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(FROM THE QUIVER OF "OLD GORDON GRAHAM")

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No one is really consistent except in his cussedness.

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When a boy's face shines with soap, look behind his ears.

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You've got to open a good many oysters to find a pearl.

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For every man that the Lord makes smart enough to to help himself, He makes two who have to be helped.

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The first banana-skin which a lot of fellows step on when they're put over men is a desire to be too popular.

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Some men are like oak leaves—they don't know when they're dead, but still hang right on; and there are others who let go before anything has really touched them.

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It's good to have money and the things that money will buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money won't buy.

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You can buy a certain sort of popularity anywhere with soft soap and favors; but you can't buy respect with anything but justice, and that's the only popularity worth having.

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When your name is on a note it stands only for money; but when it's on a letter of introduction or recommendation it stands for your judgment of ability and character, and you can't call it in at the end of thirty days, either.

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It's easy to learn all the notes that make good music and all the rules that make good business, but a fellow's got to add the fine curves to them himself if he wants to do anything more than beat the bass-drum all his life.

## THE VERITIES OF HUMAN CONDUCT

It is said that, "There is nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so." Quite true in a sense, but it includes some very poor thinking. In passing upon what is good and what is bad modesty and a sense of justice should figure, and the final judgment should be impartially based upon one's experience and fitness for judging. He must be a bold and ignorant fellow who is imprudent and impudent enough to pass upon something of which he knows nothing. And, alas! the world has too many creatures of this ilk.

The motives of men differ; some strive for power, rank or riches—all for various reasons. One person will want power, position or wealth for the good he may be able to do for his fellows. Others will seek the same thing as a means of gratifying his own whims—even to the detriment of those who assisted him to power and authority. Some people look upon authority as a trust, others think that it means personal license, and the pity of it all is that there are too many of the latter class in every country, clime and community. As weeds flourish so do the noxious branches of the human family.

If you point to a beautiful landscape and your companion cannot sense any beauty there, do not doubt the existence of beauty, rather you should realize that the other has not the sense of refinement and beauty to see it. The lack is not yours, but his, and he is the poorer for it. We can find those whose ideas of beautiful music lies in the tones of the ukelele and saxophone. They could not appreciate a fine symphony orchestra. This is just too bad and up to a certain point we pity such people, but when they are so coarse and crude as to boast their ignorance in condemnation of what is above their comprehension we lose our patience with them, and our sympathy as well. There can be nothing more hopeless than the ignoramus who glories in his ignorance.

In all walks of life we see politics. Proper politics are the backbone of our nation, but when power is granted one unfit Justice goes blind. There are those who pledge everything for office, high or low. They will pledge their honor, when often their conduct proves later that they have none. No sooner are they vested with power than combines, cliques and bands are formed to the end that laws, regulations and orders can

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