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Soulless Prayer.

I do not like to hear him pray,
On bended knee about an hour,
For grace to spend aright the day,
Who knows his neighbor has no flour.

I would rather see him go to mill
And buy the luckless brother bread,
And see his children eat their fill,
And laugh beneath their humbled head.

I do not like to hear him pray,
"Let blessings on the widow be,"
Who never seeks her home to say,
"If want o'ertakes you come to me."

I hate the prayer so loud and long.
That's offered for the orphan's weal.
By him who sees him crushed by wrong.
And only with the lips doth feel.

I do not like to hear her pray,
With jewelled ear and silken dress,
Whose washerwoman toils all day,
And then is asked to toil for less.

Such pious shavers I despise!
With folded hands and face demure,
They lift to heaven their "angel eyes,"
And steal the earnings of the poor.

I do not like such soulless prayers;
If wrong I hope to be forgiven;
No angel's wings them upward bears—
They're lost a millian miles from heaven.

Long Words and Short Sentences.

"I have found the longest word in the English language," writes a correspondent of the *Boston Journal*. "It is 'Velocipedestrianistrianarionologist' (thirty-five letters). Here are the next longest, as I make them out: 1. dis-pro-portion-a-ble-ness; 2. honor-if-i-ca-bil-i-tud-in-i-ty; 3. dis-es-tablish-ment-a-ri-an-ism; 4. un-pro-pre-an-te-pen-ult-i-mat-i-ca-bil-i-ty. The last word applies to all that have no 'propreatpenult,' that is to every word of less than six syllables. The stem of the word, of course, is 'ult,' the remainder being an aggregation of prefixes and suffixes.

"I have also collected several curious sentences. This one contains all the letters of the alphabet, and as there are in it but thirty-two letters, I think it must be the shortest of the kind ever made: 'Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs.' A curious thing about this sentence is that the six unnecessary

letters are the vowels of the alphabet, with the exception of a, namely, e, i, o, u, the i and o being repeated once. This sentence of thirty-three letters has all the letters, 'A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog,' and the sentence of thirty-six letters also: 'Jack quickly extemporized the five tow bags.'"

A Bible Courtship.

A young gentleman at church conceived a most sudden and violent passion for a young lady in the next pew, and felt desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot; but the place not suiting a formal declaration, the exigency suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible, open, with a pin stuck in the following text: 2nd Epistle of John, verse 5th—"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." She returned it with the following: 2nd chapter of Ruth, 10th verse—Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing I am a stranger?" He returned the book, pointing to the 12th verse of the 3rd Epistle of John—"Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink; but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face." From the above interview the marriage took place the coming week.

For Morals.

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Teach industry.
Teach obedience.
Teach to be earnest.
Teach to be genuine.
Teach a good school.
Teach character gems.
Teach respect for law.
Teach to avoid tobacco.
Teach character mottoes.
Teach to avoid bad books.
Teach to shun the cigarette.
Teach to shun bad company.
Teach to think before acting.
Teach to choose the best thing.
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