

**A Mother Speaks**

"I hold aloft the torch and set it farther on.  
 "I have gone down to the brink of dark waters and from the cold shadows brought back warm and precious life.  
 "I am an inspiration and a victim.  
 "I have known reverence and ingratitude, adoration and neglect.  
 "I have drunk of joys that Heaven will not make sweeter.  
 "I have felt griefs that endless torment could not make more keen.  
 "I have been borne aloft on wings softer than those of angels.  
 "I have seen in loving eyes the light that never was on sea or land.  
 "I have known the callous cruelty of indifference, the pain of being left behind on the path of life, the agony of 'superiority.'  
 "I have known the joy of being told that my white hairs are the beauty of undying youth.  
 "I have known the anguish of being told that I was never young.  
 "I have known the gladness of sacrifice and its sweet appreciation.  
 "I have known the happiness of remorse for unmeant indifference, of regret that 'they did not realize.'  
 "I have slept on pillows softer than down, in which no unflinching hand had ever placed a thorn.  
 "I have received tributes, nobler than any paid to kings and warriors, from those who testified that what they did and were they owed to me.  
 "I have seen stalwart sons grow into the likeness of him I loved, and sweet daughters become what I longed to be.  
 "I have known the glory of fulfillment, the fame of contented obscurity, the humble renown of a completed mission, the overflowing repayment for having given myself.  
 "I AM A MOTHER."—Frank A. Marshall.

**And Yonder Lay the Tenth Bairn**

A divinity professor was asked to preside at the baptism of the latest-arrived infant in the already crowded home of the minister of the parish in Scotland.  
 The professor gave out one of the paraphrases often used on such occasions.  
 "Let us," he said, "sing from the second verse, 'As sparks in close succession rise.'  
 To his consternation he observed that the congregation seemed unable to repress a giggle.  
 Afterwards, asking the minister's man what had been wrong, he received the reply, "You see, the minister's name is Sparks."

**Gift of Humor**

I HAD rather be strong, affectionate, loyal, noble minded, than be the best humorist in the world, yet if the gift of humor be added to these graces, you have a combination that is absolutely irresistible, because you have a perfect sense of proportion that never allows emotion to degenerate into gush or virtue into rigidity.  
 Thus I say that humor is a kind of divine and crowning grace in a character, because it means an artistic sense of proportion, a true and vital tolerance, a power of infinite forgiveness.—Arthur Benson.

**A Late Lesson**

We learn to walk early in life, but it is not until late in life that most folks learn how to keep their feet on the ground at critical times.—William H. Stuart.

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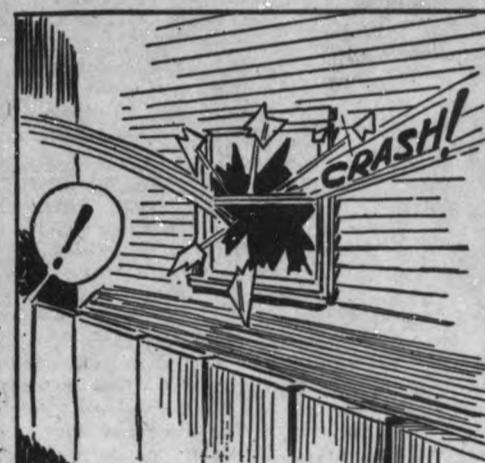
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**Out of Tune**  
 "Good morning, have you had a nice rest?" the landlady asked her new lodger.  
 "No," was the reply, "your cat kept me awake."  
 "Oh," said the landlady. "I hope you are not going to ask me to have the poor thing destroyed?"  
 "Not exactly," said the mild little man. "But would you very much mind having it tuned?"—Tit-Bits Magazine.

**Good Way to Start One**  
 Teacher (calling suddenly on Wee Willie)—What's the shape of the earth?  
 Wee Willie—Round.  
 Teacher—How do you know it's round?  
 Wee Willie—Well, it's square then. I don't want any argument about it.

**Cutting Criticism**  
 Customer—Listen, barber, I'll never make the train at the speed you're shaving me. You hold the razor still and I'll waggle my face.

**THE WORLD AT ITS WORST** By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



**HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS**

**Improving Vegetables.**—Sugar, added in the proportion of a fourth of a teaspoon to two cups of vegetables, will improve the flavor of cooked corn, beets, peas and lima beans.

**Manipulating Velvet.**—The usual method of pressing seams, especially in velvet, is to get a second person to hold one end of the material while you hold the other. Flatten out the two sides of the seam, then pass the iron along on the wrong side.

**Kidneys With Apple Rings.**—Cut three sheep kidneys in halves and skin. Fry lightly in 2 ounces of butter. Fry also as many small rounds of bread as there are half-kidneys, and a large cooking apple peeled, cored, and cut into rings. Place the rings on a hot dish, with a piece of fried bread and a half-kidney on each. Season and sprinkle with lemon juice. Put a scrap of butter on each and serve immediately.

**Vegetable Water Sauce.**—Two tablespoonfuls butter, two tablespoonfuls flour, salt and pepper to taste, one cup vegetable water or half cup milk and half cup vegetable water. Melt butter in a saucepan, stir the flour and seasonings into it, and stir over the fire until frothy. Add vegetable water gradually and stir constantly over the fire until it boils and thickens.

**When Mending Gloves.**—Slip a thimble on your finger when mending gloves and the darn can be made very easily.

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