

Thoughts I Have Loved

Most folks would make good friends if we only knew them better.



A man is poor not because he has nothing but because he does nothing.



Promise Yourself:

To be strong. That nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health-happiness and prosperity

To make all your friends feel that there is some good in them.

To look on the sunny side of everything

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to bigger achievements in the future.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have very little time to criticize others.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact not in loud words but in noble deeds.

To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.



Success lies not in achieving what you aim at, but in aiming at what you ought to achieve, and pressing forward sure of achievement here or if not here, hereafter.



Burdens become light when cheerfully borne.



Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice as much.



An ounce of performance is worth a ton of complaint.



Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts.



Two Foot Paths to Peace

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play and to look up at the stars, to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them. To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness and to fear nothing except cowardice. To be governed by your admiration rather than disgust. To covet nothing that is your neighbors except kindness of heart and gentleness of manner. To think seldom of your enemies --often of your friends and every day of Christ and spend as much time as you can with the body and with spirit in Gods out of doors. These are the little guide posts on the foot-paths to peace.



It is better to not know so much than to know so much that isn't so.



Be pleasant every morning till 10 o'clock. The rest of the day will take care of itself.



OPPORTUNITIES LOOK FOR YOU IF YOU ARE WORTH FINDING.



MORNING PRAYER

Today let me live content, be clean; refine; worthy; act frankly; go slowly; listen well; think quietly; fear nothing; Do my full share of the world's work and rest tonight knowing that I have injured nothing that exists.



I WOULD LOOK UP AND LAUGH AND LOVE AND LIVE.



For all the troubles under the sun, there is a remedy or there is none. If there be one, try and find it: if there be none, never mind it.



Thoughts I Like

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his place and accomplished his task.



The night has a thousand eyes, the day but one, yet the light of the night would dye with the dying of the sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes, the heart but one, yet the light of the whole life dies when its love is done.



Take this proverb to thine heart. Take, oh, hold it fast. The mill will never grind with water that is passed.



We are all blind until we see that in the human plan, nothing is worth the making, unless it makes the man.



As one lamp lights another nor grows less, so nobleness enkindleth nobleness.



I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.



I made the cross myself, whose weight was later laid on me.
This thought is torture as I toil up life's steep Calvary.
To think my own hands drove the nails. I sang a merry song, and chose the heaviest wood I had to build it firm and strong.
If I had guessed--If I had dreamed its weight was meant for me,
I should have made a lighter cross to bear up Calvary.



I will be what I will be. I am free. no temptation from within or without can cause me to deviate from my ideals. I will not be selfish. I have perfect control over all my impulses. I am master of myself. I do not get angry. I am free--I am master of myself.



The fear of being laughed at keeps you from living up to the best in you. don't be afraid to express yourself.



By our thinking we are molding the character of the soul, forming brain paths and determining our future possibilities and tendencies. Truly "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he."



Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.



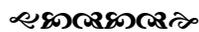
Every man is building for himself a prison cell or a palace wall.



The thoughts of today become the dreams of tonight, the actions of tomorrow and the characters of the future.



Right thinking, right desires and right resolves, oft repeated, will make possible for any man to resist temptation.



An agreeable, polite cordial manner is one of the best weapons with which to fight the battles of life.



Few things are more destructive to health and happiness than the habit of complaining, finding fault, looking sour and saying disagreeable things.



Every smile that flashes across the face becomes a part of the inner soul and tends to light it up with joy: while frown and scowls soon make one sordid and melancholy.



Let us teach the better way and struggle for the higher life until love rules in every home, honor is written on every brow; kindness beams from every eye; chastity blooms on every cheek; purity bubbles from every lip; joy springs from every heart, and Christ reigns in every soul.



Simple living is a delight, and care has as yet, no need to cast her anchor in the harbor of our dreams.



Life cannot be found in its highest sense in us if our hearts are not throbbing responsive to that higher sunlight of the spirit.



The giving of God's sunlight is that we lose nothing ourselves, we share it only.



Pins have saved the lives of many people by their not swallowing them.



I asked the Sabbath for some motto sweet,
some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. She answered soft and low;
"God's will to know".

Will knowledge then suffice, Sabbath, I cried
and ere the question into silence died--
Nay but remember too--
God's will to do.

Once more I asked "Is there more to tell?"
and once again the answer softly fell.
Yes, this one thing all other things above--
God's will to love.



Don't look for the flaws as you go through life, and even when you find them. It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind and look for the virtues behind them.



For the cloudiest night has a hint of light somewhere in its shadows hiding
It is better, by far, to look for a star than the spot on the sun abiding.



Sow a thought reap an act, Sow an act reap a habit; sow habit reap a character; sow a character
reap a destiny.



THE HAPPIEST AND WISEST PAIR WILL FIND OCCASION TO FORBEAR, AND
SOMETHING EVERY DAY THEY LIVE TO PITY AND PERHAPS FORGIVE.



Love is the only power that will conquer a child a people or a nation, all things won by force are
but battles deferred.



CHOOSE A SAFE PATH. I'M FOLLOWING YOU.



The joy of life is in the work that we do.



No one cares to hear your troubles, just the joyful things in life--always keep your face a smiling--
-that's your duty as a wife.



What ever is in our lives we have built into them by thinking of it, visualizing it, dwelling on it,
hoping or dreading it and above all expecting it.



Thought is another name for fate.



The secret in life lies in living the best you ever knew.



A smile, a word, a touch--and each is easily given,

Yet one may win a soul from sin or smooth the way to heaven.
A smile may lighten the falling heart.
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart--How easily each is given.



It's only timber straight and sound that passes through the mill.



Just for Today

Just for today I will take care of my body. I will exercise it care for it and nourish it and not abuse it or neglect it so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort and thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in the ways to wit; I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out --if anybody knows it, it won't count. I will do two things that I don't want to do.

Just for today I will not show anyone my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt but today I'll not show it. I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, criticize not one bit nor find fault with anyone or thing and not try to regulate or improve anyone.

Just for today I will have a program. I will write down just what I expect to do every hour of the day, I may not follow it exactly, but I'll have it. It will save me from two pests--hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. In this half hour I will think of God.

Just for Today I will be unafraid, especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.



Be thankful, be happy, be glad you are alive.--Just for a few minutes at a time. A few minutes won't rob you of the delightful misery of worrying about things that are never going to happen. You'll have hours to do that later.



The world is full of a number of things. I'm sure we should all be happy as kings.



You are the handicap you must face.
You're the one who must choose your place.
You must say where you want to go
and how much you'll study the truth to know.



Courage must come from the soul within. The man must furnish the will to win.



True culture is sympathy and the measure of my culture is the circumference of the circle of my sympathy and my concern for the welfare of others.



Forbearance would decrease our cares.



Just a little prayer will lift us from the darkness to the light.



It isn't the work that kills a man or woman; it is worry. Work is healthy; you can scarcely have more of it than you can bear if you love it and bring it to a happy willing heart.



Just be glad that you are living and keep cheering someone on. Forget your troubles just set aside your victories and keep cheering someone on. The world hungers for the fellow that cheers someone on.



Do we think a little straighter? Do we feel a little nobler, are our hands a little more willing to help than they were a year ago? Do we hunger for betterment? Are we living in a higher atmosphere than a year ago.



Let's have pleasant expectations of one another. It's surprising how regularly the other fellow will smile, if we confidently expect him to.



To err is human -- to forgive is divine.



You will find those who dislike the most people are most disliked by others themselves and they have many disagreeable traits. Whereas those who like the most people are those who are best liked.



Be pleasant and mean it.



The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; and to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.



Don't be a human lobster waiting for something to come to you, instead launch out into the deep where life is abundant. Just a little effort is all that is needed.



I have closed the door on fear. he has lived with me too long. If he were to break forth and reappear, I would lift my eyes and sing aloud and run lightly by. He will never follow a song.



TRAINING DECREASES PREJUDICE



Tom Stagg---that's all
Died at 30---buried at 60.



Let your light so shine before men that others seeing your good works will be led to glorify God.



Achievement is not an outcome of chance. It is earned through years of fidelity to principles.



So few meet with success because so many expect success to meet them half way.



There's too much unused thought milage in each of us.



Trouble? No just life coming at you to be tackled.



When one door closes another opens; but we often look so long and regretfully upon the closed door that we fail to see the other.



Defeat is nothing but education. It is the first step to something better.



The Lord does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance.



The way to live well, is to work well.



Don't procrastinate. You have the same spirit in the next world.



A man imagines the woman he marries is something set apart.



Your offence she may blot from her mind
When a woman's forgiveness you crave.
Yet though she forgives you, You'll find
She'll never forget she forgave.



Thinking about the load makes it heavy.



Take advice but do your own deciding.



Capitalize your personality.



Let me keep myself free to think and to live.



A CREED

To live, be loved and to love mankind.
To smile when things may hurt you most.
To speak no word of scorn of men.
To praise all good but never boast.
To listen another's story through.
To measure faults with liberal rule.
To never say "I told you so", or judge the other man a fool.
To say the things you'd like to hear, remembering that praise is sweet to measure,
That deeds like doves return to roost.
That a friend is life's most hallowed treasure.



SUCCESS

Who, battling against some seeming wrong,
Can meet disaster with a song,
And rise refreshed the foe to meet,
Who only lives the world to bless
Can never fail--He is success.



If you were busy being kind,
You'd soon forget someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad
You'd soon forget the heartache you had.



Don't let glad thoughts go to waste.



Vice is a monster of so frightful mein,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.



Effort
The heights of great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.



Humility
When we are humble the Lord, our God, will lead us by the hand and give us answer to our prayers.



I've felt to take the opposite side to those who have preached that we should not do a thing because it was our duty but only for love. I feel no greater feeling in my soul than the gratitude I have that My God has given me a "duty". I love a duty from God. I need no other excuse to try to do the thing that has been given me to do by the Lord. I love Duty.



Will you be ready for the place when it shall fall to you?



Of gossip let it pass three gates. 1. Is it true. 2. Is it needful. 3. Is it kind?



If you can't hop out, keep swimming around.



Cheer up, chase those useless cares away. Cheer up, things will be alright, Your smiles are more adorning. Old Sol himself is sunk each night but rises every morning. The sun is down and out each night but rises every morning.



Laughter wipes out the differences of birth. Age is forgotten and pangs of earth, cast, creed and places are all leveled out by mirth.



Put by a little for it always rains.



Three roads to paradise: The road of faith. The road of hope so broad and fair that anyone may journey there. The road of love the last of all. These roads are never very far apart and each is in the human heart.



No great effort is required to give birth to a habit, and it will raise itself. Just give it a good start and the forget it. It blossoms and bears fruit without pruning, spraying or watering.



Remember your heart, soul, and body search for happiness. Your mind alone denies it.



THE ONLY THING A PERSON NEED ENVY IS A LARGE, RICH, GENEROUS SOUL WHICH ENVIETH NOT.



Where love is, God is.



Don't try to please but instead give pleasure.



After you have been kind, after love has stolen forth into the world and done it's beautiful work, put a seal upon your lips and forget what you have done. Go back into the shade again and say nothing about it. Love hides even from itself.



THERE IS NO HAPPINESS IN HAVING OR GETTING ONLY IN GIVING.



No form of vice, not worldliness, not greed for gold, not drunkenness itself does more to unchristianize society than evil temper. For embittering life, for breaking up communities, for destroying the most sacred relationships, for devastating homes, for withering up men and women, for taking the bloom out of childhood, for a sheer misery producing power, this influence stands alone.



To enter heaven, a man must take it with him.



Bad temper is a fever which tell of a disease within. An occasional bubble escapes to the surface which betrays some rottenness underneath. Tis a sample of the most hidden product of the soul, dropped involuntarily when one's off guard. A need of patience, kindness, generosity, courtesy and unselfishness are all instantaneously symbolized in one flash of temper.



It is better not to live than not to love.



Truth includes the self restraint which refuses to make capital out of others faults; the clarity which does not delight in exposing the weakness of others, but covers all things; the sincerity of purpose which endeavors to see all things as they are and rejoices to find them better than suspicion feared or calumny denounced.



We love because He first loved us.



You are what you think, not what you think you are.



Be brief-- for it is with words as with sunshine--the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.



To wish is of little account. to succeed you must earnestly desire, and this desire must shorten thy sleep.



Son, the key to success doesn't fit the night latch.



Unless you bear with the faults of a friend you betray your own.



I could not pray as one should pray,
Or trust as one should trust,
Until sin took my boasted strength
And dragged it in the dust.
I could not pity those who fell,
Until as they, I fell
God has so many different ways
To save a soul from hell.



The thing that goes the farthest to making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most,
Is just a friendly smile.



The man who has nothing to boast of but his ancestors, is like a potato. The only good belonging to him is underground.



Don't aim to be an earthly saint with eyes fixed on a star.
Just try to be the fellow your mother thinks you are.



So neigh is grandeur unto dust
So near is God to man
When duty whispers low you must
The youth replies "I can".



Politeness is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way.



Every outstanding success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.



The way to get ahead is to start now.



To obey is better than sacrifice.



THE GREAT CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once
And none has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own
Live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.



The timberline tree is crippled and bent by eternal blasts,
Winning life's battles by holding fast.
Timberline tree I'm ashamed of the fight I've made in the world of men.
I'll go back to the valley to fight again.



If I Could

If I could speak by any means
The thoughts that wander in my heart.
If I could tell the vague and laughing dreams--
Of youth, of pride--the glory of the silver moons light spell,
I think I would be happy and content
However poor the house wherein I dwell.

If I could make the human race more king
and confer some true and lasting benefit
Save something from the awful wastes of time
Help someone to the hilltop from the pit.
Ah, then, I think my heart would be content,
Though none but God cared anything for it.

If I could find my spirit could endure
The thought of standing face to face with God.
Should yet go gladly to a trifling task
Nor fret because my pathway wasn't broad.
Ah, then I think my heart might feel at last
That I was treading where Christ's footsteps had trod.



Insist on yourself. Never imitate. That which each can do best, none but his maker can teach him.



If any little word of ours
Can make one life the brighter;
If any little song of ours
Can make one heart the lighter;
God help us to speak the little word,
And take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
And set the echoes ringing.



You Don't have to Tell It - They Know it.

You don't have to tell how you live each day.
You don't need to say if you work or play.
A tried true barometer serves in the place
However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the discreet, that you bear in your heart
Will not stay inside where it first got it's start.
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace
What you wear on your heart you wear in your face.

If you've gambled and won in the great game of life

If you feel you have conquered the sorrow and strife
If you've played the game fair and you stand on first base
You don't have to say it, It shows in your face.

If you dissipate nights till the day is most nigh
There is only one tattler and one that won't lie
Since your facial barometer is right in its place.
You don't have to tell folks. It shows in your face.

If your life is unselfish,--if for others you live--
For not what you get, but what you can give
If you live close to God in His infinite grace
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.



You can never be nobler than when you resist to say something mean about someone you don't like.



If there is some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer thee.
make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent
Let me be the thing I meant,
Let my find in thy employ
Peace that dearer is than joy
Out of self to love be led.
And to heaven acclimated;
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my natural habitude.



Guard well within yourself that treasure -kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without means.



Never use a weaker brother's soul as a stepping stone for my most eager feet;
Not by another's loss to reach my goal. Success thus won would be my souls' defeat.



Never to gain an inch along the way,
For which in honesty I did not pay.



If you're in hot water up to the neck,
Be like the kettle and sing.



When you're down in the mouth think of Jonah--He came out all right.



You are not Christs' disciples unless you can get along happily with your brethren.



To labor with zest and give of your best, for the sweetness and joy of giving.



To help other folks along with a hand and a song--There's the real
sunshine of living.



The easiest thing to find is fault.
The hardest thing to keep is still.



If you have hard feelings, use one ounce of common sense and a little bit of love and they will
dissolve.



MY ONLY PLEA

Smellie sent this little poem to me when he was in the service and it means so much to me. I've
treasured it through 45 years.

Still laugh, "said I," "when I'm away,
And gather all the flowers of May;
Still keep my room, the pictures all,
That I have loved, upon the wall;

For I shall want them every one
The moment that the war is won.

"Still play the records, dance and sing,
And spread no fears by sorrowing;
Be happy every time you can,
For victory, work and pray and plan;
For I shall want you looking well
When we have fired the final shell.

Still bake the pie as it might be
That I were coming home to tea;
Still plant the garden round about;
Still grub the sturdy thistles out
And stake the blue delphinium,
As if this war had never come.

For if this struggle shall be long,
At home there must be mirth and song.
Since these are what we fight to keep,
So hide away when you must weep;
And be as brave at home, as we
Who fight in sky, on land and sea.
Author unknown



Prejudice is opinion without judgement.



Those who raise flowers find that if they pick them lavishly they will continue to bear flowers all summer. If they save them they will quickly wither, go to seed and die. Flowers aren't the only pleasures multiplied if shared. The many great joys of life will shrivel up and die if we try to keep them for ourselves. Life is happiness to those who share it with others.



Four things a man must learn to do if he would make his record true.
To think without confusion clearly
To act with honest motive purely
To love his fellowmen sincerely
To trust in God and heaven securely.



Following the line of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.



A heart full of truth is better than a head full of facts.



A fool is the fellow who trades the prospects of an honorable happiness for the reckless fun of today.



Absence of occupation is not rest. A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed.



People may talk but never teach unless they practice what they preach.



Why should I start up this highly complicated machinery of digestion for just a single cherry.



What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God.



Happiness is a habit. Cultivate it.



It is best not to tell all you know. You may have to respond to an encore.



Learn to be a private thinker. Then you can become a public speaker.



Modern petting has made many girls resemble rock salt put in a trough for cattle to lick.



Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and man made the other.



It's today that I'm living, having, loving, taking, giving. Yesterday a cloud of sorrow fell across my way. It may rain tomorrow, but ain't it fine today.



If There's Ever a Time

If there's ever a time you suffer alone
Lest the knowledge might add to my woe
And to spare me you smile through unshed tears.
God grant that I may know.

If there's ever a time when a word from me
Would help you on your way.
Would give you the courage to carry on
God give me that word to say.

If there's ever a time when a lift from me.
Can ease your load of care
And make your burden a little less hard,
God grant that I may be there.



Dear Lord, kind Lord,
Gracious Lord, I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love
Tenderly to-day.
Weed their hearts of weariness;
Scatter every care,
Down the wake of angel wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let their lips of laughter
Overflow again!
And with all the needy,
Oh! divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today.
James Whitcomb Riley.



God let me be aware.
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways
Just getting, somehow, safely through the days
Let my hand - groping- find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines-understands
Please keep me always eager to do my share.
God let me be aware.



Most of our sorrows spring from our follies.



If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter
If any little care of mine
May make a friend a little fleeter
If any lift of mine may ease
The burden of another,
God give me love and care and strength
To help my toiling brother.



A smile is the key God gave to thee
To enter the hearts of others,
To help them smile, to help them see
The friend that a smile discovers.



When wealth is lost, nothing is lost.
When health is lost, something is lost.
When character is lost, all is lost.



Happiness is great love and much service. To love is to serve. This world was made for lovers and servants.



The joy of rendering service is the purest, least diluted, most permanent, divine and abiding joy of which a human being is capable.



You say the world is gloomy;
The skies are grim and gray,
The night had lost its quiet--
You fear the coming day?
The world is what you make it,
The sky is gray or blue
Just as your soul may paint it,
It isn't the world -- it's you.

Clear up the cloudy vision
Clean out the foggy mind;
The clouds are always passing,
And each is silver lined.

The world is what you make it--
Then make it bright and true,
And when your day is gloomy,
It isn't the world, it's you.



He who looks up to God continuously never finds time to look down upon his fellow men.



Thinking of You

I think about you often,
And I'd write you every day,
But there's so very little
That is worthwhile to say,
It's whether it rains, or it doesn't
It's either hot or cold
The news is all uninteresting
Or else it's all been told.
The only thing that matters
Is the fact that you are there
And I'm here without you
And it's lonesome everywhere.
I think about the way you smile

And I recall your touch
Distance lends enchantment
And I miss you very much.



All things come to him who waits,
But here's a rule that's slicker;
The man who goes for what he wants
Will get it all the quicker.



Do you wonder sometimes how you could really know if you had had an answer to a prayer?
"Did I not speak peace to your soul?"



DISILLUSION

I crept far out to the edge of the world,
And then looked back to see,
The horrible, yawning chasm
In the place once filled by me.

But lo, and behold, in the world's great scheme
I had filled such a little crack,
That even it was filling up,
So I gladly hurried back.



Happiness is like a kiss. It isn't any good until you share it with somebody else.



He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.



Before you ask advice explore your own head; there may be something in it.



Don't be discouraged; even a carpet tack is of no use without a knock or two on the head now and then.



Troubles are like babies--they only grow by nursing.



Flattery is like bootleg liquor--It won't hurt you unless you swallow it.



SWEETHEART

I thought that you would like to know,
That someone's thoughts go where you go,
That someone never can forget,
The hours we've spent since first we met
That life is richer, sweeter far,
For such a sweetheart as you are,
And now my constant prayer will be,
THAT GOD WILL KEEP YOU SAFE FOR ME.



What ever you get you will pay the price,
'Cause you can't be naughty and yet be nice.



The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.



Learn to listen, and listen to learn.



Receipt for a long life; "Be careful not to exceed the feed limit."



Mud thrown is ground lost.



He knows so little and knows it so fluently.



Theodore Roosevelt once said the reason fat men are good natured is they can neither fight nor run.



Silence isn't always golden---sometimes it's just plain yellow.



Many persons call a Doctor when all they need is an audience.



Drinking does not drown your sorrows--it only irrigates them.



There is not illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents.



The cure for anything is salt water---sweat, tears, or the sea.



The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way you use them.



Somehow the people who always say what they think have a mania for saying disagreeable things.



MY CREED

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be a friend to all--the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble for I know my weakness;

I would look up--and laugh, and love, and live.



Ghosts

It isn't the things you do dear,
It's the things you leave undone,
Which gives you the bitter heartache,
At the setting of the sun.
The tender words forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flowers you might have sent, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts tonight.



Everyone should have a fair sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.



THIS IS FRIENDSHIP

I love you not only for what you are,
but for what I am when I am with you;
I love you not only for what you have made of yourself,
But for what you are making of me.
I love you for the part of me you bring out.
I love you for putting you hand in my heart,
and passing over all the weak things that you cannot help seeing;
And drawing out into the light all the beautiful radiant things
That no one else had looked quite far enough to find.
I love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in me
and for laying firm hold on the possibilities of the good in me.
I love you because you are helping me to make of the lumber of my life
Not a tavern but a temple.
And the words of my everyday not a reproach; but a song.
I love you because you have done more than any creed could have done to make me happy.,.
You have done it without a touch, without a word, without a sigh.
You have done it just by being yourself/
Perhaps that is what being a friend means after all.

