

I Wouldn't Be Cross.

I wouldn't be cross, dear, it's never worth while; Disarm the vexation by wearing a smile. Let hap a disaster, a trouble, a loss, Just meet the thing boldly, and never be cross.

A Modern Spartan.

Lycurgus had been reading in his ancient history about his illustrious namesake and the Grecian warriors till his eyes danced with warlike fire: then leaping to his feet and stretching himself to his full height, he exclaimed: "I wish I had been born in Sparta; then I should have been a noted lawgiver or a famous warrior, perhaps a great general, renowned for bravery and praised in history for many gallant deeds and great victories won!"

recollect the words of a wise man: 'A wrathful man stirreth up contention; but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.'

"But people don't fight with themselves?" inquiringly suggested Lycurgus, thinking to turn the application away from himself.

"Yes, indeed," said his mother. "You remember the Apostle Paul speaks of a law 'warring against the law of his mind and bringing him into captivity'—'when I would do good evil is present with me.' But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

George Stevenson, the celebrated engineer, used to speak with indignation of how the "Parliament men" badgered and baffled him with their book learning when he proposed to build a railroad from Liverpool to Manchester.

It Came to Pass.

The "smoke from the engine," said these book-learned men, "will kill all the birds, and the sparks will set fire to the fields and houses. The passengers will be made seasick; the noise will frighten away the game, and thousands of coachmen and inkeepers will be thrown out of employment."

The fast mail coaches were driven at the rate of ten miles an hour. When Stephenson asserted that the steam coaches would attain to a much more rapid rate of speed, he was laughed at and hooted as a crack-brained enthusiast.

"You must not claim a speed of over fifteen miles an hour," said the nervous counsel of the promoters of the railroad to Stephenson, just as he was about to appear before a Parliamentary committee.

A member of the committee, opposed to the proposed railroad, thought he could make the simple hearted engineer assert an absurdity that would kill the project. "Well, Mr. Stephenson," he asked, "perhaps you could go seventeen miles an hour?"

"Yes," "Perhaps twenty miles an hour." "Certainly."

"Twenty-five, I dare say. You do not think it impossible?" "Not at all impossible."

"Dangerous, though?" "Certainly not."

"Now tell me, Mr. Stephenson, will you say that you can go thirty miles an hour?"

"Certainly."

The fish was hooked to an absurdity, so every member of the committee thought, and they all leaned back in their chairs and roared with laughter. Their sons now ride sixty miles in sixty minutes.

The Brain of an Ant.

There is an old puzzle question which asks, "What is smaller than the mouth of a mite?" The answer is, "What goes into its mouth."

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Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

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"My seasons four shall bring Their treasures the winter's snows, The autumn's store, and the flowers of spring, And the summer's perfect rose.

"All these, and more, shall be thine, Dear child—but the last and best Thyself must earn by a strife divine, If thou wouldst be truly blest.

"Wouldst know this last, best gift? 'Tis a conscience clear and bright, A peace of mind which the soul can lift To an infinite delight.

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