 It is my custom to keep on talking until I get the audience cowed *Ibid*

5561 He could charm an audience an hour on a stretch without ever getting rid of an idea *Ibid*

5562 You know very well that after a certain age a man has only one speech *George Bernard Shaw*

5563 Of course sometimes it is not possible to prepare an address fully, but it is much better to do so even if you intend to speak extemporaneously *Robert A Taft*

5564 And 'tis remarkable that they
Talk most who have the least to say *Matthew Prior*

5565 Churchill was always rewriting his speeches until he had to give them But that's where my similarity to Churchill ends *Adlai Stevenson*

5566 The difference between a political campaign speech and an appearance is twenty minutes *Ibid*

5567 No speech can be entirely bad if it is short *Anonymous*

5568 The speaker had a two second idea a two minute vocabulary, and a two hour speech *Anonymous*

5569 Men can rise to the occasions, but few know when to sit down *Anonymous*

5570 A good speech has a good beginning and a good ending, both of which are kept close together *Anonymous*

5571 The human brain is a wonderful thing It starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public *Anonymous*

5572 I don't know whether Phoebus fled from the dinner table of Thyestes at any rate Ligurinus, we fell from yours Splendid, in deed, it is, and magnificently supplied with good things, but when you recite you spoil it all I don't want you to set before me a turbot or a two pound mullet I don't want your mushrooms or your oysters I want you to keep your mouth shut! *Martial*

5573 Nothing produces such an effect as a good platitude *Oscar Wilde*

5574 He knew the precise psychological moment when to say nothing *Ibid*

5575 Three things matter in a speech who says it how he says it and what he says—and, of the three the last matters the least *John Morley*

- 5576 There is only one rule for being a good talker learn to listen
Christopher Morley
- 5577 No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn
next *Edgar W Howe*
- 5578 Even the weariest river
Winds somewhere safe to sea *Algernon Charles Swinburne*
- 5579 It is an inflexible rule of mine not to make impromptu speeches with
out good warning As Lord Goddard said, they are not worth
the paper they are written on *E Horsfall Turner*
- 5580 Gentlemen, you have just been listening to that Chinese sage On
Too Long *Will Rogers*
- 5581 I made if I may say so the best speech of my life It consisted of
exactly twelve words *Prince Philip*
- 5582 It is my invariable custom to say something flattering to begin with
so that I shall be excused if by any chance I put my foot in it
later on *Ibid*
- 5583 In the normal way, I am not noticeably reticent about talking of
things about which I know nothing *Ibid*
- 5584 If you don't say anything you won't be called on to repeat it
Calvin Coolidge
- 5585 Why doesn't the fellow who says 'I'm no speechmaker let it go
at that instead of giving a demonstration *Frank McKinney Hub-
bard*
- 5586 The person that always says just what he thinks at last gets just
what he deserves *Austin O Malley*
- 5587 One finds also a kind of sincerity in his [William Wordsworth's]
speech But for prolixity, thinness endless dilution, it excels all the
other speech I had heard from mortals *Thomas Carlyle*
- 5588 I believe I shall never be old enough to speak without embarrass-
ment when I have nothing to talk about *Abraham Lincoln*
- 5589 Monkeys very sensibly refrain from speech, lest they should be
set to earn their livings *Kenneth Grahame*
- 5590 Mischief all comes from much opening of the mouth *Chinese
Proverb*
- 5591 Speech making is exactly like childbirth You are so glad to get
it over with *John Barrymore*

SPELLING

- 5592 A man occupied with public or other important business cannot,
and need not attend to spelling *Napoleon I*
- 5593 She even makes mistakes in spelling, and in my opinion that's
essential in a woman *Auguste Renoir*
- 5594 It is a pity that Chawcer, who had geneyus, was so uneducated, he's
the wuss speller I know of *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

SPENDING

- 5595 The advantage of keeping family accounts is clear. If you do not keep them, you are uneasily aware of the fact that you are spending more than you are earning. If you do keep them, you know it.
Robert Benchley

SPINACH

- 5596 I don't like spinach and I'm glad I don't because if I liked it I'd eat it, and I'd just hate it.
Clarence Darrow
- 5597 Spinach is the broom of the stomach.
French Proverb

SPORT

- 5598 It is no accomplishment in afterlife to be an ex-football player.
Paul Gallico
- 5599 College football today is one of the last great strongholds of genuine old-fashioned American hypocrisy.
Ibid
- 5600 When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport; when a tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity.
George Bernard Shaw
- 5601 The only athletic sport I ever mastered was backgammon.
Douglas Jerrold
- 5602 The only active sport which I follow is polo—and most of the work is done by the pony!
Prince Philip
- 5603 For most of us ice skating is a sedentary sport.
Herbert V Prochnow
- 5604 When better predictions are made, sports writers won't make them.
Judge
- 5605 When I was forty my doctor advised me that a man in his forties shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached fifty to start again.
Hugo Black

SPOTLESS

- 5606 The graveyards are full of women whose houses were so spotless you could eat off the floor. Remember the second wife always has a maid.
Heloise Cruse

SPRING

- 5607 The best thing you can do for spring fever is absolutely nothing.
Herbert V Prochnow
- 5608 Spring has set in with its usual severity.
Horace Walpole
- 5609 In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns—and turns—and turns.
Helen Rowland
- 5610 Spring makes everything young again except man.
Jean Paul Richter
- 5611 In spring nature gives all vegetation the green signal.
Anonymous

SPYING

- 5612 Spying is a fine thing; you get the enjoyments of a thief and still remain an honest man.
Johann Nestroy

- SQUINTING
- 5613** How is it that animals do not squint? Is this another prerogative of the human species? *Georg C Lichtenberg*
- STAMP
- 5614** Consider the postage stamp its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there *Josh Billings*
- STATESMAN
- 5615** A constitutional statesman is in general a man of common opinions and uncommon abilities *Walter Bagehot*
- 5616** A great statesman, like a good housekeeper knows that cleaning has to be done every morning *Andre Maurois*
- 5617** For a statesman any schoolchild knows that hot air rises to the top *F Scott Fitzgerald*
- 5618** A statesman is a politician who is held upright by equal pressure from all directions *Eric Johnston*
- 5619** The statesman shears the sheep, the politician skins them *Austin O Malley*
- 5620** You can always get the truth from an American statesman after he has turned seventy or given up all hope of the Presidency *Wendell Phillips*
- 5621** People are so much nicer to you in other countries than they are at home At home, you always have to be a politician when you're abroad, you almost feel yourself a statesman *Harold Macmillan*
- 5622** A statesman is a successful politician who is dead *Thomas B Reed*
- 5623** A statesman thinks he belongs to the nation, but a politician thinks the nation belongs to him *Anonymous*
- 5624** A politician is a person with whose politics you don't agree, if you agree with him he is a statesman *David Lloyd George*
- 5625** Almost all ministers are liars Talleyrand is their corporal, next come Castlereagh, Metternich Hardenberg *Napoleon I*
- 5626** In statesmanship get the formalities right never mind about the moralities *Mark Twain*
- 5627** A ginooine statesman should be on his guard
Ef he must hev beliefs, not to b'lieve 'em tu hard *James Russell Lowell*
- 5628** Honest statesmanship is the wise employment of individual meanness for the public good *Abraham Lincoln*
- 5629** Neither of his colleagues can compare with him [Sir Stafford Cripps] in that acuteness of energy of mind with which he devotes himself to so many topics injurious to the strength and welfare of the State *Sir Winston Churchill*
- STATISTICS
- 5630** He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts—for support rather than for illumination *Andrew Lang*

- 5631 Statistics are mendacious truths *Lionel Strachey*
 5632 Statistics are like alienists—they will testify for either side *Fiorello H La Guardia*
 5633 There are three kinds of lies lies, damned lies and statistics *Anonymous*

STENOGRAPHER

- 5634 A stenographer is a girl who learns to type on your time while she is waiting for a chance to get married *Anonymous*

STICK

- 5635 A stick in the hand is better than a tongue in the mouth *Yiddish Proverb*

STILL

- 5636 Some men are born great some achieve greatness and others just keep still *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

ST LOUIS

- 5637 The first time I ever saw St Louis I could have bought it for six million dollars, and it was the mistake of my life that I did not do it *Mark Twain*

STIMULUS

- 5638 Well washed and well-combed domestic pets grow dull they miss the stimulus of fleas *Francis Galton*

STOCKBROKER

- 5639 With an evening coat and a white tie, even a stockbroker can gain a reputation for being civilized *Oscar Wilde*

STOMACH

- 5640 A stomach that is seldom empty despises common food *Horace*
 5641 It's a strong stomach that has no turning *Addison Mizner*
 5642 When the stomach speaks, wisdom is silent *Arab Proverb*

STOP

- 5643 The hardest thing to stop is a temporary chairman *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

STORK

- 5644 The only bird that gives the poor a real tumble is the stork *Wilson Mizner*
 5645 About the only thing we have left that actually discriminates in favor of the plain people is the stork *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

STORY

- 5646 There are people who take more time to tell a story than it took for it to happen They are the lords of boredom *Ludwig Borne*
 5647 If you wish to lower yourself in a person's favor one good way is to tell his story over again, the way you heard it *Mark Twain*

- 5648 I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories *Washington Irving*
- 5649 The fellow that tells a good story always has to listen to a couple of poor ones *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

STRADDLING

- 5650 Straddling an issue is like straddling the middle of the road You are liable to be hit from both sides *Herbert V Prochnow*

STRANGER

- 5651 My time is taken up answering letters of strangers What does possess strangers to write so many letters? I never could find that out However, I suppose I did it myself when I was a stranger *Mark Twain*
- 5652 These three are always strangers death, a son-in law and a nephew *Hindu Proverb*

STRAWBERRY

- 5653 Doubtless God could have made a better berry but doubtless God never did *Ascribed to William Butler or Boteler*

STRIKE

- 5654 Each big strike is settled—on the consumers *Anonymous*

STUDENT

- 5655 His studies were pursued but never effectually overtaken *H G Wells*
- 5656 A student is not a professional athlete He is not a little politician or junior senator looking for angles an amateur promoter, a gladhander embryo Rotarian cafe-society leader quiz kid or man about town A student is a person who is learning to fulfill his powers and to find ways of using them in the service of mankind *Harold Taylor*
- 5657 He who devotes sixteen hours a day to hard study may become as wise at sixty as he thought himself at twenty *Mary Wilson Little*

STUPID

- 5658 Ordinarily he was insane but he had lucid moments when he was merely stupid *Heinrich Heine*
- 5659 The only thing that ever consoles a man for the stupid things he does is the praise he always gives himself for doing them *Oscar Wilde*
- 5660 He was born stupid and greatly increased his birthright *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 5661 Dumb and cheerful That's a combination often seen so often that one suspects a connection As close as cause and effect, apparently *Lincoln Steffens*
- 5662 The cuckoos imitate the clock to perfection *Alice James*
- 5663 There are people whose only merit consists in saying and doing

stupid things at the right time, and who ruin all if they change their manners *François de La Rochefoucauld*

- 5664** It is better to be stupid like everybody than clever like none *Anatole France*
- 5665** Platitudes are the Sundays of stupidity *Anonymous*
- 5666** Stupidity would be very charming if it only had better manners *Anonymous*
- 5667** Man has made use of his intelligence he invented stupidity *Remy de Gourmont*
- 5668** Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped *Elbert Hubbard*
- 5669** Rascality has limits stupidity has not *Napoleon I*

STYLE

- 5670** This bombastic style has marked all English official utterance for many years Some of its masterpieces are famous—for example, the sign reading ‘These basins are for casual ablutions only,’ formerly hanging in the men’s washroom of the British Museum *H L Mencken*
- 5671** It may have been all right for Stevenson to ‘play the sedulous ape’ and consciously imitate the style of Hazlitt Lamb Montaigne and the rest but if the rest of us were to try it there would result a terrible plague of unsufferably artificial and affected authors all playing the sedulous ape and all looking the part *Robert Benchley*
- 5672** Women’s styles may change but their designs remain the same *Oscar Wilde*
- 5673** His style is chaos illumined by flashes of lightning As a writer he has mastered everything except language *Ibid*
- 5674** Stroke a platitude until it purrs like an epigram *Don Marquis*

SUBSIDY

- 5675** Subsidy a formula for handing you back your own money with a flourish that makes you think it’s a gift *Jo Bingham*

SUBSTITUTE

- 5676** The only successful substitute for brains is silence *Herbert V Prochnow*

SUCCESS

- 5677** Nothing makes a man so cross as success, or so soon turns a pleasant friend into a captious acquaintance *Anthony Trollope*
- 5678** Success is a poison that should only be taken late in life and then only in small doses *Ibid*
- 5679** Success is the necessary misfortune of life, but it is only to the very unfortunate that it comes early *Ibid*
- 5680** There is always something about your success that displeases even your best friends *Oscar Wilde*

- 5681** The secret of success in life is known only to those who have not succeeded *John Churton Collins*
- 5682** How can they say my life is not a success? Have I not for more than sixty years got enough to eat and escaped being eaten? *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 5683** On the door to success it says push and pull *Yiddish Proverb*
- 5684** Even a stopped clock is right twice every day After some years, it can boast of a long series of successes *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*
- 5685** The successes of the day belong to bold mediocrity *Ibid*
- 5686** Everything bows to success even grammar *Victor Hugo*
- 5687** Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others thrust greatness upon themselves *Boston Post*
- 5688** I dread success To have succeeded is to have finished one's business on earth like the male spider, who is killed by the female the moment he has succeeded in his courtship *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5689** Success covers a multitude of blunders *Ibid*
- 5690** If at first you do succeed don't take any more chances *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5691** Success may go to one's head but the stomach is where it gets in its worst work *Ibid*
- 5692** There is nothing that fails like success *G K Chesterton*
- 5693** The essence of success is that it is never necessary to think of a new idea oneself It is far better to wait until somebody else does it, and then to copy him in every detail, except his mistakes *Aubrey Menen*
- 5694** Success makes us intolerant of failure and failure makes us intolerant of success *William Feather*
- 5695** If A equals success then the formula is A equals X plus Y plus Z X is work Y is play Z is keep your mouth shut *Albert Einstein*
- 5696** Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside *Mark Twain*
- 5697** All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence and then success is sure *Ibid*
- 5698** The road to success is filled with women pushing their husbands along *Thomas Robert Dewar*
- 5699** The best way to get on in the world is to make people believe it's to their advantage to help you *Jean de La Bruyere*
- 5700** The hard part of making good is that you must do it over every day *Vancouver Post*
- 5701** Success makes a fool seem wise *Henry George Bohn*
- 5702** The gent who wakes up and finds himself a success hasn't been asleep *Wilson Mizner*
- 5703** Be awful nice to 'em goin' up, because you're gonna meet 'em all comin' down *Jimmy Durante*

- 5704** There is an old motto that runs "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. This is nonsense. It ought to read 'If at first you don't succeed, quit, quit at once.'" *Stephen Leacock*
- 5705** The end of hope *Anonymous*
- 5706** The penalty of success is to be bored by the attentions of people who formerly snubbed you *Mary Wilson Little*
- 5707** Nothing recedes like success *Walter Winchell*
- 5708** The men who pass most comfortably through the world are those who possess good digestion and hard hearts *Harriet Martineau*
- 5709** A successful man is one who earns more than his wife can possibly spend. A successful woman is the wife who manages to spend it all the same *Sacha Guitry*

SUCCESS AND FAILURE

- 5710** From the Taoist point of view, an educated man is one who believes he has not succeeded when he has, but is not so sure he has failed when he fails *Lin Yutang*

SUCKER

- 5711** Never give a sucker an even break *American Proverb made popular by Texas Guinan*

SUMMER

- 5712** An English summer—two fine days and a thunderstorm *Michael Denham*
- 5713** Heat ma'am! It was so dreadful here that I found there was nothing left for it but to take off my flesh and sit in my bones *Sydney Smith*

SUN

- 5714** Thank heavens! The sun has gone in, and I don't have to go out and enjoy it *Logan Pearsall Smith*

SUNDAY

- 5715** There are many persons who look on Sunday as a sponge to wipe out the sins of the week *Henry Ward Beecher*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 5716** A Sunday school is a prison in which children do penance for the evil conscience of their parents *H. L. Mencken*

SUNSET

- 5717** Nobody of any real culture ever talks nowadays about the beauty of the sunset. Sunsets are quite old-fashioned *Oscar Wilde*

SUPERFICIAL

- 5718** It is only the superficial qualities that last. Man's deeper nature is soon found out *Oscar Wilde*

SUPERFLUOUS

- 5719** The superfluous is very necessary *Voltaire*

5720 A superiority complex quite often outlives the condition that brought it into existence *Arthur Stringer* SUPERIORITY

5721 Supper, she used to say was one of the four ends of man, and what the other three were she could never remember *Lytton Strachey* SUPPER

5722 No matter whether the Constitution follows the flag or not, the Supreme Court follows the election returns *Finley Peter Dunne* SUPREME COURT

5723 The best surgeon is he that has been well hacked himself *Thomas Fuller* SURGERY

5724 Surgery by far the worst snob among the handicrafts *Austin O Malley*

5725 Opinion surveys people who don't matter reporting on opinions that do matter *John A Lincoln* SURVEY

5726 He sat on the edge of his suspense *Warwick Deeping* SUSPENSE

5727 It is a miserable thing to live in suspense, it is the life of a spider *Jonathan Swift*

5728 Mankind had rather suspect something than to know it *Josh Billings* SUSPICION

5729 The less we know the more we suspect *Ibid*

5730 When we say we are certain so-and-so can't possibly have done it, what we mean is that we think he very likely did *Logan Pearsall Smith*

5731 Nothing can happen but the suspicious man believes that somebody did it on purpose *Robert Lynd*

5732 If you would avoid suspicion, do not lace your shoes in a melon field *Chinese Proverb*

5733 As he knew not what to say, he swore *Lord Byron* SWEARING

5734 Many a man's profanity has saved him from a nervous breakdown *Anonymous*

5735 Sweets to the sweet have made much business for dentists *Anonymous* SWEET

5736 Sweet appears sour when we pay *James Howell*

5737 Good God! What a genius I had when I wrote that book! *Jonathan Swift* SWIFT, JONATHAN

SWITZERLAND

5738 I look upon Switzerland as an inferior sort of Scotland *Sydney Smith*

SYMPATHIZER

5739 A sympathizer is a fellow that's for you as long as it doesn't cost anything *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

5740 We are so fond of each other because our ailments are the same *Jonathan Swift*

SYSTEM

5741 Philosophical syntheses and ethical systems are only possible in armchair moments. They are seen to be meaningless as soon as we get into a bus with a dirty baby and a crowd *T E Hulme*

5742 What's the use of inventing a better system as long as there just aren't enough folks with sense to go around! *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

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TABLOID

5743 A newspaper with a permanent crime wave *Anonymous*

TACT

5744 Tact consists in knowing how far to go too far *Jean Cocteau*

5745 Tact—the ability to describe others as they see themselves *Abraham Lincoln*

5746 Women and foxes, being weak, are distinguished by superior tact *Ambrose Bierce*

TAILOR

5747 They say that it takes nine tailors to make a man—apparently, one is sufficient to ruin him *Sir Walter Scott*

TALE

5748 A tale never loses in the telling *James Kelly*

5749 Dead men tell no tales *Carolyn Wells*

5750 A good storyteller is a person who has a good memory and hopes other people haven't *Irvin S Cobb*

TALENT

5751 In the battle of existence, Talent is the punch, Tact is the clever footwork *Wilson Mizner*

5752 He had every talent save that of using his talents *Sir Richard Burton*

5753 It always seemed to me a sort of clever stupidity only to have one sort of talent—like a carrier pigeon *George Eliot*

5754 Talent is an infinite capacity for imitating genius *Anonymous*

- TALK
- 5755 Look out for the fellow who lets you do all the talking *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5756 A woman, generally speaking, is generally speaking *Anonymous*
- 5757 Great talkers are so constituted that they do not know their own thoughts until on the tide of their particular gift, they hear them issuing from their mouths *Thornton Wilder*
- 5758 The time has come the Walrus said,
To talk of many things
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings ' *Lewis Carroll*
- 5759 Wise men talk because they have something to say, fools because they have to say something *Plato*
- 5760 Women cure all their sorrows by talking *Jean Paul Richter*
- 5761 Great talker great liar *French Proverb*
- 5762 Talking is the disease of age *Ben Jonson*
- 5763 I am most fond of talking and thinking, that is to say talking first and thinking afterward *Osbert Sitwell*
- 5764 He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument *William Shakespeare*

TASTE

- 5765 Good taste is better than bad taste, but bad taste is better than no taste at all *Arnold Bennett*
- 5766 Every man to his own poison *American Proverb*
- 5767 The American public's taste is impeccable They like me *Noel Coward*

TATTOO

- 5768 Tattoo artists a durable breed of craftsmen whose interests in mankind may be only skin deep, but whose impressions usually last a lifetime *Gay Talese*

TAUGHT

- 5769 The human mind is full of curiosity but it don't love to be taught *Josh Billings*
- 5770 Personally I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught *Sir Winston Churchill*

TAVERNS

- 5771 Taverns are places where madness is sold by the bottle *Jonathan Swift*

TAXES

- 5772 All money nowadays seems to be produced with a natural homing instinct for the Treasury *Prince Philip*

- 5773 The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing
Jean Baptiste Colbert
- 5774 Was it Napoleon who said that he found vices very good patriots? 'I got five million from the love of brandy and I should be glad to know which of the virtues could pay me as much' *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 5775 Protect the birds The dove brings peace and the stork brings tax exemptions *Anonymous*
- 5776 The higher taxes go, the sharper the voter grinds his ax *Anonymous*
- 5777 A tax cut is the kindest cut of all *Anonymous*
- 5778 Count that day won when, turning on its axis
This earth imposes no additional taxes *Franklin P Adams*
- 5779 In levying taxes and in shearing sheep it is well to stop when you get down to the skin *Austin O Malley*
- 5780 The thing generally raised on city land is taxes *Charles Dudley Warner*
- 5781 We owe it to our country to pay our taxes without murmuring, the time to get in our fine work is on the valuation *Edgar Wilson Nye*

TAXICABS

- 5782 Everything comes to him who waits for taxicabs on rainy days—
except taxicabs *Judge*

TAXIDERMIST

- 5783 What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector?
The taxidermist takes only your skin *Mark Twain*

TEA

- 5784 English afternoon tea is an affront to luncheon and an insult to dinner *Mark Twain*

TEACHER

- 5785 A teacher should be sparing of his smile *William Cowper*
- 5786 He who can does He who cannot, teaches *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5787 I had out of my sixty teachers, a scant half dozen who couldn't have been supplanted by phonographs *Don Herold*
- 5788 The vanity of teaching often tempts a man to forget he is a block-head *Lord Halifax*
- 5789 Everybody who is incapable of learning has taken to teaching *Oscar Wilde*
- 5790 I can easier teach twenty that were good to be done than be one of the twenty to follow my own teaching *William Shakespeare*
- 5791 The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher *Elbert Hubbard*

TEARS

- 5792 She is on the verge of tears, her favorite perch *Robert E Sherwood*
- 5793 Oh! would I were dead now
Or up in my bed now
To cover my head now
And have a good cry! *Thomas Hood*
- 5794 The most effective water power in the world—women's tears
Wilson Mizner
- 5795 Some people have to work very hard for a tear Others can have
them just for the thinking *Paul Bowles*
- 5796 Every woman is wrong until she cries, and then she is right, in
stantly *Thomas C Haliburton*
- 5797 Drying a widow's tears is one of the most dangerous occupations
known to man *Dorothy Dix*

TEETH

- 5798 The best of friends fall out and so
His teeth had done some years ago *Thomas Hood*
- 5799 Poor teeth have become the badge of civilization *C C and S M Furnas*
- 5800 Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal one was
that they escaped teething *Mark Twain*

TEETOTALISM

- 5801 Habitual teetotalers There should be asylums for such people But
they would probably relapse into teetotalism as soon as they came
out *Samuel Butler*

TELEPHONE

- 5802 The telephone is the greatest nuisance among conveniences, the
greatest convenience among nuisances *Robert Lynd*
- 5803 There is something about saying "OK" and hanging up the receiver
with a bang that kids a man into feeling that he has just pulled off a
big deal even if he has only called up central to find out the
correct time *Robert Benchley*
- 5804 A woman reaches for a chair when she answers the telephone
Anonymous
- 5805 Never answer a telephone that rings before breakfast It is sure to
be one of three types of persons that is calling a strange man in
Minneapolis who has been up all night and is phoning collect a
salesman who wants to come over and demonstrate a new, patented
combination Dictaphone and music box that also cleans rugs, or a
woman out of one's past *James Thurber*
- 5806 Well, if I called the wrong number, why did you answer the phone?
Ibid

- 5807 We can hardly realize now the blissful quietude of the pre telephone epoch *Norman Douglas*
- 5808 In heaven when the blessed use the telephone they will say what they have to say and not a word besides *W Somerset Maugham*
- 5809 The telephone is a wonderful instrument It connects you with so many strangers *Judge*

TELEVISION

- 5810 It is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time, and yet remain lone some *T S Eliot*
- 5811 There are days when any electrical appliance in the house including the vacuum cleaner, seems to offer more entertainment possibilities than the TV set *Harnet Van Horne*
- 5812 I hate television I hate it as much as peanuts But I can't stop eating peanuts *Orson Welles*
- 5813 Television chewing gum for the eyes *Frank Lloyd Wright*
- 5814 Television radio with eyestrain *Anonymous*

TEMPER

- 5815 He owned and operated a ferocious temper *T R Ybarra*

TEMPERAMENT

- 5816 The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs *G K Chesterton*

TEMPERANCE

- 5817 Temperate temperance is best Intemperate temperance injures the cause of temperance *Mark Twain*
- 5818 Abstinence makes the head grow clearer *Anonymous*

TEMPTATION

- 5819 Fastidiousness is the ability to resist a temptation in the hope that a better one will come along *Oscar Wilde*
- 5820 I can resist everything except temptation *Ibid*
- 5821 Why resist temptation—there will always be more *Don Herold*
- 5822 Though it be false and mischievous to speak of hereditary vice, it is most true and wise to observe the mysterious fact of hereditary temptation *Walter Bagehot*
- 5823 There are several good protections against temptation but the surest is cowardice *Mark Twain*
- 5824 The man who has never been tempted don t know how dishonest he is *Josh Billings*
- 5825 Many men have too much will power
It's won t power they lack *John A Shedd*
- 5826 There are temptations that require all of one's strength to yield to
Elbert Hubbard

- 5827 Never resist temptation prove all things hold fast that which is good *George Bernard Shaw*
- 5828 A strong box with the door open will tempt even a bishop *Slovenian Proverb*

TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 5829 Decalogue a series of commandments ten in number—just enough to permit an intelligent selection for observance, but not enough to embarrass the choice *Ambrose Bierce*
- 5830 His face was filled with broken commandments *John Masefield*
- 5831 I know a fellow who s as broke as the Ten Commandments *John P Marquand*

TENOR

- 5832 His voice was like the distressing noise which a nail makes when you screech it across a windowpane *Mark Twain*

TESTIMONIAL

- 5833 For \$10 000 I d endorse an opium pipe *Fanny Brice*

TEXAS

- 5834 If I owned Hell and Texas I d rent out Texas and live in Hell *Philip Henry Sheridan*
- 5835 I like the story doubtless antique that I heard near San Antonio A child asks a stranger where he comes from whereupon his father rebukes him gently 'Never do that son If a man's from Texas he'll tell you If he s not why embarrass him by asking?' *John Gunther*
- 5836 Texas is one great windy lunatic *Socrates Hyacinth*

THANKSGIVING

- 5837 My dame feeds her hens with mere thanks and they laid no eggs *Thomas Fuller*
- 5838 We thank Thee Lord for giving us
Thy gift of bread and meat
We thank Thee too—a little more—
That we are here to eat! *Leverett Lyon*
- 5839 Some people always sigh in thanking God *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

THEATER

- 5840 When you re a young man Macbeth is a character part When you're older it s a straight part *Str Laurence Olivier*
- 5841 A first night was notoriously distracting owing to the large number of people who stand about looking famous *Denis Mackail*
- 5842 He doesn t act on the stage—he behaves *Oscar Wilde*
- 5843 The utmost I can bear for myself in my best days is that I was one of the hundred best playwrights in the world, which is hardly a supreme distinction *George Bernard Shaw*

- 5844 Go on writing plays my boy One of these days one of these London producers will go into his office and say to his secretary, Is there a play from Shaw this morning? and when she says No he will say Well then we'll have to start on the rubbish' And that's your chance, my boy *Ibid*
- 5845 The play left a taste of lukewarm parsnip juice *Alexander Woollcott*
- 5846 In Connecticut the people don't lock the barn door after the horse is stolen They open a summer theater *Judge*
- 5847 In the theater a hero is one who believes that all women are ladies, a villain one who believes that all ladies are women *George Jean Nathan*
- 5848 Mr —— writes his plays for the ages—the ages between five and twelve *Ibid*
- 5849 A play should give you something to think about When I see a play and understand it the first time then I know it can't be much good *T S Eliot*
- 5850 A good many inconveniences attend playgoing in any large city, but the greatest of them is usually the play itself *Kenneth Tynan*
- 5851 A low trick I hate to stoop to is tying and untying my shoelaces It seems to fascinate audiences probably because so many women in the audience have their shoes off or wish they did *Edward Everett Horton*
- 5852 Audiences? No the plural is impossible Whether it is in Butte, Montana, or Broadway it's an audience The same great hulking monster with four thousand eyes and forty thousand teeth *John Barrymore*
- 5853 Very few statues are erected to comedians—perhaps because they get laughed at enough while they are alive *New York American*
- 5854 Like so many people in the theater, she acted her part continually *Thomas Wolfe*
- 5855 I thought either it would be a smash hit like a Eugene O'Neill play, or a dreadful failure, like—like a Eugene O'Neill play *Samson Raphaelson*
- 5856 The first act's doubtful, but we stay It is the last commends the play *Robert Herrick*
- 5857 The program is nearly over! I can feel the audience is still with me—but if I run faster I can shake them off *Bob Hope*

THEFT

- 5858 For de little stealin' dey gits you in jail soon or late For de big stealin' dey makes you emperor and puts you in de Hall o' Fame when you croaks *Eugene O'Neill*
- 5859 It is a mad thief, or a successful author, that plunders the dead *Austin O'Malley*

5860 He who steals a handful of gold is put in jail, he who steals a whole country is made king *Japanese Proverb*

THEOLOGIAN

5861 A blind man in a dark room searching for a black cat which isn't there—and finding it *Anonymous*

5862 I have only a small flickering light to guide me in the darkness of a thick forest Up comes a theologian and blows it out *Denis Diderot*

THEOLOGY

5863 The theological problems of original sin origin of evil, predestination and the like are the soul's mumps, and measles, and whooping coughs *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

5864 Theology is an attempt to explain a subject by men who do not understand it The intent is not to tell the truth but to satisfy the questioner *Elbert Hubbard*

5865 Theology is the effort to explain the unknowable in terms of the not worth knowing *H L Mencken*

THEORY

5866 Almost every person, if you will believe himself, holds quite a different theory of life from the one on which he is patently acting *Robert Louis Stevenson*

5867 A work of art that contains theories is like an object on which the price tag has been left *Marcel Proust*

THIEF

5868 Many a man is saved from being a thief by finding everything locked up *Edgar W Howe*

5869 A thief believes everybody steals *Ibid*

5870 Kleptomaniac a rich thief *Ambrose Bierce*

5871 All valets are thieves and all barons swindlers *German Proverb*

5872 When two thieves quarrel the farmer gets back his cow *Finnish Proverb*

THINK

5873 If you think you think, ask yourself what is the greatest thought you ever thought, then listen to the silence *Anonymous*

5874 I think that I think, therefore, I think I am *Ambrose Bierce*

5875 Whenever I think, I make a mistake *Roger Stevens*

5876 An Englishman thinks seated, a Frenchman, standing, an American, pacing, an Irishman, afterward *Austin O Malley*

5877 Few people think more than two or three times a year, I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week *George Bernard Shaw*

5878 If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you, but if you really make them think, they'll hate you *Don Marquis*

- 5879 Real beauty ends where an intellectual expression begins Intellect is in itself an exaggeration and destroys the harmony of any face The moment one sits down to think one becomes all nose or all forehead or something horrid *Oscar Wilde*
- 5880 Most people would die sooner than think in fact they do so *Bert rand Russell*
- 5881 There is the man who thinks and the man who thinks he thinks The latter is the one who really enjoys life *University Missourian*
- 5882 Where all think alike no one thinks very much *Walter Lippmann*

THINKING

- 5883 If hard thinking sometimes makes the head ache it is because it comes hard not because it is thinking *George Santayana*
- 5884 Thinking? Thinking means losing the thread *Paul Valery*
- 5885 There is no expedient to which man will not resort to avoid the real labor of thinking *Sir Joshua Reynolds*
- 5886 There are mighty few people who think what they think they think *Robert Henri*
- 5887 Thinking is more interesting than knowing but less interesting than looking *Johann von Goethe*
- 5888 The mania of thinking renders one unfit for every activity *Anatole France*
- 5889 A child asked how he happened to think of something said, I got a kick in the mind and it said itself' *Lincoln Steffens*
- 5890 We take pride in the fact that we are thinking animals, and like to believe that our thoughts are free, but the truth is that nine tenths of them are rigidly conditioned by the babbling that goes on around us from birth, and that the business of considering this babbling objectively, separating the truth in it from the false is an intellectual feat of such stupendous difficulty, few men are ever able to achieve it *H L Mencken*
- 5891 The art of thinking is too recent an acquirement of man for him to exercise it continuously, or with anything resembling genuine virtuosity *Ibid*
- 5892 I wrote somewhere once that the third rate mind was only happy when it was thinking with the majority, the second rate mind was only happy when it was thinking with the minority, and the first rate mind was only happy when it was thinking *A A Milne*
- 5893 All the problems of the world could be settled easily if men were only willing to think The trouble is that men very often resort to all sorts of devices in order not to think, because thinking is such hard work *Thomas J Watson*
- 5894 I have asked several men what passes in their minds when they are thinking, and I never could find any man who could think for two minutes together *Sydney Smith*

- 5895** People have got to think Thinking isn't to agree or disagree That's voting *Robert Frost*
- 5896** Yon Cassius has a lean and hungry look
He thinks too much such men are dangerous *William Shakespeare*
- 5897** A Radical is merely a man who has never dined and a Tory simply a gentleman who has never thought *Oscar Wilde*
- 5898** Nature hates mind Thinking is the most unhealthy thing in the world, and people die of it just as they die of any other disease Fortunately, in England at any rate thought is not catching Our splendid physique is entirely due to our national stupidity *Ibid*
- 5899** This is the most unselfish of eras because hardly anyone is egotist enough to wish to do his own thinking There are always so many ready and eager to do it for us *Christopher Morley*
- 5900** It is well for people who think to change their minds occasionally in order to keep them clean For those who do not think it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while *Luther Burbank*
- 5901** A new thinker is only one who does not know what the old thinkers have thought *Frank Moore Colby*

THRIFT

- 5902** Who recalls when folks got along without something if it cost too much? *Frank McKinney Hubbard*

THRONE

- 5903** Perched on the loftiest throne in the world we are still sitting on our own behind *Michel de Montaigne*

TIME

- 5904** Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations *Faith Baldwin*
- 5905** Time will reveal everything It is a babler, and speaks even when not asked *Euripides*
- 5906** A loafer always has the correct time *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5907** Time is something that we ain't got nothing but *American Saying*
- 5908** I despise making the most of one's time Half of the pleasures of life consist of the opportunities one has neglected *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*
- 5909** A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours *J B Priestley*
- 5910** In inventing the locomotive, Watt and Stevenson were part inventors of time *Aldous Huxley*
- 5911** He was always late on principle, his principle being that punctuality is the thief of time *Oscar Wilde*
- 5912** The less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in *Lord Chesterfield*

5913 Time is a circus always packing up and moving away *Ben Hecht*

5914 Chicago bellboys organize for bigger tips They give or take no quarter *Dallas News*

5915 The Ancient Mariner would not have taken so well if it had been called 'The Old Sailor' *Samuel Butler*

5916 There is no stronger craving in the world than that of the rich for titles except that of the titled for riches *Hesketh Pearson*

5917 Here's to man he can afford anything he can get Here's to woman she can afford anything she can get a man to get for her *George Ade*

5918 Some hae meat and canna eat
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat
And sae the Lord be thankit *Robert Burns*

5919 Never above you Never below you Always beside you *Walter Winchell*

5920 'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than to marry and be bossed *J E McCann*

5921 The good die young—
Here's hoping you live to a ripe old age *Anonymous*

5922 Here's to our wives and sweethearts may they never meet *Anonymous*

5923 Here's to the whole world lest some stupid person take offense
Anonymous

5924 May all your troubles be little ones *Anonymous (to a bridal couple)*

5925 Here's to you, as good as you are,
And here's to me, as bad as I am
But as good as you are and as bad as I am
I am as good as you are as bad as I am *Old Scotch Toast*

5926 She is pretty to walk with
And witty to talk with
And pleasant, too, to think on *Sir John Suckling*

5927 The obvious duty of a toastmaster is to be so infernally dull that the succeeding speakers will appear brilliant by contrast *Clarence Buddington Kelland*

5928 I kissed my first woman and smoked my first cigarette on the same day, I have never had time for tobacco since *Arturo Toscanini*

5929 A good cigar is as great a comfort to a man as a good cry to a woman *Edward G Bulwer-Lytton*

- 5930** Tobacco is found in many of the southern states and in some cigars
Anonymous
- 5931** I smoke like a furnace *W S Gilbert*
- 5932** What this country really needs is a good five-cent cigar *Thomas R Marshall*
- 5933** For thy sake, tobacco, I
Would do anything but die *Walter Savage Landor*
- 5934** And a woman is only a woman but a good cigar is a smoke
Rudyard Kipling
- 5935** Tobacco is a dirty weed I like it
It satisfies no normal need I like it
It makes you thin, it makes you lean
It takes the hair right off your bean
It's the worst darn stuff I've ever seen
I like it *Graham L Hemminger*

TOLERANT

- 5936** We are in favor of tolerance, but it is a very difficult thing to tolerate
the intolerant and impossible to tolerate the intolerable *George D Prentice*
- 5937** Tolerance is the patience shown by a wise man when he listens to
an ignoramus *Herbert V Prochnow*

TOMBSTONE

- 5938** The tombstone is about the only thing that can stand upright and
lie on its face at the same time *Mary Wilson Little*

TOMORROW

- 5939** It is well to put off until tomorrow what you ought not to do at all
Anonymous
- 5940** It is always safe to be dogmatic about tomorrow *Heywood Brown*

TONGUE

- 5941** A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant
use *Washington Irving*
- 5942** A woman's tongue is her sword and she never lets it rust *Anonymous*
- 5943** A fluent tongue is the only thing a mother doesn't like her daughter
to resemble her in *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- 5944** Why is the word *tongue* feminine in Greek, Latin Italian, Spanish
French, and German? *Austin O'Malley*

TORTOISE

- 5945** Ever since the famous victory of the tortoise over the hare, he
thinks he is a sprinter *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*

TOURIST

- 5946** The vagabond, when rich, is called a tourist *Paul Richard*

TOWN

- 5947 There isn't much to be seen in a little town, but what you hear makes up for it *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 5948 A hick town is one where there is no place to go where you shouldn't be *Alexander Woollcott*

TOY

- 5949 The child had every toy his father wanted *Robert E Whitten*

TRADITION

- 5950 Tradition does not mean that the living are dead but that the dead are live *G K Chesterton*
- 5951 A tradition, like a bald head comes with years, fast enough *D H Lawrence*

TRAFFIC

- 5952 There is never any traffic congestion on the straight and narrow path *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 5953 Traffic sign in eastern village Slow, no hospital *Anonymous*

TRAINING

- 5954 Train your child in the way you now know you should have gone yourself *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

TRANQUILITY

- 5955 Nothing contributes more to peace of mind than to have no opinions whatever *Georg C Lichtenberg*

TRANSITION

- 5956 It is, of course, a trite observation to say that we live "in a period of transition." Many people have said this at many times. Adam may well have made the remark to Eve on leaving the Garden of Eden *Harold Macmillan*
- 5957 When our first parents were driven out of Paradise, Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve "My dear, we live in an age of transition." *William R Inge*

TRANSPORTATION

- 5958 In a subway you not only learn to think on your feet but on other people's *Anonymous*
- 5959 The average straphanger's complaint is one of long standing *El Paso Times*

TRAVEL

- 5960 Travel is a foretaste of hell *Turkestan Proverb*
- 5961 In America there are two classes of travel—first class, and with children *Robert Benchley*
- 5962 See one promontory, one mountain, one sea, one river, and see all *Socrates*

- 1963 A monologue is a conversation between the woman who went around the world and the one who stayed home *Anonymous*
- 1964 If an ass goes traveling he'll not come home a horse *Thomas Fuller*
- 1965 Travel and society polish one but a rolling stone gathers no moss, and a little moss is a good thing on a man *John Burroughs*
- 1966 There is a certain relief in change even though it be from bad to worse, as I have found in traveling in a stage coach that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bounced in a new place *Washington Irving*
- 1967 It is misery to be in a place where everything occupies and bothers you I seem to enjoy more freely the pleasures of another man's house than my own Diogenes was asked what wine he liked best and he answered as I would have done when he said 'Somebody else's' *Michel de Montaigne*
- 1968 A good place to visit but a poor place to stay *Josh Billings*
- 1969 If you travel you see people in variety But if you stay home you see them in development *Upton Close*
- 1970 Too often travel, instead of broadening the mind merely lengthens the conversation *Elizabeth Drew*
- 1971 Surely to have seen Athens gives a man what Swift calls Invisible Precedence over his fellows *Sir Edward Marsh*
- 1972 A good traveler is one who does not know where he is going to and a perfect traveler does not know where he came from *Lin Yutang*
- 1973 As a member of an escorted tour, you don't even have to know the Matterhorn isn't a tuba *Temple Fielding*
- 1974 It is not worthwhile to go round the world to count the cats in Zanzibar *Henry D Thoreau*
- 1975 The heaviest baggage for a traveler is an empty purse *German Proverb*
- 1976 Long voyages, great lies *Italian Proverb*
- 1977 Methods of locomotion have improved greatly in recent years but places to go remain about the same *Don Herold*
- 1978 People travel for the same reason as they collect works of art because the best people do it *Aldous Huxley*
- 1979 She went up the Nile as far as the first crocodile *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 1980 Travel is no longer any charm for me I have seen all the foreign countries I want to see except heaven and hell and I have only a vague curiosity as concerns one of those *Mark Twain*
- 1981 How much a dunce that has been sent to roam
Excels a dunce that has been kept at home! *William Cowper*
- 5928 Tree an object that will stand in one place for years, then jump in front of a lady driver *Ruth Lemezis*

5983 I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree,
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all *Ogden Nash*

TRIBES

5984 Apart from my dislike of their cutting off other people's heads
the tribesmen are fine men *Jawaharlal Nehru*

TRIBUTE

5985 I feel it is time that I also pay tribute to my four writers, Matthew,
Mark, Luke and John *Fulton Sheen*

TRIU MPH

5986 If misery loves company then triumph demands an audience *Brian
Moore*

TROUBLE

5987 The way out of trouble is never as simple as the way in *Edgar
W Howe*

5988 Nobody ever grew despondent looking for trouble *Frank McKin
ney Hubbard*

5989 The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination *Louis
Kronenberger*

5990 To bear other people's afflictions everyone has courage and enough
to spare *Benjamin Franklin*

5991 The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the
intelligent full of doubt *Bertrand Russell*

5992 The trouble with this country is observed Herndon that there
are too many people going about saying The trouble with this
country is— *Sinclair Lewis*

5993 He that mischief hatcheth mischief catcheth *William Camden*

5994 There is always a comforting thought in time of trouble when it is
not our trouble *Don Marquis*

5995 I believe in getting into hot water, it keeps you clean *G K
Chesterton*

5996 I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most
of them never happened *Mark Twain*

5997 One of the worst things about civilization is that anybody that gets a
letter with trouble in it comes and tells you all about it and makes
you feel bad, and the newspapers fetches you the troubles of every
body all over the world, and keeps you downhearted and dismal
most of the time, and it's such a heavy load for a person *Ibid*

TRUE

5998 How awful to reflect that what people say of us is true! *Logan
Pearsall Smith*

5999 There is nothing more likely to drive a man mad than an obstinate,
constitutional preference of the true to the agreeable *William
Hazlitt*

TRUST

- 6000 Never trust a man who speaks well of everybody *John Churton Collins*
- 6001 One can always recognize women who trust their husbands they look so thoroughly unhappy *Oscar Wilde*
- 6002 Trust everybody, but cut the cards *Finley Peter Dunne*

TRUTH

- 6003 Some people do not know what to do with truth when it is offered to them *Charles Lamb*
- 6004 What is intended as a little white lie often ends up as a double feature in technicolor *Madena R Wallingford*
- 6005 I tell the truth not as much as I would but as much as I dare—and I dare more and more as I grow older *Michel de Montaigne*
- 6006 Often, the surest way to convey misinformation is to tell the strict truth *Mark Twain*
- 6007 Truth is the most valuable thing we have Let us economize it *Ibid*
- 6008 Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities truth isn't *Ibid*
- 6009 That maxim [When in doubt, tell the truth] I did invent, but never expected it to be applied to me I meant to say "When you are in doubt", When I am in doubt myself I use more sagacity *Ibid*
- 6010 There was things which he stretched but mainly he told the truth *Ibid*
- 6011 Most writers regard truth as their most valuable possession, and therefore are most economical in its use *Ibid*
- 6012 Truth crushed to earth will rise again but a lie will do the same thing *Anonymous*
- 6013 The most awful thing that one can do is to tell the truth It's all right in my case because I am not taken seriously *George Bernard Shaw*
- 6014 The truth is the one thing that nobody will believe *Ibid*
- 6015 My way of joking is to tell the truth It's the funniest joke in the world *Ibid*
- 6016 If one tells the truth, one is sure sooner or later, to be found out *Oscar Wilde*
- 6017 It is a terrible thing for a man to find out suddenly that all his life he has been speaking nothing but the truth *Ibid*
- 6018 A truth ceases to be true when more than one person believes in it *Ibid*
- 6019 A thousand times over, we seek not so much to hunt down the truth, as to get it away from someone else *Johann Pestalozzi*
- 6020 Truth should not be absolutely lost sight of but it should not be talked about *Samuel Butler*

- 6021 I do not mind lying, but I hate inaccuracy *Ibid*
- 6022 Truth is like the use of words, it depends greatly on custom *Ibid*
- 6023 There is no such source of error as the pursuit of absolute truth
Ibid
- 6024 Women always speak the truth but not the whole truth *Italian Proverb*
- 6025 A little truth helps the lie to go down *Ibid*
- 6026 The wise man says 'I am looking for truth,' and the fool 'I have found truth' *Russian Proverb*
- 6027 Pay no attention to the truth. Then it will leap out at you *Jules Renard*
- 6028 Not the smallest charm of truth is that it scandalizes *Ibid*
- 6029 We have to change the truth a little in order to remember it
George Santayana
- 6030 The truth would become more popular if it were not always stating ugly facts *Henry S Haskins*
- 6031 But men do not seek the truth. It is the truth that pursues men who run away and will not look around *Lincoln Steffens*
- 6032 'My dear Mr Greech,' said Lady Caroline, 'we all know that Prime Ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other wedded couples they sometimes live apart' *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 6033 Children and fools speak true *John Lyly*
- 6034 Truth is for the minority *Baltasar Gracian*
- 6035 Beware of telling an improbable truth *Thomas Fuller*
- 6036 If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor
Albert Einstein
- 6037 Truth must necessarily be stranger than fiction, for fiction is the creation of the human mind and therefore congenial to it *G K Chesterton*
- 6038 When you shoot an arrow of truth dip its point in honey *Arab Proverb*
- 6039 Truth is beautiful. Without doubt, and so are lies *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 6040 It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place *H L Mencken*
- 6041 No normal human being wants to hear the truth. It is the passion of a small and aberrant minority of men, most of them pathological. They are hated for telling it while they live, and when they die they are swiftly forgotten *Ibid*
- 6042 The average man avoids the truth as diligently as he avoids arson, regicide, or piracy on the high seas, and for the same reason, because he believes that it is dangerous, that no good can come of it, that it doesn't pay *Ibid*
- 6043 The man who boasts that he habitually tells the truth is simply a

- man with no respect for it It is not a thing to be thrown about loosely like small change it is something to be cherished and hoarded, and disbursed only when absolutely necessary *Ibid*
- 6044 The truth that survives is simply the lie that is pleasantest to be lieve *Ibid*
- 6045 If one cannot invent a really convincing lie it is often better to stick to the truth *Angela Thirkell*
- 6046 Truth is an orphan *German Proverb*
- 6047 The truth is brought by a lumping messenger *Ibid*
- 6048 He who tells the truth must first have one foot in the stirrup *Turkish Proverb*
- 6049 Men occasionally stumble over the truth but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 6050 There are those who so dislike the nude that they find something in decent in the naked truth *Francis H Bradley*
- 6051 He did not want to contemplate truth but to subjugate it *Norman Malcolm*
- 6052 He who cannot lie doesn't know what truth is *F W Nietzsche*
- 6053 It is always the best policy to speak the truth, unless of course you are an exceptionally good liar *Jerome K Jerome*
- 6054 In this world truth can wait she's used to it *Douglas Jerrold*
- 6055 Truth is not a diet but a condiment *Christopher Morley*
- 6056 "It was as true," said Mr Barkis, as taxes is And nothing's truer than them' *Charles Dickens*
- 6057 Pretty much all the honest truth telling there is in the world is done by children *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
- 6058 Tell the truth, and so puzzle and confound your adversaries *Sir Henry Wotton*
- 6059 All I mean by truth is what I can't help thinking *Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr*
- 6060 Men in earnest have no time to waste in patching fig leaves for the naked truth *James Russell Lowell*
- 6061 The terrible thing about the quest for truth is that you find it *Remy de Gourmont*
- 6062 Truth sir, is a cow which will yield skeptics no more milk so they have gone to milk the bull *Samuel Johnson*
- 6063 That witty and eloquent old Dr Oliver Wendell Holmes once said "You needn't fear to handle the truth roughly she is no invalid" *Woodrow Wilson*
- 6064 An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper *Kahlil Gibran*
- TUBER
- 6065 A potato is a tuber, but the fact should be left in the decent obscurity of agricultural textbooks *H W Fowler*

TUNNEL

6066 I always feel an optimist when I emerge from a tunnel *Robert Lynd*

TWENTY ONE

6067 Towering in the confidence of twenty one *Samuel Johnson*

TWICE

6068 *In reply to the Archbishop of York's invitation to attend the evening service* No, my Lord, once is orthodox twice is puritanical' *Lord Melbourne*

TWINNS

6069 2 much *Josh Billings*

6070 No man has ever become famous who had a twin brother *Anon ymous*

6071 As an incentive to industry, enterprise and thrift, there isn't any thing that can beat twins *Florence Herald*

6072 There are two things in this life for which we are never fully prepared and that is twins *Josh Billings*

TWO

6073 When two do the same thing, it is not the same thing *Medieval Latin Proverb*

6074 I admit that twice two makes four is an excellent thing but if we are to give everything its due twice two makes five is sometimes a very charming thing, too *Fedor Dostoevski*

6075 There are two words for everything *E V Lucas*

6076 Two can live as cheap as one, but it costs them twice as much *Frank Sullivan*

TYRANNY

6077 If you are president the trouble happens to you,
But if you are a tyrant you can arrange things so
That most of the trouble happens to other people *Don Marquis*

6078 Dictators always look good until the last ten minutes *Jan Masaryk*

6079 Dictatorship is always merely an aria, never an opera *Emil Ludwig*

6080 There are few minds to which tyranny is not delightful *Samuel Johnson*

6081 The history of woman is the history of the worst form of tyranny the world has ever known the tyranny of the weak over the strong It is the only tyranny that lasts *Oscar Wilde*

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UGLY

6082 I do not know if she was virtuous but she was ugly and with a woman, that is half the battle *Heinrich Heine*

- 6083 Ugly wives and stupid maids are priceless treasures *Chinese Proverb*
- 6084 It was not until I had attended a few postmortems that I realized that even the ugliest human exteriors may contain the most beautiful viscera and was able to console myself for the facial drabness of my neighbors in omnibuses by dissecting them in my imagination
J B S Haldane
- 6085 Ugliness is a point of view an ulcer is wonderful to a pathologist
Austin O Malley
- 6086 She is most splendidly, gallantly ugly *William Wycherley*

UMBRELLA

- 6087 Rainy days will surely come
Take your friend s umbrella home *Anonymous*
- 6088 The rain it raineth on the just
And also on the unjust fella,
But chiefly on the just, because
The unjust steals the just s umbrella *Sir George Ferguson Bowen*

UNBELIEVER

- 6089 My dear Archdeacon, Lady Caroline said no one can be an unbeliever nowadays The Christian apologists have left one nothing to disbelieve *H H Munro (Saki)*

UNCLE

- 6090 Old fox brained and ox browed uncles *Thomas Middleton*

UNDERSTAND

- 6091 Women are wiser than men because they know less and understand more *James Stephens*
- 6092 I never understand anything until I have written about it *Horace Walpole*
- 6093 There are three things I have always loved, and never understood—
painting, music, women *Bernard de Fontenelle*

UNEDUCATED

- 6094 I derived my education from the uneducated *George Bernard Shaw*

UNGRAMMATICAL

- 6095 You can be a little ungrammatical if you come from the right part of the country *Robert Frost*

UNGRATEFUL

- 6096 We seldom find people ungrateful so long as we are in a condition to render them service *François de La Rochefoucauld*

UNHAPPY

- 6097 Men who are unhappy, like men who sleep badly, are always proud of the fact *Bertrand Russell*

- 6098 One has always been less unhappy than one thinks—just as one has always slept better *Jean Rostand*
- 6099 He's simply got the instinct for being unhappy highly developed *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 6100 Unhappiness is in not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it *Don Herold*
- 6101 Oh that was a good time when I was unhappy *Ascribed to Sophie Arnould*

UNIQUE

- 6102 Professional jargon is unpleasant Translating it into English is a bore I narrow-mindedly outlawed the word *unique* Practically every press release contains it Practically nothing ever is *Fred Hechinger*

UNITED NATIONS

- 6103 The United Nations was not set up to be a reformatory It was assumed that you would be good before you got in and not that being in would make you good *John Foster Dulles*

UNITED STATES

- 6104 It has often been asked what this nation stands for, and the question is easy—too much *Anonymous*
- 6105 The United States is a country of quiet majorities and vociferous minorities *Anonymous*
- 6106 You are right in your impression that a number of persons are urging me to come to the United States But why on earth do you call them my friends? *George Bernard Shaw*

UNIVERSITY

- 6107 A senior always feels like the university is going to the kids *Thomas L Masson*
- 6108 The use of a university is to make young gentlemen as unlike their fathers as possible *Woodrow Wilson*
- 6109 An American university is an athletic institution in which a few classes are held for the feebleminded *Ascribed to a Chinese Student*
- 6110 A university anywhere can aim no higher than to be as British as possible for the sake of the undergraduates, as German as possible for the sake of the public at large—and as confused as possible for the preservation of the whole uneasy balance *Clark Kerr*
- 6111 In Cambridge people rarely smile,
Being urban squat and packed with guile *Rupert Brooke*
- 6112 If you feel that you have both feet planted on level ground, then the university has failed you *Robert Goheen*
- 6113 Year after year these congregations hear the same exhortations, the same appeals to youth to sally forth, knight errant and slay the

same old dragons in the same old sinful world Yet these dragons unlike their mortal cousins the dinosaurs have managed to keep well ahead of the game If Darwin himself had picked them as favorites in the cosmic sweepstakes they could not have run a better race
Whitney Griswold

6114 The presidency of a large university is an anachronism The public demands that the president be everywhere at all times He is thought to be omniscient omnipresent and Mr Chips all rolled into one
Ibid

6115 But the day when the president can play the role of Prexy' is gone He is like a fireman who sees six fires from the window dashes out to extinguish one and hopes somebody else will get the other five This is not a complaint It's a plain statement of fact
Ibid

6116 There's no reason why the university should be stuck with me at fifty one because I was a promising young man at thirty
Robert M Hutchins

6117 Harvard offers education a la carte Yale a substantial table d'hotel Columbia a quick lunch and Princeton a picnic
Anonymous

6118 It is scarcely necessary to say that in this hot competition of bigots and slaves, the University of Oxford had the unrequested preeminence The glory of being further behind the age than any other portion of the British people is one which that learned body acquired early, and has never lost
Rose Macaulay

6119 The university brings out all abilities, including stupidity
Anton Chekhov

6120 Universities are full of knowledge the freshmen bring a little in and the seniors take none away and knowledge accumulates
Abbott Lawrence Lowell

6121 Ye can lade a man up to th university but ye can t make him think
Finley Peter Dunne

6122 If I had children now I should send them to the ballet At any rate it is better than the university Their feet alone might be spoiled in the ballet but at the university it is their heads
Tolstoi

UNKNOWN

6123 Not to know me argues yourselves unknown
John Milton

UNLUCKY

6124 If the unlucky man became a barber, men would begin to be born without heads
German Proverb

UNSELFISHNESS

6125 Her unselfishness came in pretty small packages well wrapped
F Scott Fitzgerald

6126 Neighbors praise unselfishness because they profit by it
F W Nietzsche

UNSYMPATHETIC

- 6127 In my last movie I played an unsympathetic character—myself
Oscar Levant

UPLIFT

- 6128 The object of the uplift is to give the lifter a lift *Anonymous*

URBANITY

- 6129 Urbanity the kind of civility that urban observers ascribe to dwell
ers in all cities but New York *Ambrose Bierce*

USEFUL

- 6130 The sure way of knowing nothing about life is to try to make one
self useful *Oscar Wilde*

USURY

- 6131 Here lies old thirty-three and a-third percent
The more he got the more he lent,
The more he lent the more he craved—
Good Lord, can such a man be saved? *Anonymous*

UTOPIA

- 6132 A map of the world that does not include Utopia is not worth
glancing at *Oscar Wilde*

- 6133 In the Big Rock Candy Mountains
The jails are made of tin,
And you can bust right out again
As soon as they put you in *Anonymous Hoboes' Song*

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VACATION

- 6134 If some people didn't tell you, you'd never know they'd been away
on a vacation *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6135 No man needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had
one *Elbert Hubbard*
- 6136 Song of the spring camper We're tenting tonight on the old damp
ground' *Life*
- 6137 If Diogenes returned today, he would be looking for an honest
summer-resort circular *Ibid*
- 6138 No more lessons, no more books,
No more teacher's sassy looks,
No more Latin, no more French,
No more sitting on a hard board bench *Anonymous Schoolboys
Song*

VAIN

- 6139 It is a profound truth that women as a sex are vain, it is also a
profound truth that men as a sex are vain *Arnold Bennett*

VALET

- 6140 The difference between a man and his valet they both smoke the same cigars, but only one pays for them *Robert Frost*

VALOR

- 6141 The better part of valor is indiscretion *Nicholas Murray Butler*

VANITY

- 6142 She would rather be looked around at than up to *Phil Robinson*
 6143 What makes the vanity of other people intolerable is that it wounds our own *François de La Rochefoucauld*
 6144 Vanity is the greatest of all flatterers *Ibid*
 6145 We never confess our faults except through vanity *Ibid*
 6146 Vanity dies hard, in some obstinate cases it outlives the man *Robert Lous Stevenson*
 6147 Vanity keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others *William Shakespeare*
 6148 She is a peacock in everything but beauty *Oscar Wilde*
 6149 Nothing makes one so vain as being told that one is a sinner *Ibid*
 6150 Forty years ago I was not so good-looking A looking glass then lasted me three months Now I can wear it out in two days *Mark Twain*

VEGETARIANISM

- 6151 Most vegetarians I ever see looked enough like their food to be classed as cannibals *Finley Peter Dunne*
 6152 Vegetarianism is harmless enough, although it is apt to fill a man with wind and self-righteousness *Robert Hutchinson*
 6153 It is nearly fifty years since I was assured by a conclave of doctors that if I did not eat meat I should die of starvation *George Bernard Shaw*

VELOCITY

- 6154 Velocity is what you let go of a hot frying-pan handle with *Anonymous*

VENICE

- 6155 Venice would be a fine city if it were only drained *Ascribed to Ulysses S Grant*

VERMONT

- 6156 The Vermont towns, like the Vermont landscape were swept and garnished, as if the Day of Judgment might at any moment summon them into the presence of the celestial inspector *Donald Davidson*

VICE

- 6157 There is a division of labor, even in vice Some persons addict themselves to the speculation only, others to the practice *William Hazlitt*

- 6158 When our vices leave us we flatter ourselves with the idea that we have left them *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 6159 He hasn't a single redeeming vice *Oscar Wilde*
- 6160 The vices we scoff at in others laugh at us within ourselves *Sir Thomas Browne*
- 6161 Men wish to be saved from the mischiefs of their vices but not from their vices *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 6162 Vice is a creature of such hideous mien that the more you see it the better you like it *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 6163 He lacked only a few vices to be perfect *Marquise de Sevigne*
- 6164 The vices of some men are magnificent *Charles Lamb*
- 6165 The vices of honest men are the virtues of Barere *Thomas Babington Macaulay*

VICE PRESIDENT

- 6166 My country has in its wisdom contrived for me the most in significant office that ever the invention of man contrived or his imagination conceived *John Adams*
- 6167 The vice president of the United States is like a man in a cataleptic state he cannot speak he cannot move he suffers no pain and yet he is perfectly conscious of everything that is going on about him *Thomas R Marshall*
- 6168 Once there were two brothers One ran away to sea the other was elected vice-president and nothing was ever heard of either of them again *Ibid*
- 6169 A spare tire on the automobile of government *John Nance Garner*

VIEWPOINT

- 6170 One man's Mede is another man's Persian *George S Kaufman*

VILLAIN

- 6171 The most natural man in a play is the villain *Edgar W Howe*

VIRTUE

- 6172 If virtue is its own reward who blames man for wandering further afield? *Henry S Haskins*
- 6173 The vice we embrace seems at least a cousin to virtue *Ibid*
- 6174 Virtue carries a lean purse *Japanese Proverb*
- 6175 Each class preaches the importance of those virtues it need not exercise The rich harp on the value of thrift, the idle grow eloquent over the dignity of labor *Oscar Wilde*
- 6176 We think we are generous because we credit our neighbor with the possession of those virtues that are likely to benefit us *Ibid*
- 6177 Virtue in women is often merely love of their reputation and of their peace of mind *François de La Rochefoucauld*
- 6178 Virtue would not go far if vanity did not keep it company *Ibid*
- 6179 Virtue is insufficient temptation *George Bernard Shaw*

- 6180 First secure an independent income and then practice virtue
Anonymous
- 6181 I don't claim to have all the virtues—only nine or ten of them
Mark Twain
- 6182 Virtue has always been conceived of as victorious resistance to one's vital desire to do this that or the other
James Branch Cabell
- 6183 To forgive our enemies their virtues—that is a greater miracle
Voltaire
- 6184 Be virtuous and you will be happy but you will be lonesome some times
Edgar Wilson Nye
- 6185 There is still a belief that to be uncomfortable is to be virtuous
Lin Yutang

VODKA

- 6186 Vodka is the aunt of wine
Russian Proverb

VOICE

- 6187 A voice like a slate pencil
Edward B Sheldon
- 6188 Never trust a woman with a man's voice
French Proverb
- 6189 All voice and nothing else
Latin Saying

VOLCANO

- 6190 A volcano is a sick mountain
Anonymous

VOLTAIRE

- 6191 Talking about a mutual acquaintance, a friend said to Voltaire 'It is good of you to say such pleasant things of him when he says such spiteful ones of you'
Perhaps,' replied Voltaire, 'we are both mistaken'

VOTE

- 6192 Vote the instrument and symbol of a free man's power to make a fool of himself and a wreck of his country
Ambrose Bierce
- 6193 Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote
Grover Cleveland
- 6194 As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it?
William M Tweed

VOW

- 6195 The desert Hindus vow to eat no fish
Johann von Goethe

VULGAR

- 6196 There are no people who are quite so vulgar as the overrefined ones
Mark Twain
- 6197 Vulgarity is an inadequate conception of the art of living
Bishop Mandell Creighton
- 6198 Vulgarity is simply the conduct of other people, just as falsehoods are the truths of other people
Oscar Wilde

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WAGES

- 6199 When you define a living wage, it depends on whether you are giving or getting it *Herbert V Prochnow*
- 6200 Women are getting men's wages now—but then, they always have *Anonymous*

WAITER

- 6201 Even a waiter finally comes to him who waits *Anonymous*
- 6202 It is a good thing that life is not as serious as it seems to a waiter *Don Herold*
- 6203 Any man should be happy who is allowed the patience of his wife, the tolerance of his children and the affection of waiters *Michael Arlen*
- 6204 If a man can't do simple arithmetic, he can always become a waiter in a nightclub *Herbert V Prochnow*

WALK

- 6205 He walks as if balancing the family tree on his nose *Raymond Moley*
- 6206 I have two doctors—my left leg and my right *Anonymous*
- 6207 It is a fact that not once in all my life have I gone out for a walk *Max Beerbohm*
- 6208 Walking isn't really a lost art. One must by some such means get to the garage or parking place *Herbert V Prochnow*

WALL STREET

- 6209 A thoroughfare that begins in a graveyard and ends in a river *Anonymous*

WANT

- 6210 Man wants a great deal here below, and woman even more *James Thurber*
- 6211 What man wants all he can get what woman wants all she can't get *George D Prentice*

WAR

- 6212 War hath no fury like a noncombatant *Charles E Montague*
- 6213 You can't say that civilization don't advance, for in every war they kill you in a new way *Will Rogers*
- 6214 As long as war is looked upon as wicked it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular *Oscar Wilde*
- 6215 The grim fact is that we prepare for war like precocious giants and for peace like retarded pygmies *Lester Pearson*

- 6216 I hate war, for it spoils conversation *Bernard de Fontenelle*
 6217 God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions *Voltaire*
 6218 For those who like this kind of war it is just such a war as they like *C F Browne (Artemus Ward)*

WAR HERO

- 6219 On a trip to the West Coast President Kennedy was asked by a little boy, Mr President how did you become a war hero?
 It was absolutely involuntary They sank my boat

WARNING

- 6220 The handwriting on the wall may be a forgery *Ralph Hodgson*

WASHING

- 6221 The classes that wash most are those that work least *G K Chesterton*

WASHINGTON

- 6222 I was a code clerk in Washington at the time, when we received an urgent message that twelve code clerks were needed by President Wilson at the Versailles Peace Conference What they really wanted were twelve code books but somebody got the message mixed up *James Thurber*
 6223 The more I observed Washington, the more frequently I visited it and the more people I interviewed there the more I understood how prophetic L'Enfant was when he laid it out as a city that goes around in circles *John Mason Brown*
 6224 There are a number of things wrong with Washington One of them is that everyone has been too long away from home *Dwight Eisenhower*
 6225 Now look here, old friend I know the human race, and I know that when a man comes to Washington, I don't care if it's from Heaven, it's because he wants something *Mark Twain*

WASHINGTON GEORGE

- 6226 He was ignorant of the commonest accomplishments of youth He could not even lie *Mark Twain*

WASTEFUL

- 6227 He has spent all his life in letting down empty buckets into empty wells, and he is frittering away his old age in trying to draw them up again *Sydney Smith*

WATER

- 6228 Only a genius can sparkle on water *Sir Seymour Hicks*
 6229 He drank like a fish, if drinking nothing but water could be so described *A E Housman*
 6230 Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody *Mark Twain*
 6231 The people of England drink no water save at certain times for penance *Sir John Fortescue*

WEALTH

- 6232 A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money *W C Fields*
- 6233 If you look up a dictionary of quotations you will find few reasons for a sensible man to desire to become wealthy *Robert Lynd*
- 6234 Wealth any income that is at least \$100 more a year than the income of one's wife's sister's husband *H L Mencken*
- 6235 He who draws upon his own resources easily comes to an end of his wealth *William Hazlitt*
- 6236 One of the penalties of wealth Sergeant is that the older you grow the more people there are in the world who would rather have you dead than alive *C H B Kitchin*
- 6237 Be not concerned if thou findest thyself in possession of unexpected wealth, Allah will provide an unexpected use for it *James Jeffrey Roche*
- 6238 If it were not for the holes in the pocket we should all be rich A pocket is like a cistern a small leak at the bottom is worse than a large pump at the top *Henry Ward Beecher*
- 6239 Pocket the cradle of motive and the grave of conscience *Ambrose Bierce*
- 6240 The ideal income is a thousand dollars a day—and expenses *Pierre Lorillard*
- 6241 Rich men without convictions are more dangerous in modern society than poor women without chastity *George Bernard Shaw*
- 6242 If you are poor, though you dwell in the busy market place no one will inquire about you, if you are rich, though you dwell in the heart of the mountains, you will have distant relatives *Chinese Proverb*

WEATHER

- 6243 Whenever people talk to me about the weather, I always feel certain that they mean something else *Oscar Wilde*
- 6244 I am very fond of Sussex—it is so full of sky and wind and weather *D H Lawrence*
- 6245 What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance *Jane Austen*
- 6246 Our severest winter, commonly called the spring *William Cowper*
- 6247 Winter lingered so long in the lap of spring that it occasioned a great deal of talk *Bill Nye*
- 6248 Don't know the weather, nine tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6249 I was born with a chronic anxiety about the weather *John Burroughs*
- 6250 Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it *Mark Twain*

- 6251 If you don't like the weather in New England just wait a few minutes *Ibid*
- 6252 Weather is a literary specialty and no untrained hand can turn out a good article on it *Ibid*
- 6253 De win' can blow lak hurricane
An' s pose she blow some more,
You can't get drown on Lac St Pierre
So long you stay on shore *William Henry Drummond*
- 6254 We may achieve climate but weather is thrust upon us *O Henry*

WEDDING

- 6255 The woman cries before the wedding the man afterward *Polish Proverb*
- 6256 The music at a wedding procession always reminds me of the music of soldiers going into battle *Heinrich Heine*
- 6257 An invitation to a wedding involves more trouble than a summons to a police court *William Feather*
- 6258 The smallest piece of silver which can qualify as a wedding gift is a marmalade spoon *Charles W Morton*
- 6259 Nobody enjoys a wedding but the mother of the bride she enjoys a good cry *R W Kauffman*

WEED

- 6260 Weed a plant whose virtues have not been discovered *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

WELCOME

- 6261 There is no city in the United States in which I get a warmer welcome and fewer votes than Columbus Ohio *John F Kennedy*

WELL BRED

- 6262 To have been well brought up is a great drawback nowadays It shuts one out from so much *Oscar Wilde*

WEST

- 6263 The further he went west, the more convinced he felt that the wise men came from the east *Sydney Smith*

WHISKEY

- 6264 I like it I always did, and that is the reason I never use it *Robert E Lee*

WHITE HOUSE

- 6265 The shades you pull down at night—they are enormous and they have pulleys and ropes You're like a sailor taking in a sail I'm afraid it will always be a little impossible for the people who live there It's an office building *Jacqueline Kennedy*

WHITEWASH

- 6266 A whitewashed crow will not remain white long *Chinese Proverb*

6267 There is hardly a person in the House of Commons worth painting, though many of them would be better for a little whitewashing
Oscar Wilde

WICKED

6268 Flee the wicked, even when they are agreeable, instructive and charming
Eugene Delacroix

6269 Those who admire strength in a rascal do not live in his town
Anonymous

6270 Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others
Oscar Wilde

6271 I prefer the wicked rather than the foolish The wicked sometimes rest
Alexandre Dumas pere

6272 The wicked flee when no man pursueth but they make better time when someone is after them
Charles H Parkhurst

WIDOW

6273 Why don t some of the married women look as pretty as the widows? What s to hinder?
Edgar W Howe

6274 So far as is known no widow ever eloped
Ibid

6275 The determination of life insurance salesmen to succeed has made life pretty soft for widows
William Feather

6276 Drying a widow s tears is one of the most dangerous occupations known to man
Dorothy Dix

6277 She was one of those widows whose majesty makes their husbands seem especially dead
Rebecca West

6278 A widow who marries the second time doesn t deserve to be one
Elbert Hubbard

6279 The rich widow cries with one eye and laughs with the other
Thomas Fuller

6280 Easy crying widows take new husbands soonest, there's nothing like wet weather for transplanting
Oliver Wendell Holmes

6281 Never marry a widow unless her first husband was hanged
Scottish Proverb

6282 The rich widow's tears soon dry
Danish Proverb

WIFE

6283 His wife not only edited his works, but edited him
Van Wyck Brooks

6284 Warburg s old friend said to Warburg one day, talking about his wife who was ill, If God were to take one or the other of us, I should go and live in Paris'
Samuel Butler

6285 Avoid wine and women—choose a freckle faced girl for a wife, they are invariably more amiable
Sir William Osler

6286 Variability is one of the virtues of a woman It avoids the crude requirement of polygamy So long as you have one good wife you are sure to have a spiritual harem
G K Chesterton

- 6287 The true index of a man's character is the health of his wife
Cyril Connolly
- 6288 He that tells his wife news is but newly married *George Herbert*
- 6289 A man's mother is his misfortune, but his wife is his fault *Walter Bagehot*
- 6290 It's no lack to lack a wife *English Proverb*
- 6291 There is no greater misfortune for a man than to be governed by his wife, in such a case he is neither himself nor his wife, he is a perfect nonentity *Napoleon I*
- 6292 When a man makes a woman his wife, it's the highest compliment he can pay her, and it's usually the last *Helen Rowland*
- 6293 Nobody knows how to manage a wife but a bachelor *George Colman the Elder*
- 6294 Wives and watermelons are picked by chance *Greek Proverb*
- 6295 A good many men still like to think of their wives as they do of their religion neglected but always there *Freya Stark*
- 6296 Wife one who is sorry she did it but would undoubtedly do it again *H L Mencken*
- 6297 Wife a former sweetheart *Ibid*
- 6298 Us country women make good wives No matter what happens, we've seen worse *Keith Jennison*
- 6299 When we think we are making a great hit with the world we don't know what our own wives think of us *Finley Peter Dunne*
- 6300 When a man declares, I am sure of my wife it means he is sure of his wife But when a woman declares, I am sure of my husband, it means that she is sure of herself *Francis de Croisset*
- 6301 If you want peace in the house, do what your wife wants *African Proverb*
- 6302 Next to no wife and children, your own wife and children are the best pastime another's wife and your children worse your wife and another's children worst *Sir Henry Wotton*
- 6303 A man likes his wife to be just clever enough to comprehend his cleverness, and just stupid enough to admire it *Israel Zangwill*
- 6304 You ask why I won't marry a rich wife? Because I don't want to pass as my wife's husband The wife should be inferior to the husband, Priscus That is the only way to ensure equality between the two *Martial*
- 6305 The dearest object to a married man should be his wife but it is not infrequently her clothes *James Montgomery Bailey*
- 6306 Men's wives are usually their husbands mental inferiors and spiritual superiors this gives them double instruments of torture *Don Herold*
- 6307 Next to no wife, a good wife is best *Thomas Fuller*
- 6308 There is one advantage in a plurality of wives, they fight each other instead of their husbands *Josh Billings*

- 6309 Of all the home remedies, a good wife is the best *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6310 Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her first *Billy Sunday*
- 6311 The ideal wife is one who does everything that the ideal husband likes, and nothing else *George Bernard Shaw*

WILL

- 6312 When there is no will there is no way for the lawyers *Austin O Malley*

WINE

- 6313 Port speaks the sentences of wisdom *George Meredith*
- 6314 One of the disadvantages of wine is that it makes a man mistake words for thoughts *Samuel Johnson*
- 6315 Wine makes a man better pleased with himself, I do not say that it makes him more pleasing to others *Ibid*
- 6316 Old men s milk *Medieval Latin Phrase*
- 6317 Connoisseur a specialist who knows everything about something and nothing about anything else An old wine bibber having been smashed in a railway collision some wine was poured on his lips to revive him Pauillac, 1873, he murmured and died *Ambrose Bierce*
- 6318 A glass of whine " *Hermione Gingold*
- 6319 'Tis pity wine should be so deleterious
For tea and coffee leave us much more serious *Lord Byron*
- 6320 A man will be eloquent if you give him good wine *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

WINTER

- 6321 The English winter—ending in July, to recommence in August
Lord Byron
- 6322 Winter either bites with its teeth or lashes with its tail *Montenegrin Proverb*
- 6323 The first real touch of winter is the fuel dealer s *Virginian-Pilot*
- 6324 I met [an old man] out in Iowa who had come up from Arkansas I asked him whether he had experienced much cold during the preceding winter, and he exclaimed, Cold! If the thermometer had been an inch longer we d all have frozen to death! *Mark Twain*

WISDOM

- 6325 A man never reaches that dizzy height of wisdom when he can no longer be led by the nose *Mark Twain*
- 6326 A man doesn't begin to attain wisdom until he recognizes that he is no longer indispensable *Richard E Byrd*
- 6327 A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools *Anon ymous*

- 6328 Wisdom is divided into two parts (1) having a great deal to say and (2) not saying it *Anonymous*
- 6329 One of the greatest pieces of economic wisdom is to know what you do not know *John Kenneth Galbraith*
- 6330 Perhaps the only thing of which I was certain was that I was certain of nothing else *W Somerset Maugham*
- 6331 I see no wisdom in saving up indignation for a rainy day *Heywood Broun*
- 6332 I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance *Thomas Carlyle*
- 6333 The good Lord set definite limits on man's wisdom but set no limits on his stupidity—and that's just not fair! *Konrad Adenauer*
- 6334 The obscure man's reflections may be as wise as the rich cheese maker's on everything but cheese *Henry S Haskins*
- 6335 As for me, all I know is that I know nothing *Socrates*
- 6336 It's a wise man who profits by his own experience but it's a good deal wiser one who lets the rattlesnake bite the other fellow *Josh Billings*
- 6337 I love wisdom more than she loves me *Lord Byron*
- 6338 Wisdom is a special knowledge in excess of all that is known *Ambrose Bierce*
- 6339 Some people are suffering from lack of work, some from lack of water, many more from lack of wisdom *Calvin Coolidge*
- 6340 Some are wise, and some are otherwise *Proverb*

WISDOM AND FOLLY

- 6341 Fools and wise men are equally harmless It is the half-fools and the half-wise that are dangerous *Johann von Goethe*

WISE

- 6342 You look wise, pray, correct that error *Charles Lamb*
- 6343 Be wiser than other people if you can but do not tell them so *Lord Chesterfield*
- 6344 God Almighty never created a man half as wise as he [Daniel Webster] looks *Thomas Carlyle*
- 6345 I never did a single wise thing in the whole course of my existence, although I have written many which have been thought so *Walter Savage Landor*
- 6346 He never says a foolish thing nor ever does a wise one *Lord Rochester*
- 6347 I was tired of being always wise *Oliver Goldsmith*

WISH

- 6348 Wishes are the easy pleasures of the poor *Douglas Jerrold*
- 6349 A man will sometimes devote all his life to the development of one part of his body—the wishbone *Robert Frost*

- 6350 If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles
Benjamin Franklin
- 6351 Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have
if we didn't spend half our time wishing *Alexander Woollcott*
- 6352 Wishing is a symptom of recovery *F W Nietzsche*

WIT

- 6353 Wit consists in knowing the resemblance of things that differ, and
the difference of things that are alike *Mme de Stael*
- 6354 Wit is the sudden marriage of ideas which before their marriage
were not perceived to have any relation *Mark Twain*
- 6355 Wit sometimes enables us to act rudely with impunity *François
de La Rochefoucauld*
- 6356 Wit is a treacherous dart. It is perhaps the only weapon with which
it is possible to stab oneself in one's own back *Geoffrey Bocca*
- 6357 Wit is educated insolence *Aristotle*
- 6358 Wit has truth in it. wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words
Dorothy Parker
- 6359 To be witty is not enough. One must possess sufficient wit to avoid
having too much of it *Andre Maurois*
- 6360 Impropiety is the soul of wit *W Somerset Maugham*
- 6361 A very little wit is valued in a woman, as we are pleased with a few
words spoken plain by a parrot *Jonathan Swift*
- 6362 The greatest advantage I know of being thought a wit by the world
is that it gives one the greater freedom of playing the fool *Ibid*
- 6363 Wit helps us to play the fool with more confidence *Thomas Fuller*
- 6364 Wit is the epitaph of an emotion *F W Nietzsche*
- 6365 Attic salt (*Sal Atticum*) *Latin Phrase*
- 6366 He is winding the watch of his wit, by and by it will strike *William
Shakespeare*
- 6367 You have risen by your gravity,
I have sunk by my levity *Horne Tooke*
- 6368 Wit the unexpected explosion of thought *Edwin Percy Whipple*

WITNESS

- 6369 The silent bear no witness against themselves *Aldous Huxley*

WOMAN

- 6370 My vigor, vitality and cheek repel me. I am the kind of a woman I
would run from *Lady Astor*
- 6371 After man came woman—and she has been after him ever since
Anonymous
- 6372 To say "everyone is talking about him" is a eulogy, but to say it
about her is an elegy *Anonymous*

- 6373 Being a woman is a terribly difficult trade since it consists principally of dealings with men *Joseph Conrad*
- 6374 You never so much want to be happy with a woman as when you know that you've ceased to care for her *Arthur Schnitzler*
- 6375 No woman has ever stepped on Little America—and we have found it to be the most silent and peaceful place in the world *Richard E Byrd*
- 6376 Woman will be the last thing civilized by man *George Meredith*
- 6377 The man who can govern a woman can govern a nation *Honore de Balzac*
- 6378 The woman who can be bought—and such a woman is the least costly—wants a great deal of money The woman who gives herself takes up all our time *Ibid*
- 6379 If you want to change a woman's mind, agree with her *Anonymous*
- 6380 How can a woman be expected to be happy with a man who insists on treating her as if she were a perfectly natural being? *Oscar Wilde*
- 6381 She wore far too much rouge last night and not quite enough clothes, that is always a sign of despair in a woman *Ibid*
- 6382 A woman with a past has no future *Ibid*
- 6383 No woman is a genius women are a decorative sex They never have anything to say, but they say it charmingly They represent the triumph of matter over mind, just as men represent the triumph of mind over morals There are only two kinds of women the plain and the colored The plain women are very useful If you want to gain a reputation for respectability you have merely to take them down to supper The other women are very charming They commit one mistake, however They paint in order to try to look young Our grandmothers painted in order to try to talk brilliantly Rouge and *esprit* used to go together That has all gone out now *Ibid*
- 6384 If you want to know what a woman really means look at her—do not listen to her *Ibid*
- 6385 I don't know of anything better than a woman if you want to spend money where it'll show *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6386 According to the Bible, woman was the last thing God made It must have been a Saturday night Clearly He was tired *Alexandre Dumas fils*
- 6387 It is often woman who inspires us with the great things that she will prevent us from accomplishing *Alexandre Dumas pere*
- 6388 It is rare that, after having given the key of her heart a woman does not change the lock the day after *Charles Augustin Sainte-Beuve*
- 6389 The woman whose behavior indicates that she will make a scene if she is told the truth asks to be deceived *Elizabeth Jenkins*

- 6390 What sir, would the people of the earth be without woman? They would be scarce, sir, almighty scarce *Mark Twain*
- 6391 A woman never loafs, she shops, entertains and visits *Edgar W Howe*
- 6392 Probably no man ever got so much out of a surgical operation as Adam did *Arkansas Gazette*
- 6393 Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak *William Shakespeare*
- 6394 The charms of a passing woman are usually in direct relation to the speed of her passing *Marcel Proust*
- 6395 A woman is incapable of feeling love for an automobile *Bernard De Voto*
- 6396 The only way to understand a woman is to love her—and then it isn't necessary to understand her *Sydney Harris*
- 6397 A perfectly honest woman a woman who never flatters who never manages who never cajoles who never conceals, who never uses her eyes who never speculates on the effect which she produces, who never is conscious of unspoken admiration—what a monster I say, would such a female be? *William M Thackeray*
- 6398 It is not true that woman was made from man's rib she was really made from his funny bone *James M Barrie*
- 6399 Once made equal to man woman becomes his superior *Socrates*
- 6400 I'm glad I'm not a man, for if I were I'd be obliged to marry a woman *Mme de Stael*
- 6401 A woman's mind and the winter wind change oft *John Ray*
- 6402 The way to fight a woman is with your hat Grab it and run *John Barrymore*
- 6403 From birth to age eighteen, a girl needs good parents From eighteen to thirty-five, she needs good looks From thirty-five to fifty five, a woman needs personality And from fifty-five on, the old lady needs cash *Kathleen Norris*
- 6404 The years that a woman subtracts from her age are not lost They are added to the ages of other women *Diane de Poitiers*
- 6405 A woman is always buying something *Ovid*
- 6406 Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands *Ambrose Bierce*
- 6407 Female one of the opposing, or unfair sex *Ibid*
- 6408 I never knew but one woman who would not take gold—and she took diamonds *Horace Walpole*
- 6409 No woman should have enough clothes to make her ask, What'll I wear? *Don Herold*
- 6410 There's no music when a woman is in the concert *Thomas Dekker*
- 6411 In the beginning, said a Persian poet, Allah took a rose, a lily, a dove, a serpent, a little honey, a Dead Sea apple and a handful of

- clay When he looked at the amalgam—it was a woman *William Sharp*
- 6412 Two things make woman slow we find,
In going any place
For first she must make up her mind
And then her face *Keith Preston*
- 6413 If a woman could talk out of the two sides of her mouth at the same time, a great deal would be said on both sides *George D Prentice*
- 6414 Woman may be said to be an inferior man *Aristotle*
- 6415 A woman doth the mischief brew
In nineteen cases out of twenty *W S Gilbert*
- 6416 There's only one way to handle a woman but no one knows what it is *Anonymous*
- 6417 A woman is like your shadow—follow her she flies fly from her, she follows *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 6418 A woman especially, if she have the misfortune of knowing anything should conceal it as well as she can *Jane Austen*
- 6419 Believe a woman or an epitaph *Lord Byron*
- 6420 No woman is too bashful to talk scandal *Dutch Proverb*
- 6421 No mirror ever reflected an ugly woman *French Proverb*
- 6422 She's learned to say things with her eyes that others waste time putting into words *Corey Ford*
- 6423 When a woman has no answer the sea is empty of water *German Proverb*
- 6424 What is woman? Only one of nature's agreeable blunders *Hannah Cowley*
- 6425 A woman usually respects her father, but her view of her husband is mingled with contempt, for she is of course privy to the transparent devices by which she snared him *H L Mencken*
- 6426 God created woman And boredom did indeed cease from that moment—but many other things ceased as well! Woman was God's second mistake *F W Nietzsche*
- 6427 A woman is but an animal and an animal not of the highest order *Edmund Burke*
- 6428 Woman the peg on which the wit hangs his jest, the preacher his text, the cynic his grouch and the sinner his justification *Helen Rowland*
- 6429 A woman's tongue is only three inches long, but it can kill a man six feet high *Japanese Proverb*
- 6430 She not only expects the worst, but makes the worst of it when it happens *Michael Arlen*
- 6431 There are few good women who do not tire of their role *François de La Rochefoucauld*

- 6432 Nature has given women so much power that the law has very wisely given them little *Samuel Johnson*
- 6433 There are two things I have always loved madly they are women and celibacy *Nicolas Chamfort*
- 6434 When women have made a sheep of a man, they always tell him that he is a lion with an iron will *Honore de Balzac*
- 6435 Women are always afraid of things which have to be divided *Ibid*
- 6436 Few women are dumb enough to listen to reason *William Feather*
- 6437 It is true that all sensible women think all studious men mad It is true for the matter of that, all women of any kind think all men of any kind mad *G K Chesterton*
- 6438 If men knew how women pass the time when they are alone they'd never marry *O Henry*
- 6439 Women have a wonderful sense of right and wrong but little sense of right and left *Don Herold*
- 6440 Lord, spare me from sickly women and healthy men! *Ibid*
- 6441 Women give us solace, but if it were not for women we should never need solace *Ibid*
- 6442 Women are not much but they are the best other sex we have *Ibid*
- 6443 From the day on which she weighs 140, the chief excitement of a woman's life consists in spotting women who are fatter than she is *Helen Rowland*
- 6444 All women are good—good for nothing, or good for something *Miguel de Cervantes*
- 6445 Women are such expensive things *George Meredith*
- 6446 Women love us for our defects if we have enough of them they will forgive us everything, even our superior intellects *Oscar Wilde*
- 6447 Modern women understand everything except their husbands *Ibid*
- 6448 Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood *Ibid*
- 6449 Wicked women bother one good women bore one, that is the only difference between them *Ibid*
- 6450 Men marry because they are bored, women because they are curious both are disappointed *Ibid*
- 6451 Being adored is a nuisance Women treat us just as humanity treats its gods They worship us, and are always bothering us to do something for them *Ibid*
- 6452 Secrets from other people's wives are a necessary luxury in modern life, but no man should have a secret from his own wife She invariably finds out Women have a wonderful instinct about things They can discover everything except the obvious *Ibid*
- 6453 Women only call each other sister after they have called each other a lot of other things first *Ibid*
- 6454 Women are wiser than men because they know less and understand more *James Stephens*

- 6455 Women now insist on having all the prerogatives of the oak and all the perquisites of the clinging vine *Irvin S Cobb*
- 6456 I never expected to see the days when girls get sunburned in the places they now do *Will Rogers*
- 6457 No trust is to be placed in women *Homer*
- 6458 Silence gives the proper grace to women *Sophocles*
- 6459 Women are just like elephants to me, I like to look at them, but I wouldn't want one *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6460 Women and elephants never forget an injury *H H Munro (Saki)*
- 6461 She is like the rest of the women—thinks two and two'll come to make five, if she cries and bothers enough about it *George Eliot*
- 6462 I'm not denying that women are foolish God Almighty made them to match the men *Ibid*
- 6463 The only secrets women keep are those they don't know *Yugoslav Proverb*
- 6464 Brigands demand your money or your life, women require both *Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 6465 Women are strange and incomprehensible, a device invented by Providence to keep the wit of man well sharpened by constant employment *Arnold Bennett*
- 6466 The ladies looked one another over with microscopic carelessness *Arthur Bugs Baer*
- 6467 Most women would be better off if they paid less attention to their investments, not more And the women could continue to do what they do best—be women *Albert Schwabacher Jr*
- 6468 Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good Luckily, this is not difficult *Charlotte Whitton*
- 6469 Those who always speak well of women do not know them sufficiently those who always speak ill of them do not know them at all *Guillaume Pigault Lebrun*
- 6470 To enjoy women at all one must manufacture an illusion and envelop them with it otherwise they would not be endurable *George Jean Nathan*
- 6471 Women hate revolutions and revolutionists They like men who are docile and well regarded at the bank and never late at meals *H L Mencken*
- 6472 When women stopped knowing that their proper place is in the kitchen, the trouble began *Alexander Black*
- 6473 When a beautiful woman smiles, somebody's purse weeps *Italian Proverb*
- 6474 After all, as a pretty girl once said to me, women are a sex by themselves, so to speak *Max Beerbohm*
- 6475 Women, deceived by men, want to marry them, it is a kind of revenge as good as any other *Philippe de Beaumanoir*

WOONG

- 6476 A ring on the finger is worth two on the phone *Harold Thompson*
 6477 Men are April when they woo, December when they wed *William Shakespeare*

WORDS

- 6478 The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug *Mark Twain*
 6479 Some of the commonest English words are not in use with us—such as ousemaid ospital otel, 'istorian *Ibid*
 6480 An average English word is four letters and a half By hard, honest labor I've dug all the large words out of my vocabulary and shaved it down till the average is three and a half I never write metropolis for seven cents because I can get the same price for city I never write policeman because I can get the same money for cop *Ibid*
 6481 Father is rather vulgar, my dear The word Papa besides gives a pretty form to the lips Papa, potatoes poultry, prunes and prism are all very good words for the lips, especially prunes and prism *Charles Dickens*
 6482 Kind words will never die—neither will they buy groceries *Edgar Wilson Nye*
 6483 Many words, little honesty *Turkish Proverb*
 6484 The thoughtless are rarely wordless *Howard W Newton*
 6485 She is a woman of few words but she uses them over and over *Frank Case*
 6486 Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them *Adlai Stevenson*
 6487 With all that we hear of American hustle and hurry, it is rather strange that Americans seem to like more than we do to linger upon long words They say elevator when we say lift just as they say automobile when we say motor and stenographer when we say typist *G K Chesterton*
 6488 I once knew a fellow who spoke a dialect with an accent *Irvin S Cobb*
 6489 Fine words! I wonder where you stole em *Jonathan Swift*

WORDSWORTH, WILLIAM

- 6490 In his youth, Wordsworth sympathized with the French Revolution went to France, wrote good poetry and had a natural daughter At this period he was a 'bad' man Then he became 'good,' abandoned his daughter, adopted correct principles and wrote bad poetry *Bertrand Russell*

WORK

- 6491 Work with some men is as besetting a sin as idleness *Samuel Butler*

- 6492 It often happens that when a fellow gets a job he stops looking for work *Standard Democrat*
- 6493 I love work Why sir, when I have a piece of work to perform, I go away to myself sit down in the shade, and muse over the coming enjoyment Sometimes I am so industrious that I muse too long *Mark Twain*
- 6494 I do not like work even when another person does it *Ibid*
- 6495 Stew Nugent has decided to go to work till he can find something better *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6496 Work is what you do so that some time you won't have to do it any more *Alfred Polgar*
- 6497 Work is the greatest thing in the world so we should always save some of it for tomorrow *Don Herold*
- 6498 Work is a form of nervousness *Ibid*
- 6499 I do most of my work sitting down that's where I shine *Robert Bushby*
- 6500 'Don't you ever feel like work?' a lazy boy was asked and he answered, 'Yes, sir, but I do without' *Salvador de Madariaga*
- 6501 Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment *Robert Benchley*
- 6502 Like every man of sense and good feeling, I abominate work *Aldous Huxley*
- 6503 Happiness, I have discovered, is nearly always a rebound from hard work *David Grayson*
- 6504 *Sign at factory gate* Anyone who likes work can have a whale of a good time here *Anonymous*
- 6505 Work is the curse of the drinking classes *Anonymous*
- 6506 Work is a necessity for man Man invented the alarm clock *Pablo Picasso*
- 6507 When I stop [working], the rest of the day is posthumous I'm only really alive when I'm writing *Tennessee Williams*
- 6508 Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion The thing to be done swells in importance and complexity in a direct ratio with the time to be spent *C Northcote Parkinson*
- 6509 Learn young about hard work and manners—and you'll be through the whole dirty mess and nicely dead again before you know it *F Scott Fitzgerald*
- 6510 It is easier to admire hard work if you don't do it *Henry S Haskins*
- 6511 I like work, it fascinates me I can sit and look at it for hours *Jerome K Jerome*
- 6512 Buying and selling is good and necessary, it is very necessary, and may, possibly, be very good, but it cannot be the noblest work of man, and let us hope that in our time it may not be esteemed the noblest work of an Englishman *Anthony Trollope*

- 6513 Never work before breakfast, if you have to work before breakfast
get your breakfast first *Josh Billings*
- 6514 A bad workman quarrels with his tools *English Proverb*
- 6515 The lady bearer of this says she has two sons who want to work
Set them at it if possible Wanting to work is so rare a want that it
should be encouraged *Abraham Lincoln*
- 6516 My father taught me to work but not to love it I never did like to
work, and I don't deny it I'd rather read tell stories, crack jokes,
talk laugh—anything but work *Ibid*
- 6517 Work is work if you're paid to do it,
and it's pleasure if you pay to be allowed to do it *Finley Peter
Dunne*
- 6518 By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to
be a boss and work twelve hours a day *Robert Frost*
- 6519 The world is full of willing people some willing to work the rest
willing to let them *Ibid*
- 6520 I go on working for the same reason that a hen goes on laying eggs
H L Mencken
- 6521 People who work sitting down get paid more than people who work
standing up *Ogden Nash*
- 6522 It's all in the day's work, as the huntsman said when the lion ate
him *Charles Kingsley*
- WORLD
- 6523 We are told that when Jehovah created the world He saw that it was
good What would He say now? *George Bernard Shaw*
- 6524 The world ain't getting no worse we've only got better facilities
Frank McKinney Hubbard
- 6525 The world gets better every day—then worse again the evening
Ibid
- 6526 All the world's a stage but most of us are stagehands *Anonymous*
- 6527 The world is something that had better not have been *Arthur
Schopenhauer*
- 6528 The world, dear Agnes is a strange affair *Moliere*
- 6529 He that is giddy thinks the world turns round *William Shakespeare*
- 6530 The world has been made by fools that wise men may live in it
Ibid
- 6531 The world is a stage but the play is badly cast *Ibid*
- 6532 If there is one beast in all the loathsome fauna of civilization I hate
and despise, it is a man of the world *Henry Arthur Jones*
- 6533 They eat, and drink, and scheme, and plod,
And go to church on Sunday—
And many are afraid of God—
And more of Mrs Grundy *Frederick Locker Lampson*
- 6534 Believe everything you hear about the world, nothing is too im-
possibly bad *Honore de Balzac*

6535 Don't believe the world owes you a living, the world owes you nothing—it was here first *Robert Jones Burdette*

6536 The world is like a board with holes in it and the square men have got into the round holes and the round into the square *Bishop George Berkeley*

WORM

6537 The heart is a triumphant and mighty emperor that ends as the breakfast of a silly little worm *Michel de Montaigne*

6538 You can straighten a worm but the crook is in him and only waiting *Mark Twain*

6539 Why should a worm turn? It's probably just the same on the other side *Irvin S Cobb*

WORRY

6540 Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due *William R Inge*

6541 As soon as a wife presents her husband with a child her capacity for worry becomes acuter, she hears more burglars she smells more things burning, she begins to wonder, at the theater or the dance, whether her husband left his service revolver in the nursery *James Thurber*

6542 There are two days about which nobody should ever worry and these are yesterday and tomorrow *Robert Jones Burdette*

6543 The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work *Robert Frost*

6544 The preterpluperfect tense has always occasioned him much uneasiness though he has appeared to the world cheerful and serene *Sydney Smith*

WORSE

6545 There is nothing that can't be made worse by telling *Terence*

WORST

6546 The worst wheel of the cart makes the most noise *Benjamin Franklin*

WORTH

6547 There's not a note of mine that's worth the noting *William Shakespeare*

WRINKLES

6548 Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been *Mark Twain*

6549 An old wrinkle never wears out *Thomas Fuller*

WRITER

6550 Writers, like teeth, are divided into incisors and grinders *Walter Bagehot*

- 6551 The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything *Ibid*
- 6552 What no wife of a writer can ever understand is that a writer is working when he's staring out of the window *Burton Rascoe*
- 6553 There is no need for the writer to eat a whole sheep to be able to tell what mutton tastes like It is enough if he eats a cutlet But he should do that *W Somerset Maugham*
- 6554 The life of a writer has always seemed to me to be about as good a one as any low human being could hope for *George Jean Nathan*
- 6555 Many a writer seems to think he is never profound except when he can't understand his own meaning *George D Prentice*
- 6556 The writer who aims at producing the platitudes which are not for an age but for all time has his reward in being unreadable in all ages *George Bernard Shaw*
- 6557 He [Alexander Woollcott] is just a big dreamer with a good sense of double entry bookkeeping *Harpo Marx*
- 6558 You can recover from the writing malady only by falling mortally ill and dying *Jules Renard*
- 6559 Write without pay until somebody offers pay If nobody offers within three years the candidate may look upon this circumstance with the most implicit confidence as the sign that sawing wood is what he was intended for *Mark Twain*
- 6560 As to the Adjective when in doubt, strike it out *Ibid*
- 6561 Good writing is a kind of skating which carries off the performer where he would not go *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- 6562 I affected a combination of the styles of Macaulay and Gibbon, the staccato antithesis of the former and the rolling sentences and genitival endings of the latter and I stuck in a bit of my own from time to time *Sir Winston Churchill*
- 6563 No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money *Samuel Johnson*
- 6564 He does not write at all whose poems no man reads *Martial*
- 6565 If you want to get rich from writing write the sort of thing that's read by persons who move their lips when they're reading to themselves *Don Marquis*
- 6566 That's not writing that's typing *Truman Capote*
- 6567 The art of writing is the art of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair *Mary Heaton Vorse*
- 6568 We read of a novelist who makes a practice of pausing before finishing a novel Another good plan is to pause before beginning one *Punch*
- 6569 It is not necessary for a writer to be crazy, but it is useful *Anonymous*

- 6570 The last thing we decide in writing a book is what to put first
Blaise Pascal
- 6571 Incessant scribbling is death to thought *Thomas Carlyle*
- 6572 Mr Hall Caine it is true aims at the grandiose but then he writes
at the top of his voice He is so loud that one cannot hear what he
says *Oscar Wilde*
- 6573 I m not happy when I m writing, but I m more unhappy when
I'm not *Fannie Hurst*
- 6574 Make 'em laugh make em cry, make em wait *Charles Reade*
- 6575 Do right and fear no man, don t write and fear no woman *Luke
McLuke*
- 6576 Think much speak little and write less *Giovanni Torriano*
- WRONG
- 6577 The fellow that says 'I may be wrong, but—' does not believe
there can be any such possibility *Frank McKinney Hubbard*
- 6578 When you have done a fault, be always pert and insolent, and
behave yourself as if you were the injured person *Jonathan Swift*
- 6579 We ought never to do wrong when people are looking *Mark Twain*

... Y ...

- YALE
- 6580 Here s to the town of New Haven
The Home of the Truth and the Light,
Where God talks to Jones in the very same tones
That he uses with Hadley and Dwight *Frederick Scheetz Jones*
- YAWN
- 6581 A yawn is a silent shout *G K Chesterton*
- 6582 One yawn makes two yawners *French Proverb*
- YEAR
- 6583 The year doth nothing else but open and shut *George Herbert*
- YES
- 6584 One half the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too
quick, and not saying no soon enough *Josh Billings*
- YESTERDAY
- 6585 Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday *Don
Marquis*
- 6586 A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays *William Wordsworth*
- YOKE
- 6587 Wherever there is a neck there is a yoke *Russian Proverb*

YOUNG

- 6588 What is more enchanting than the voices of young people, when you can't hear what they say? *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 6589 Nobody can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it is his own *Sydney Harris*

YOUNG AND OLD

- 6590 Old boys have their playthings as well as young ones, the difference is only in the price *Benjamin Franklin*

YOUTH

- 6591 *To a young woman who said What a wonderful thing is youth*
Yes—and what a crime to waste it on children *George Bernard Shaw*
- 6592 Youth today must be strong unafraid and a better taxpayer than its father *Harry V Wade*
- 6593 A youth with his first cigar makes himself sick a youth with his first girl makes other people sick *Mary Wilson Little*
- 6594 Youth had been a habit of hers for so long that she could not part with it *Rudyard Kipling*
- 6595 She still aims at youth though she shot beyond it years ago *Charles Dickens*
- 6596 I am not young enough to know everything *Sir James M Barrie*
- 6597 Ask the young they know everything *French Proverb*
- 6598 Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 6599 The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of their blood *Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 6600 What would you give, old gentleman, to be as young and sprightly as I am?
Why sir, I think I would almost be content to be as foolish *Samuel Johnson*
- 6601 Too much youth, in short, is a bore, since youth lacks variety and has little to fall back upon but animal spirits, which are an even greater bore *George Jean Nathan*
- 6602 Young men have a passion for regarding their elders as senile *Henry Adams*
- 6603 Once in every man's youth there comes the hour when he must learn, what no one ever yet believed save on the authority of his own experience, that the world was not created to make him happy *George Macaulay Trevelyan*
- 6604 God help us if the younger generation ever stops being the despair of its grandparents *Deems Taylor*
- 6605 If youth is a fault, one soon gets rid of it *Johann von Goethe*

- 6606 To get back one's youth, one has merely to repeat one's follies
Oscar Wilde
- 6607 Age seventeen is the point in the journey when the parents retire to the observation car it is the time when you stop being critical of your eldest son and he starts being critical of you *Sally and James Reston*
- 6608 In youth we run into difficulties in old age difficulties run into us *Josh Billings*
- 6609 Beware of the young doctor and the old barber *Benjamin Franklin*

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- ZEAL
- 6610 Often a convert is zealous not through piety, but because of the novelty of his experience *Austin O Malley*
- 6611 Zeal is fit only for wise men, but is found mostly in fools *Thomas Fuller*
- ZOO
- 6612 Zoo a place devised for animals to study the habits of human beings *Oliver Herford*

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