

**ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL**

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**LISTENING TO SLANDER**

IT WAS a great compliment which Lord Tennyson paid to Albert, prince consort, in his introduction to his "Idylls of the King": "Who spoke no slander, no, nor listened to it."

It is a very wonderful thing to be able to say of a man that he was never heard to utter an ungracious or an unkind word about anyone, or to repeat any bit of scandal. Few people would stand this test of character.

Mrs. Clayton always said the gracious thing. She never spoke of anyone excepting to praise him. There were those who often felt that her praise was not always merited and that her words of commendation were not infrequently exaggerated. She was what is called down in the oil fields a "gusher" scattering her oil of soft words in every direction.

Whatever scandalous tales she may have heard, she never repeated any of them, but she ate up scandal as a catfish snaps up an angleworm.

Dobson was not much of a talker. He was loyal to his friends, though his loyalty did not often take the direction of either praise or commendation. He was a keen judge of human nature, and he must often have recognized weaknesses in his friends, and failure in them to come up to the highest standards, but he never criticized anyone, and more than that he seldom, if ever, listened to criticism without making some explanation or finding something to condone in the person under discussion. When someone criticized Gelder for neglecting his committee work, for instance, Dobson would say:

"Perhaps if we had as many responsibilities to carry as Gelder has, we might not do any better than he is doing."

When there was a rumor about that Raymond was not the faithful husband that he should have been, Dobson said:

"I've known Raymond ever since he was a boy, and I am not willing to believe any of these rumors that scandalmongers are circulating. We ought to stand by him rather than listen to lies detrimental to his reputation."

Even when it was not possible for Dobson to refute scandalous statements, he would not listen to them. I have seen him get up and very quietly leave a room where some one was retelling salacious gossip.

"The man who listens to scandal or slander," he used to say, "is as bad as the man who retails it."

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**WILLING TO ACCEPT AID**

Donald and Jeanie were putting down a carpet when Donald slammed the end of his thumb with the hammer and began to pour forth his soul in language befitting the occasion.

"Donald, Donald!" shrieked Jeanie, horrified. "Dinna swear that way!" "Wummun!" vociferated Donald, "gin ye know any better way, now is the time to let me know it."

**A Jolt**

"I'm not going to that woman barber shop again; there's a rude girl there, don't you know?"

"What did she say?" "Why, she looked at my mustawsh, and asked me if I would have it sponged off or rubbed in."

**His Desire**

"If you please, I'd like a straw with this lemonade," said the young man from the city.

"Hey?" returned that soda jerker in the Palace drug store in Peewee-cuddy-hump.

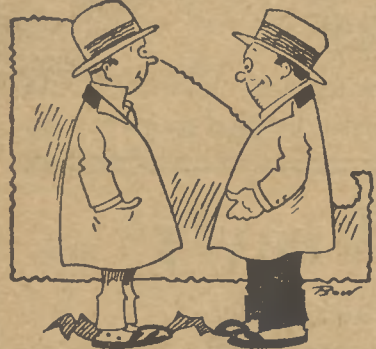
"No, straw."

**Best Proof**

Manager—The applicant claims to have been to college. Can he back up his assertion?

Office Boy (returning a few minutes later)—He states that at present he cannot. Some girl still has his fraternity pin.—North Carolina Buccaneer.

**WHAT'S THE ANSWER**



Longwed—A wife's a great comfort in our troubles, young man.  
Bachelor—No doubt true; but why marry and have troubles, I say?

**Hard on Willie**

Werry Willie asked for bread  
Wherever he did stop.  
A housewife passed the ax and said:  
"Best won't you have a chop?"

**HERBERT HOOVER TURNS SPADEMAN**



The Secretary of Commerce turns up first spadeful of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for emergency hospital on the grounds of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia. The exposition will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of American Independence. At the cabinet member's right is Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia. The hospital will be conducted by physicians and nurses from the Philadelphia General Hospital.

**Brief-Case Suspects**

We may do an occasional injustice to a perfectly innocent person, but the prudent man endeavors to be on the safe side, and we always avoid any one with a brief-case, if possible, on the theory that he's probably either a lawyer or an efficiency expert.—Ohio State Journal.

**Easy to Fix**

A young woman who was departing for the Riviera called for her passport. "I'm sorry, madam," said the clerk, "but there's been a mistake. We've got your hair down as dark instead of fair." "Oh, well," said the traveler, "will you alter it—or shall I?"

**Baked Chronometers**

Every chronometer issued to the British navy has to be "baked" at the Greenwich observatory. Those required for extended cruises in varying climates are kept for two months in an oven heated to 90 degrees to "acclimate" them.

**Pugilist's Vanity**

An oddity of Tom Sayers, the celebrated English heavyweight pugilist, was to have his name picked out in little brass studs on the toe-cap of his boots, so that all might be able to recognize him.

**Guide to Destiny**

That character and destiny can be read by watching people dance is the novel declaration of a society clairvoyant. Women especially, she thinks, give themselves away, as it were, when they dance.

**Power of Faith**

Faith consists in the willingness to pursue untriflingly the things for which we hope. It is the power by which we seek daily to translate possibilities into realities.—John Herman Randall.

**Make Yourself Worthy**

Do you ask to be companion of nobles? Make yourself noble, and you shall be. Do you long for the conversation of the wise? Learn to understand it, and you shall hear it.—Ruskin.

**Reason for Thrift**

Thrift is described as a duty. That's right. Without it, how could many a family obtain the necessaries of life, including the family automobile?—Boston Transcript.

**Incomplete Definition**

A woman writer says that the American beauties rival the Greek goddesses, but she falls to say whether it is in figure or in clothes.—San Bernardino Sun.

**Didn't Take It All**

"Dem old excavations," said Uncle Eben, "shows dat an Egyptian family had quite a little left after de undertaker's bill was paid."—Washington Star.

**Pittsburgh Glass Center**

More than half of the window glass, one-third of the plate glass and one-eighth of the bottles used in the United States are made at Pittsburgh.

**Black Flower From Tibet**

Species of rhododendrons which produce perfectly black flowers were recently discovered by an English botanist in Tibet.

**Comfort for Lowbrows**

A lowbrow is one who gets the story; a highbrow one who concentrates on the author's style.—Washington Post.

**Good Voice Can't Fool 'Em**

It is impossible to stampede the musical critics. They're always too busy looking for technicalities.—Toledo Blade.

**A Party in the Country**

By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

Oh, a party in the country is a carnival of fun,  
While a party in the city is a bore!  
And the city people sigh and yawn till each ordeal  
is done,  
But the country folks will always beg for more.

Almost every city person thinks that everybody there  
Is a piker or a nuisance or a snob;  
And they seldom get acquainted just because they do  
not care  
To become a part of what they call "the mob"

In the country, folks are known for what they are  
and what they do,  
And their neighbors learn to love them overnight.  
In the country, where amusement's bright facilities  
are few,  
Good old-fashioned comradeship still gives delight.

Yes, a party in the country is a mighty big event,  
And an invitation is a queen's command.  
Everybody goes—and later tells the world he's glad  
he went—  
It was loads of fun, and my! those eats were grand!



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Having qualified as executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the late C. H. Griffin, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to file same with the undersigned at Woodland N. C., within one year from the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This May 10th, 1926.  
MRS. MATTIE SYKES GRIFFIN,  
Executrix of the Estate of  
C. H. Griffin.  
Burgwyn & Norfleet, Attys. n19

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Having qualified as administratrix, c t a, of the estate of R. V. Bridgers, deceased, late of Northampton County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at Conway, N. C., on or before the 10th day of May, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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