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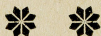
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- A bad workman quarrels with his tools.
A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.
A happy heart makes a blooming visage.
Absence cools moderate passions, and inflames violent ones.
A burden which one chooses is not felt.
A cat may look at a king.
Aching teeth are ill tenants.
A chip of the old block.
A clear conscience fears no accusation.
A contented mind is a continual feast.
A creaking door hangs long on the hinges.
A drowning man will catch at a straw.
Adversity flattereth no man.
A fat kitchen makes a lean will.
A fault confessed is half redressed.
A fool and his money are soon parted.
A fool can make money; it requires a wise man to spend it.
A fool may give a wise man counsel.
A fool's bolt is soon shot.
After death the doctor.
After dinner sit a while, after supper walk a mile.
After meat, mustard.
A friend in need is a friend indeed.
A full purse never lacks friends.

A gentleman without a living is like a pudding without suet.

A good layer-up is a good layer-out.

A good maxim is never out of season.

A good name keeps its luster in the dark.

A good servant makes a good master.

A good word is as soon said as an ill one.

A goose cannot graze after him.

A great dowry is a bed full of troubles.

Agues come on horseback. but go away on foot.

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

A hair of the dog that bit him.

A handful of good life is better than a bushel of learning.

A hungry man's an angry man.

A king's favor is no inheritance.

A libertine's life is not a life of liberty.

A lie has no legs, but scandal has wings.

A light-heeled mother makes a heavy-heeled daughter.

A light purse is a heavy curse.

A little body doth often harbor a great soul.

A little leak will sink a great ship.

A little pot is soon hot.

All are not friends that speak us fair.

All are not hunters that blow the horn.

All are not thieves that dogs bark at.

All feet tread not in one shoe.

All gone to sixes and sevens [confusion and ruin].

All is fish that comes to the net.

All is not gain that is got into the purse.

All is not gold that glitters.

All lay hold on the willing horse.

All the honesty is in the parting.

All the fat's in the fire.

All things are soon prepared in a well-ordered house.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
 Almost and very nigh, save many a lie.
 Always put the saddle on the right horse.
 A man forewarned is forearmed.
 A man may buy gold too dear.
 A man may cause his own dog to bite him.
 A man may hold his tongue in an ill time.
 A man may lose his goods for want of demanding them.
 A man must ask his wife leave to thrive.
 A man never surfeits of too much honesty.
 A man without reason is a beast in season.
 A miss is as good as a mile.
 An apple, an egg, and a nut, you may eat after a slut.
 An empty purse fills the face with wrinkles.
 An evil lesson is soon learned.
 Anger dieth quickly with a good man.
 An honest man's word is as good as his bond.
 An hour in the morning is worth two in the afternoon.
 A nice wife and a back door often make a rich man
 poor.
 An idle brain is the devil's workshop.
 An oak is not felled with one blow.
 An obedient wife commands her husband.
 A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.
 An old knave is no babe.
 An old sack asketh much patching.
 An ounce of mother wit is worth a pound of clergy.
 Antiquity is not always a mark of verity.
 An unlawful oath is better broke than kept.
 Anything for a quiet life.
 A penny saved is a penny earned.
 A pin a day is a groat a year.
 A pitcher goes often to the well, but is broken at last.
 A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder.

A quiet tongue shows a wise head.
A rolling stone gathers no moss.
A rotten apple injures its companions.
A rotten sheep infects the whole flock.
A single fact is worth a ship-load of argument.
A small pack becomes a small peddler.
A small spark makes a great fire.
A smart reproof is better than smooth deceit.
A spur in the head is worth two in the heel.
As the bell is, so is the clapper.
As the crow is, the egg will be.
As the fool thinks the bell clinks.
As the old cock crows, the young cock learns.
A stitch in time saves nine.
As welcome as flowers in May.
As you make your bed, so must you lie on it.
As you sow, so you shall reap.
A tree is known by its fruit.
A wager is a fool's argument.
A wilful man will have his way.
A willing mind makes a light foot.
A word before is worth two behind.
Aye be as merry as you can.
Bachelors' wives and maids' children are always well taught.
Beauty is a blossom.
Beauty is no inheritance.
Before thou marry, be sure of a house wherein to tarry.
Beggars have no right to be choosers.
Be it for better, or be it for worse, be ruled by him that beareth the purse.
Be not too hasty to outbid another.
Be slow to promise, and quick to perform.
Better do it than wish it done.

Better go around than fall into the ditch.
 Better known than trusted.
 Better late than never.
 Better ride on an ass that carries me, than a horse that
 throws me.
 Better to be alone than in bad company.
 Better to be beaten than to be in bad company.
 Better to bend than to break.
 Better to go to bed supperless than to rise in debt.
 Between two stools we come to the ground.
 Birds of a feather flock together.
 Birth is much, but breeding is more.
 Borrowed garments *never fit well*.
 Brag is a good dog, but Holdfast is better.
 Bread at pleasure, drink by measure.
 Brevity is the soul of wit.
 Building and marrying of children are great wasters.
 Burning the candle at both ends.
 Business is the salt of life.
 Buy at a market, but sell at home.
 By others' faults wise men correct their own.
 "Can do," is easily carried.
 Care killed a cat.
 Carrying coals to Newcastle.
 Catch not at the shadow, and lose the substance.
 Catch the bear before you sell his skin.
 Change of fortune is the lot of life.
 Charity begins at home, but does not end there.
 Cheating play never thrives.
 Children and chickens must be always picking.
 Children are uncertain comforts.
 Children suck the mother when they are young, and the
 father when they are old.
 Climb not too high, lest the fall be the greater.

Confession of a fault makes half amends for it.
Confine your tongue, lest it confine you.
Conscience is never dilatory in her warnings.
Conscience is the chamber of justice.
Conscience makes cowards of us all.
Content is the true philosopher's stone.
Contentment to the mind is as light to the eye.
Conviviality should ever be free from intemperance.
Courtesy on one side never lasts long.
Covet not that which belongs to others.
Craft bringeth nothing home.
Custom is a second nature.
Cut and come again.
Cut your coat according to your cloth.
Daub yourself with honey, and you will have plenty of
flies.
Death is deaf, and hears no denial.
Death keeps no calendar.
Debt is the worst kind of poverty.
Deeds are fruits, words are but leaves.
Deep rivers move with silent majesty, shallow brooks
are noisy.
Defer not till the evening what the morning may
accomplish.
Delays are dangerous.
Deliberate slowly, execute promptly.
Depend not on fortune, but on conduct.
Dependence is a poor trade to follow.
Deride not any man's infirmities.
Desires are nourished by delays.
Deserve success, and you shall command it.
Despise none, despair of none.
Diligence is the mistress of success.
Diseases are the interests paid for pleasures.

Do as the most do, and fewest will speak evil of you.*

Do as you would be done by.

Dogs wag their tails not so much in love to you as to your bread.

Doing nothing is doing ill.

Do not burn daylight upon it.

Do not halloo till you are out of the wood.

Do not make fish of one and flesh of another.

Do not rip up old sores.

Do not spur a free horse.

Do not throw your opinions in everybody's teeth.

Don't be all your days trotting in a cabbage leaf.

Don't buy a pig in a poke.

Don't measure other people's corn by your bushel.

Don't neglect to feather your nest.

Don't run away with more than you can carry.

Don't value a gem by what it is set in.

Do what thou oughtest, and come what can.

Down with the dust [pay with the money].

Drunkenness is a pair of spectacles to see the devil and all his works.

Drunkenness reduces a man below the standard of a brute.

Eagles fly alone, but sheep flock together.

Early to bed and early to rise,

Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Eat what you like, but pocket nothing.

Empty vessels make the greatest sound.

Enough is as good as a feast.

Entertain honor with humility, and poverty with patience.

Evening oats are good morning's fodder.

* In most cases this would be a bad advice.

Ever drunk ever dry.
Ever spare and ever have.
Every bean has its black.
Every dog hath his day.
Everybody's business is nobody's business.
Every couple is not a pair.
Every herring must hang by its own head.
Every Jack has his Jill.
Every man is the architect of his own fortune
Every one for himself, and God for us all.
Every one puts his fault on the times.
Every one to his liking, as the old woman said when
 she kissed her cow.
Every path hath a puddle.
Every shoe fits not every foot.
Everything hath an end, and a pudding hath two.
Everything is good in its season.
Everything is the worse for wearing.
Example teaches more than precept.
Experience is the mother of science.
Experience teaches fools.
Evil communications corrupt good manners.
Evil gotten, evil spent.
Faint heart never won fair lady.
Fair and softly go far in a day.
Fair words make fools fain.
Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.
False friends are worse than open enemies.
Fancy may bolt bran and think it flour.
Far-fetched and dear-bought is good for ladies.
Fat paunches make lean pates.
Fat sorrow is better than lean sorrow.
Few take care to live well, but many to live long.
Fiddler's fare—meat, drink, and money.

Fine feathers make fine birds.
Fine words butter no parsnips.
Fire and water are good servants, but bad masters.
Fire is not to be quenched with tow.
First deserve and then desire.
Fly pleasure and it will follow thee.
Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them.
Fools should never see half-done work.
Fools tie knots, and wise men loose them.
Fools will be meddling.
Forbearance is no acquittance.
Forgive and forget.
Forgive any sooner than thyself.
Fortune favors the brave.
Fortune has no power over discretion.
Fortune **knocks** **once** at least at every man's gate.
For want of company, welcome trumpery.
From fame to infamy is a beaten road.
Gather thistles except prickles.
Gentry sent to market will not buy one bushel of corn.
Get thy spindle and distaff ready, and God will send
flax.
Give a dog an ill name and hang him.
Give a rogue rope enough, and he will hang himself.
Give it plenty of elbow grease [hard rubbing].
Give the devil his due.
God help the rich, the poor can beg.
God helps those who help themselves.
God send you more wit, and me more money.
God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.
Go farther and fare worse.
Good counsel is above all price.
Good harvests make men prodigal, bad ones provident.
Good to be merry at meat.

Good ware makes quick markets.
Good wine needs no bush.
Good words cost nothing, but are worth much.
Goods are not theirs who enjoy them.
Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.
Grasp all, lose all.
Great barkers are no biters.
Great cry and little wool.
Great gain and little pain make a man soon weary.
Half a loaf is better than no bread.
Handsome is that handsome does.
Happy is he whose friends were born before him.
Happy is he who knows his follies in his youth.
Happy is the wooing that is not long in doing.
Harm watch, harm catch.
Hasty resolutions seldom speed well.
Have not thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.
Hear twice before you speak once.
He dances well to whom fortune pipes.
He doubles his gift who gives in time.
He fights with his own shadow.
He giveth twice that gives in a trice.
He has a bee in his bonnet.
He has brought his noble to ninepence.
He has had a bit upon his bridle.
He is a wise man who speaks little.
He is proper that hath proper conditions.
He knows not a B from a bull's foot.
He knows not a hawk from a hand-saw.
He lacks most that longs most.
Hell is paved with good intentions.
Help the lame dog over the stile.
He liveth long that liveth well.
He'll find some hole to creep out at.

He loses nothing for the asking.
 He loseth his thanks who promiseth and delayeth.
 He loseth nothing that keeps God for his friend.
 He loves roast meat well that licks the spit.
 He may well be contented who needs neither borrow
 nor flatter.
 He must needs run whom the devil drives.
 He must stoop that hath a low door.
 He plays well that wins.
 He's a Jack in office.
 He's gone upon a sleeveless errand.
 He that always complains is never pitied.
 He that blows in the dust fills his eyes.
 He that falls in an evil cause, falls in the devil's frying-
 pan.
 He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.
 He that has no shame has no conscience.
 He that has no silver in his purse should have silver on
 his tongue.
 He that hath a good harvest may be content with some
 thistles.
 He that is angry is seldom at ease.
 He that is warm thinks all are so.
 He that lendeth looseth double. [Loses both his money
 and his friend.]
 He that licks honey from thorns pays too dear for it.
 He that lies down with dogs, must expect to rise with
 fleas.
 He that lives not well one year sorrows for it seven.
 He that liveth wickedly can hardly die honestly.
 He that reckons without his host must reckon again.
 He that runs fast will not run long.
 He that runs in the night stumbles.
 He that plants not corn sows thistles.

He that stays in the valley will never get over the hill.
He that will not be saved needs no preacher.
He that will not be counseled cannot be helped.
He that will steal an egg will steal an ox.
He that would thrive must rise at five; he that has
thriven may lie till seven.

He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
He who is hasty fishes in an empty pond.
He who knows himself best esteems himself least.
He who lies long in bed his estate feels it.
He who marries for wealth doth sell his liberty.
He who rises late never does a good day's work.
He who runs after a shadow has a wearisome race.
He who sows brambles must not go barefoot.
He who spends all he gets is in the highroad to beggary.
He who swims in sin will sink in sorrow.
He who would catch fish must not mind getting wet.
He who would reap well must sow well.

Hiders are good finders.
His bread is buttered on both sides.
His eye is bigger than his belly.
His tongue's no slander.
Home is home though it be ever so homely
Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.
Hot love is soon cold.
Hot sup, hot swallow.
Humility is the foundation of all virtue.
Hunger is the best sauce.
Hungry dogs eat dirty puddings.
I can see as far into a millstone as the picker.
Idle folks have the most labor.
Idle folks have the least leisure.
Idleness is the greatest prodigality.
Idleness is the parent of want and shame.

Idleness is the root of all evil.
Idleness is the sepulchre of a living man.
If every one would mend one, all would be amended.
If the brain plants not corn, it sows thistles.
If the cap fit, wear it.
If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain.
If things were to be done twice, all would be wise.
If we subdue not our passions, they will subdue us.
If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.
If you give an inch, he will take an ell.
If you have too many irons in the fire, some of them will burn.
If you would enjoy the fruit, pluck not the flower.
Ignorance is the parent of many injuries.
I have a crow to pluck with you.
I have lived too near a wood to be frightened by owls.
I have other fish to fry.
I'll trust him no farther than I can fling him.
Ill examples are like contagious diseases.
Ill gotten goods seldom prosper.
Ill news travel apace.
Ill wedding and ill wintering tame both man and beast.
Ill weeds grow apace.
In a calm sea every man is a pilot.
In at one ear and out at the other.
In vain he craves advice that will not follow it.
Inconstancy is the attendant of a weak mind.
It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.
It cuts both ways, like a two-edged sword.
It is a bad horse that refuses to carry his provender.
It is a long road that has no turning.
It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
It is better to do well than to say well.

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It is good to begin well, but better to end well.

It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.

It is never too late to learn.

It is no small conquest to overcome yourself.

It is not the cowl that maketh the friar.

It's a bad cause that none dare speak in.

It's a bad sack will abide no clouting.

It's a good horse that never stumbles.

It's poor sport that's not worth the candle.

It's a sad heart that never rejoices.

It's a wise child that knows its own father.

It's an ill procession where the devil holds the candle.

It's easy to bowl down hill.

It's ill healing an old sore.

It's ill shaving against the wool.

It's merry in the hall when beards wag all.

It's more painful to do nothing than something.

It's not the gay coat makes the gentleman.

It's impossible for a ram to kill a butcher.

It's wit to pick a lock and steal a horse, but wisdom to let them alone.

Jack Nokes and Tom Stiles.

Jack of all trades and master of none.

Jesting lies bring serious sorrows.

Judge not of a ship as she lies on the stocks.

Judge not of men or things at first sight.

Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it.

Keep counsel thyself first.

Keep good men company, and you shall be of the number.

Keep no more cats than will catch mice.

Keep the bowels open, the head cool, and the feet warm, and a fig for physicians.

Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.
Keep your tongue within your teeth.
Kill two birds with one stone.
Kindness is lost upon an ungrateful man.
Kindness, like grain, increases by sowing.
Kissing goes by favor.
Knavery may serve a turn, but honesty is best in the
end.
Land was never lost for want of an heir.
Lazy folks take the most pains.
Least said is soonest mended.
Lend thy horse and thou mayest have back his skin.
Let every peddler carry his own burden.
Let every tub stand on its own bottom.
Let not your tongue cut your throat.
Let sleeping dogs lie.
Let the cobbler stick to his last.
Let them laugh that win.
Life is half spent before we know what it is.
Life without a friend is death without a witness.
Light come, light go.
Lips however rosy must be fed.
Little and often fills the purse.
Little boats must keep near shore.
Little pitchers have great ears.
Little sticks kindle the fire, but great ones put it out.
Live and let live.
Live not to eat, but eat to live.
Lowly set, richly worn.
Lock the stable door when the steed is stolen.
Long looked-for comes at last.
Look before you leap.
Look to the main chance.
Look twice ere you determine once.

Lookers-on see more than players.
Losers are always in the wrong.
Love asks faith, and faith asks firmness.
Love me, love my dog.
Lovers live by love as larks by leeks. [Ironical.]
Lucky men need little counsel.
Make a virtue of necessity.
Make hay while the sun shines.
Make not your sail too large for your ship.
Make the best of a bad bargain.
Making a toil of a pleasure.
Man doth what he can and God what he will.
Man proposes, God disposes.
Manners often make fortunes.
Many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip.
Many a true word is spoken in jest.
Many can pack the cards that cannot play.
Many go out for wool and come home shorn.
Many hands make light work.
Many words will not fill the bushel.
Marry in haste and repent at leisure.
Marry your sons when you will, your daughters when
you can.
Mills and wives are ever wanting.
Mischiefs come by the pound and go away by the
ounce.
Misfortunes seldom come alone.
Misreckoning is no payment.
Modesty is the handmaid of virtue.
Money makes the mare to go.
Money will do more than my lord's letter.
More afraid than hurt.
Much is expected where much is given.
Much water goes by the mill the miller knows not of.

Much would have more and lost all.
 Muffled cats are bad mousers.
 Murder will out.

My son is my son till he gets him a wife,
 But my daughter's my daughter all the days of
 her life.

Necessity is the mother of invention.
 Neither praise nor dispraise thyself; thine actions serve
 the turn.

Never carry two faces under one hood.
 Never fall out with your bread and butter.
 Never find anything before it is lost.

Never fish in troubled waters.
 Never light your candle at both ends.
 Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
 Never make a mountain of a mole-hill.

Never quit certainty for hope.
 Never ride a free horse to death.
 Never sound the trumpet of your own praise.

Never split against the grain.
 Never tread on a sore toe.

Never trust to a broken staff.
 Never venture out of your depth till you can swim.

Never wade in unknown waters.
 New brooms sweep clean.

New lights often come through cracks in the ceiling.
 New lords, new laws.

Next to love, quietness.

No alchemy is equal to saving.

No man can serve two masters.

No man should live like a toad under a harrow.

No mill, no meal.

None are so deaf as those that will not hear.

- None knows the weight of another's burden.
None so blind as those who will not see.
No pot is so ugly as not to find a cover.
No receiver, no thief.
No rose without a thorn.
Nothing comes out of the sack but what was in it.
Nothing dries sooner than tears.
Nothing down nothing up.
Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.
Nothing venture nothing win.
Of all studies, study your present condition.
Of all the crafts to be an honest man is the master craft.
Of all prodigality, that of time is the worst.
Of two evils choose the least.
Old bees yield no honey.
Old birds are not to be caught with chaff.
Old friends and old wines are best.
Old friends to meet, old wine to drink, and old wood to burn.
Old reckonings breed new disputes.
One bad example spoils many good precepts.
One barber shaves not so close but another finds work.
One eye-witness is better than ten hearsays.
One flower makes no garland.
One good turn deserves another.
One half the world knows not how the other half lives.
One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after.
One is not so soon healed as hurt.
One man may steal a horse, when another may not look over the hedge.
One man's meat is another's poison.
One nail drives out another.
One never loses by doing a good turn.

- One ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.
 One scabbed sheep will mar a flock.
 One swallow makes not a spring, nor one woodcock a winter.
 One tale is good till another is told.
 Open rebuke is better than secret hatred.
 Opportunity makes the thief.
 Opportunities neglected are irrecoverable.
 Our own opinion is never wrong.
 Out of debt, out of danger.
 Out of sight, out of mind.
 Out of the frying-pan into the fire.
 Passion is a fever that leaves us weaker than it finds us.
 Passion is ever the enemy of truth.
 Patience and time run through the longest day.
 Patience is a flower that grows not in every one's garden.
 Patience is a plaster for all sores.
 Pay as you go.
 Penny wise and pound foolish.
 People who live in glass houses should never throw stones.
 Perfection is the point at which all should aim.
 Petulant contentions engender malice.
 Plain dealing's a jewel.
 Positive men are most often in error.
 Possession is nine points of the law.
 Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bedfellows.
 Poverty parts friends.
 Praise a fair day at night.
 Praise the sea but keep on land.
 Prevention is better than cure.

Prettiiness dies quickly.
Pride of heart foreruns destruction.
Pride will have a fall.
Procrastination is the thief of time.
Promise little and do much.
Promises are too much like pie-crust.
Provide for the worst; the best will save itself.
Pry not into the affairs of others.
Pull hair and hair, and you'll make the carle bald.
Put no faith in tale-bearers.
Quick at meat, quick at work.
Quick resentments are often fatal.
Quick returns make rich merchants.
Quit not certainty for hope.
Raise no more spirits than you can conjure down.
Ratify promises by performances.
Ready money will away.
Reckless youth makes rueful age.
Remove an old tree and it will wither.
Rome was not built in a day.
Rule the appetite and temper the tongue.
Safe bind, safe find.
Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
Saving at the spigot and spending at the bung.
Say no ill of the year till it be past.
Saying and doing are two things.
Search others for their virtues, thyself for thy faults.
See a beggar and catch a louse.
Seeing is believing.
Seek till you find, and you'll not lose your labor.
Seldom seen, soon forgotten.
Self-preservation is the first law of nature.
Set a thief to take a thief.
Shameless craving must have shameless way.

Sharp stomachs make short graces.
 She shows many more airs than graces.
 Show me a liar, and I will show you a thief.
 Short reckonings make long friends.
 Silence does seldom any harm.
 Silks and satins put out the fire in the kitchen.
 Sit in your place and none will make you rise.
 Sleep without supper and wake without owing.
 Sloth is the mother of poverty.
 Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.
 Soon ripe, soon rotten.
 Soon well, long ill.
 Sooner said than done.
 Sorrow will pay no debt.
 Sour grapes, as the fox said when he could not reach
 them.
 Spare well and spend well.
 Spare when you are young, and spend when you are old.
 Speak the truth and shame the devil.
 Speech is the gift of all, but thought of few.
 Stars are not seen by sunshine.
 Stick your opinions on no person's sleeve.
 Stretch your legs according to your coverlet.
 Strike while the iron is hot.
 Study to be worthy of your parents.
 Such a welcome, such a farewell.
 Such as the tree is, such is the fruit.
 Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care
 of themselves.
 Take heed of an ox before, an ass behind, and a knave
 on all sides.
 Take heed will surely speed.
 Take the will for the deed.
 Take time by the forelock.

Talk of the devil and he'll appear.

Talking pays no toll.

Tell me the company you keep, and I'll tell you what you are.

Temperance is the best physic.

That is well spoken that is well taken.

That penny is well spent that saves a groat.

That's placing the cart before the horse.

That was laid on with a trowel.

The absent party is still faulty.

The ass that brays most eats least.

The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

The better day, the better deed.

The blind man's wife needs no painting.

The cobbler's wife is the worst shod.

The comforter's head never aches.

The covetous man is his own tormentor.

The crow thinks her own bird the fairest.

The devil is not as black as he is painted.

The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be;

The devil grew well, the devil a monk was he.

The early bird catches the worm.

The end of a feast is better than the beginning of a fray.

The eye of the master does more work than both his hands.

The farthest way about is often the nearest way home.

The faulty stands on his guard.

The foremost dog catches the hare.

The galled jade will wince.

The goodness of a pudding is known in the eating.

The gray mare is the better horse.

The greatest burdens are not the gainfullest.

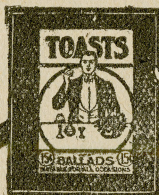
The greatest strokes make not the best music.
The greatest wealth is contentment with little.
The groat is ill saved that shames the master.
The guilty mind needs no accuser.
The handsomest flower is not the sweetest.
The hasty hand catches frogs for fish.
The hastiest man that is must wait while his drink is drawing.
The highway is never about.
The highest branch is not the safest roost.
The hotter war the sooner peace.
The last drop makes the cup run over.
The last suitor wins the maid.
The lion's skin is never cheap.
The longest day must have an end.
The market is the best garden.
The married man must turn his staff into a stake.
The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.
The mob has many heads but no brains.
The more noble the more humble.
The more the merrier, the fewer the better cheer.
The more you heap, the worse you keep.
The nearer the church the farther from God.
The offender never pardons.
The path of virtue is the path of peace.
The rat which has but one hole is soon caught.
The receiver is as bad as the thief.
The still sow sucks the most wash.
The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.
There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.
There is luck in leisure.
There is reason in roasting eggs.
There's a salve for every sore.

- There's no compassion like the penny.
There's no fool like an old fool.
There's no general rule without an exception.
There's no joy without alloy.
The table robs more than the thief.
The truest jests sound worst in guilty ears.
The truth may be blamed but not shamed.
The weakest must go to the wall.
The wearer best knows where the shoe pinches him.
There would be no ill language if it were not ill taken.
There would not be great ones if there were no little.
They love too much that die for love.
They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.
They need much whom nothing will content.
Think of ease, but work on.
Those who live longest will see most.
Those who play with edged tools must expect to be cut.
Threatened folks live long.
Time and tide stay for no man.
Time is a file that wears and makes no noise.
Timely blossom, timely fruit.
'Tis the second blow that makes the fray.
To a child all weather is cold.
To a crazy ship all winds are contrary.
To be hail fellow well met with one. [In good fellowship.]
To be in a merry pin.
To dine with Duke Humphry. [To go without dinner.]
To err is human, to forgive divine.
To find a mare's nest. [To discover something already well known.]
To give and keep there is need of wit.
To go through thick and thin. [Stick at nothing.]
To go to pot.

- To have nothing but one's labor for one's pains.
- To have the law in one's own hand.
- To have two strings to one's bow.
- To kill two birds with one stone.
- To laugh in one's sleeve.
- Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- Too much familiarity breeds contempt.
- To play the dog in the manger.
- To put one's nose out of joint.
- To rob Peter to pay Paul.
- To seek a needle in a bottle of hay.
- To send one away with a flea in his ear.
- To set up one's staff of rest. [To propose to abide in a place.]
- To stand in one's own light.
- To starve in a cook-shop.
- To strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.
- To take a wrong sow by the ear.
- To tell tales out of school.
- To throw the helve after the hatchet. [Giving up a thing in despair.]
- To twist a rope of sand.
- Trade is the mother of money.
- Tread on a worm and it will turn.
- Trim-tram, like master, like man.
- True praise takes root and spreads.
- Truth has always a fast bottom.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Two of a trade seldom agree.
- Two swallows do not make a summer. - 52
- Unknown, unmissed.
- Unminded, unmoved.
- Use the means and God will give the blessing.
- Valor is worth little without discretion.

- Valor that parleys is near yielding.
Venture a small fish to catch a great one.
Venture not all in one bottom.
War is death's feast.
Waste not, want not.
Wealth makes worship.
Welcome is the best cheer.
We must eat a peck of salt with a man before we know him.
We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.
What cannot be cured must be endured.
What is bred in the bone will not come out of the flesh.
What is got over the devil's back is spent under his belly.
What the eye sees not the heart rues not.
What the good wife spares the cat eats.
When a dog is drowning every one offers him water.
When all is consumed, repentance comes too late.
When fortune smiles on thee, take the advantage.
When many strike on an anvil, they strike by measure.
When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out at the window.
When rogues fall out, honest men get their own.
When sorrow is asleep, wake it not.
When the cat's away the mice play.
When the goodman's from home the goodwife's table is soon spread.
When wine's in wit's out.
When two Sundays meet. [Never.]
When you are at Rome, do as they do at Rome.
When we have gold we are in fear, when we have none we are in danger.
When drink enters, wisdom departs.
Where much smoke is there must be some fire.

Where the carcass is, there the ravens will collect together.
Where the king is, there is the court.
Where the will is ready the feet are light.
Where there is a will there is always a way.
Write injuries in dust, but kindnesses in marble.
While the grass grows the cow starves.
While there's life there's hope.
Who dainties love shall beggars prove.
Who loseth his due getteth no thanks.
Who perisheth in needless danger is the devil's martyr.
Who spends more than he should, shall not have to spend when he would.
Who spits against the wind spits in his own face.
Wide will wear, but narrow will tear.
Wilful waste makes woful want.
Wise men care not for what they cannot have.
Wisely and slow: they stumble who run fast.
Wool sellers know wool buyers.
Words may pass, but blows fall heavy.
Wranglers never want words.
York—every man pay his share.
You are busy as a hen with one chick.
You come like a godfather after the christening.
You can look at teeth and not be bitten.
You can't see green cheese but your mouth must water.
You cannot catch old birds with chaff.
You cannot eat your cake and have it also.
You cannot have blood out of a stone.
You cannot hide an eel in a sack.
You cannot kill a dog with a bone.
You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.
You cannot wash the blackamore white.
You need not grease a fat sow.



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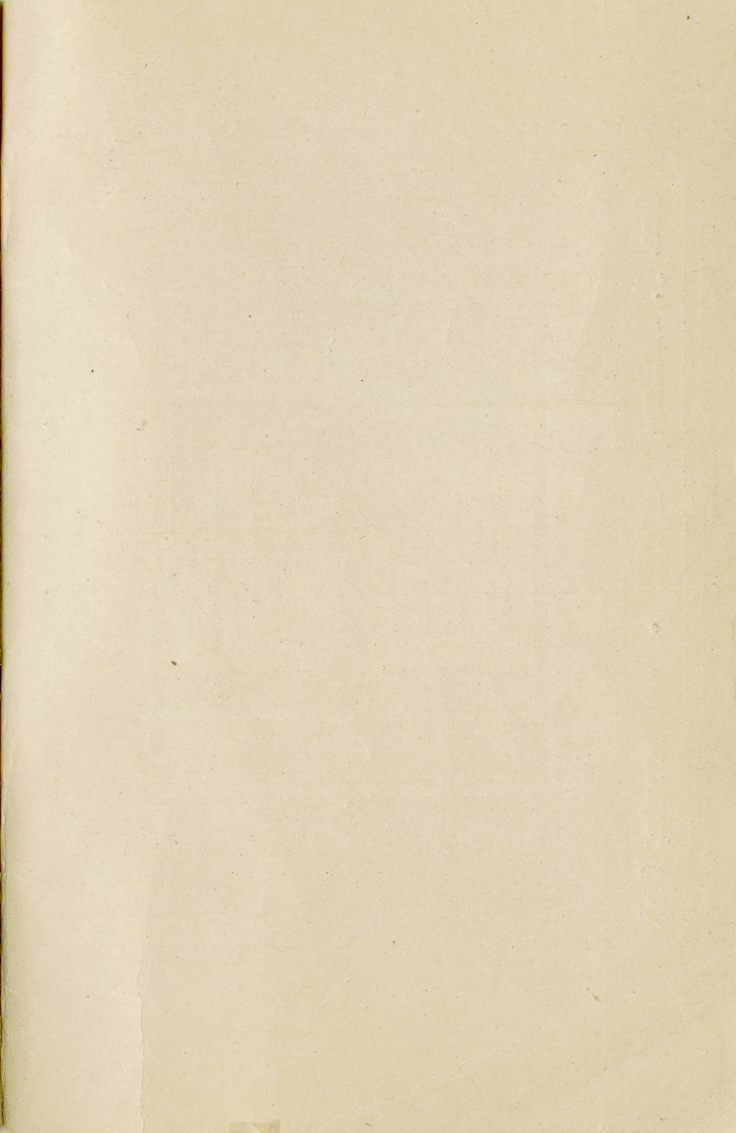
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