



Quips and Quotes

Paternal Vespers

The mills of the office gods today
Were full of sand and rocks.
Behold our hero, limp from the fray
And tired to his sagging socks.

So home he wends with a dragging tongue,
Almost ready to flop,
To meet the cries of his eager young:
"Ride us piggyback, Pop!"

—George Starbuck Galbraith

A tourist got mixed up at a detour and found himself hopelessly lost one night. He stopped at a roadside home to make inquiries of a woman rocking on the porch.

"Am I going in the right direction for the city?" he asked.

"Which way are you headed?" the lady questioned.

Not sure of directions, the man tried again. "Just tell me if my lights are pointing the right way."

"Oh, they're pointing the right way," she replied. And then as he started off, she added, "At least the red ones are."

—Francis Benson

Husbands' Springtime Fancy

Hail the season soft and vernal,
When husbands sing of joys eternal,
And cry (unstrung by spring's fell spark)
—"Fly with me to the baseball park!"

—Betty Billipp

The six-year-old boy was painfully self-conscious about his first pair of eyeglasses. When the little girl next door asked him about them, he tried to pass them off lightly. "Oh, I don't wear them always. Just for close work, the doctor says."

"What close work?" his girl friend asked.

"Well," stammered the youngster, "I guess it's eatin' and stuff like that."

—V.D. Palat

Tripping Along

Smooth are the roads designed for wheels,
But sidewalks have cracks
to catch my heels! —Susanne Douglas



"... two ounces strawberry sirup ... four ounces malted milk ... say, where did you get this prescription?"

"Billy," said the teacher, "what is meant by the word 'relax'?"

"Don't know," mumbled Billy.

"Well, what does your father do every evening after work?" the teacher continued helpfully.

"Gee," said Billy in surprise, "that's what Mom's trying to find out, too!"

—F. G. Kernan

Yes... The Mother of God WILL Help You!

You may not approve of the age-old Catholic devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Perhaps you have heard—and believed—that this is "un-Scriptural"... that Catholics are trying to establish Mary as a divine person equal in power to God.

But if you will look at the facts, you will see that these things are not true... and you will realize that Mary can exert a wonderful influence in your personal life.

It certainly is not "un-Scriptural" to recognize that Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ. If we are to be truly "Scriptural," we must further acknowledge that Christ is the eternal Son of the eternal Father—a Divine Person Who assumed a human nature like ours in all things except sin. And while Mary did not give Jesus His divine nature, the Savior was her Son... as truly as anyone is the son of his own mother.

In view of these truths, how can anyone look upon Mary as just another woman, or just another mother? Why should we hesitate to honor one whom God so greatly honored... and upon whom He conferred a surpassing holiness and complete freedom from sin? Why should we believe that one so close to the Son of God in His earthly life is not close and dear to Him in His eternal Kingdom?

It is erroneous, of course, to think that Catholics worship Mary as a divine person. But we do love and venerate her for the unique place she occupies in God's plan for our salvation... for her intimate association with the all-holy Son of God... for her own holiness.

But, you may say—why pray to Mary when we can pray directly to God, as the Scriptures command? The answer is that Catholics do pray to God. They seek from Him grace and forgiveness—blessings which only God can grant. But no law of God commands us, when we go to Him in prayer... that we must go alone.

Like St. Paul, we believe in praying for others and having others pray for us. And whose prayers could find greater favor in the sight of God than those of the Mother of His Divine Son?

These are the chief reasons for the world-wide Catholic devotion to the Blessed Virgin and why millions in every land and language are heard to pray:

"Hail, Mary, full of grace! the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus..."

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