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Solium Thoughts.

BY JOSE MILLINGS.

The fear of God is the philosophy of religion; the love of God is the charity of religion.

Hope is a hen that lays more eggs than she can hatch out.

Better love your child virtue than money; but this is a secret known only to a few.

I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.

About the hardest work a fellow can do is to spunk two gals at once and preserve a good average.

A nickname will outlive any man or thing; it is like the crook in a dog's tail, you may cut it off and throw it behind the barn, but the crook is there yet and the stump is the epitaph.

If you analyze what most men call pleasure, you will find it composed of one part humbug and two parts pain.

When you have got nothing to do, do it at once; this is the way to learn to be lazy.

We have been told that the best way to overcome misfortunes is to fight 'em—I have tried both ways and recommend a successful dodge.

The art of becoming or importance in the life of others, is not to overrate ourselves, but to rate them over us.

The true way to understand the judgments of heaven is to submit to them.

Method is everything, especially for ordinary men; the few men who lift a tun at pleasure, have a divine right to take a bolt of it to a disadvantage.

The mind of man is like a piece of land that will be useful most be manured with virtue, and harvested with economy.

Where a religion is a trade morality is a merchandise.

Conversation should be elvened with wit, not composed of it.

The less a man knows the more he will guess at; and guessing is nothing more than suspicion.

Going to law is like skinning a new milk cow for the hide and giving the meat to the lawyers.

Death to most of us is a kind of 'fare well benefit'—positively our last appearance.

Phoos are quite often like hornets; very busy, but what about the Lord only knows.

Living on hope is living on wind; a good way to get phull, but a poor way to get fat.

Jealousy don't pay; the best it can do is to discover what we don't want to find, nor don't expect to.

Secrets are a mortgage on friendship.

A vivid imagination is like sun glasses; it makes things at a distance look twice as big as they are.

Hope is a draft on futurity, sometimes honored but generally extended.

If the world despises a hypocrite, what must they think of him in heaven?

Flattery is like kolone water, it will smelt us not allowed.

After all, there don't seem to be but this difference between the wise men and the phools; the wise men are all fess and sum fethers, while the phools are all fess and no fethers.

Without friends and without enemies is the last reliable account we have of a stray dog.

Sum folks wander where all the lies cum from, but I don't; one good liar will wizen a whole country.

Huntin arter fame is like huntin fleas; hard to ketch, and sure taw make you oneasy if you do or don't ketch 'em.

Many people spend their time trying to find the hole where sin got into the world. If two men brake threw the ice into a mill pond, they had better hunt for some good hole to get out, rather than get into an argument about the hole they come out fell in.

Imaginashun, too much indulged in, soon is tortured into reality; this is one way good hose thiefs are made. A man leans over a fence all day, and imagines the hose in the lot belongs to him, and sure enuf, the first dark nite, the horse does.

If you must chaw tobacco, young man, for Heaven's sake chaw old pluggs—it is the tastiest.

A parishioner inquired of his pastor the meaning of this line of Scripture.

'He was clothed with curses as with a garment.'

'It signifies,' replied the divine, 'that the individual had a bad habit of swearing.'

Vicksburg still exhibits severe marks of the siege of 1863. The numerous caves in the sides of the hills where the inhabitants took refuge are still open. Recently, one of these caves was opened, and found to contain the bones of a family supposed to have been suffocated by the closing of the entrance. The rifle pits and earth forts still remain on the hillsides, but the cannon have all been removed.

He who has no shame has no conscience.

LOVE AND PRIDE.

The True Version of the "Lady of Lyons."

(Julius H. Brown's Letter from Lyons to the San Francisco Alta.)

Lyons has always been associated in my mind with the sentimental lady to whom Bulwer introduced many years ago. I looked for her all along the Rhine, and could not discover her. When I had despaired of getting at the facts in the case, I heard of a man who knew them. Having long entertained a suspicion that the story had not been rightly told, I solicited an interview, contrary to my custom, and had the tale from his lips. He said Pauline was not interesting nor romantic. He thanked me for the interest I had shown in the sentimental history, and favored me with these prosaic details:

Claude Melnotte was in truth a gardener's son, who fell in love with Pauline while she was buying radishes of him one morning when her father, having been drunk the night before, refused to purchase the household necessities, as was his custom. Claude was rather susceptible, and sold her the radishes at half price, on account of her pretty face, as he said, which pleased her, and so delighted her practical parent, when he heard of it, that he insisted on her going to market every morning. She did not like to do it, but Claude being obdurate, she obeyed. Claude finally became so interested that he gave her radishes for nothing, and even went so far as to purchase mutton and corned beef, presenting them in the name of love.

Her mercantile papa was in ecstasies with Claude, declaring him a very generous person, who ought to be encouraged. He demanded that Pauline should take every thing that was offered gratis. Pauline became the regular market goer of the family, and at last Claude told her that he would like to marry her if the old gentleman would come down handsomely. She felt affronted, and informed the elder Deschappelles, who, living only in money, inquired into Claude's circumstances, and found that he had not returned any revenue to the Assessor for several years. He then called on the sentimental youth and threatened to take away his license.

Claude got mad and brought suit for the things he had given Pauline. He failed to get judgment, and resolved on revenge, induced one of Deschappelles' clerks, who had been refused by his lady, to introduce him as a wealthy chap, who cared no more for a thousand dollars than A. T. Stewart for ten cents.

Old Deschappelles was taken in, and so was Pauline, for Claude dyed his whiskers and put on a wig to woo her in. She did not care how he looked or talked; for the old man having gotten hard up, couldn't pay his bills, and she was bound to have a wealthy husband. When Claude proposed, she asked him to make out a statement of his effects, and having sworn that he owned ten corner lots in Lyons, she accepted him and her father ratified the contract.

They were married at once, but after the ceremony, Deschappelles discovered the trick and put his new son-in-law out of the house, receiving a black eye in his laudable labor. Claude would have been sent to prison for his scoundrelism, but he offered to go into the army, and thus escaped punishment. He didn't fight very well, but he played an excellent game of draw-poker, and in two years made money enough to get out of the service. He then returned to Lyons and offered to live with Pauline. The old man said that he would consider his case; that two more men had proposed in his absence, and that the chap that had the most money should take the girl.

Claude felt short by several thousand dollars, and was in consequence ordered to keep out of the way.

Pauline married one of the other fellows, (the report that she went to Chicago to get a divorce is without foundation,) and Claude took to cognize so enthusiastically that he fell off one of the Rhine bridges on a certain night, and the Coroner afterward made \$25 by holding an inquest on the body.

Pauline was happy, as women usually are, in her second marriage, for her husband paid all her bills without grumbling. She had several children, grew fat and frowsy, and died at last of a chronic and combined attack of beer and dropsy. Claude never knew a line of poetry in his life, and couldn't have told the difference between the Lake of Como and a Dutch canal. "Dost like the picture?"

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