

SHORT BITS.

Still I am learning.—[Michael Angelo. We can shove aside paintings, but not a genius.

An agitated mass it is difficult to bring to rest again.

Thinking is the talking of the soul itself.—[Plato.

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.—[Goethe.

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

A good revolution is not often followed by a revolution.

It is reversed home sickness to want to see the wide world.

A great society can be easiest entertained by a theater.

The least merchandise is in a coherence with all commerce.

An ignorant man hath an eagle's wings and an owl's eyes.

Coquetry is not always a trait; it is sometimes a shield.

Doubt indulged in soon becomes doubt realized.—[F. B. Havergal.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—[Joubert.

Be ignorance thy choice where knowledge leads to woe.—[Beattie.

We are no longer happy so soon as we wish to be happier.—[La Motte.

One of the sweetest pleasures of a woman is to cause regret.—[Gavani.

A Russian proverb says: "The devil lies hidden where the water is stillest."

Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.—[Voltaire.

It was the conductor, who lost money on the job, that builded better than he knew.

One pound of learning requires ten pounds common sense to apply it.—[Persian Proverb.

If you should have just what you really deserve—no more, no less—would you be as happy as you are now?

"Generous to a fault" may be said of men—at least they are generous enough to their own fault.—[Exchange.

You cannot call the judge of a baseball contest a professional. His knowledge of the game is only unprofessional.

The man who is forever declaiming against the rich oppressors is only miserable because he is not rich and therefore able to do some oppression on his own account.

It was out West that a political delegate moved a bar set up in the conference room. He said he wanted to stop the numerous motions to adjourn.—[Oil City Derrick.

The Girl of the Silver Dollar.

Miss Anna W. Williams is the name of the lady whose profile is stamped upon our Bland silver dollar of the United States. When the clever young designer, Morgan, was brought to this country from England in 1876 to make a design for a new dollar he settled down in Philadelphia and looked about for a model for the head of a Goddess of Liberty, which was to be stamped on the side of the coin. He selected Miss Williams, who was at that time living with her mother and aunt at No. 1023 Spring Garden street. The designer, before attempting to make a sketch, visited the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia and was for months engaged in studying American art in order to be able to thoroughly Americanize his work. He desired to present as the principal figure on the coin a representative head of the American female beauty. His first idea was to make a fanciful head of the Goddess of Liberty, but he finally determined to take as a model a living American girl. With this end in view he, with the aid of a friend in the city who is an artist of decided merit, succeeded in finding a lady whose profile struck him as being exactly what he wanted; but it was with considerable difficulty that he persuaded her to sit for him. Finally Miss Williams, who was the lady he had selected, consented, although it did not occur to her at the time that she might become historically famous. After four trying sittings Mr. Morgan succeeded in making traces sufficient to proceed with his work. He declared that the profile was the most perfect he had ever seen, either in this country or in England, and at once proceeded to sketch the head which now appears on the face of all of the Bland dollars. The identity of the original of this famous figure was kept a profound secret for two years.

The Disappointed Candidate.

The candidate who got left at the county convention can be told by the way he grasps his hand, braces himself against his gurgling emotion, and whispering inquiries: "Did you ever hear of a case like that?"

You never did. You will tell him that you never did, and he pulls you into a doorway and continues: "I am done with politics forever!"

"No?"

"Yes, I am, and with the party, too!"

"Oh, but I say! This thing has satisfied me that there is no such thing as honesty in politics, and that a politician has no more word than a dog. I was sold out!"

"Possible?"

"Sold out and lied out! They used money to beat me. They lied about me. They played hypocrite and knave. Here I have served the party for nineteen long years and never asked for an office, and the minute I decide to accept a nomination for a little fifteen cent position they go to work and beat me in convention with a wooden-headed who doesn't know enough to mark a barrel of pork. Corruption, sir—car-rup-shun—and the whole ticket will be defeated on account of it."

And the best of it is he takes you for a man who isn't posted. He doesn't believe you have the slightest idea that he packed three or four canisters, bought a dozen delegates, told three lies to the other man's one, and was beaten because his delegates sold out. He takes you for an innocent, and he grasps your hand again at parting and chokingly says:

"Corruption—vile corruption! Most hard-faced fraud in American politics! Can't train with a party upheld by the practice of such principles—can't possibly do it."—[Detroit Free Press.

"All for Her."

If any of our sensational romancers are in want of the materials for a story, they will find what they require in the report of a recent police case at Dudley. An ex-constable had to explain how it happened that he came to be a polygamist. Six years ago he married one lady; three years ago he took to himself a second spouse; how could he account for such a descent into Mormonism? Very pathetic was the defence he put in, and as manly as touching. His first wife was eighteen years older than himself, "and he had never loved her, although he had, indeed, tried hard to do so." Here we have the picture of a noble-minded man struggling to do his duty. For three long years he strove, but not a drop of love for his elderly helpmate could he pump up from his aching heart. Then there came his fate, in the person of a pretty damsel only 19 years old. "I loved her from the first moment I saw her," pleaded the man, "and I shall always love her, but I can never love the other one, although she has been a good wife to me, I own." There was the whole case, from first to last, and in the pages of thrilling fiction the elder wife would have opportunely been cut off by some stroke of fate—an earthquake, or the fall of an aerolite, or something of that sort. But real life sometimes ventures to ignore the ethics of sensation, and so in this case the victim of sentiment had to stand committed to take his trial at the assizes for the vulgar crime of bigamy.

A fashion journal notes the dress of lemon-colored tulle with moire bodies. We don't know anything as to the lemon-colored tulle, but feel satisfied that more bodies would fill a long-felt want in full-dress costumes.—[Lowell Citizen.

A visitor to a baby show down in Maine thus sums up his conclusions: "For pure, unadulterated foolishness about a baby, a father can 'outfoolish' all the rest of the family—yes, and I will throw in the grandmother on the mother's side, too."

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