

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE.

It is better to whistle than whine;
It is better to laugh than to cry,
For tho' it be cloudy, the sun will soon shine
Across the blue, beautiful sky.
It is better to whistle than whine;
Oh! man, with the sorrowful brow,
Let the words of the child scatter murmurs of
thine,
And gather its cheerfulness now.
It is better to whistle than whine;
Poor mother! so weary with care,
Thank God for the love and peace that are
thine,
And the joy of thy little ones share.
It is better to whistle than whine;
Though troubles you find in your way,
Remember that wise little fellow of mine,
And whistle your whining away.
God bless that brave boy for the cheer
He brought to this sad heart of mine;
When tempted to murmur, that young voice I
hear,
It is better to whistle than whine.

Nothing makes the beauty of action so
felt as acting.

The great man is he who does not lose
his child-heart.

A man who cannot be silent cannot
help but be weak.

There can be no friendship where
there is no freedom.

Only the highest and noblest love is
without real trickery.

If poverty is the mother of crimes,
want of sense is the father.

Have you once given pleasure to any
one? You know what happiness is!

A truth, isolated from truths, which
are its complement, is false to Truth.

The earth reveals its mystery of poesy
to those only who clasp it with loving
hands.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness,
making every thing in its vicinity to
freshen into smiles.

Do not say that with little nothing
can be done. The infinitely little are
kings of the universe.

Kind words are the music of the
world. They have a power which seems
to be beyond natural causes.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering
that the misfortunes hardest to bear are
those which never happened.

Good manners are made up of petty
sacrifices. Temperance, courage, love,
are made up of the same jewels.

The wise prove and the foolish confess
by their conduct that the life of em-
ployment is the only life worth leading.

If there is a grace that we are all
stingy with, it is that of giving praise;
and yet it is one with which we ought
to be lavish.

It is not sincerity but selfishness
which is the parent of all rudeness, all
unkindness, all blunt and unsympathet-
ic conduct.

There is but one road to financial in-
dependence, and that is to keep your
expenditures within a smaller figure of
your income.

It is not in loving the creature less
that the Creator is loved better. It is
not in impoverishing existence that
eternity is enriched.

No true and endearing love can exist
without esteem; every other sort of af-
fection draws regret after it, and is un-
worthy of any noble human soul.

He who takes wing risks a fall. He
who crawls along the earth wounds
himself against the stones, is caught by
the thorns, and soiled by the mire.

The youth gets together his materials
to build a bridge to the moon, or, per-
chance, a palace or temple on the earth;
at length the middle-aged man con-
siders to build a wood-shed with them.

To give freely and lovingly to all,
without expecting thanks or gratitude,

and to receive gladly, gratefully, and
without fear of sacrificing independence,
is a law of social welfare and the condi-
tion of social happiness.

However old, plain, humble, desolate,
afflicted we may be, so long as our
hearts preserve the feeblest spark of life,
they preserve also, shivering near that
pale ember, a starved, ghostly longing
for appreciation and affection.

Unselfish and noble acts are the most
radiant epochs in the biography of
souls. When wrought in earliest youth
they lie in the memory of age like the
coral islands, green and sunny amidst
the melancholy waste of ocean.

Every man is a tamer of wild beasts,
and these wild beasts are his passions.
To draw their feet and claws, to muzzle
and tame them, to turn them into ser-
vants and domestic animals, fuming,
perhaps, but submissive—in this con-
sists personal education.

The time for making good resolutions
for the new year is already past; but
the time for keeping good resolutions is
still open. It is only as the influence of
good resolutions is operative on the re-
mainder of the year that there is any
special gain for such resolutions.

Prejudice may be considered as a con-
tinual false medium of viewing things,
for prejudiced persons not only never
speak well, but also never think well of
those whom they dislike, and the whole
character and conduct is considered with
an eye to that particular thing which
offends them.

The very difficulties of life, of which
we are so apt to complain, are converted
into the means of that discipline, that
self-improvement, which is the great
end of life. Let a man's present desires
be met and satisfied without any exer-
tion on his part, and he will be content
to remain as he is. Progress is the
child of struggle, and struggle is the
child of difficulty.

The very act of confiding in another
takes the poison out of many an offense,
enables a man to see his act as others
see it, and to take those steps which,
if another were concerned, he would at
once discern to be the only wise, right,
and hopeful method of escape from his
offense or his difficulty. He who con-
fides in a friend divides his trouble and
doubles his power of resistance and his
chances of deliverance.

There is always a spice of exaggera-
tion in enthusiasm. It is of no use to
quarrel with this; it is a necessary ele-
ment. He who sees vividly and feels
intensely upon any subject is unpre-
pared to view its difficulties, its obsta-
cles, its other side. Could he do this, it
would lessen his zeal and diminish his
efforts. He must be in a measure one-
sided; he must present his cause in
strong colors, and perhaps overestimate
its importance or its practicability. This
will not be done consciously, for sincerity
is the very core of enthusiasm.

You will find as you look back upon
your life that the moments that stand
out, the moments when you have really
lived, are the moments when you have
done something in a spirit of love. As
memory scans the past, above and be-
yond all the transitory pleasures of life,
there leap forward those supreme hours
when you have been enabled to do un-
noticed kindnesses to those round about
you, things too trifling to speak of,
which you feel have entered into your
eternal life.

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