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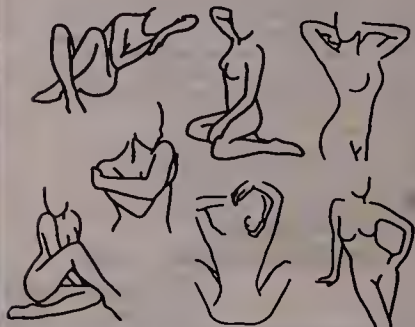
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▲ *Off the Irish Coast. Queen Alexandra was particularly interested in seascapes. This must have been taken near sunset when the silhouettes of the boats made a dramatic and mysterious composition.*

contemporary source: "In a small studio near Sandringham Road in Hunstanton, there is to be found . . . an old gentleman who taught Queen Alexandra to use a camera and who subsequently instructed Her Majesty in the art of developing and printing." The article, which appeared in the English magazine *Photography* at the time of the coronation in August 1902, goes on to say that Mr. Ralph was also called upon to take private pictures for the King and Queen.

As camera design advanced, Queen

Alexandra acquired new cameras. After her No. 1 Kodak camera, she had both a No. 2 Bulls-Eye and a No. 4 Bulls-Eye Special. The Special, which was presented to her in 1892 by Kodak, is covered with purple leather and has a monogram and crown in gold. This camera is now in the Kodak Museum of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford.

Queen Alexandra's pictures were not just hidden away in her own picture albums, though. Before her husband's

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▲ Her Majesty Queen Victoria and Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, Abergeldie (Scotland), probably on October 9, 1890. This picture was taken by Princess Alexandra, presumably with her No. 1 Kodak.

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the Royal Family. This was the first time that images of the Royal Family were offered for sale to the general public and owning a picture of the Queen or other members of royalty became extremely popular.

Queen Victoria was herself a collector of cartes-de-visite, not only of royalty and political figures, but of actors, performers or anyone she thought was interesting. One album holds pictures of a couple who had been married for 70 years, a number of people who were over 100 years old and veterans of various wars.

In the 1860s, when Queen Victoria was looking for a wife for the Prince of Wales, photographs even played a part in her search. When the search began, the Queen ruled out the possibility of the Danish Princess Alexandra for a number of political reasons. But when she was given good reports of the Princess and then received a set of photographs, she changed her mind. Apparently when the Prince Consort saw the pictures he said, "from the photograph I would marry her at once."

The future Queen Alexandra was born December 1, 1844 in Copenhagen. Although she was a princess, she did not come from a rich and luxurious background. Her father was not the direct heir to the throne of Denmark and did not become King until after Princess Alexandra was married and living in England. According to one biographer, when she was young her parents couldn't afford to have portraits and miniatures made of their children, so there are very few pictures of her as a child.

Princess Alexandra's interests were always more artistic and athletic than academic. Activity was important to her from the time she was a child until she was in her very late 70s when her frailty prevented activity. Even a stiff knee, which was the result of rheumatic fever contracted in her early 20s, did not prevent her from dancing and ice skating. She loved dancing and music, and grew into a very graceful and beautiful woman.

As a girl and a young woman, Princess Alexandra enjoyed sketching and by all accounts she had a very good eye. Although no one knows exactly what sparked her interest in photography, it seems likely that to someone as active as she was, the idea of getting a picture without having to sit still to make a sketch was very appealing. Sometime in the late 1870s or early 80s, an usher of the Servant's Hall at Sandringham (the royal residence in Norfolk) taught the Princess to use a camera. She became so interested that she attended the London Stereoscopic School of Photography. Her first camera was a No. 1 Kodak, a rollfilm camera which was introduced in 1889. It took round pictures, 2 1/2" in diameter. Some of the pictures taken with this camera decorate a tea service made for the Princess by Brown-Westhead, Moore & Company.

By the time the Princess took up photography she could send her films away for processing, but she had her own darkroom at Sandringham and Frederick Ralph (who taught her to use a camera in the first place) also taught her the art of developing and printing. There are some accounts in the Royal Archives which show that Kodak developed many of her negatives for her. According to a

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▲ This is the Kodak FPK3a taking post card sized negatives. When she first took up photography, Princess Alexandra used box cameras, but after the turn of the century she probably used a folding camera very much like this one. (From the collection of Colin Glanfield.)

accession, she allowed several of her pictures to be shown in a Kodak exhibition in London in 1897 and her photographs were also shown in two subsequent exhibits. From time to time, articles about her interest in photography appeared in magazines (*Photography* and *The Graphic*) and in the *Daily Mirror* newspaper. The *Daily Mirror* article mentions how graciously she allowed herself to be photographed while she was taking pictures or in the words of the reporter she was "snapshotted while taking a snapshot."

other charities. This suggestion was the inspiration for her second book *Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book*, which was published in 1908. Both of these books sold very well (within 10 days of its publication the *Christmas Gift Book* had sold 358,000 copies) and they raised a large amount of money for over 30 charities. The *Christmas Gift Book* is a cloth bound album with some pictures printed directly on the pages and others actually mounted on the album pages.

It wasn't just Queen Victoria and

Queen Alexandra acquired a No. 4 Bulls-Eye Special which was presented to her in 1892 by Kodak. This camera is now in the Kodak Museum of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television.

Although Queen Alexandra was a very active Queen, she had an inherited deafness, which grew progressively more pronounced as she grew older. Her deafness meant that she had some trouble with public appearances and engagements. She was, however, very concerned with charity work and wanted to do her share. One of the ways she helped charity was through the publication of two books.

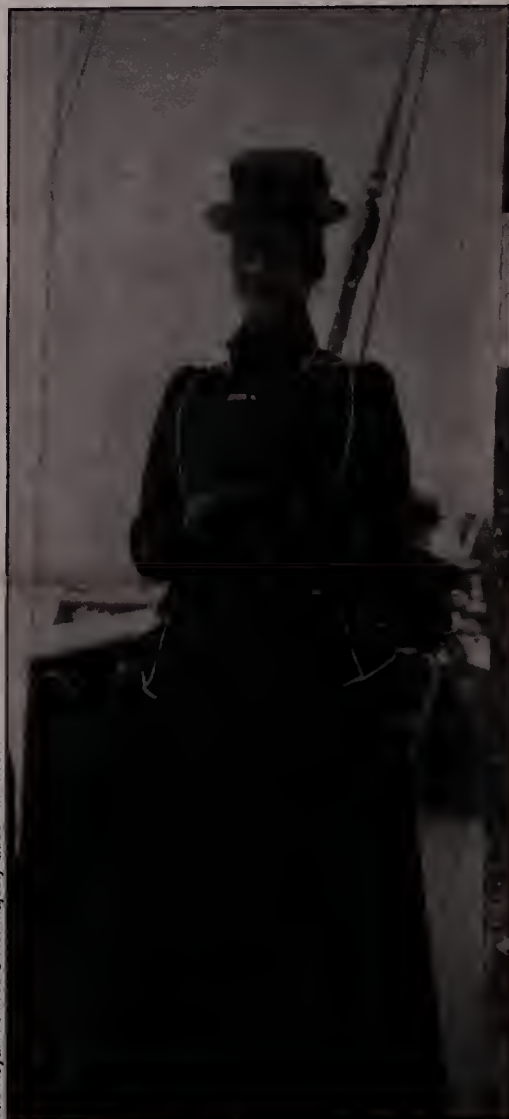
In 1905, an anthology of stories, poems, essays, drawings and music called *The Queen's Christmas Carol* was published to help raise funds for Queen Alexandra's Fund for the Unemployed. Although this first book didn't include her photographs, after its success the publisher suggested that an album of her own photographs might be published as a fund raising project for

Queen Alexandra who were seriously interested in photography, either. Queen Alexandra's two eldest daughters and her daughter-in-law (who became Queen Mary, grandmother of the present Queen) also shared her interest and exhibited prints in the 1897 Kodak exhibition. Queen Mary was as avid a collector of photographs as Queen Victoria and by the time of her death in 1953 she had a series of 33 albums containing several thousand prints.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II carries on the tradition. She has often been "snapshotted," usually with her M-series Leica (she also has a Leica reflex), but also with her Rollei B35 at Ascot Races and other events. Like Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra and Queen Mary before her, she compiles her photo albums and captions them herself.



Queens In Photography



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▲ Alexandra, while she was still Princess of Wales, with one of her cameras.

The early years of photography are generally regarded as the province of male photographers, so I was intrigued to learn that Queen Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII of England, was a keen photographer. I was even more intrigued when I found that a book, *Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book*, which I bought at an auction, actually contains examples of her photography.

Amazingly, though, Queen Alexandra (1844-1925) was not the first Queen of England to take a serious interest in photography. Queen Victoria commissioned her first photographs in 1840, only a year after the first commercial photographs were produced. As photography became more popular she took an even greater interest in it. During the Crimean War in 1854, when conditions for wounded soldiers were reported as being poor, Queen Victoria collected photographs, along with medical reports and eyewitness accounts, and studied them so that she could gather the clearest possible impression of the situation. She realized the importance of documentary photography very early and she collected photographs as a means of gaining information, as well as for enjoyment.

Throughout the 1850s Queen Victoria and Prince Albert collected photographs which they placed in a series of albums. Queen Victoria was also a great fan of the stereoscope and bought one sometime in 1851. Shortly after her purchase, stereoscopes became fashionable and mass production of photographs for sale began.

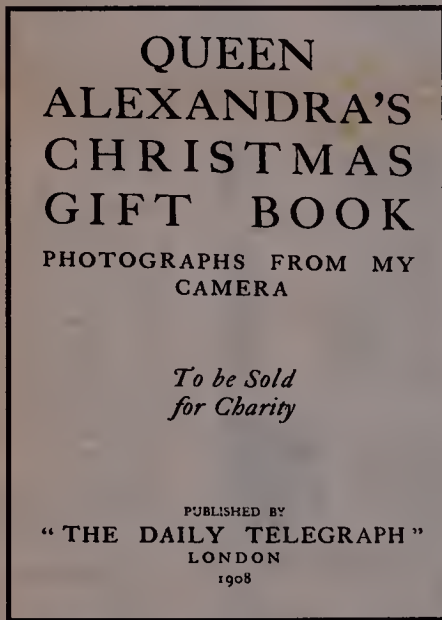
There appear to be no existing examples of pictures actually taken by Queen Victoria or Prince Albert, but it is known that she purchased a camera in 1853. This first camera was mounted on the superstructure of the Royal Yacht, but it could be taken off its mounting and carried on shore as well. Then, in 1854 a "double body folding camera" was purchased, along with a Ross lens, accessories and darkrooms. Records show the purchase of two mobile darkrooms in the spring of 1854 and then a permanent darkroom was installed in the conservatory at

Windsor Castle in December of that same year.

Even if she didn't practice photography much herself, Queen Victoria's interest in it, both as an art form and a means of information, had a lot to do with the popularity of photography in England. Throughout the reign of Queen Victoria no fewer than 51 Royal Warrants "By Special Appointment, Purveyors to the Queen" were issued to photographers who provided pictures and photographic services to the Royal Family. When the Photographic Society of London, precursor to the Royal Photographic Society was founded, she and Prince Albert were among the first patrons.

One of the founding members of the society was also Prince Albert's librarian and an assistant tutor in the royal household. It is reckoned that this man, Dr. Ernst Becker, was the one who introduced the practice of photography to the Royal Family. It was he who ordered cameras, chemicals and accessories for them, and it was he who taught them to use these things.

In 1857 there was a big art exhibition—the Manchester Art Treasures Exhibition—the function of which was to gather examples of art from the earliest times to the present day. Many collectors of art in England lent examples from their collections. Victoria and Albert were among the first to offer works of art, and they not only lent paintings but also a number of photographs. Again the records are not altogether clear about who took these photographs. The Royal Archives at Windsor has no examples of work by Victoria or Albert, and most sources believe that the photographs in the exhibition were ones that they had bought because they liked them and considered them works of



▲ The title page from "Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book." This book was published as a charity fund raiser and it sold more than 350,000 copies in the first 10 days. It was sold not only through "The Daily Telegraph" but through Kodak and in camera stores and book stores.

art. The popularity of photography grew as the advances in processing made the photographs more permanent and cheaper to produce. In 1860 the Queen decided to allow the publication of an album of cartes-de-visite format photographs of

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Since witnesses, our eares, and eyes, have bene
Of those Perfections, which the generall Fame
Hath sounded forth, in honour of your Name,
And His, youre Royall Consorte's (oh yee faire,
Thrice blessed, and most fitly-matched Paire)
Upon each other made such bright reflection
And have so sweetly mingled your affection
Your Praise, Your Pow're, your Vertues, and your Beautie
That, (if preserving of my Sovereigne dutie,
This may be said) you did appeare to me,
Two Persons in One Majesty to be ;
To whom, there appertaines (in veneration
Of your large Worth) the right of some Oblation
And, best, I thought, my Homage would be done
If thus, the tender were to Both-in-One
Which in this humble Gift, my Love presents
And wisheth it may adde to your Contents.
Your Lives are Patternes, and faire Emblems, whether
Considered apart, or both together.
Your Childhood a bright Mirrour, which did show
What Duties Children, to their Parents owe :
And, by the sequele, we now understand,
That She, who best obey'd, can best command.

And, such as are, with goodly sights, delighted,
May see in You, all Excellence united.

And, in your lofty Spheare,
Most loved Queene, Your Actions ever were
So smooth, and so direct ; which loudly speakes your praise
And intimates much more, than yet, it saies.
Your Princely Vertues, what can better show,
Than Peace, and Plenty, which have thrived so,
Whilst You have raign'd, that yet, no people see
A Richer, or more Peacefull time, than wee.
Your Civill Actions to the publike eye
Are rich examples of Moralitie,
So manifest, That, if he Truth did sing
Who said "The World doth imitate the King"
My Muses dare, with boldnesse to presage,
A Chast, a Pious, and a Prosperous Age:
And that, the stormes which, late these Realmes deterr'd
Shall all be quite removed, or deferr'd
Till You Ascend, And, future times have seene
That Your Example, has not followed beene.
Thus You are living Emblem, to this Nation
Which being mark'd with heedefull speculation
May serve, as well, to helpe us how to see
Our Happinesse, As, what our Duties be.
God grant continued Union in this Spheare,
Yet, wish I not the tollerating here,
Of Politicke-Agreements ; (further than
Our wholesome Lawes, and Civill-vowes to man,
With Piety, approve) but such, as may
Make up a blessed Concord, every way :
May it be so ; Your Vertues, would become
A Glorious Blessing, to all Christendome.

Adapted from a 16th Century Author.



Albert

J A N U A R Y.

To Britain's queen the nations turn their eyes,
On her resolves the western world relies,
Thrice happy Britain, from the kingdoms rent
To sit the guardian of the continent.
Thy favorites grow not up by fortune's sport
Or from the crimes or follies of a court ;
On the firm basis of desert they rise,
From long-try'd faith, and friendship's holy ties
Their sovereigns well-distinguish'd smiles they share,
Her ornaments in peace, her strength in war.

Addison.

JANUARY 1.

Where true Fortitude dwells, Loyalty, Bounty, Friendship, and Fidelity may be found. A man may confide in persons constituted for noble ends, who dare do and suffer, and who have a Hand to burn for their Country and their Friend.

Sir T. Browne, 1635.

JANUARY 2.

Study is the most solid nourishment of the mind, and the source of its most noble acquisitions. Study increases our natural talent, but it is conversation that sets it on work, and refines it.

Ancient Aphorism.

JANUARY 3.

Excellently St Austin adviseth, that men should not be curious to enquire, how original sin came into them, but careful to seek how to get it out.

Fuller.

JANUARY 1.

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JANUARY 4.

Good Example is an unspeakable benefit to mankind, and has a secret power and influence upon those with whom we converse ; it is a living rule that teaches men without trouble and lets them see their faults without open reproof and upbraiding.

Ancient Maxim.

JANUARY 5.

If in concord we abide
If true in heart we prove ;
We may the more be fortified
By interchange of love.
Each blessing which on one doth fall
Will multiplied be ;
And prove a blessing to us all
As long as we agree.

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 6.

Think not there is a Lyon in the way, nor walk with Leaden Sandels in the paths of Goodness, but in all Virtuous motions let Prudence determine thy measures.

Sir T. Browne.

JANUARY 4.

JANUARY 5.

JANUARY 6.

JANUARY 7.

Demean thyself in the presence of thy prince with reverence and cheerfulness ; let thy wisdom gain his opinion ; thy loyalty his confidence ; be not false or unjust in thy words or actions : unreasonable or careless in thy suits or services.

Ancient Aphorism.

JANUARY 8.

H.R.H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES, 1864.

“ *Ex utroque Cæsar.* ”

A Prince's most ennobling Parts
Are Skill in Armes, and Love to Arts.
And strive that thou as excellent mayst bee
In Knowledge as thou art in thy Degree.

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 9.

H.R.H. PRINCESS FREDERICA OF HANOVER,

AND

H.S.H. PRINCE FRANCIS OF TECK, 1870.

“ *Tutius ut possit fieri.* ”

*If safely, thou desire to goe,
Bee not too swift nor overflow.
By Speedinesse, our works are timely wrought,
By Staydnesse, they to passe, are safely brought.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 7.

JANUARY 8.

JANUARY 9.

JANUARY 10.

Harmless mirth is the best cordial against the consumption of the spirits ; wherefore jesting is not unlawful if it trespasseth not in quality, quantity, or reason.

Thos. Fuller,

JANUARY 11.

From Snail's we learne, that Perseverance brings
Large Workes to end, though slowly they creepe on ;
And, that Continuance perfects many things,
Which seeme at first, unlikely to be done.
It warnes, likewise, that some affaires require
More Heed than Haste : And that the Course we take,
Should suite as well our Strength, as our Desire ;
Else (as our Proverbe saith) Haste, Waste, may make.

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 12.

What strange vicissitudes of human fate,
Still altering, never in a steady state,
Good after ill, and after pain delight
Alternate, like the scenes of day and night
With equal mind, what happens let us bear
Nor joy, nor grieve too much, for things beyond our care.

Dryden.

JANUARY 10.

JANUARY 11.

JANUARY 12.

JANUARY 13.

H.R.H. PRINCE ARTHUR FREDK. OF CONNAUGHT, 1883.

“*En nocte consilium.*”

*Before thou bring thy Workes to Light,
Consider on them, in the Night.
For of the World-without, when most we see,
Then blindest to the World-within, are wee.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 14.

There is certainly a great charm, as well as deep interest in watching the development of feelings and faculties in a little child, and nothing is more instructive for the knowledge of our own nature than to observe in a little creature, the stages of development, which when we were ourselves passing thro' them seemed scarcely to have an existence for us.

The Prince Consort, vol. i., p. 165.

JANUARY 15.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET VICTORIA OF CONNAUGHT, 1882.

“*En silentio et spe.*”

*They that in Hope, and Silence live,
The best Contentment may atchive.
And whilst most others, give their Fancie scope
Enjoy thy selfe, in Silence, and in Hope.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 13.

JANUARY 14.

JANUARY 15

JANUARY 16.

The greatest loss of time, is delay and expectation, which depend upon the future: we let go the present, which we have in our power, and look forward to that which depends upon chance, and so quit a certainty for an uncertainty.

Ancient Aphorism.

JANUARY 17.

This Man, whatever he may seeme,
Is worthy of a high esteeme:
Though Fortune may, his person, grinde,
She cannot harme him, in his Minde.
Right blest, this Company would be,
If all of them, were such, as He.

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 18.

Bright Thoughts, clear Deeds, Constancy, Fidelity, Bounty, and generous Honesty are the Gems of noble Minds wherein (to derogate from none) the true Heroick English Gentleman hath no Peer.

Sir T. Browne.

JANUARY 16.

JANUARY 17.

JANUARY 18.

JANUARY 19.

For people to make invitations to their house and table, or offers of their fortune and services is nothing. To be as good as their word is all the expense and difficulty.

Bruyere.

JANUARY 20.

But I like Plato's counsel well; "In adversities to compress murmur: For our Providence" saith he "is too short to judge, whether there may not lye under the outside of an apparent evil some in-imaginable good."

Henry Wotton, 1568.

JANUARY 21.

The nature of wit is to have its operation prompt and sudden, and that of judgment to have it more deliberate and more slow: but he who remains totally silent for want of leisure to prepare himself to speak well, and he also whom leisure does no ways benefit to better speaking, are equally unhappy.

Montaigne.

JANUARY 19.

JANUARY 20.

JANUARY 21.

JANUARY 22.

Live happy in the Elysium of a virtuously composed mind, and let intellectual contents exceed the delights wherein mere pleaurists place their paradise. Make pleasure thy recreation or intermissive relaxation, not thy Diana, life, and profession.

Sir T. Browne.

JANUARY 23.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND
H.I.H. THE GRAND DUCHESS MARIE OF RUSSIA, 1874.

“Victrix patientia duri.”

*No Inward Griefe, nor outward Smart,
Can overcome a Patient Heart
Where Honest Mindes, and Patient Hearts, are Mates,
They grow victorious, in their Hardest Fates.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 24.

Convey thy benefit to a friend, as an arrow to the mark, to stick there; not as a ball to rebound back to thee; that friendship will not continue to the end, that is begun for interest.

Ancient Aphorism.

JANUARY 22.

JANUARY 23.

JANUARY 24.

JANUARY 25.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL AND
H.I.H. THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY, 1858.

“*Persequar extinctum.*”

*True-Lovers Lives, in one Heart Lye,
Both Live, or both together Dye,
Thus, both in Life, in Death, in all estates,
True Lovers will be true Associates.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 26.

“I am quite of your opinion, that true worldly prudence enjoins us to make no *settled plans*, but at the given moment to adopt the course, which may appear to feeling and to reason to be the most appropriate, and that, by so acting, the most disappointments will be avoided, and the greatest peace of mankind maintained.”

The Prince Consort, vol. iv., p. 314.

JANUARY 27.

H.R.H. PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA, 1859.

“*Potentissimus est qui se habet in potestate.*”

*We are bound by Faith, with Love and Hope,
To roll the Stone of Good Endeavour still,
As neere as may be, to Perfections top,
Though backe againe it tumble downe the Hill.*

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 25.

JANUARY 26.

JANUARY 27.

JANUARY 28.

He that will give himself to all manner of ways to get money, may be rich ; so he that lets fly all he knows or thinks, may by chance be satirically witty. Honesty sometimes keeps a man from growing rich, and civility from being witty.

Selden.

JANUARY 29.

Thy Hopings and thy Feares, are such,
That they afflict, and paine thee, much ;
Because, thou giv'st too great a scope
Unto thy Feare, or to thy Hope :
For they will paine, or pleasure thee,
As they enlarg'd or curbed be.

Geo. Wither.

JANUARY 30.

Satan hath no impulsive power, he may strike fire till he be weary (if his malice can be weary) ; except man's corruption brings the tinder, the match cannot be lighted.

Fuller.

JANUARY 28.

JANUARY 29.

JANUARY 30.

JANUARY 31.

The love we bear our country is a root
Which never fails to bring forth golden fruit
'Tis in the mind an everlasting spring
Of glorious actions which become a king
Nor less become a subject ; 'tis a debt
Which bad men, tho' they pay not, can't forget,
A duty which the good delight to pay,
And ev'ry man can practise ev'ry day.

Ancient Laconic.



JANUARY 31.







What the world?

FEBRUARY.

If that Love shoulde shoote, so ofte as men offende
The Poëttes saie, his thunderboltes shoulde soone bee at an ende
Then happy wee that have, a Soveraine so inclinde
That when as justice draws hir sworde, hath mercie in her minde,
And to declare the same, howe prone shée is to save.

Whitney's Emblems.

FEBRUARY 1.

Books, while they teach us to respect the interests of others, often make us unmindful of our own; while they instruct the youthful reader to grasp at social happiness, he grows miserable in detail, and, attentive to universal harmony, often forgets that he himself has a part to sustain in the concert.

Goldsmith.

FEBRUARY 2.

Man hath no strength, but what from God proceedes
Then let him not make vaunt of his desert,
Nor bragge thereof, when hee good deedes hath donne
For, it is God that worketh in his harte,
And with his grace, to good, doth make him ronne.

Whitney's Emblems.

FEBRUARY 3.

Urbanity and civility are a debt you owe mankind; civil language, and good behavioure will be like perpetual letters commendatory to you; It is an easy purchase, when friends are gained by kindness and affability.

Ancient Aphorisms.

FEBRUARY 1.

FEBRUARY 2.

FEBRUARY 3.

FEBRUARY 4.

Cease discoursing, soul; till thine own ground;
Do not thyself or friends importune,
He that by seeking hath himself once found,
Hath ever found a happy fortune.

Geo. Herbert.

FEBRUARY 5.

He is a good time-server that is pliant to the times in matters of mere indifferency. To blame are they whose minds may seem to be made of one entire bone, without any joint. They cannot bend at all, but stand as stiffly in things of pure indifferency as in matters of absolute necessity.

Thos. Fuller.

FEBRUARY 6.

Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner. A word unspoken is like the sword in the scabbard, thine; if vented, thy sword is in another's hands. If thou desire to be wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

Quarles.

FEBRUARY 4.

FEBRUARY 5.

FEBRUARY 6.

FEBRUARY 7.

Whom fortune heere allottes a meane estate
Yet gives enowghe, each wante for to suffice :
The wavering wighte, that hopes for better fate,
And not content, his cawlinge doth despise,
Maie vainlie clime, but likelie still to fall,
And live at lengthe, with losse of maine, and all.

Whitney's Emblems.

FEBRUARY 8.

As small letters hurt the sight, so do small matters him that is
too much intent upon them : they vex and stir up anger, which
begets an evil habit in him in reference to greater affairs.

Plutarch.

FEBRUARY 9.

Happy the man, of mortals happiest he,
Whose quiet mind from vain desires is free :
Whom neither hopes deceive, nor fears torment,
But lives at peace within himself, content :
In thought or act accountable to none,
But to himself, and to the Gods alone.

Ancient Aphorism.

FEBRUARY 7.

FEBRUARY 8.

FEBRUARY 9.

FEBRUARY 10.

MARRIAGE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA AND
H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT, 1840.

Also Birthday of H.R.H. Prince Waldemar of Prussia, 1863.

“*Semper Fidelis.*”

The God of Heaven so join you now, that you may be glad of one another all your life; and when He, Who hath joined you, shall separate you again, establish you with an assurance that He hath but borrowed one of you for a time, to make both more perfect in the resurrection.

Dr. Donne.

FEBRUARY 11.

Man is no star, but a quick coal
Of mortal fire :
Who blows it not, nor doth control
A faint desire,
Lets his own ashes choke his soul.

Geo. Herbert.

FEBRUARY 12.

Humility is a rare thing in the young ; therefore to be admired : when youth is vigorous, when strength is firm, when blood is hot, when cares are strangers, when mirth is free, then pride swelleth, and humility is despised.

Quarles' Emblems.

FEBRUARY 10.

FEBRUARY 11.

FEBRUARY 12.

FEBRUARY 13.

Thy cause, thy Money, or thy Friend,
May make thee forward to contend
And, give thee Hopes, that thy intents,
Shall bring thee prosperous events
And rashly venture not on that
Whose End may be, thou knowest not what.

Geo. Wither.

FEBRUARY 14.

My true love hath my heart, and I have his,
By just exchange one for the other given :
I hold his dear, and mine he can not miss ;
There never was a bargain better driven.
His heart in me keeps me and him in one ;
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides :
He loves my heart for once it was his own ;
I cherish his because in me it bides.

Sir Philip Sidney.

FEBRUARY 15.

He that does good to another man, does also good to himself ;
not only in the consequence, but in the very act of doing it ; for
the conscience of well doing is an ample reward.

Seneca.

FEBRUARY 13.

FEBRUARY 14.

FEBRUARY 15.

FEBRUARY 16.

Do thou first tame thy lion, and lead him about, not for the purpose of receiving money, but that thou mayest acquire a gain to which there is none equal. For there is nothing equal to gentleness, which both to those that possess it and to those who are its objects is exceeding useful.

St. Chrysostom.

FEBRUARY 17.

Scorn no man's love, though of a mean degree ;
(Love is a present for a mighty king,)
Much less make anyone thine enemy.
As guns destroy, so may a little sling.
The cunning workman never doth refuse
The meanest tool that he may chance to use.

Geo. Herbert.

FEBRUARY 18.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF PRUSSIA AND
H.H. THE HEREDITARY PRINCE OF SAXE-MEININGEN, 1878.

"Virtuti fortuna comes."

*Good fortune will by those abide
In whom true vertue doth reside
But they of whom I speake, are flowne so high
As not to want those Joyes for which wee crye
And I had showne you somewhat of their store
But that this Page had roome to write no more.*

Geo. Wither.

FEBRUARY 16.

FEBRUARY 17.

FEBRUARY 18.

FEBRUARY 19.

Care for the soul as thing of greatest price,
Made to the end to taste of power divine,
Devoid of guilt, abhorring sin and vice,
Apt by God's grace to virtue to incline!
Care for it so that by thy reckless train
It be not brought to taste eternal pain!

Byrd.

FEBRUARY 20.

H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE OF WALES, 1867.

“*Usus libri, non lectio prudentes facit.*”

*Of practise longe, experience doth proceede ;
And wisdom then, doth evermore ensue ;
Then printe in minde, that wee in printe do reade,
Els loose wee time, and bookes in vain do uewe ;
Wee maie not haste, our talent to bestowe,
Nor hide it up, whereby no good shall growe.*

Whitney's Emblems.

FEBRUARY 21.

The shortest and surest way to live with honour in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be ; and if we observe, we shall find, that all humane virtues increase and strengthen themselves, by the practice and experience of them.

Socrates.

FEBRUARY 19.

FEBRUARY 20.

FEBRUARY 21.

FEBRUARY 22.

Certainly that man were greedy of life, who should desire to live when all the world were at an end ; and he must needs be very impatient, who would repine at death in the society of all things that suffer under it.

Sir T. Browne.

FEBRUARY 23.

In mine own conscience then, as in a mortar,
I'll place mine heart, and bray it there :
If grief for what is past, and fear
Of what's to come, be a sufficient torture,
I'll break it all
In pieces small.

Quarles' Emblems.

FEBRUARY 24.

Furnish thyself with the accommodations proper to thy condition ; yet spend not to the utmost of what thou canst afford, that the providence of thy youth may be a comfort to thy old age.

Economy of Human Life.

FEBRUARY 22.

FEBRUARY 23.

FEBRUARY 24.

FEBRUARY 25.

H.R.H. PRINCESS ALICE MARY OF ALBANY 1883.
H.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA ALICE OF BATTENBURG, 1885.

“Flabescens.”

*Those Fields, which yet appeare so,
When Harvest comes, will yellow grow
So, if in honest Hopes, thou persevere
A Joyfull Harvest will at last appeare.*

Geo. Wither.

FEBRUARY 26.

H.H. PRINCE ALBERT JOHN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, 1869.

“Remigio ventisque secundis.”

*Therefore, let that which you propose be Just ;
Then use the fairest Meanes to compasse it ;
And though Meanes faile, yet foster no mistrust
But fearelesly to God, your Course commit ;
For Hee, to Faithfull Hearts, and Honest Mindes
Turns Losse to Gaine, and Stormes to prosperous Windes.*

Geo. Wither.

FEBRUARY 27.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA
AND H.R.H. PRINCESS AUGUSTA VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-
HOLSTEIN, 1881.

“Ad finem esto fidelis.”

*He provides, and She dispenses ;—he gives commandments, and she rules
by them ;—he rules her by authority, and she rules him by love ;—she ought
by all means to please him, and he must by no means displease her.*

Jeremy Taylor.

FEBRUARY 25.

FEBRUARY 26.

FEBRUARY 27.

FEBRUARY 28.

A conscience cleare, is like a wall of brasse,
That dothe not shake with everie shotte that hittes
Eaven so thereby, our lives wee quiet passe
When guiltie mindes are rack'de with fearfull fittes
Then keepe thee pure and soile thee not with sinne
For after guilte thine inwarde greifes beginne.

Whitney's Emblems.

FEBRUARY 29.

Company is one of the greatest pleasures of the nature of man.
For the beams of joy are made hotter by reflexion, when related
to another ; and, otherwise gladness itself must grieve for want of
one to express itself to.

Thos. Fuller.



FEBRUARY 28.

FEBRUARY 29.







Alexandra

MARCH.

Since fame is wighte of winge, and through eche clymate flies ;
And woorthy actes of noble peeres, doth raise unto the skies,
And since shee hathe extoll'd your praises longe agoe,
That other countries farre, and neare, your noble name doe knowe.
Although I houlde my peace, throughe wante of learned skill,
Yet shall your passinge fame bee knowne, and be renowned still,
And those that have desire, upon your praise to looke,
May finde it truly pen'd by fame, within her goulden booke.
Where, on the foremost fronte of honours hautie stage,
Shee placeth you, in equall roome, with anie of your age.
Wherefore to fame I yeeld, and cease what I begonne :
Bicause, it is in vaine, to set a candell in the Sonne.

Geo. Whitney.

MARCH 1.

Though labour was enjoin'd at first
To be a curse for sin,
Yet man by being so accurst,
May screw a blessing in:
And he that with a patient mind
This penance doth sustain,
Shall by his pains true pleasures find,
And many comforts gain.

Geo. Wither.

MARCH 2.

Surely if there is anything in this life which a man may depend upon, and to the knowledge of which he is capable of arriving upon the most indisputable evidence, it must be this very thing—whether he has a good conscience or no.

Sterne.

MARCH 3.

Contemn riches, and thou shalt be rich : contemn glory, and thou shalt be glorious ; contemn injuries, and thou shalt be a conqueror ; contemn rest, and thou shalt gain rest ; contemn earth, and thou shalt find Heaven.

Quarles' Emblems.

MARCH 1.

MARCH 2.

MARCH 3.

MARCH 4.

A man cannot be agreeable, and good company, unless he be able to think nicely, and readily lay up all that is said in conversation, which he can never do, unless he has a good fund of wit, a faithful memory, and an imagination suitable.

Ancient Aphorism.

MARCH 5.

“ And Cato sayeth : That man is next to God,
Whoe squares his speeche, in reasons rightfull frame :
For idle wordes, God threatneth with his rodde,
And sayeth, wee must give reckoninge for the same :
Saint Paule likewise, this faulte doth sharplie tutche,
And oftentimes, condemneth bablinge mutche.

Whitney's Emblems.

MARCH 6.

Stay at home and take an old man's counsel ;
Seek not to bask you by a stranger's hearth ;
Our own blue smoke is warmer than their fire.
Domestic food is wholesome, though 'tis homely ;
And foreign dainties poisonous, though tasteful.

Ancient Laconic.

MARCH 4.

MARCH 5.

MARCH 6.

MARCH 7.

There is nothing more worthy of our attention, than the art of happiness. In conversation, as well as life, happiness very often depends upon the very slightest incidents. If we would be happy in ourselves, and are desirous of communicating that happiness to all about us, the minutiae of conversation ought carefully to be attended to.

Elegant Extracts.

MARCH 8.

Though you are weake, you much may doe,
If you will set your Wits thereto.
For, meaner Powres, than you have had,
And, meaner Wits, good shift have made,
Both to contrive, and compasse that,
Which abler men have wondred at.
Your Strength, and Wit, unite therefore,
And, both shall grow improov'd the more.

Geo. Wither.

MARCH 9.

Friendship has a noble effect upon all accidents and conditions. It relieves our cares, raises our hopes, and abates our fears. A friend, who relates his success, talks himself into a new pleasure ; and by opening his misfortunes, leaves part of them behind.

Ancient Aphorism.

MARCH 7.

MARCH 8.

MARCH 9.

MARCH 10.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND
H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF DENMARK, 1863.

“Entaminatis fulget honoribus.”

Two noble peeres, whose praises pierce the skye ;
Who both are plac'd in honours sacred cheare,
Whose worthie fame shall live, and never dye ;
In English courte doe spend their blessed daies,
Of publike weale, two greate, and mightie staies.

Whitney's Emblems.

MARCH 11.

A really loyal servant should do nothing for which he is not prepared to answer, even though his master desires it. Make independence, not subservience, the essential of service, and you compel the Minister to keep his soul free towards the Sovereign, you ennoble his advice, you make him staunch and patriotic.

Life of The Prince Consort, vol. v., p. 261.

MARCH 12.

Acquit thee bravely ; play the man.
Look not on pleasures as they come, but go.
Defer not the least virtue : life's poor span
Make not an ell by trifling in thy woe.
If thou do ill, the joy fades, not the pains ;
If well, the pain doth fade, the joy remains.

Geo. Herbert.

MARCH 10.

MARCH 11.

MARCH 12.

MARCH 13.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND
H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE MARGARET OF PRUSSIA, 1879.

“Fortiter et feliciter.”

Marriage enlarges the scene of our happiness and misery; the marriage of love is pleasant, the marriage of interest easy, and a marriage where both meet, happy. An happy marriage has in it all the pleasures of friendship, all the enjoyments of sense and reason, and indeed all the sweets of life.

Ancient Aphorism.

MARCH 14.

The lopped tree in time may grow again,
Most naked plants renew both fruit and flower,
The sorriest wight may find release of pain,
The driest soil suck in some moistening shower;
Time goes by turns, and chances change by course,
From foul to fair, from better hap to worse.

Robert Southwell.

MARCH 15.

Gentleness is the great avenue to mutual enjoyment. Amidst the strife of interfering interests, it tempers the violence of contention, and keeps alive the seeds of harmony. It softens animosities, renews endearments, and renders the countenance of a man, a refreshment to a man.

Elegant Extracts.

MARCH 13.

MARCH 14.

MARCH 15.

MARCH 16.

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF KENT, OBIT A.D. 1861.

“*Deus meus dux meus.*”

*The virtues of this friend
Within myself let me improve
And to that noble end,
Cause her memorial me to move.*

Geo. Wither.

Religion is an adornment for all men.

Plato.

MARCH 17.

Give me to set a sturdy porter before my soul, who may not equally open to every comer. I cannot conceive how he can be a friend to any, who is a friend to all, and the worst foe to himself.

Thos. Fuller.

MARCH 18.

H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE, MARCHIONESS OF LORNE, 1848.

“*Obsequie non viribus.*”

How excellently composed is that mind, which shows a piercing wit quite void of ostentation, high erected thoughts, seated in a heart of courtesy, and eloquence, as sweet in the uttering, as slow to come to the uttering; and a behaviour so noble, as gives beauty to pomp, and majesty to adversity.

Sir P. Sidney.

MARCH 16.

MARCH 17.

MARCH 18.

MARCH 19.

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.

Greene.

MARCH 20.

The man that hath true Wisdome got,
Continues firme and wavers not
He thus that workes puts Policie to Schoole
And makes the Machavilian prove a foole.

Geo. Wither.

MARCH 21.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE AND
THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, 1871.

“*Mutuum auxilium.*”

There is a kind of sympathy in souls, that fits them for each other; and we may be assured when we see two persons engaged in the warmth of a mutual affection, that there are certain qualities in both their minds which bear a resemblance to one another.

Ancient Laconic.

MARCH 19.

MARCH 20.

MARCH 21.

MARCH 22.

The hill, though high, I covet to ascend,
The difficulty will not me offend ;
For I perceive the way to life lies here.
Come, pluck up heart, let's neither faint nor fear ;
Better, though difficult, the right way to go,
Than wrong, though easy, where the end is woe.

Bunyan.

MARCH 23.

Those that wish for what they have not, forfeit the enjoyment of what they have. Set a just term to your wishes, and when you have touched it, make a stand ; happiness only begins when wishes end, and he that hankers after more, enjoys nothing.

Ancient Aphorism.

MARCH 24.

By false and servile fear,
Afflictions we begin
Before their time, and mischiefs rear,
Which else had never been :
Yea, what might wear away,
Or be with ease endured ;
Grows thereby more than bear we may,
And hardly to be cured.

Geo. Wither.

MARCH 22.

MARCH 23.

MARCH 24.

MARCH 25.

Cultivate thy soul. Cut away the thorns, sow the word of godliness. Nurse with much care the fair plants of Divine Wisdom, and thou hast become a husbandman. Sharpen thy sickle, which thou hast blunted.

St. Chrysostom.

MARCH 26.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 1819.

“*Non locus virum sed vir locum ornat.*”

By Labour, Vertue may be gain'd
By Vertue, Glorie is attain'd
For, where a vertuous Industry is found,
She shall with Wreaths of Glory thus be crown'd.

Geo. Wither.

MARCH 27.

Glory, like a shadow, fieth him who pursueth it ; but it followeth at the heels of him who would fly from it ; if thou courtest it without merit, thou shalt never attain unto it : if thou deservest it, though thou hidest thyself, it will never forsake thee.

Economy of Human Life.

MARCH 25.

MARCH 26.

MARCH 27.

MARCH 28.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY OBIT A.D. 1884.

“*Virtus ad sidera tollit.*”

Think not the longest life the happiest; that which is best employed doth man the most honour; himself shall rejoice after death in the advantages of it.

Economy of Human Life.

Love is the fairest and best in itself, and is the cause of what is fairest and best in all other things.

Plato.

MARCH 29.

The touche doth trye, the fine, and purest goulde :
And not the sound, or els the goodly showe.
So, if mennes wayes, and vertues, wee behoulde,
The worthy men, wee by their workes shall knowe.

Whitney's Emblems.

MARCH 30.

Nobility is to be considered only as an imaginary distinction, unless accompanied with the practice of those generous virtues by which it ought to be obtained. Though an honourable title may be conveyed to posterity, yet the ennobling qualities, which are the soul of greatness, are a sort of incommunicable perfections, and cannot be transferred.

Elegant Extracts.

MARCH 28.

MARCH 29

MARCH 30.

MARCH 31.

Let this experiment which, to thy thoughts,
May by this Extract, now perhaps be brought,
Persuade thee to consider, that no actions,
Can come but by degrees, to their perfections ;
And teach thee, to allot, for everything,
That leisurely-proceeding, which may bring
The ripeness, and the fulnesse thou expectest.

Geo. Wither.



MARCH 31.







A P R I L.

This was the goulden worlde, that Poëttes praised moste,
No hate, was harbor'd then at home nor hatch'd in forren coste.
But after, when the earthe, with people did increase :
Ambition, straighte began to springe : and pryde did banishe peace.
Then Justice came, in personne of oure Queene ;
When quicklie vertues shee advanc'd ; and vices did subdue :
And of that worlde did make, a paradice of blisse ;
By which wee doo inferre : That where our loved Sovereaine is
That land doth flourishe still, and gladnes, their doth growe,
And where her presence wantes, there ruine raignes and wracke,
And Kingdomes can not longe indure that doe this Ladie lacke.
Then happy England moste : where Justice is embrac'd
And eeke so many famous men, within her chaire are plac'd.

Adapted from *George Whitney*.

APRIL 1.

The way to make thy son rich is to fill
His mind with rest, before his trunk with riches ;
For wealth without contentment climbs a hill,
To feel those tempests which fly over ditches.
But if thy son can make ten pound his measure,
Then all thou addest may be called his treasure.

Geo. Herbert.

APRIL 2.

An intrepid courage is but a holiday-kind of virtue to be seldom exercised but in cases of necessity : affability, mildness, tenderness, and a word which I would fain bring back to its original signification of virtue, namely good-nature, are of daily use ; they are the bread of mankind, and staff of life.

Dryden.

APRIL 3.

He that doth fear, because he loves, will never
Adventure to offend,
But always bend
His best endeavours to content his friend.
Fear's the soul's centinel, and keeps the heart,
Wherein love lodges.

Quarles' Emblems.

APRIL 1

APRIL 2.

APRIL 3.

APRIL 4.

I will labour not to be like a young colt first set to plough, which more tires himself out with his own untowardness, whipping himself with his misspent mettle, more than with the weight of what he draws. I will labour patiently to bear what is imposed upon me.

Thos. Fuller.

APRIL 5.

H.S.H. PRINCESS LOUIS OF BATTENBERG, 1863.

“*Dum ætatis ver agitur, consule brumæ.*”

*Marke, to what their Soules aspire,
Who, true Blessednesse, desire
For, if you can doe like those,
Heav'n you gaine, when Earth you lose.*

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 6.

Since the days that are past are gone for ever, and those that are to come may not come to thee, it behoveth thee, to employ the present time, without regretting the loss of that which is past, or too much depending on that which is to come.

Economy of Human Life.

APRIL 4.

APRIL 5.

APRIL 6.

APRIL 7.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, 1853.

“*Spes alit agricolas.*”

The Husbandman, doth sow the Seeds ;
And then, on Hope, till Harvest, feeds.
God brings helpe, when men their best have done.
Yea, they that in good workes their life employ ;
Although, they sowe in teares, shall reape in joy.

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 8.

No day like to-day, the instant time is always the fittest time ;
the farther off the time, the more unfit. To-day is the golden
opportunity, to-morrow will be the silver season, next day but the
brazen one, and so on till the end.

Thos. Fuller.

APRIL 9.

Heav'n has to all allotted, soon or late,
Some lucky revolution of their fate :
Whose motions if we watch and guide with skill
(For human good depends on human will)
Our fortune rolls as from a smooth descent,
And from the first impression takes its bent ;

Dryden.

APRIL 7.

APRIL 8.

APRIL 9.

APRIL 10.

Of flattering speeche, with sugred wordes beware,
Suspect the harte, whose face doth fawne, and smile,
With trusting theise, the worlde is clog'de with care,
And fewe there bee can scape these vipers vile :
With pleasing speeche they promise, and protest,
When hatefull hartes lie hidd within their brest.

Whitney's Emblems.

APRIL 11.

Let not the sun in Capricorn go down upon thy wrath, but write thy wrongs in ashes. Draw the curtain of night upon injuries, shut them up in the tower of oblivion, and let them be as though they had not been.

Sir T. Browne.

APRIL 12.

H.R.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA OF PRUSSIA, 1866.

“*De parvis grandis acerbus erit.*”

*By many drops, is made a mighty showre ;
And many minutes finish up an hour :
By little, and by little, we possesse
Assurance of the greatest Happinesse,
And, oft, by too much haste, and, too much cost,
Great Wealth, Great Honours, and great Hopes, are lost.*

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 10.

APRIL 11.

APRIL 12.

APRIL 13.

Rack not thy wit to win by wicked ways !
Seek not to oppress the weak by wrongful might !
To pay thy due do banish all delays !
Care to dispend according to thy store ;
And in like sort be mindful of the poor !

Rare Poems.

APRIL 14.

H.R.H. PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, 1857.
H.H. PRINCE CHRISTIAN VICTOR OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, 1867.
H.S.H. PRINCE ALEXANDER GEORGE OF TECK, 1874.

“ *Non nobis solum nati sumus.*”

A precious Balme of love to cure Mans grieffe.
. . . In our private Actions too,
There must bee both a Knowledge how to doe
The worke propos'd ; and strength to finish it ;

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 15.

Let not the croaking of a raven, the crying of a cricket, or the crossing of a hare, trouble thy repose ; he is ill acquainted with himself, who does not know his fortune better than those creatures.

Ancient Aphorism.

APRIL 13.

APRIL 14.

APRIL 15.

APRIL 16.

Such is the weakness of all mortal hope ;
So fickle is the state of earthly things,
That, ere they come into their aimed scope,
They fall too short of our frail reckonings
And bring us bale and bitter sorrowings,
Instead of comfort, which we should embrace.

Edmund Spenser.

APRIL 17.

Take heed of doing irrevocable acts ; Time may restore some losses, others are never to be repaired. Wherefore, make no Persian decree which cannot be reversed or repealed ; but rather Polonian laws, which last but three days. Do not in an instant, what an age cannot recompense.

Thos. Fuller.

APRIL 18.

Remember, the noble lessons by affliction taught :
Preserve the quick humanity it gives,
The pitying social sense of human weakness ;
Yet keep thy generous fortitude entire.
The manly heart, that to another's woe
Is tender, as superior to its own.

Elegant Extracts.

APRIL 16.

APRIL 17.

APRIL 18.

APRIL 19.

The love we bear our country is a root
Which never fails to bring forth golden fruit ;
'Tis in the mind an everlasting spring
Of glorious actions which become a king—
Nor less become a subject.

Ancient Laconic.

APRIL 20.

H.R.H. PRINCESS BEATRICE OF EDINBURGH, 1884.

“*Concordiâ res parvæ crescunt.*”

*Althoughe thy store bee small for to beginne,
Yet guide it well, and soone it is increaste,
For mightie men, in time their wealthe did winne,
Whoe had at firste, as little as the leste :
Where God doth blesse in time abundance springes,
And heapes are made, of manie little things.*

Whitney's Emblems.

APRIL 21.

Did men but take as much care to mend, as they do to conceal
their failings, they would both spare themselves that trouble which
dissimulation puts them to, and gain besides the commendations
they aspire to, by their seeming virtues.

Ancient Aphorism.

APRIL 19.

APRIL 20.

APRIL 21.

APRIL 22.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET OF PRUSSIA, 1872.

“Give Galeque.”

*Withhold my hands from doing wrong
My feet from courses vain ;
Teach likewise ev'ry other sense
To act an honest part,
But chiefly settle innocence
And pureness in my heart.*

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 23.

Do all things like a man, not sneakingly :
Think the king sees thee still ; for his King does.
Simpering is but a lay hypocrisy :
Give it a corner, and the clue undoes.

Who fears to do ill sets himself to task :

Who fears to do well, sure should wear a mask.

Geo. Herbert.

APRIL 24.

Comply with some humours, bear with others, but serve none.
Civil complacency consists with decent honesty ; flattery is a juggler, and no kin unto sincerity. But while thou maintainest the plain path, fall not into self-adulation, and become not thine own parasite.

Sir T. Browne.

APRIL 22.

APRIL 23.

APRIL 24

APRIL 25.

H.R.H. THE GRAND DUCHESS OF HESSE
(PRINCESS ALICE OF ENGLAND), 1843.

“*Firmitas in Cælo.*”

With Patience, I the Storme sustaine
For, Sunshine still doth follow Raine.
All Griefe shall have an ending, I am sure,
And, therefore, I with Patience, will Endure.

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 26.

Let Prudence admonish thee—let Temperance restrain—let
Justice guide thy hand—Benevolence warm thy heart—and grati-
tude to Heaven inspire thee with devotion. These shall give thee
happiness in thy present state, and bring thee to the mansions of
eternal felicity.

Economy of Human Life.

APRIL 27.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY AND
H.R.H. PRINCESS HELEN OF WALDECK, 1882.

“*Quod Deus vult fiat.*”

*Where True-Love begetteth, and enjoyes
The proper Object, which shee doth desire,
Nor Time, nor Injury the flame destroyes;
But it continues a Perpetuall Fire.*

Geo. Wither.

APRIL 25.

APRIL 26

APRIL 27.

APRIL 28.

Give me the pliant mind, whose gentle measure
Complies and suits with all estates ;
Which can let loose to a crown, and yet with pleasure
Take up within a cloister's gates.

Geo. Herbert.

APRIL 29.

I can count him but a fool, that, having the liberty to keep what he has, shall be so unwise as to lose it. Let us be wise as serpents ; it is best to make hay when the sun shines ; you see how the bee lieth still all winter, and bestirs her only when she can have profit with pleasure.

Bunyan.

APRIL 30.

MARRIAGE OF
H.G.D.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA ALBERTA OF HESSE AND
H.S.H. PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG, 1884.

"Petimusque damusque vicissim."

*She who ne'er answers till a husband cools,
Or if she rules him, never shews she rules,
Charms by accepting, by submitting sways,
Yet has her humour most when she obeys.*

Ben Jonson.

APRIL 28.

APRIL 29.

APRIL 30.





Victoria
Crown Princess of Germany
& of Prussia,
Princess Royal of Great Britain
& Ireland

M A Y.

We doe serve a Queene that not far hence doth wone,
A Princesse of great powre and majestie,
Famous through all the world, and honor'd far and nie.
For her great bounty knowen over all
And soveraine grace, with which her royall Crowne
She doth support, and strongly beateth downe
The malice of her foes, which her envy
And at her happinesse do fret and frowne ;
Yet she herselfe the more doth magnify,
And even to her foes her mercies multiply.

Spenser.

MAY 1.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, 1850.

“Animo non astutiâ.”

Where courage great, and consaile good doe goe,
With lastinge fame, the victorie is wonne:
But seperate theise, then feare the overthrowe,
And strength alone, dothe unto ruine ronne:
Then Captaines good, must joyne these too, in one.

Geo. Whitney.

MAY 2.

The foundations of knowledge and virtue are laid in our childhood, and without an early care and attention, we are as good as lost in our very cradles; for the principles that we imbibe in our youth, we carry commonly to our graves, and it is the education that makes the man.

Ancient Aphorism.

MAY 3.

H.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE OF SCHLESWIG-
HOLSTEIN, 1870.

“Exitus acta probat.”

*Endeavour honestly, whilst thou hast light;
Deferre thou not, thy Journey, till the night;
Nor, sleepe away, in Vanities, the prime,
And flower, of thy most acceptable time.*

Geo. Wither.

MAY 1.

MAY 2.

MAY 3.

MAY 4.

Men are the corn, they are in the floor ; In the floor they can have the chaff with them ; they will not have them in the barn. Let men endure what they would not, that they may come to what they would.

St. Augustine.

MAY 5.

The works my calling doth propose,
Let me not idly shun ;
For he whom idleness undoes,
Is more than twice undone :
For be we poor, or be we rich,
If well employ'd we are,
It neither helps nor hinders much,
Things needful to prepare.

Geo. Wilher.

MAY 6.

H.R.H. PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM VICTOR OF PRUSSIA, 1882.

“ *Omnibus placeto.* ”

Be moderate in thy enjoyment, and it shall remain in thy possession. Join esteem to thy admiration ; unite friendship with thy love : so shalt thou find in the end that content surpasseth raptures ; that tranquillity is of more worth than ecstasy.

Economy of Human Life.

MAY 4.

MAY 5.

MAY 6.

MAY 7.

Take well whate'er shall chance, though bad it be, take it for good and 'twill be good to thee. A contented mind is a hidden treasure, and a guard from trouble.

Economy of Human Life.

MAY 8.

Whose gold is double with a careful hand
His cares are double ;
The pleasure, honour, wealth of sea and land
Bring but a trouble ;
The world itself, and all the world's command
Is but a bubble.

Quarles' Emblems.

MAY 9.

Think not silence the wisdom of fools ; silence may be eloquence and speak thy worth above the power of words. Make such a one thy friend in whom princes may be happy and great counsels successful. Let him have the key of thy heart who has the lock of his own, where thy secrets may lastingly lie like the lamp of Olybius's urn, alive and light, but close and invisible.

Sir T. Browne.

MAY 7.

MAY 8.

MAY 9.

MAY 10

In Chesse-play, so long as the game is in playing, all the men stand in their order, and are respected according to their place; but when once the game is ended, then all are confusedly tumbled into a bag, and happily the King is lowest, and the pawne upmost: so is it with us in this life, the world is a huge theater or stage, but at the end all will be alike.

Dean Boys.

MAY 11.

To make up charms which have the pow'r to move
Through a discerning eye, true love:
There must be wit and judgment too;
Greatness of thought and worth, which draw
From the whole world, respect and awe.

Ancient Laconic.

MAY 12.

H.H. PRINCESS FEODORE OF SAXE-MEININGEN, 1879.

“*Quod non es ne bideare cabe.*”

*By seeming other than thou art,
Thou dost performe a foolish part
The World is made for Shewes, and few there are
So diligent to bee, as to appeare;
Bee therefore, what to bee, thou hast profest.*

Geo. Wither.

MAY 10.

MAY 11.

MAY 12.

MAY 13.

It is no great matter to live lovingly with good-natured, with humble and meek persons : but he that can do so with the froward, with the wilful, and the ignorant, with the peevisish and perverse, he only hath true charity.

Jeremy Taylor.

MAY 14.

Who travailes by the wearie wandring way,
To come unto his wished home in haste,
And meetes a flood, that doth his passage stay,
Is not great grace to helpe him over past,
Or free his feet that in the myre sticke fast ?

Spenser.

MAY 15.

I should esteem the world but a desart, were it not for the society of the fair sex; they are the guardians of our infancy and youth, the companions of our riper years, and the cherishers of our old age. Love is the soul of the world, the vital prop of the elements; it is the cement of human society, and strongest fence of nature.

Ancient Aphorism.

MAY 13.

MAY 14.

MAY 15.

MAY 16.

Shall they who wrong begin yet rightly end ?
Shall they at all have safety for their friend ?
No, no ; in headstrong manner they set out,
And headlong will they fall at last, no doubt.

Bunyan.

MAY 17.

Contentment consisteth not in adding more fuel, but in taking away some fire—not in multiplying of wealth, but in subtracting men's desires. He that at first thought ten thousand pounds too much for any one man, will afterwards think ten millions too little for himself.

Thos. Fuller.

MAY 18.

To strength, and skill, unite we must therefore,
A manly prudence, ev'n such, as when shee please,
To all her ends, can use and manage these ;
And, shew us how to cure, or to prevent
All Hazards ; or withall to bee content.

Geo. Wither.

MAY 16.

MAY 17.

MAY 18.

MAY 19.

Although the devil be the father of Lies, he seems, like other great inventors, to have lost much of his reputation by the continual improvements that have been made upon him.

Ancient Laconic.

MAY 20.

For us the winds do blow ;
The earth doth rest, heaven move, and fountains flow,
Nothing we see but means our good,
As our delight or as our treasure :
The whole is either our cupboard of food,
Or cabinet of pleasure.

Geo. Herbert.

MAY 21.

Be substantially great in thyself, and more than thou appearest unto others ; and let the world be deceived in thee, as they are in the lights of heaven. Hang early plummets upon the heels of pride, and let ambition have but an epicycle and narrow circuit in thee.

Sir T. Browne.

MAY 19.

MAY 20.

MAY 21.

MAY 22.

Wee see, the lillie freshlie bloomes,
Though thornes, and briers, enclose it round aboute :
So with the good, though wicked have their roomes,
They are preserv'd in spite of all their route :
And learning lives, and vertue still doth shine,
When follie dies, and ignoraunce doth pine.

Geo. Whitney.

MAY 23.

No Receipt openeth the Heart, but a true Friend, to whom you may impart Grievs, Joyes, Fears, Hopes, Susspicions, Counsels and whatsoever lieth upon the Heart, to oppress it, in a kind of Civil Shrift or Confession.

Bacon.

MAY 24.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, 1819.

“*Decori decus addit abito.*”

This good May-day hath laid a foundation for the happiness of our Church and State. May God reward Your Majesty with honour here, and glory hereafter, which is the desire of the millions of Your nation, and our prayer is, that shining as a pearl of grace here, You may shine as a Star hereafter.

Thos. Fuller.

MAY 22.

MAY 23.

MAY 24.

MAY 25.

H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, 1846.

“Fax mentis honesta gloria.”

Power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring : for good thoughts (though God accept them) yet towards Men are little better than good dreams, except they be put in Act ; and that cannot be without Power and Place. In the Discharge of the Place, set before thee the best Examples ; for Imitation is a Globe of Precepts.

Bacon.

MAY 26.

H.S.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA MARY OF TECK, 1867.

“Non inferiora secutus.”

Whilst I, the Sunne's bright Fate may view,
I will no meaner Light pursue.
That imitating him, in what I may,
I never follow an inferiour Way.

Geo. Wither.

MAY 27.

But if thou doe injoye a faithful frende,
See that with care, thou keepe him as thy life :
And if perhappes he doe, that maye offende,
Yet waye thy frende ; and shunne the cause of strife,
Remembringe still, there is no greater crosse ;
Than of a frende, for, to sustaine the losse.

Whitney's Emblems.

MAY 25.

MAY 26.

MAY 27.

MAY 28.

Let smiling fortune prosper and perfect
 What wit began ;
Let earth advise with both, and so project
 A happy man ;
Let wit or fawning fortune vie their best,
 He may be blest
With all the earth can give ; but earth can give no rest.
Quarles' Emblems.

MAY 29.

As the branches of a tree return their sap to the root from
whence it arose ; as a river poureth his streams to the sea, from
whence his spring was supplied ; so the heart of a grateful man
delighteth in returning a benefit received.

Economy of Human Life.

MAY 30.

What though the sea with waves continuall
Do eate the earth, it is no more at all ;
Ne is the earthe the lesse, or loseth ought :
For whatsoever from one place doth fall
Is with the tide unto another brought :
For there is nothing lost, that may be found if sought.
Spenser.

MAY 28.

MAY 29.

MAY 30.

MAY 31.

The mark of a man of probity lies in keeping reason at the head of practice. To live in a crowd of objects, without suffering either in his sense, his virtue, or his quiet : To be all truth in his words, and justice in his actions : And if the whole world should disbelieve his integrity, dispute his character, and question his happiness, he would neither take it ill in the least, nor alter his measures, but pursue the end of living, with all the honesty, ease and resignation imaginable.

Ancient Aphorism.



MAY 31.







Alice

J U N E.

Sacrifice to God
Thanks in this whole Island's name
In a joyful praiseful Ode ;
 You that loyal Britons be
 Hallelujah sing with me.
On her coasts our Maker smiles,
And vouchsafes her the rule
Over all the floods and isles
From the Midland Straits to Thule,
 Plenty doth her valleys fill,
Health is in her climates found,
Pleasure plays on ev'ry hill,
And these blessings peace hath crown'd :
 Hallelujah therefore sing
 Till the shores with echoes ring.

Geo. Wither.

JUNE 1.

Pronunciation is the life and soul of eloquence. The art of Oratory is never so great and potent by the things that are said, as by the manner of saying of them; its leading excellence consists in the delivery, and by this it maintains its empire over the hearts of men.

Ancient Aphorism.

JUNE 2.

As long as you are engaged in the world, you must comply with its maxims; because nothing is more unprofitable, than the wisdom of those persons who set up for reformers of the age. 'Tis a part a man cannot act long, without offending his friends and rendering himself ridiculous.

St. Evremond.

JUNE 3.

H.R.H. PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES, 1865.

“Patriæ fidelis.”

*Dispise all pleasures vayne, hould vertue by the hand,
And as in rage of wyndes, and Seas, the Roche doth firmly stande
So stande thou allwayes sure, that thou maist live with fame
. no places maie compare,
Unto our homes, where wee commaunders are.*

Whitney's Emblems.

JUNE 1.

JUNE 2.

JUNE 3.

JUNE 4.

A humble ignorant man is better than a proud scholar, who studies natural things, and knows not himself. The more thou knowest, the more grievously thou shalt be judged.

Jeremy Taylor.

JUNE 5.

If blessing were as slow
As men's returns, what would become of fools?
What hast thou there? a heart? but is it pure?
Search well and see; for hearts have many holes
Yet one pure heart is nothing to bestow
Yet one, if good, may title to a number,
And single things grow fruitful by desert.

Geo. Herbert.

JUNE 6.

H.G.D.H. PRINCESS ALIX VICTORIA OF HESSE, 1872.

"Non obest virtuti sors."

*Seeke a more assur'd estate,
On good, and honest Objects, fixe your Minde,
And follow Vertue, that you may a Fate
Exempt from feare of Change, or Dangers finde.*

Geo. Wither.

JUNE 4.

JUNE 5.

JUNE 6.

JUNE 7.

The pleasure of society and conversation betwixt friends is entertained by a similitude of manners, and a little difference of opinions in the sciences. By this it is that a man either confirms and pleases himself in his own sentiments, or exercises and instructs himself by the dispute.

Ancient Aphorism.

JUNE 8.

It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make man better be,
Or standing long an oak three hundred year
To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sere ;
In small proportions we just beauties see,
And in short measure life may perfect be.

Ben Jonson.

JUNE 9.

Great examples grow thin, and to be fetched from the passed world. Simplicity flies away, and iniquity comes at long strides upon us. We have enough to do to make up ourselves from present and passed times, and the whole stage of things scarce serveth for our instruction.

Sir T. Browne.

JUNE 7.

JUNE 8.

JUNE 9.

JUNE 10.

We all of us complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to do with. Our lives are spent either in doing nothing at all, or in doing nothing to the purpose, or in doing nothing that we ought to do; we are always complaining our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.

Seneca.

JUNE 11.

Take thy ballaunce, if thou be so wise,
And weigh the winde that under heaven doth blow;
Or weigh the light that in the East doth rise:
Or weigh the thought that from man's mind doth flow;
But if the weight of these thou canst not show,
Weigh but one word which from thy lips doth fall.

Spenser.

JUNE 12.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY OF CAMBRIDGE AND
H.S.H. THE DUKE OF TECK, 1866.

“*Vita aut morti.*”

Happy is the man that hath made her his wife; happy the child that calleth her Mother. She informeth the minds of her children with wisdom; she fashioneth their manners from the example of her own goodness.

Economy of Human Life.

JUNE 10.

JUNE 11.

JUNE 12.

JUNE 13.

Life is not a plaything, or rather our present life is a plaything but the things to come are not such; or perchance our life is not a plaything only, but even far worse than this. For it ends not in laughter, but rather brings exceeding damage on them who are not minded to order their own ways strictly.

St. Chrysostom.

JUNE 14.

H.R.H. PRINCESS SOPHIA DOROTHEA OF PRUSSIA, 1870.

“*Dum clabum rectum teneam.*”

*Regard not, therefore much, what those things bee,
Which come, without thy fault, to thwart thy Waye,
Nor how, Rash-Lookers-on will censure thee;
But, faithfully, to doe thy part, assaye.*

Geo. Wither.

JUNE 15.

MARRIAGE OF H.G.D.H. PRINCESS ELIZABETH OF HESSE AND
THE GRAND DUKE SERGIUS OF RUSSIA, 1884.

“*Basis virtutum constantia.*”

*That's Love in earnest which is constant, found,
When Friends are in Affliction or in Bands,
And, their Affection merits to be crown'd,
Whose hearts are faster.ed where they joyne their hands.*

Geo. Wither.

JUNE 13.

JUNE 14.

JUNE 15.

JUNE 16.

Endeavour to make peace among thy neighbours ; it is a worthy and reputable action, and will bring greater and juster commendations to thee, and more benefit to those with whom thou conversest, than wit or learning, or any of those so much admired accomplishments.

Ancient Aphorism.

JUNE 17.

Prompted by love of human race,
From generous motives bent to please
Thy feelings answer to thy face,
Thy manners still are stamped with ease.
Each social being, in thy presence blest
With ardour clasps thee to his grateful breast.

Elegant Extracts.

JUNE 18.

I would have you proceed, and seek for fame
In brave exploits ; like those, that snatch their honour
Out of the talons of the Roman Eagle,
And pull her golden feathers in the field
Those are brave men ; not you that stay at home.

Shackerly.

JUNE 16.

JUNE 17.

JUNE 18.

JUNE 19.

If any touch my friend, or his good name
It is my honor and my love to free
His blasted fame
From the least spot or thought of blame.

Geo. Herbert.

JUNE 20.

THE ACCESSION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, 1837.

“*Publica salus mea merces.*”

The almightie God from whome all honour and true nobillitie doe proceede, who hathe manie yeares, moste lovinglie and liberallie, indued your Majesty with the same, blesse and prolonge your daies here that wee maie behoulde the consummation of youre happie oulde age.

Geo. Whitney.

JUNE 21.

Contentment makes men carry themselves gracefully in wealth, want, health, sickness, freedom, fetters, yea, what condition soever God allots them. It is no breach of contentment for men, by lawful means, to seek the removal of their misery, and bettering of their estate.

Thos. Fuller.

JUNE 19.

JUNE 20.

JUNE 21.

JUNE 22.

Whensoever I shall need
The service of another's hand ;
He shall in heart, in tongue, in deed,
Be faithful unto my command.
But whatso ever else I find,
This will befall to me at least,
That I shall keep a quiet mind.

Geo. Wither.

JUNE 23.

Let thy studies be free as thy thoughts and contemplations : but
fly not only upon the wings of imagination ; join sense unto reason,
and experiment unto speculation, and so give life unto embryon
truths, and verities yet in their chaos.

Sir T. Browne.

JUNE 24.

Yea, blessed is he in life and death,
That fears not death, nor loves this life ;
That sets his will his wit beneath ;
And hath continual peace in strife.
That ever lives a light to all,
Though oft obscurèd, like the Sun ;
And though his fortunes be but small,
Yet Fortune doth not seek, nor shun.

Rare Poems.

JUNE 22.

JUNE 23.

JUNE 24.

JUNE 25.

As benevolence is the most sociable of all virtues, so it is of the largest extent ; for there is not any man, either so great, or so little, but he is yet capable of giving and of receiving benefits.

Seneca.

JUNE 26.

For lacke of reste, the feilde dothe barren growe,
The winter coulde, not all the yeare dothe raigne :
And dailie bent, doth weake the strongest bowe :
Yea, our delightes still us'd, wee doe disdaine,
Then rest by fittes, amongste your great affaires,
But not too mucche, leste sloathe dothe set her snares.

Whitney's Emblems.

JUNE 27.

The best way to make a homer of comfort increase to an ephah (which is ten times as much) is to be heartily grateful for what one hath already that his store may be multiplied. He shall never want more, who is thankful for, and thrifty with, little.

Thos. Fuller.

JUNE 25.

JUNE 26.

JUNE 27.

JUNE 28.

THE CORONATION OF H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA, 1838.

“Gloria virtutem tanquam umbra sequitur.”

A king's dignity is public wealth,
On that subsists the nation's fame and power.
True Majesty 's the very soul of Kings,
And Rectitude 's the soul of majesty ;
And he that lessens Majesty, impares
That just obedience public good requires.

Ancient Laconic.

JUNE 29.

The fruicte that soonest ripen, dothe soonest fade awaie.
And that which slowlie hath his time, will not so soone decaie,
Our writing in the duste, cannot indure a blaste :
But that, which is in marble wroughte, from age to age doth laste.

Geo. Whitney.

JUNE 30.

Overburthen not thy memory, to make so faithful a servant a slave. Remember Atlas was weary. Have as much reason as a camel, to rise when thou hast thy full load. Memory like a purse, if it be overfull that it cannot shut, all will drop out of it.

Thos. Fuller.

JUNE 28.

JUNE 29.

JUNE 30.





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J U L Y.

Lord! let Thy power protect the Queen,
And make her earthly throne
An earnest of a heavenly crown.
Of peace let her the sceptre bear ;
Make holiness her royal robe,
The wreaths of justice let her wear
And in upright and pious ways
Observe and serve Thee all their days.
Her honour so, and her so crown,
Her so invest, and her so arm,
Her so anoint, her so enthrone
And by Thy Word her so inform
That our Queen, O Lord ! and we
May to each other blessings be.

Adapted from *Geo. Wither.*

JULY 1.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS ALICE AND
H.R.H. THE GRAND DUKE OF HESSE, 1862.

“*Deliberandum diu, quod statuendum semel.*”

What joy or honours can compare

With holy nuptials when they are

Made out of equal parts

Of years, of states, of hands, of hearts,

When in the happy choice

The spouse and spoused have the foremost voice?

Ben Jonson.

JULY 2.

Love is the epitome of our whole duty ; and all the sweetnesses and endearments of society that can be, so long as they are lawful and honest, are not only consistent with it, but parts and expressions of it.

Ancient Aphorism.

JULY 3.

When winter endes, comes in the pleasant springe.
When nighte is done, the gladsome daye appears.
When griefes be gone, their joye doth make us singe.
When storms be paste, the varying weather cleares.
So after paines, our pleasures make us glad,
But without sower, the sweete is hardlie had.

Whitney's Emblems.

JULY 1.

JULY 2.

JULY 3.

JULY 4.

Lovely concord, and most sacred peace,
Doth nourish vertue, and fast friendship breeds ;
Weake she makes strong, and strong thing does increase,
Till it the pitch of highest praise exceeds :
Brave be her warres, and honorable deeds,
By which she triumphes over yre and pride,
And winnes an Olive girlond for her meeds.

Spenser.

JULY 5.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS HELENA AND
H.R.H. PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, 1866.

“*Amicitia etiam post mortem durans.*”

*Wee shoulde be link'de with such a frende,
That might revive, and helpe when wee bee oulde :
And when wee stoope, and drawe unto our ende,
Our staggering state, to help for to uphoulde :*

Whitney's Emblems.

JULY 6.

H.R.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA OF WALES, 1868.

Viribus jungenda Sapientia.

*Great things to do thou hast a mind,
But power thereto thou canst not find ;
Such Undertakings therefore chuse,
(If thou thy Time will not abuse)
As to thy Power and Wit agree,
And then let both employed be.*

Geo. Wither.

JULY 4.

JULY 5.

JULY 6.

JULY 7.

H.R.H. PRINCE FREDERICK CHRISTIAN OF PRUSSIA, 1883.

“Magnanimus esto.”

*This Man, whatever he may seem,
Is worthy of an high Esteem ;
Tho' Fortune may his Person grind,
She cannot yet disturb his mind.*

Geo. Wither.

JULY 8.

If thy vessel be but small in the ocean of this world forget not those virtues which the great disposer of all bids thee to entertain from thy quality and condition. Content may dwell in all stations ; To be low but above contempt may be high enough to be happy.

Sir T. Browne.

JULY 9.

We must have Doves and serpents in our heart,
But how they must be marshall'd there's the Art,
They must agree, and not be far asunder ;
The Dove must hold the wily serpent under :
Their natures teach what places they must keep,
The Dove can fly, the Serpent only creep.

Quarles' Emblems.

JULY 7.

JULY 8.

JULY 9.

JULY 10.

. . . Love not life for itself, but for the good it may be of to others. Gold cannot buy it for thee, neither can mines of diamonds purchase back the moments thou hast now lost of it; employ thy succeeding ones in virtue.

Economy of Human Life.

JULY 11.

H.G.D.H. PRINCESS IRENE OF HESSE, 1866.

“*Interiora bide.*”

*Though bewtie rare, bee far and neare renoum'de,
Though Natures giftes, and fortunes doe excell;
Regarde it not, but shonne the outward showe,
Untill thou doe th; inwarde virtues knowe.*

Whitney's Emblems.

JULY 12.

Proportion an hour's meditation to an hour's reading of a staple author. This makes a man master of his learning, and dispirits the book into the scholar. Books that stand thin on the shelves, yet so as the owner of them can bring forth every one of them into use, are better than far greater libraries.

Thos. Fuller.

JULY 10.

JULY 11.

JULY 12.

JULY 13.

Say and do all that may prevaile ;
Leave nought unpromist that may perswade,
Life, freedome, grace, and gifts of great availe,
With which the gods themselves are mylder made :
Thereto adde art, even women's witty trade,
The Art of mightie words that men can charme.

Spenser.

JULY 14.

H.R.H. PRINCE ADALBERT OF PRUSSIA, 1884.

“*Consequitur quodcumque petit.*”

*If any thing you do design,
Pursue it with a vigorous mind :
And if you hope to gather fruit,
Be constant in your hope's pursuit.*

Geo. Wither.

JULY 15.

Some on both sides are so wedded to their wilfulness, stand so stiff in their judgments, are so high and hot in their passions, they will not part with the least punctilio in their opinions and practices.

Thos. Fuller.

JULY 13.

JULY 14.

JULY 15.

JULY 16.

Thick waters show no images of things ;
Friends are each other's mirrors, and should be
Clearer than crystal, or the mountain springs,
And free from cloud, design, or flattery.
For vulgar souls no part of friendship share,
Poets and friends are born to what they are.

Ancient Laconic.

JULY 17.

Wisdom allows nothing to be good, that will not be so for ever ;
no man to be happy, but he that needs no other happiness than
what he has within himself ; no man to be great or powerful, that
is not master of himself.

Ancient Aphorism.

JULY 18.

Boast not thy skill ; the righteous man falls oft,
Yet falls but soft :
There may be dirt to mire him, but no stones
To crush his bones :
Whereas the leaden-hearted coward lies,
And yields his conquer'd life, or craven'd dies.

Quarles' Emblems.

JULY 16.

JULY 17.

JULY 13.

JULY 19.

H.R.H. THE GRAND DUCHESS OF MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ,
1822.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD CHARLES, DUKE OF ALBANY, 1884.

“*Falcrum Tutissimum.*”

*We then have got the surest Prop,
When Heaven alone becomes our Hope.
And therefore you may come to see,
How pleased and safe those Men may be,
Who have no aid but God alone.*

Geo. Wither.

JULY 20.

By nature Faith is fiery, and it tends
Still upward ; Love, by native course, descends ;
But Charity, whose nature doth confound
And mix the former two, moves ever round.

Quarles' Emblems.

JULY 21.

It matters not to the sparrow caught in the snare that he is not held tight in every part, but only by the foot ; he is a lost bird for all that ; in the snare he is, and it profits him not that he has his wings free, so long as his foot is held tight.

St. Chrysostom.

JULY 19.

JULY 20.

JULY 21.

JULY 22.

H.R.H. THE HEREDITARY GRAND DUKE OF MECKLENBURG-
STRELITZ, 1848.

“*Dis nescia vinci.*”

*Inuincibilitie is there,
Where Order, Strength and Union are
Hee that's thus arm'd, and trusts in God alone,
May bee opposed, but conquered of none.*

Geo. Wither.

JULY 23.

MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS BEATRICE AND
H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG, 1835.

“*Cor unum via una.*”

*It was my fortune commune to the age,
To love a Lady fayre of great degree,
The which was borne of noble parantage,
And set in highest seat of dignitee
Yet seemed no lesse to love than lou'd to bee:
Love, that two harts makes one, makes eke one will;
Each strives to please, and other's pleasures to fulfil.*

Spenser.

JULY 24.

H.R.H. THE HEREDITARY PRINCESS OF SAXE-MEININGEN
(PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF PRUSSIA), 1860.

“*Murus aeneus sana conscientia.*”

*The man that hathe a conscience cleare,
When wicked men doe quake at everie blaste,
Doth constant stande, and doth no perrilles feare,
When tempestes rage, do make the world agaste.*

Whitney's Emblems.

JULY 22.

JULY 23.

JULY 24.

JULY 25.

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE, 1797.

“*Fama semper vivet.*”

. . . *Full of charity,
Embracing all things with a tender love,
Full of goodwill and meek expectancy,
Full of true justice and sure verity,
In heart and voice free, large, even, infinite,
Not wedged in strait particularity,
But grasping all in her vast active sprite.*

Henry More.

JULY 26.

Heart of Oak hath sometimes warped a little in the scorching heat of persecution. Their want of true courage herein cannot be excused. Yet many censure them for surrendering up their forts after a long siege, who would have yielded up their own on the first summons.

Thos. Fuller.

JULY 27.

The World 's an Inne ; and I her Guest,
I eat, I drink, I take my rest.
My Hostess Nature, does deny me
Nothing wherewith she can supply me
Where having staid a while, I pay
Her lavish Bills, and go my way.

Quarles' Emblems.

JULY 25.

JULY 26

JULY 27.

JULY 28.

For my conversation, it is like the sun's with all men, and with a friendly aspect to good and bad. There is no man's mind of so discordant and jarring a temper, to which a tuneable disposition may not strike a harmony.

Sir T. Browne.

JULY 29.

Lie not ; but let thy heart be true to God,
Thy mouth to it, thy actions to them both :
Cowards tell lies, and those that fear the rod ;
Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie ;
A fault which needs it most grows two thereby.

Geo. Herbert.

JULY 30.

The Senses are not capable of divine Blessings ; hence if thou wouldst be Happy and Wise, be Silent and Believe ; Suffer and have Patience, be Confident and Walk on ; it concerns thee far more to hold thy Peace, and to let thyself be guided by the hand of God than to enjoy all the goods of this world.

Michael de Molinos.

JULY 28.

JULY 29.

JULY 30.

JULY 31.

If that a pearl may in a toad's head dwell,
And may be found too in an oyster-shell ;
If things that promise nothing do contain
What better is than gold ; who will disdain,
That have an inkling of it, there to look,
That they may find it ?

Bunyan.



JULY 31.







Helena

1887.

AUGUST.

Faire Thamis streame, that from Ludd's statelie towne
Runst paying tribute to the Ocean Seas,
Let all thy Nymphes and Syrens of renowne
Be silent, whyle this Brittain Orpheus playes :
Nere thy sweet banks there lives that sacred Crowne,
Whose hand strowes Palme and never-dying bayes.
Let all at once, with thy soft murmuring sowne,
Present her with this worthy Poet's prayes.
. My Soveraine,
Whose glory is in gracious deeds, and joyes,
Throughout the world her mercy to maintaine
Eftsoones devis'd redresse for all annoyes.

Spenser.

AUGUST 1.

The tongue of the sincere is rooted in his heart ; hypocrisy and deceit have no place in his words. He supporteth as a man the dignity of his character ; to the arts of hypocrisy he scorneth to stoop. He adviseth in friendship, and whatsoever he promiseth shall surely be performed.

Economy of Human Life.

AUGUST 2.

Love and I a thousand ways can find
To speak and understand each other's mind ;
And descant upon that which unto others
Is but plain song, and all their music smothers.
Nay, that which worldly wit-worms call nonsense
Is many times love's purest eloquence.

Quarles' Emblems.

AUGUST 3.

As gratitude is a necessary, and a glorious, so also is it an obvious, a cheap and an easy virtue ; so obvious that wherever there is life there is place for it, so cheap, that the covetous man may be gratified without expense, and so easy, that the sluggard may be so likewise without labour.

Seneca.

AUGUST 1

AUGUST 2.

AUGUST 3.

AUGUST 4.

. . . . For it is no blame
To punish those that doe deserve the same,
But they that breake bands of civilitie,
And wicked customes make, those doe defame
Both noble armes and gentle curtesie :
No greater shame to man than inhumanitie.

Spenser.

AUGUST 5.

Ejaculations take not up any room in the soul. They give liberty of callings, so that at the same instant one may follow his proper vocation ; The soldier at the same time may shoot out his prayer to God, and aim his pistol at his enemy, the one better hitting the mark for the other.

Thos. Fuller.

AUGUST 6.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 1844.

“ *Spernit pericula virtus.* ”

Noble hearted seamen are
Those that do no labour spare,
Nor no danger shun or fear,
To do their country pleasure
They calmly stand their ground
In calm and stormy weather.

Ancient Laconic.

AUGUST 4.

AUGUST 5.

AUGUST 6.

AUGUST 7.

Avoid those things in thyself, which in others do most displease thee. Simplicity in our intentions, and purity of affections, are the two wings of a soul. And remember, that as thine eye observes others, so art thou observed.

Jeremy Taylor.

AUGUST 8.

. . . . Nothinge paste our strengthe
Wee should attempte : nor anie worke pretende,
Above our power : lest that with shame at lengthe
Wee weakelinges prove, and fainte before the ende.

Whitney's Emblems.

AUGUST 9.

Let not thy anger be so hot, but that the most torrid zone thereof may be habitable. Fright not people from thy presence with the terror of thy intolerable impatience. Some men, like a tiled house, are long before they take fire, but once on flame, there is no coming near to quench them.

Thos. Fuller.

AUGUST 7.

AUGUST 8.

AUGUST 9.

AUGUST 10.

Happy is that state of his
Who the world takes as it is!
Lose he all that earth can give
Having nought whereon to live
So prepared a mind's in him,
He's resolved to sink or swim.

Brathwaite.

AUGUST 11.

Strive to be resigned in all things with Silence and in so doing,
thou wilt attain to the most perfect, quiet, effectual and true love.
It is internally with dumb Silence, the most perfect Virtues of
Faith, Hope, and Charitie are practised.

Michael de Molinos.

AUGUST 12.

H.H. PRINCESS LOUISE AUGUSTA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN,
1872.

“*Bis bibet qui bene.*”

*To needfull Arts and honest Actions, give
Thy Spanne of Time;
In holy Studies exercise thy Mind;
In workes of charity, thy Hands employ;
That Knowledge, and that Treasure seeke to find
Which may enrich thy Heart with perfect Joy.*

Geo. Wither.

AUGUST 10.

AUGUST 11.

AUGUST 12.

AUGUST 13.

H.S.H. PRINCE ADOLPHUS OF TECK, 1868.

“*Quare adolescens, utere senex.*”

*Whilst youthe doth laste, with livelie sappe, and strengthe,
With sweate of browe, see that for age thou toyle :
And when the same arresteth thee at lengthe
Then take thy rest, let younglinges worke, and moyle ;
And use thy goodes, which thou in yowthe haste wonne,
To cheare thy harte, whil'st that thy glasse shal ronne.*

Whitney's Emblems.

AUGUST 14.

H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA, 1862.

“*Iustitiæ tenax.*”

*Who so are placed, in sacred Justice roome,
And have in charge, her statutes to observe :
When a cause before them shalbee harde,
With conscience cleare, let them the same decide :
No Riche, or Poore, or friend, or foe, regarde,
For feare, they doe through the affections slide.*

Whitney's Emblems.

AUGUST 15.

Good-nature is the very air of a good mind, the sign of a large and generous soul, and the peculiar soil in which virtue prospers. Without good-nature and gratitude, men had as well live in a wilderness, as in a civil society.

Ancient Aphorism.

AUGUST 13.

AUGUST 14.

AUGUST 15.

AUGUST 16.

Myself is like to Tinder, whereinto
The Devil strikes a spark at every blow :
My heart's the flint, the steel temptation is ;
And his suggestions hit, and never miss :
His Hand is ever sure, my Tinder apt to catch :
Soon sets afire every proffer'd match.

Quarles' Emblems.

AUGUST 17.

Discretion of speech is more than Eloquence, and to speak agreeable to him with whom we deal, is more than to speak in good words, or in good order. To use too many Circumstances e'er one come to the Matter is wearisome ; to use none at all, is blunt.

Bacon.

AUGUST 18.

The gentle minde by gentle deeds is knowne :
For a man by nothing is so well bewrayd
As by his manners ; in which plaine is showne
Of what degree and what race he is growne :
So seldome seene that one in basenesse set
Doth noble courage shew with curteous manners met.

Spenser.

AUGUST 16.

AUGUST 17.

AUGUST 18.

AUGUST 19.

Let honesty be as the breath of thy soul, and never forget to have a penny, when all thy expenses are enumerated and paid : then shalt thou reach the point of happiness, and independence shall be thy shield and buckler, thy helmet and crown.

Ancient Laconic.

AUGUST 20.

He that will chase with all his might,
Each hope or new desire,
Is like to him who in the night
Pursues a wand'ring fire :
The last is like to lose his way,
And happy if no worse ;
The first if so escape he may
Shall find an empty purse.

Geo. Wither.

AUGUST 21.

In this world is much treachery, little truth ; here all things are traps ; here everything is beset with snares ; here souls are endangered, bodies are afflicted ; here all things are vanity and vexation of spirit.

St. Bernard.

AUGUST 19.

AUGUST 20.

AUGUST 21.

AUGUST 22.

In this virtuous voyage of thy life hull not about like the ark,
without the use of rudder, mast, or sail, and bound for no port.
Let not disappointment cause despondency, nor difficulty despair;
but expect rough seas and contrary blasts: and 'tis well, if by many
cross tacks and veerings, you arrive at the port.

Sir T. Browne.

AUGUST 23.

Love is the loadstone of the heart, the glue,
The cement, and the solder, which alone
Unites in one
Things that before were not the same,
But only like ; nothing can undo
The knot that 's knit by love, if it be true.

Quarles' Emblems.

AUGUST 24.

Order is a lovely nymph, the Child of Beauty and Wisdom ; her
attendants are Comfort, Neatness, and Activity : her abode is the
valley of happiness: she is always to be found when sought for,
and never appears so lovely as when contrasted with Disorder.

Many Thoughts.

AUGUST 22.

AUGUST 23.

AUGUST 24.

AUGUST 25.

He smileth on the arts, and they flourish ; the sciences improve beneath the culture of his hand. With the learned and ingenious he delighteth himself ; he kindleth in their breasts emulation. His desire is to do good.

Economy of Human Life.

AUGUST 26.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT, 1819.

“Per angusta ad angusta.”

He hath placed been among the prime,
Of those, who seem'd the Worthies of the time
Yea, overtopt and aw'd the best of those,
Who sought to curbe him, when he first arose.

Geo. Wither.

AUGUST 27.

A good deed is never lost ; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love : pleasure bestowed upon a grateful mind was never sterile, but generally gratitude begets reward.

St. Basil.

AUGUST 25.

AUGUST 26.

AUGUST 27.

AUGUST 28.

There is a jewel which no Indian mine can buy,
No chemic art can counterfeit :
It makes men rich in greatest poverty,
Makes water wine, turns wooden cups to gold,
The homely whistle to sweet music's strain :
Seldom it comes, to few from Heaven sent,
That much is little, all in naught,—Content.

Morley's Madrigals.

AUGUST 29.

Spill not the morning (the quintessence of the day) in recreations.
For sleep itself is a recreation ; add not therefore sauce to sauce ;
and he cannot properly have any title to be refreshed, who was not
first faint.

Thos. Fuller.

AUGUST 30.

... . Nought was seen
More beautiful, or excellent, or fair,
Than face of faithful friend ; fairest when seen
In darkest day ; and many sounds were sweet,
Most ravishing and pleasant to the ear ;
But sweeter none than voice of faithful friend :
Sweet always, sweetest heard in loudest storm.

Many Thoughts.

AUGUST 28.

AUGUST 29.

AUGUST 30.

AUGUST 31.

Some so goodly gracious are by kind,
That every action doth them much commend,
And in the eyes of men great liking find ;
Which others that have greater skill in mind,
Though they enforce themselves, cannot attaine :
For everie thing, to which one is inclined,
Doth best become and greatest grace doth gaine.

Spenser.



AUGUST 31.







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SEPTEMBER.

Lord ! when we call to mind those things
Which we should ask of Thee,
Rememb'ring that the hearts of kings
At Thy disposing be ;
And how of all those blessings which
Are outwardly possessed,
To make a kingdom safe and rich,
Good Princes are the best :
When this we mind, Thy name to praise
Our hearts inclined are,
For Her, O Lord ! whom thou didst raise
The Royal Wreath to wear :
And we intreat that She may reign
In peaceful safety long,
Thy faith defender to remain,
And shield thy truth from wrong
Then fill her with such princely care,
To cherish us for this
As if her heart did feel we are
Essential part of her's.

Geo. Wither.

SEPTEMBER 1.

H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF EDINBURGH, 1878

“Post nubila Phœbus.”

*The Sunshine, through the foggy mists appeare,
The lowering Skie, begins again to cleare ;
And, though the Tempest, yet, your eyes affright
Faire weather may befall you, long ere night.*

Geo. Wither.

SEPTEMBER 2.

A soul who was singular for wit, matchless in courtesy, perfect in politeness, a phœnix in friendship, magnificent without ostentation, grave without arrogance, cheerful without meanness ; in fine the first in everything that was good, and second to none in everything.

Cervantes.

SEPTEMBER 3.

Stars have their storms, e'en in a high degree
As well as we.
A throbbing conscience spurrèd by remorse,
Hath a strange force ;
It quits the earth, and mounting more and more,
Dares to assault thee, and besiege thy door.

Geo. Herbert.

SEPTEMBER 1.

SEPTEMBER 2.

SEPTEMBER 3.

SEPTEMBER 4.

The second Fruit of Friendship is Healthfull and Sovereign for the Understanding, as the first is for the Affections: for Friendship maketh indeed a fair Day in the Affections from Storm and Tempests, but it maketh Daylight in the Understanding out of Darkness and Confusion of Thoughts.

Bacon.

SEPTEMBER 5.

Boast not the titles of your Ancestors,
They 're their possessions, none of yours.
When your own virtues equall'd have their names,
'Twill be but fair to lean upon their frames,
For they are strong supporters; but till then,
The greatest are but growing Gentlemen.

Ben Jonson.

SEPTEMBER 6.

Persons lightly dipt, not grained in generous honesty, are but pale in goodness, and faint-hued in integrity. But be thou what thou virtuously art, and let not the ocean wash away thy tincture. Stand magnetically upon that axis, and let no attraction invert the poles of thy honesty.

Sir T. Browne.

SEPTEMBER 4.

SEPTEMBER 5.

SEPTEMBER 6.

SEPTEMBER 7.

The fissherman, doth caste his nettes in sea ;
In hope at lengthe, an happie hale to have,
And is content, longe time to pause, and staie,
Thoughe, nothinge elles hee see, besides the wave :
Yet, onelie trust for things unseene dothe serve,
Which feedes him ofte, till he doth almost sterue.

Whitney's Emblems.

SEPTEMBER 8.

Patiently suffer that from others which thou canst not mend in them ; and remember that thou mend thyself since thou art so willing others should not offend in anything.

Jeremy Taylor.

SEPTEMBER 9.

How intricate and nice
Is man's perplexed way to man's desire ;
Sometimes upon the ice
He slips, and sometimes falls into the fire ;
His progress is extreme and bold,
Or very hot, or very cold.

Quarles' Emblems.

SEPTEMBER 7.

SEPTEMBER 8.

SEPTEMBER 9.

SEPTEMBER 10.

Those that are so quick in searching, seldom searche to the quicke; and those miraculous apprehensions who understand more than all, before the client hath told halfe, runne without their errand, and will return without their answer.

Thos. Fuller.

SEPTEMBER 11.

Nature two eyes hath given,
All beauty to impart,
As well in earth as heaven:
But she hath given one heart
That, though we see
Ten thousand beauties, yet in us should be
One stedfast love,—

Dowland.

SEPTEMBER 12.

Would it not be better to stay quietly at home, and not ramble about the world, seeking for better bread than wheaten, and not considering that many go for wool and return shorn themselves?

Cervantes.

SEPTEMBER 10.

SEPTEMBER 11.

SEPTEMBER 12.

SEPTEMBER 13.

But ah ! who can deceive his destiny,
Or weene by warning to avoyd his fate?
That, when he sleepes in most security
And safest seems, him soonest doth amate,
And findeth dew effect or soone or late ;
So feeble is the powre of fleshly arme !

Spenser.

SEPTEMBER 14.

A good countenance is a silent commendation, and is generally, though not always, the index of the mind ; for the rays of the soul passing through it discover what degree of brightness is within, so that the aspect seems designed not only for ornament but information.

Ancient Aphorism.

SEPTEMBER 15.

H.R.H. PRINCE SIGISMUND OF PRUSSIA, 1864, OBIT 1866.

“*Perenne sub polo nihil.*”

*The Sand, still running forth without delay,
Doth show that Life-time, passeth fast away,
And makes no stop : yea and the motto too
(Lest thou forgetfull prove) informes thee soe.*

Geo. Wither.

SEPTEMBER 13.

SEPTEMBER 14.

SEPTEMBER 15.

SEPTEMBER 16.

Joy is one of the greatest panaceas of life. A day spent in the country, under a serene sky, amidst a circle of agreeable friends, is certainly a more positive means of prolonging life than all the vital elixirs in the world.

Many Thoughts.

SEPTEMBER 17.

Whether thrallèd or exiled,
Whether poor or rich thou be,
Whether praisèd or reviled,
Not a rush it is to thee :
This nor that thy rest doth win thee,
But the mind that is within thee.

Geo. Wither.

SEPTEMBER 18.

Tell me, can anybody brag of having driven a nail in Fortune's wheel, and I will give him a bagfull of good fortune : for love as I have heard say, looks through spectacles, which make copper appear to be gold, poverty to be riches, and specks in the eyes, pearls.

Cervantes.

SEPTEMBER 16.

SEPTEMBER 17.

SEPTEMBER 18.

SEPTEMBER 19.

The Servant employed in making and blowing of the fire (though sent away thence as soon as it burneth clear) oft-times getteth by his pains a more kindly and continuing heat than the master himself who sitteth down by the same.

Thos. Fuller.

SEPTEMBER 20.

The lowest trees have tops, the little sparks their heat ;
The slender hairs cast shadows, though but small ;
And bees have stings although they be not great ;
Seas have their source, and so have shallow springs,
And love is love in beggars as in kings.

Rare Poems.

SEPTEMBER 21.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, 1845.

“ Sic discerne.”

*Hard it is, the good from bad to trie ;
The prudent sorte, they shoulde from bad descrie :
And sifte the good, and to discerne their deeds,
And weye the bad, noe better than the weedes.*

Whitncy's Emblems.

SEPTEMBER 19.

SEPTEMBER 20.

SEPTEMBER 21.

SEPTEMBER 22.

To arrive at perfection, a man should have very sincere friends or inveterate enemies ; because he would be made sensible of his good or ill conduct, either by the censures of the one, or the admonitions of the other.

Diogenes.

SEPTEMBER 23.

Who would true valour see,
Let him come hither ;
One here will constant be
Come wind, come weather.
Some of the ditch shy are, yet can
Lie tumbling in the mire ;
Some though they shun the frying-pan
Do leap into the fire.

Bunyan.

SEPTEMBER 24.

There is nothing to weigh against a soul, not even the whole world. Be strict as to thine own life, mild in regard of the lives of others ; let men hear thee enjoining little, but doing much.

St. Chrysostom.

SEPTEMBER 22.

SEPTEMBER 23.

SEPTEMBER 24.

SEPTEMBER 25.

Make us contented with that lot
To which we now are brought ;
Let that which may not here be got
A needless thing be thought ;
For this he may suppose with ease,
With how few things their minds they please.

Geo. Wither.

SEPTEMBER 26.

If thy Vessel be but small in the Ocean of the World, if Meanness of Possessions be thy allotment upon Earth, forget not those Virtues which the great Disposer of all bids thee to entertain from thy Quality and Condition, that is, Submission, Humility, Content of mind, and Industry. Content may dwell in all stations.

Sir T. Browne.

SEPTEMBER 27.

In thy discourse, if thou desire to please,
All such is courteous, useful, new or witty :
Usefulness comes by labour, wit by ease ;
Courtesy grows in court ; news in the city.
Get a good stock of these, then draw the card
That suits him best of whom thy speech is heard.

Geo. Herbert.

SEPTEMBER 25.

SEPTEMBER 26.

SEPTEMBER 27.

SEPTEMBER 28.

Be more ready to love than to hate ; so shalt thou be loved by more than hate thee. Lay not too great obligations on him thou wishest to be thy friend, a little benefit gaineth friendship ; a great one maketh an enemy.

Economy of Human Life.

SEPTEMBER 29.

And as the surge doth worke both daie, and nighte,
And shakes the shore, and ragged rockes dothe rente
So Sathan stirres, with all his maine, and mighte,
Continuall siege, our soules to circumvente.
Then watche, and praie, for feare wee sleep in sinne,
For cease our crime : and hee can nothing winne.

Whitney's Emblems.

SEPTEMBER 30.

A certain term is required to bring great designs to maturity, those that can stay so long, are commonly paid with interest for their Patience. Precipitation often ruins the best laid designs, whereas Patience ripens the most difficult.

Ancient Aphorism.

SEPTEMBER 28.

SEPTEMBER 29.

SEPTEMBER 30.





Arthur

OCTOBER.

The Royall-Scepter, Kingly power, implyes ;
The Crowne-Imperiall, Glorie, signifies :
And, by these joyn'd in one, we understand,
A King, that is an honour to his Land.
A Kingdome, is not alwaies eminent,
By having Confines of a large extent ;
Nor, is it Wealth, which gets a glorious Name,;
Nor, doe the chiefest glories, of a Land
In many Cities, or much People, stand.
It is the King by whom a Realme's renowne,
Is either builded up, or overthrowne.
A King that prudently Commands
Becomes the glory of his Lands.
Grant, Lord, these Iles, thus ever may be blessed.

Geo. Wither.

OCTOBER 1.

Good-Fortune, Praises, Hopes, and Industries
Doe side-together, and make Play to please us ;
But, when by them, we thinke more high to rise,
More great they make our Fall, and more disease us.
Yea, they that seeke our Losse, advance our Gaine
And to our Wishes, bring us oft the nigher.

Geo. Wither.

OCTOBER 2.

Let those who say the lie, eat it, and swallow it with their bread : whether they were guilty, or no, they have given an account to God before now : I am no friend to enquiring into other men's lives ; for he that buys and lies, shall find the lie left in his purse behind.

Cervantes.

OCTOBER 3.

By flowers understand faith ; by fruit, good works. As the flower or blossom is before the fruit, so is faith before good works ; so neither is the fruit, without the flower, nor good works without faith.

St. Bernard.

OCTOBER 1.

OCTOBER 2.

OCTOBER 3.

OCTOBER 4.

Break up my fallow ground,
That there may not a clod be found
To hide one root of sin.
Apply the plough betime : now, now begin
To furrow up my stiff and starvy heart ;
No matter for the smart.

Quarles' Emblems.

OCTOBER 5.

If the Force of the Custome, Simple and Separate, be great, the Force of Custome Copulate, and Conjoynd, and Collegiate is far greater. For the Example teacheth, Company comforteth, Emulation quickneth, Glory raiseth : So as in such Places the Force of Custome is in his Exaltation.

Bacon.

OCTOBER 6.

Nor do we doubt but that we can,
If we would search with care and pain,
Find some one good in some one man ;
So, going thorough all your strain,
We shall at last of parcels make
One good enough.

Ben Jonson.

OCTOBER 4.

OCTOBER 5.

OCTOBER 6.

OCTOBER 7.

H.G.D.H. PRINCE FREDERICK WILHELM OF HESSE, 1870.
OBIIT A.D. 1873.

“Tempus omnia terminet.”

*For, ev'n our living Bodies, (though they seeme
To others more, or more in our esteeme)
Are but the shadowes of that Reall-being
Which doth extend beyond the Fleshly-seeing ;
And, cannot be discerned, till we rise
Immortall-Objects, for Immortall-eyes.*

Geo. Wither.

OCTOBER 8.

Confidence in oneself is the chief nurse of magnanimity, which confidence doth not leave the care of necessary furniture for it; and therefore, of all the Grecians, Homer doth ever make Achilles the best armed.

Sir Philip Sidney.

OCTOBER 9.

Awake from sleepe secure, when perrill doth appeare
No wisdom then to take our ease, and not the worst to feare
No suretie is within, when rooffe alofte doth flame :
It is a madnes then to staye, till wee have donne our game
Yea, those that helpe deferre, when neighbours house doth burne,
Are like with grieffe, to see their owne, with speede to cinders turne.

Whitney's Emblems.

OCTOBER 7.

OCTOBER 8.

OCTOBER 9.

OCTOBER 10.

Wheresoever the sun doth shine, wheresoever the wind doth blow, wheresoever there is an ear to hear, and a mind to conceive, there let the precepts of life be made known, let the maxims of truth be honoured and obeyed.

Economy of Human Life.

OCTOBER 11.

And ye fond Men ! on Fortunes wheele that ride,
Or in ought under heaven repose assurance,
Be it riches, beautie, or honours pride,
Be sure that they shall have no long endurance,
But ere ye be aware will flit away ;
For nought of them is yours, but th' only usance
Of a small time, which none ascértaîne may.

Spenser.

OCTOBER 12.

It is very hard, and not to be borne with patience, for a man to ramble about all his life in quest of adventures, and to meet with nothing but kicks and cuffs, tossings in a blanket, and with all this to sew up his mouth, and not dare to utter what he has in his heart, as if he were dumb.

Cervantes.

OCTOBER 10.

OCTOBER 11.

OCTOBER 12.

OCTOBER 13.

To have my aim, and yet to be
Farther from it than when I bent my bow ;
To make my hopes my torture, and the fee
Of all my woes another woe,
Is in the midst of delicates to need,
And e'en in Paradise to be a weed.

Geo. Herbert.

OCTOBER 14.

Speake well of all men always, if it may be done with truth : and when it cannot, then be silent ; or else interrupt evill detractation with other meet and merry communication. A tale tossed from mouth to mouth increaseth as a snow-ball, which being little at the first, groweth to a great quantitie.

Dean Boys.

OCTOBER 15.

H.R.H. PRINCE ALFRED OF EDINBURGH, 1874.

“Cassis tutissima virtus.”

*Nought is more honourable to a Knight,
Ne better doth beseeme brave Chevalry,
Then to defend the feeble in their right,
And wrong redresse in such as wend awry.*

Spenser.

OCTOBER 13.

OCTOBER 14.

OCTOBER 15.

OCTOBER 16.

I care not how small my means be, so they be my means : I mean my own without any injury to others. What is truly gotten may be comfortably kept. What is otherwise may be possessed, but not enjoyed.

Thos. Fuller.

OCTOBER 17.

. . . They should with due regarde foresee,
When anie one doth take in hande a cause,
The drifte, and ende, of that they do decree,
And longe thereon to ponder, and to pause,
For after-witts, are like a shower of rayne
Which moistes the soile, when withered is the graine.

Whitney's Emblems.

OCTOBER 18.

Satire and invectives are the easiest kinds of wit, for wit is a keen instrument, and every one can cut and gash with it ; a little wit and a great deal of ill nature, will furnish a man with satire, but the greatest instance of wit is to commend well.

Ancient Aphorism.

OCTOBER 16.

OCTOBER 17.

OCTOBER 18.

OCTOBER 19.

Clip thine ambitious wings, let down thy plumes,
And learn to stoop,
Whilst thou hast time to stand. Who still presumes
Of strength, will droop
At last, and flag when he should fly.
Falls hurt them most that climb most high.

Quarles' Emblems.

OCTOBER 20.

Wisdom is the grey hair, and an unspotted life old age. He that early arriveth unto the parts and prudence of age, is happily old without the uncomfortable attendants of it; and 'tis superfluous to live unto grey hairs, when in a precocious temper we anticipate the virtues of them.

Sir T. Browne.

OCTOBER 21.

The want of Wit, from Riches, barreth some
Some, cannot rich, because of Sloth, become
Some, that are wise, and painefull, are deny'd
Encrease of wealth, through Pleasure, or through Pride.
Some, lose much profit, which they else might make,
Because of Conscience, or for Credit sake.

Geo. Wither.

OCTOBER 19.

OCTOBER 20.

OCTOBER 21.

OCTOBER 22.

Youth will never live to age, without they keep themselves in breath with exercise, and in heart with joyfulness. Too much thinking doth consume the spirits; and oft' it falls out, that while one thinks too much of doing, he leaves to do the effect of his thinking.

Sir P. Sidney.

OCTOBER 23.

He that desires to passe the surging Seas,
Because they are so wonderfull to see,
And without skill, doth venture wheare hee please
While that the waves both caulme, and quiet bee,
Weare better farre, to keepe him on the lande,
Then for to take such enterprise in hande.

Whitney's Emblems.

OCTOBER 24.

No trees bear fruit in autumn, unless they blossom in the spring. To the end that my age may be profitable and laden with ripe fruit, I will endeavour that my youth may be studious, and flowered with the blossoms of learning and observation.

Ancient Aphorism.

OCTOBER 22.

OCTOBER 23.

OCTOBER 24.

OCTOBER 25.

Solidity, indeed, becomes the pen
Of him that writeth things divine to men ;
But must I needs want solidness, because
By metaphors I speak ? Yet loath
Will any sober man be to find fault
With them, lest he be found for to assault
The highest wisdom.

Bunyan.

OCTOBER 26.

Bless not thyself only that thou wert born in Athens ; but among
thy multiply'd acknowledgments, lift up one hand unto Heaven,
that thou wert born of Honest Parents, that Modesty, Humility,
Patience and Veracity came into the World with thee.

Sir T. Browne.

OCTOBER 27.

Never let th' ensample of the bad
Offend the good : for good, by paragone
Of evill, may more notably be rad ;
As white seems fayrer macht with blacke attone
Ne all are shamed by the fault of one.

Spenser.

OCTOBER 25.

OCTOBER 26.

OCTOBER 27.

OCTOBER 28.

A man may flatter in absence, namely, when either the virtue is absent, or the occasion, and so the praise is not kindly, but forced either in truth, or in time: so likewise a man may slander his neighbour in speaking the truth unseasonably, without discretion, out of time, and place.

Dean Boys.

OCTOBER 29.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARIE OF EDINBURGH, 1875.

“Prudentiâ et constantiâ.”

Give ear fair daughter, to the instruction of Prudence, and let the precepts of Truth sink deep in thine heart; so shall the charms of thy mind add lustre to thy form, and thy beauty like the rose it resembleth, shall retain its sweetness when its bloom is withered.

Economy of Human Life.

OCTOBER 30.

The Generous Christian must as well improve
I' th quality of the Serpent, as the Dove;
He must be innocent; affraid, to do
A wrong: And crafty, to prevent it too.
They must be mixt, and temper'd with true love;
An Ounce of Serpent serves a Pound of Dove.

Quarles' Emblems.

OCTOBER 28.

OCTOBER 29.

OCTOBER 30.

OCTOBER 31.

Recreation is intended to the mind, as whetting is to the scythe, to sharpen the edge of it, which otherwise would grow dull and blunt. He, therefore, that spends his whole time in recreation, is ever whetting, never mowing; as contrarily he that always toils and never recreates, is ever mowing never whetting: labouring much to little purpose.

Bishop Hall.



OCTOBER 31.







Leopold

NOVEMBER.

TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Right blessed are they on whom God hath bestowne
A Prince, whose Vertues have approved him
To be an Ornament unto his Towne
And a Lustre to his future Diadem.
He, loveth Peace, and after it pursues;
Yet if of Warre a just occasion come,
Doth not Bellona's Challenges refuse,
Nor feare, to beat Defyance on his Drum :
He is as ready, also, to advance
The Lib'rall Arts, and from his Lands to drive,
All false Religion, Schisme and Ignorance
As other publike profits to contrive.

Such a Prince is not a Casuall-thing
The Glories of a Throne, by Chance inheriting;
Nor meerely from his Parents doth he spring
But, he is rather God's immediate Blessing.

From Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 1.

H.I.H. THE GRAND DUCHESS SERGIUS OF RUSSIA, 1864.

(*Princess Elizabeth of Hesse*).

“*Pando recondita.*”

*Sometimes, looking backward, we behold
Those things, which have been done in times of old;
By looking wisely forward, we foresee
Such matters as in future-times will bee;
And, by this meanes, we likewise have a share,
In times to come, and, times that passed are.*

Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 2.

Be always displeas'd at what thou art, if thou desirest to attain to what thou art not: always add, always walk, always proceed; neither stand still, nor go back, nor deviate: he that standeth still proceedeth not; he goeth back that continueth not—he goeth better that creepeth in his way than he that runneth out of his way.

St. Augustine.

NOVEMBER 3.

Then life redeeme, althoughe with all thou haste,
Thoughte thou arte pore, yet seek, and thou shalte finde,
Those ritches pure, that evermore shall laste,
Which are the goodes and treasures, of the minde
Noe man so pore, but God can blesse his daies.

Whitney's Emblems.

NOVEMBER 1.

NOVEMBER 2.

NOVEMBER 3.

NOVEMBER 4.

For no man is more begger-like, than a covetous wretch in an opulent fortune, nor more base, than a proud man in the midst of his honour. There is a labour in getting these things, and when once they be got, a load. All is but vanitie and vexation of spirit.

Dean Boys.

NOVEMBER 5.

All the lore that thou obtainest
Seeing, hearing, all thou gainest
In receptive youthe
Should be comforte to thine age
Morne and even let the page
Be knowne to thee of Truthe
“Who younge take hold, lose not when olde.”

Proverbes of Hendyng.

NOVEMBER 6.

Swim smoothly in the stream of thy nature, and live but one man. To single hearts doubling is discruciating. Simulation must be short. He who counterfieteth, acts a part; and is as it were out of himself; Therefore, since sincerity is thy temper, let veracity be thy virtue, in words, manners, and actions.

Sir T. More.

NOVEMBER 4.

NOVEMBER 5.

NOVEMBER 6.

NOVEMBER 7.

. . . . All gracious gifts
Which decke the body, or adorne the mynde,
To make them lovely or well-favoured show,
As comely carriage, entertainment kynde
Sweet semblaunt, friendly offices that bynde,
And all the compliments of curtesie.

Spenser.

NOVEMBER 8.

In the great Frame of Kingdoms and Commonwealths, it is the power of Princes or Estates to adde Amplitude and Greatness to their Kingdoms, by introducing such Ordinances, Constitutions, and Customs, as we have now touched, they may sowe Greatness to their Posterity and Succession.

Bacon.

NOVEMBER 9.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, 1841.

“Pro patriâ auxilio Dei.”

Fair'st Promise of our hopes ; and Morning-Starre
To all these Ilands, which inclosed are
By Neptune's armes, within our Northern climes ;
And who wee trust shall rise in future times,
To be the brightest Light, that then will shine
Betwixt the Artick-Circle, and the Line.

Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 7.

NOVEMBER 8.

NOVEMBER 9.

NOVEMBER 10.

Some, though they have had great beginnings, have ended in a small point like a pyramid, having gone on diminishing and decreasing continually, till they have come almost to nothing ; like the point of the pyramid, which, in respect of its base, is next to nothing.

Cervantes.

NOVEMBER 11.

Two Ears to let in Knowledge Nature gave
To entertain true Faith, one Heart we have
Our Knowledge twice exceeds our half-belief.
The Goods we spend, we keep ; and what we save
We lose ; and onely what we lose, we have.

Quarles' Emblems.

NOVEMBER 12.

Hospitality is threefold ; for one's family, this is of necessity : for strangers, this is courtesy : for the poor, this is charity. So the good housekeeper hath a fountain of wheat in his field, mutton in his fold, &c., both to serve himself and supply others. The expense of a feast will but breathe him, which will tire another of the same estate who buys all by the penny.

Thos. Fuller.

NOVEMBER 10.

NOVEMBER 11.

NOVEMBER 12.

NOVEMBER 13.

Thoughe thinking muche yet speake not all
Binde thy loose tongue in boney wall
Check the sharpe words that upwarde tende.
And thou shalt never wante a frende
“The tongue breakethe bone, thoughe has none of its owne.”

Proverbes of Heydyng.

NOVEMBER 14.

A firm faith is the best divinity, a good life the best philosophy, a clear conscience the best law, honesty the best policy, and temperance the best physic. Every virtue gives a man a degree of felicity in some kind. Honesty gives a man a good report, justice estimation, fortitude a quiet mind, not to be moved by any adversity.

Ancient Aphorism.

NOVEMBER 15.

Only the present is thy part and fee
And happy thou
If, though thou didst not beat thy future brow,
Thou couldst well see
What present thing's required of thee.

Geo. Herbert.

NOVEMBER 13.

NOVEMBER 14.

NOVEMBER 15.

NOVEMBER 16.

Though the quickness of thine Ear were able to reach the noise of the Moon, though the number of thy Ears should equal Argus's eyes ; yet stop them all with the wise man's wax, and be deaf unto the suggestions of tale-bearers, calumniators, pick-thank or malevolent Delators.

Sir T. Browne.

NOVEMBER 17.

Man in whome doth sacred reason reste,
All waies, and meanes should use to save his life
Not wilfullie, the same for to detest,
Not rashlie runne, when tyraunts rage with strife ;
But constant stande abyding sweete or sower
Untill the Lorde appoynte an happy hower.

Whitney's Emblems.

NOVEMBER 18.

As the camel beareth labour, and heat, and hunger, and thirst, through deserts of sand, and fainteth not ; as a man of fortitude shall sustain his virtue through perils and distress ; a noble spirit disdaineth the malice of Fortune, his greatness of soul is not to be cast down.

Economy of Human Life.

NOVEMBER 16.

NOVEMBER 17.

NOVEMBER 18.

NOVEMBER 19.

Long while I sought to what I might compare
Those powerful eyes which lighten my dark spright,
Yet find I nought on earth to which I dare
Resemble the image of their godly light.
Then to the Maker's self they likest be,
Whose light doth lighten all that here we see.

Spenser.

NOVEMBER 20.

The richest endowments of the mind, are temperance, prudence, and fortitude. Prudence is an universal virtue, which enters into the composition of all the rest ; and where she is not, fortitude loses its name and nature.

Ancient Aphorism.

NOVEMBER 21.

H.I.H. THE CROWN PRINCESS OF PRUSSIA
(PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND), 1840.

“*Prudente simplicitate.*”

Such Prudence give, as never will disdain
The Dove-like Innocencie, to retaine
For where these two are joyned, they procure
A life so sweet, so rich, and so secure,
That all the powers of Malice cannot shake
Their out-workes nor within them, terrors make.

Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 19.

NOVEMBER 20.

NOVEMBER 21.

NOVEMBER 22.

The day is a most apt time to learne by reading and conference ; the night a most apt time for invention and meditation : now that which thou canst not understand this day, thou maist haply learn the nexte, and that which is not found out in one night, may be gotten in another.

Dean Boys.

NOVEMBER 23.

H.H. PRINCE ALEXANDER ALBERT OF BATTENBERG, 1886.

“Tandem fit arbor.”

*Though very small, at first it be,
A Sprout at length becomes a Tree
And, Lofty Trees doe Spring from Little Seeds,
For, though my Hopes appeare but meanely growne,
They will be Great, when some shall thinke them none.*

Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 24.

The greatest pleasure of life, is love, the greatest treasure, contentment: the greatest possession, health; the greatest ease, is sleep; and the greatest medicine, a true friend.

Ancient Aphorism.

NOVEMBER 22.

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NOVEMBER 24.

NOVEMBER 25.

H.G.D.H. PRINCE ERNEST LOUIS OF HESSE, 1868.
H.R.H. PRINCESS VICTORIA MELITA OF EDINBURGH, 1876.

“Concordant nomine facta.”

*Thou hast some Charge (whoe're thou be)
Which Tendance may expect from thee.
Thou knowest best if it be soe
Take therefore heed what is to doe.*

Geo. Wither.

NOVEMBER 26.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MAUD OF WALES, 1869.

“Constantiâ et fidelitate.”

*Therefore, to make your beautie more appeare
It you behoves to love, and forth to lay
That heavenly riches which in you ye beare,
That men the more admyre their fountaine may ;
For else what booteth that celestial ray,
If it in darknesse be enshrined ever,
That it of loving eyes be viewed never?*

Spenser.

NOVEMBER 27.

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF TECK, 1833.
(*Princess Mary of Cambridge*).

“Cor nobyle, cor immobyle.”

*Sincerity 's my chief delight,
Oh that I could to her invite
All the whole race of humankind ;
Take her, mortals, she 's worth more
Than all your glory, all your fame,
Than all the things that you can name.
She'll with her bring a joy divine,
All that 's good, and all that 's fine.*

Ancient Laconic.

NOVEMBER 25.

NOVEMBER 26.

NOVEMBER 27.

NOVEMBER 28.

The very work of moderation is the wages of moderation. For it carrieth with it a marvellous contentment in his conscience who hath endeavoured his utmost in order to unity, though unhappy in his success.

Thos. Fuller.

NOVEMBER 29.

Let him have all the wealth, all the renown,
And glory, that the world can crown
Her dearest darlings with ; yet his desire
Will not rest there, but still aspire.
Earth cannot hold him, nor the whole creation
Contain his wishes, or his expectation.

Quarles' Emblems.

NOVEMBER 30.

Many things, impossible to thought
Have been, by need, to full perfection brought
The daring of the soul proceeds from thence
Sharpness of wit, and active diligence ;
Prudence at once, and fortitude it gives
And if in patience taken, mends our lives.

Dryden.

NOVEMBER 28.

NOVEMBER 29

NOVEMBER 30.





Beatrice

D E C E M B E R.

More ample spirit than hitherto was wount
Here needes me, whiles the famous Auncestryes
Of my most belov'd Sovereaine I recount,
By which all earthly Princes she doth far surmount.

· · · · ·
Ne under Sunne that shines so wide and faire,
Whence all that lives does borrow life and light,
Lives ought that to her Linage may compaire ;

· · · · ·
Thy name, O souveraine Queene, thy realme, and race
From most renowned Princes derived arre,
Who mightily upheld that Royall mace
Which now thou bear'st, to thee descended farre
From mighty Kings and Conquerours in warre,
Thy Fathers and great Grandfathers of old,
Whose noble deeds above the Northern starre
Immortall Fame for ever hath enrolld.

Spenser.

DECEMBER 1.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, 1844.

“Genti æqua utrique.”

Another Grace she well deserves to be,
In whom so many Graces gathered are,
Excelling much the meane of her degree ;
Divine resemblance, beauty souveraine rare,
All which she with such courtesie doth grace,
That all her Peres cannot with her compare.

Spenser.

DECEMBER 2.

Adapt yourself to the company you are in, be grave with the aged, gay with the young, supple to the great, affable to all, respectful to every woman you converse with, but especially be at the devotion of the young, and fair.

Ancient Aphorism.

DECEMBER 3.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARIE ERNESTINA OF HANOVER, 1849.

“Confido conquiesco.”

*Thrise happie she ! that is so well assured
Unto herselfe, and settled so in hart
That neither will for better be allured,
Ne feard with worse to any chaunce to start ;
But like a steddly ship, doth strongly part
The raging waves, and keepes her course aright ;*

Spenser.

DECEMBER 1.

DECEMBER 2.

DECEMBER 3

DECEMBER 4.

Have a good conceit of your wit ; mark what I say, have a good conceit of your wit ; that is, be proud, not with a foolish vaunting of yourself when there is no cause, but by setting a just price of your qualities ; and it is the part of a poor spirit to undervalue himself and blush.

Geo. Herbert.

DECEMBER 5.

Man's day 's a Song, compos'd by th' great Musician
Full of harmonius Airs and dainty choice
But spoil'd with Discords, and too much Divissions :
Abus'd and lost for want of skill, and voice ;
We miss our Rests, and we neglect our Graces :
Our life the Treble, and our death the Base is.

Quarles' Emblems.

DECEMBER 6.

Recreation is a second creation, when weariness hath almost annihilated one's spirits. It is the breathing of the soul, which otherwise would be stifled with continual business. Be well satisfied in thy conscience of the lawfulness of the recreation thou usest.

Thos. Fuller.

DECEMBER 4.

DECEMBER 5.

DECEMBER 6

DECEMBER 7.

What less than fool is man to prog and plot,
And lavish out the cream of all his care,
To gain poor seeming goods ; which, being got,
Make firm possession but a thoroughfare ;
Or if they stay, they furrow thoughts the deeper
And, being kept with care, they lose their careful keeper.

Quarles' Emblems.

DECEMBER 8.

Did men but take as much care to mend, as they do to conceal
their failings, they would both spare themselves that trouble which
dissimulation puts them to, and gain besides the commendations
they aspire to, by their seeming virtues.

Ancient Aphorism.

DECEMBER 9.

Every sweet with soure is tempred still
That maketh it be coveted the more :
For easie things, that may be got at will,
Most sorts of men doe set but little store.
Why then should I accompt of little paine,
That endlesse pleasure shall unto me gaine !

Spenser.

DECEMBER 7.

DECEMBER 8.

DECEMBER 9.

DECEMBER 10.

There are some people well enough disposed to be grateful, but they cannot hit upon it without a prompter, they must be taught to be thankful, and it is a fair step if we can but bring them to be willing and only offer at it.

Seneca.

DECEMBER 11.

He that is weary, let him sit.
My soul would stir
And trade in courtesies and wit,
Quitting the fur,
To cold complexions needing it.

Geo. Herbert.

DECEMBER 12.

Truth is the bond of union, and the basis of human happiness. Without this virtue there is no reliance upon language, no confidence in friendship, no security in promises and oaths.

Jeremy Collier.

DECEMBER 10.

DECEMBER 11.

DECEMBER 12.

DECEMBER 13.

Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we profess, to perform and make good what we promise, and really to be what we would seem and appear to be. It creates confidence in those we have to deal with.

Tillotson.

DECEMBER 14.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT, OBIT A.D. 1861.
H.R.H. THE GRAND DUCHESS OF HESSE, OBIT A.D. 1878.
(*Princess Alice of England.*)

“*Non moriuntur quorum fama bibit.*”

. . . that most heroicke Spirit,
The heavens pride, the glory of our daies
Which now triumpheth (through immortal merit
Of his brave vertus) crown'd with lasting baies
Of hevenlie blis and everlasting praies.

O that so faire a flowre so soon should fade.

Spenser.

DECEMBER 15.

For us the loss is terrible. The Parent stem has been levelled by the storm, and the branches, which are scattered all over the world, must now strike separate roots for themselves. May Love, Friendship and Harmony keep them all together !

Life of The Prince Consort, vol. i. p. 203.

DECEMBER 13.

DECEMBER 14.

DECEMBER 15.

DECEMBER 16.

So every spirit, as it is most pure,
And hath in it the more of heavenly light,
So it the fairer bodie doth procure
To habit in, and it more fairely dight
With chearfull grace and amiable sight ;
For of the soule the bodie forme doth take ;
For soule is forme, and doth the bodie make.

Spenser.

DECEMBER 17.

Look off, let not thy optics be
Abus'd : thou see'st not what thou should'st :
Thyself 's the object thou should'st see,
But 'tis thy shadow thou behold'st :
And shadows thrive the more in stature,
The nearer we approach the light of nature.

Quarles' Emblems.

DECEMBER 18.

To prevent anger, be not too inquisitive into the affairs of others, or what people say of yourself, or into the mistakes of your friends, for this is going out to gather sticks, to kindle a fire to burn your own house.

Ancient Aphorism.

DECEMBER 16.

DECEMBER 17.

DECEMBER 18.

DECEMBER 19.

Let maidens sowe ; let schollers plie the schooles :
Let none presume another's arte to use,
But trie the trade, to which he hath bene kept :
But those that like a skill unknowne to choose,
Let them beholde : while that the workmen slept.

Whitney's Emblems.

DECEMBER 20.

Seeing, therefore, one channel of charity must be the less, the stream thereof ought to run broader and deeper in the other. The less we can give, the more we should forgive : but alas ! this is the worst of all, that giving goeth not so much against our covetousness, but forgiving goeth more against our pride and ambition.

Thos. Fuller.

DECEMBER 21.

Though I cannot chant with the nightingale, or chirp with the blackbird, I had rather chatter with the swallow, yea, rather croak with the raven, than be altogether silent. What my music wants in sweetness, let it have in sense.

Thos. Fuller.

DECEMBER 19.

DECEMBER 20.

DECEMBER 21.

DECEMBER 22.

Vaunt not of thy body, because it was first formed, nor of thy brain, because therein thy soul resideth. Is not the Master of the house more honourable than its walls ?

Economy of Human Life.

DECEMBER 23.

Hast thou breade and ale indoor
Keepe not all in thine owne store
Scatter some aboute
If thou of thine owne be free
When men worke their charitie
Thou'lt not go withoute.
“ Better is an Apple given, than eaten.”

Proverbes of Hendyng.

DECEMBER 24.

I would not entertain a base design, or an action that should call me villan, for the Indies ; and for this only do I love and honour my own soul, and have methinks two arms too few to embrace myself.

Sir T. Browne.

DECEMBER 22.

DECEMBER 23.

DECEMBER 24.

DECEMBER 25.

It is the fashion of many men at this Festivall to boast of their rich attire, great attendance, good fire, large cheere : yet (seeing Christ is heire of all things in the world) they cannot in their owne right enjoy so much as a Christmas log, or a Christmas pye, till they be first ingrafted in Him.

Dean Boys.

DECEMBER 26.

However, from the Sword divide not you
(In any case) the peacefull Olive bough :
That is, let Peace, at all times, be that End,
For which, to draw the Sword you doe intend ;
And for well-doing, bee as ready, still,
To give rewards, as blowes for doing-ill.

Geo. Wither.

DECEMBER 27.

Find'st thou no comfort in this fickle Earth ?
No Joy at all? No Object for thy Mirth ?
Nothing but Sorrow? Nothing else but toyle ?
What, do thy days shew nothing worth a smile ?
Do worldly pleasures no contentment give ?

Quarles' Emblems.

DECEMBER 25.

DECEMBER 26.

DECEMBER 27.

DECEMBER 28.

Never all my time on Earthe
Have I soughte my landlorde's Hearthe
For his wine-cups Fille.
But th' abode that is mine owne
Wyne and Water—Sticke and Ston
All goes to my will.
“ 'Tis pleasant to abide by one's owne Fireside.”

Proverbes of Hendyng.

DECEMBER 29.

As the Ocean giveth rise to springs, whose waters return again
into its bosom through the rivers ; so runneth thy life from the
heart outward, and so returneth it into its place again.

Economy of Human Life.

DECEMBER 30.

For love is a celestiall harmonie
Of likely harts composed of starres concent,
Which joyne together in sweete sympathie,
To work each others joy and true content,
Which they have harbourd since their first descent
Out of their heavenly bowres, where they did see
And know ech other here belov'd to bee.

Spenser.

DECEMBER 28.

DECEMBER 29.

DECEMBER 30.

DECEMBER 31.

Since the stars of heaven do differ in glory ; since there are some stars so bright that they can hardly be looked on, some so dim that they can scarce be seen even by artificial eyes, read thou the earth in heaven, and things below from above ; and expect not equality in lustre, dignity, or perfection, in regions or persons below, where numerous numbers must be content to stand like lacteous or nebulus stars, little taken notice of, or dim in their generations.

Sir T. Browne.



DECEMBER 31.



Deus, Patria, Regina.

The longest daye, in time resignes to nighte.
The greatest oke, in time to duste dothe turne.
The Raven dies, the Egle failes of flighte.
The Phcenix rare, in time her selfe dothe burne.
The Princelie stagge at length his race dothe ronne
And all must ende, that ever was begonne.

Even so I, here doe ende this simple booke,
And offer it unto your Majestie's sighte :
Which, if you shall receive with pleasinge looke,
I shall rejoyce, and thinke my labour lighte.
And pray the Lord, your Majestie to preserve,
Most noble Queene whome wee will alwaye serve.

From *Geo. Whitney.*

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