



Mrs. Fred Dewitz

THE PRACTICAL JOKER

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If You're a Young Woman or Even in Middle Life Here Is Some Good Advice For You
Salem, Ore.—"While bringing up my family I depended upon Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to keep up my strength. It was especially beneficial to me during the trying months of expectancy, relieving me of nausea and quieting to my nerves, and I do believe that I would not have come thru the critical time of life so easily and comfortably as I did had it not been for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have given the 'Prescription' to my daughters also when they had need of a special tonic and nerve and they have always been benefited and strengthened by its use. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is truly a woman's medicine that I take pleasure in recommending."—Mrs. Fred Dewitz, 625 N. Capitol St.

Thrift of Time. Gladstone, when prime minister of England, remarked: "Believe me when I tell you that the thrift of time will repay you in after life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams, and that the waste of it will make you dwindle, alike in intellectual and in moral stature, beyond your darkest reckoning."—Time

Origin of Americans. The habit of calling inhabitants of this country Americans probably arose from the fact that any other distinctive title is awkward. Canada lends itself easily to the forming of the noun Canadians, Mexico to Mexican, Citizens of the United States of America are most conveniently designated as Americans.

The Greatest Power. You can't accomplish what you can't imagine. The minute you say to yourself, "Oh, that isn't possible," it isn't possible to you. But some other fellow who, with his mind's eye, sees the thing finished, will come along and do it. Creative thought is the greatest power in the world.

The Work Habit. There are three habits which, but one condition be added, will give you everything in the world worth having, and beyond which the imagination of man cannot conjure forth a single addition or improvement. The habits are the work habit, the health habit and the study habit.—Elbert Hubbard.

Castles. I find the gayest castles in the air that ever were piled far better for comfort and for use than the dungeons in the air that are daily dug and covered out by grumbling, discontented people. A man should make life and nature happier to us, or he had better never been born.—Emerson.

Like Spoiled Children. When we humor our weaknesses they force themselves continually upon our attention like spoiled children. When we assert our mastery of ourselves and compel its recognition, we stand secure in our sovereign rights.—Charles H. Newcomb.

Retreat of Napoleon. On the retreat from Moscow, Napoleon traveled from near Vilna to Paris in 312 hours, a journey of about 1,400 miles. This was an average of almost five miles an hour, and was remarkable, considering conditions of roads and weather.

Hatred Is Like a Gun. Hatred is like a gun with the end of the barrel plugged up. Its recoil is more harmful than its shot.

To Save Paint Brushes. It is advisable never to put a brush away, even overnight, full of paint. A brush should always be cleaned of all surplus paint after use or its chisel edge will be damaged.—Popular Science Monthly.

Stray Bits of Wisdom. Sweet is true love, though given in vain, and sweet is death that puts an end to pain.—Tennyson.

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"I'M SORRY for you, Ned," observed Cyrus Moore. "I'm sorry for myself," responded Ned Dayton, rather grossly. "Look here, Cyrus, you're my best chum and you are the cousin of the girl I love. You must know her father and his ways pretty well. Is he really the terrible tyrant they describe him?"

"Ned," explained Cyrus, solemnly, "he's a regular ogre. He'll probably gnash his teeth and jump on you and maybe throw you from his office window. I know two fellows who made up to Lella and submitted their prospects to the old man. One has left town and the other is running yet."

Ned looked pretty much concerned. If he had not been so much in love, he might have noticed a sly twinkle in the eye of his mischief-making comrade.

"Well," observed Ned after a moment of serious thought, "I'll beard this desperate lion in his den, come what may."

Ned was inspired with no ordinary love for pretty petted Lella Allen, the alleged ogre's only daughter. He had come down to Hopeton at the invitation of Cyrus Moore, his chum, to meet his fate. It was decidedly up to him now to advise stern dignified old Judge Allen that he wished to enter his family as a son-in-law.

There could be no possible objections to this, except that Ned had no business experience and was credulous and innocent of the ways of the world. If this latter had not been true he would have discounted Moore's lurid references to Lella's father and had recalled Moore's reputation as a practical joker on all occasions.

Ned had not as yet seen Judge Allen except at a distance. Of a verity the judge was a rather severe and ultra-dignified looking person. Ned could show up pretty well, however, as to family income and prospects, if he was only given a chance to present his claims.

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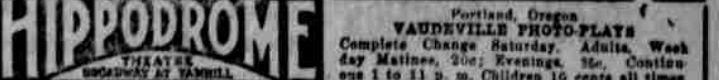
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