

"I'll No Trust Ye."

Two centuries ago, in the Highlands of Scotland, to ask for a receipt or promissory note was thought an insult. If parties had business matters to transact, they stepped into the air, fixed their eyes upon the heavens, and each repeated his obligation without moral witness. A mark was then carved on some rock or tree near by as a remembrance of the compact. Such a thing as breach of contract was rarely met with, so highly did the people regard their honor.

When the march of improvement brought the new mode of doing business, they were often pained by these innovations. An anecdote is handed down of a farmer who had been to the Lowlands and learned worldly wisdom. On returning to his native parish, he had need of a sum of money, and made bold to ask a loan from a gentleman of means named Stuart. This was kindly granted, and Mr. Stuart counted out the gold. This done, the farmer wrote a receipt and handed it to Mr. Stuart.

"What is this, man?" cried Mr. Stuart, eyeing the slip of paper.

"It is a receipt, sir, binding me to give ye back the gold at the right time," replied Sandy.

"Binding ye? Weel, my man, if ye canna trust yerself, I'm sure I'll no trust ye. Ye canna have my gold." And gathering it up, he put it back in his desk and turned the key on it.

"But, sir, I might die," replied the canny Scotchman, bringing up an argument in favor of his new wisdom, "and perhaps my sons might refuse to pay ye; but this bit of paper would compel them."

"Compel them to sustain their dead father's honor!" Cried the Celt. "They'll need compelling to do right, if this is the road ye're leading them. I'll neither trust ye nor them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money; but you'll find nane in the parish that'll put more faith in a bit a paper than in a neighbor's word o' honor and his fear o' God."
—Pacific.

The True Gentleman.

The following sketch of the true gentleman was found in an old manor house in Gloucestershire in England, written and framed, and hung over the mantelpiece of a tapestried sitting-room:

"The true gentleman is God's servant, the world's master, and his own man. Virtue his business;

study his recreation; contentment his rest; and happiness his reward. God is his Father; the church is his mother; the saints his brethren; all that need him his friends; devotion his chaplain; chastity his chamberlain; sobriety his butler; temperance his cook; hospitality his house-keeper; providence his steward; charity his treasurer; pity his mistress of the house; and discretion his porter, to let in or out as most fit. This is his whole family, made up of the house. He is necessitated to take the world on the way to heaven, but he walks through it as fast as he can, and all his business by the way is to make himself and others happy. Take him in two words—a man and a Christian."

Men and Women.

Men love things, as facts, possessions and estimates, and women persons; and while men regard only abstract scientific fact, a woman looks only at the person in which they are embodied. Even in childhood the girl loves an imitation of humanity, her doll, and works for it; the boy gets a hobby-horse or tools, and works with them. But the noblest quality wherewith nature has endowed woman for the good of the world is love—that love which seeks no sympathy and no return. The child is an object of love and kisses and watching, and answers them only by complaints and anger; and the feeble creature that requires the most repays the least. But the mother goes on; her love only grows the stronger, the greater the need, and the greater the unthankfulness of its object; and while fathers prefer the strongest of their children, the mother feels more love for the feeble and garrulous.—Rural Home.

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