

much, it is asserted,— but even so, there are many who continue the custom and show their generous spirit in generous tips, as supplementary payment for particularly thoughtful attentions, and the practice is not wholly to be condemned, but there are too many places where the old system will not compare with the new. The wealthy man may give, with discrimination, tokens of appreciation for special services rendered, but the man of the times, even though wealthy, discourages the custom of indiscriminate tips, and the man who cannot afford it, but who allows himself to be held up because he thinks he must do so, should give some one a liberal fee to show him where he is growing a large tuft of moss.

LINCOLNISMS

A true leader ain't afeared o' loneliness.

Ye can't do wot's right 'thout yer willin' to suffer wot's wrong.

The man with one idear is allus laughed at by them with none.

The feller at the foot of the ladder mout climb up a rung or two if he wan't so tarnation busy pullin' others down.

Don't git discouraged. Even if yer only a oyster, an openin' 'll come some day.

It's easier to feel good than to be good.

Small talk often causes big scandals.

A rollin' stone don't climb.

THE BEST ENGLISH

WHERE IS THE best English spoken? James Russell Lowell used to maintain that it was spoken at Cambridge, Mass. Professor Mahaffy and other Irishmen would probably contend that it was spoken at Trinity College, Dublin. It was in this environment that a proposal made by an outsider to refer a disputed point to the dictionary was met by the blunt declaration: "We are the dictionary." The latest claimant to the best English is Kentucky—at least that claim is made on Kentucky's behalf in the Pall Mall Gazette. The assertion seems to be based on the belief that the inhabitants of the eastern Kentucky mountains, more nearly than any other modern community speak the language of Shakespeare.

This basis is insufficient. Nothing is more certain than that during the three centuries between

Shakespeare and ourselves the vowel scheme of the English language has radically shifted; in fact, the oral delivery of Shakespearean text by Elizabethan throats would be considerable of a puzzle to modern ears. It is useless to look for the best English in the backwaters of remote and isolated districts. It is rightly to be expected among cultivated people out "in the world"—people who have "lived gently" and have been instructed in the best schools and disciplined by social intercourse.

IT REQUIRES COURAGE

TO LIVE ACCORDING to your convictions.

Not to bend the knee to popular prejudice.

To say "No" squarely when those around you say "Yes."

To be what you are and not to pretend to be what you are not.

To refuse to knuckle and bend knee to the wealthy, even though poor.

To remain in honest poverty while others grow rich by questionable methods.

To speak the truth when, by a little prevarication, you can get some good advantage.

To live honestly within your means, and not dishonestly upon the means of others.

To stand firmly erect while others are bowing and fawning for praise and power.

To refuse to do a thing which you think is wrong, because it is customary and done in trade.

When mortified and embarrassed by humiliating disaster, to seek in the wreck or ruin the elements of future conquest.

To face slander and lies, and to carry yourself with cheerfulness, grace and dignity for years before the lie can be corrected.

To throw up a position with a good salary when it is the only business you know, and you have a family depending upon you, because it does not have your unqualified approval.

THE JOY OF LIVING

Ida Lyon, in "The Wonders of Life"

EVERY NORMAL human being has within him certain powers which enable him to rise out of any condition into any condition. He may not know how to use them, but he has them. There are many instances in which this has been illustrated and where seemingly impossible changes have taken place to lift the unfortunate out of their unhappy conditions into those which were all their imagina-

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