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**SWEET ARE THE THOUGHTS.**  
Sweet are the thoughts that savour of content.  
The quiet mind is richer than a crown.  
Sweet are the nights in careless slumber spent.  
The poor estate scorns fortune's angry frown.  
Such sweet content, such minds, such sleep, such bliss,  
Beggars enjoy when princes oft do miss!  
The homely house that harbors quiet rest,  
The cottage that affords no pride or care,  
The mean that greets with country music best,  
The sweet consort of mirth and music's fare—  
Obscured life sets down a type of bliss:  
A mind content both crown and kingdom is.  
—Robert Green.

**THE MAN IN THE ORIENT.**

He Walks Ahead of His Wife to Guard Her From Danger.

When husband and wife go traveling together in the orient the man walks in front, careless and free, and the woman walks behind, carrying the bundle. Therefore you say: "The oriental cares not for his women. He despises his wife and uses her as a beast of burden." Most occidentals never get further than that. But if you are observant you go out in the jungle yourself, and you discover things. When you walk abroad there are difficulties and dangers. The paths are overgrown and thorny, creepers must be driven off, and buffaloes are ugly creatures.

In the villages are village dogs which snarl and snap. You are a man, yet you will be glad of some one to go in front of you with a hatchet to clear your way. No woman would walk in front, and the man must be free. Now you see the reason why the man walks in front. If you want to confirm it you inquire and find that this is true. Thus the Japanese, the Burman, goes in front of his wife for the same reason that the occidental goes behind—from courtesy. If he continues to do so when it is unnecessary, as in towns where there are roads, it is because a convention once formed is hard to break, east or west.—H. Fielding-Hall in Atlantic Monthly.

**A DOG IN A GALE.**

Able to Keep His Feet Where a Man Would Be Blown Away.

A gale that blows a man off his feet does not bother a dog at all. He will run about unconcernedly while his master walks with the greatest difficulty. This is for the same reason that a high building is more affected than a low one by a gale. It is also because the dog has four legs to support his body, while a man has only two.

With topsails set a yacht would capsize in a gale which it would ride out with safety if only its lower sails were set, for the leverage exerted by the wind increases in proportion to the height at which the sails are set. A man by reason of his height receives far more force from the wind than does a dog.

Then, again, a dog's center of gravity is much lower in proportion to his height than is a man's; consequently he is not nearly so tippy. And it is obvious that any object supported on four legs is more stable than if supported on two.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**Sheraton's Influence.**

Thomas Sheraton, although a cabinetmaker by trade, it is quite probable during his life in London, did not actually produce any furniture, as his time was too much taken up by his occupation as Baptist preacher, tractarian, drawing master, designer and publisher to bestow any attention on the manufacture or superintendence of cabinet work. His "Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer's Drawing Book" was published first in 1791 and again in 1793 and 1802. He was possessed of keen critical insight in matters pertaining to high class cabinetmaking, combined with an excellent sense of proportion, sound judgment and purity of taste, and his influence on the style of furniture in the latter part of the eighteenth century was exercised through his designs and criticisms, which had no little weight with the cabinetmakers of his day.—Suburban Life Magazine.

**Exercise and Health.**

There was a bank clerk who saw the men of his own age losing health year by year through overwork, indoor sedentary life and lack of daily exercise. He saw them growing yellow and flabby and unfit and the spectacle didn't attract him. He decided that success had better come late or even not at all rather than at the price of a ruined body. Health became to him the choicest of the mercies, the best of life's courtesies. Up and away the person in health can dash to another job, to another clime, master of his fate. Ill health is a chain that ties to the dreariness of what is nearest at hand. After a youth of weakness and fatigue the man was happy in finding that an hour of exercise a day changed the aspect of the outer world and removed him for all time from the ranks of the unfit.—Collier's.

**Honored by Precedent.**

A well known Washington minister tells of a couple who came to him to be married. The bridegroom was upon his third matrimonial venture, the bride upon her second.

"Please stand up," said the clergyman, prepared to pronounce the necessary words.

The bride looked at the bridegroom. The bridegroom looked at the bride. Then he said politely but firmly: "We have generally sot."—Exchange.

**Heredity.**

"Higgins is a self made man, is he not?"

"He claims to be, but I do not believe those bad manners of his could ever have been acquired. He must have been born so."—Woman's Home Companion.

**An Exception.**

"In the nature of things everybody ought to be delighted to see an oculist."  
"Why should they?"  
"Because to see him is good for some eyes."—Baltimore American.

The one prudence of life is concentration: the one evil is dissipation.—Emerson.

**A FLIGHT FOR LIFE**

The Story of a Rescue Trip In the Mountains of Alaska.

**BRAVE MEN AND SPEEDY DOGS**

An Act of Heroism That Saved a Woman and Her Sick Husband From Death When Stranded on a Winter Night Amid the Snow Clad Peaks.

The hardships to which people are exposed in the far north give frequent occasion for the display of heroism. In the pages of "Trailing and Camping In Alaska" Mr. Addison M. Powell tells of the rescue of a woman and her husband who were stranded on the mountains in an Alaskan winter.

A dog team galloped up and stopped in front of the only pretense of a hotel in Valdez. The night was dark, as the northern winter nights always are when the moon is not shining. The dogs immediately lay down, almost exhausted from their long trip, and the two men were soon surrounded by inquiring friends. One of the two said: "What do you think, fellows? We passed a woman just this side of Sawmill Camp. She was pulling a sled, on which was her sick husband. We remonstrated against her crossing the glacier, but she replied that they might as well die up there as anywhere else, as it meant certain death to stop. Our dogs could pull only our outfit, and there wasn't grub enough for all, so we were compelled to leave them. They will be at the last timber tonight, and if somebody doesn't go to their rescue they will be dead by this time tomorrow."

A man stepped out from the crowd and said: "I'll go for one. Now, who else has a good dog team to splice in with mine?"

"I'm your man!" answered another. It was 3 o'clock in the morning before they had made their selection of dogs and were ready to start on that hazardous trip.

"We'll be on the first bench by daylight and have them here before midnight," said one as he straightened out the team for the sixty mile run.

"Yea, boys! Stand in there, Leader! Mush, mush on, mush!" And with a yelp the dogs galloped away as if aware of the urgency of their mission. "Haw, Leader!" we heard as they turned the corner, and then they were gone. "There goes the best dog team in Alaska and driven by two of the best men on earth!" exclaimed a man as he re-entered the house.

The trail was easily followed, and soon the nine miles of level bench were passed. The speed slackened only when they were ascending the ridge, which they crossed by 11 that morning, and there it was seen that the sharp peaks were curling fine snow high in the air.

"They are beginning to smoke!" exclaimed one of the men.

"Yes; we must get back before night or it's all off," replied the other.

Down, down, the steep descent they plunged, and by 1 o'clock they were off the glacier and skipping over level ground. In a short time they discovered the unfortunate couple whom they had started out to rescue, and when they came up to them it was a pitiable scene that presented itself.

The poor woman had become completely exhausted and had thrown herself down beside her helpless husband. She had evidently abandoned all hope and was weeping bitterly when she suddenly heard the yell of a driver and the barking of dogs. In a moment she passed from despair to hope.

As the team galloped in a circle and stopped beside her with the dogs' heads pointed back toward the glacier she clapped her hands with joy.

The dogs lay down and with their lolling tongues lapped the snow, while the drivers ate some crackers and jokingly encouraged the sick man and the tired woman. They bade her seat herself comfortably while they fastened the two sleds together. Soon they were bounding away again at the dogs' first speed.

When they recrossed the summit the whole range was "smoking," and the wind was sending the fine snow along the crust. It whipped their faces with a warning of what was coming, but the driver said: "Twenty miles to town, and it can never catch us!"

In Valdez every one was anxiously watching the trail. Many exclaimed, "They can't possibly be here before midnight!" but they were. As they rushed up to the crowd with a yell and a chorus of barks from the noble dogs they were met by eager, helping hands. The dogs acted as if they had understood why they were being petted, and again the woman wept for joy.

**The Contingent Fee.**

The following pointed note was written by Daniel Webster in answer to a request that he take a certain case for a contingent fee: "I do not desire employment in professional matters, although I do sometimes engage in them. But I never engage on contingencies merely, for that would make me a mere party to a lawsuit."

**Resourceful.**

Gibbs—Your wife seems to be a resourceful woman. Dibbs—Resourceful! Why, the other day she put in a pane of glass with chewing gum.—Boston Transcript.

Real coolness and self possession are the indispensable accompaniments of a great mind.—Dickens.

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