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WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

In one of our rambles during the late holidays we found ourselves, one evening at twilight, at the intersection of two of Chicago's chief thoroughfares. Still amazed at the remembrance of the crowds of humanity sweeping by, we shall here endeavor to pencil a few of the pictures of this living panorama and the thoughts that they suggested. Here comes along at a distance a young man crowned with a Jersey hat, wearing pants cut in the latest style, so that they resemble stuffed clubs, decked out with a coat so short that it was apparently made for a younger brother, installed in a pair of shoes that reminded us of an acute angle, and brandishing a walking-stick with all the delicacy and tenderness of a six-button kid-glove. He smiles an Oscar smile, as his rainbow-colored handkerchief is swung out upon the evening breeze. What! thought we, is this a representative of the men who are to guide the destinies of this great nation? Is this a specimen of the men who are to build up this great republic? Is this a specimen of the men who are to preserve our government free from the corrupting influences of Star-Route Frauds and Whisky Rings? Is this an imitator of the good and great men that made Columbia what it is? Is this a lineal descendant of Washington, the Father of his country—first in war first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen? In disgust we recoiled from the thought and turned away hurling anathemas against the vices and vanities of the age, and began to feast our eyes upon the miscellaneous throng. Once more we were confronted with the presence of a large, burly, individual whose corpulent form would indicate that he must be one of the city fathers, so frequently and so touchingly alluded to by the Chicago Tribune. He grasps an old acquaintance by the hand and by degrees the solemn words came faithfully to our ears. "So you are going to vote for that 'Bill,'" said the fat man. "O yes," said the gray-haired patriarch, who warmed up to his discourse. "Why shouldn't I? They are all thieves now. There is scarcely an honest man in the city. Honesty is a thing of the past. Money is every thing to-day. Gould and Vanderbilt have more of a controlling voice in the

councils of the nation to-day than Arthur himself. Money is influence, without it, you are a corpse and you may bet that I am not prepared to be considered a "Stiff" just yet. "Very true, very true" said the fat man and both departed to share in the spoils that are wrenched from the poor man's labors, and left us behind meditating upon the great race that men are running in our day, and that the goal they aim at is the *Golden calf of the Hebrews*, the filthy lucre that springs from the dust and the slime of the earth.

And anon approaches the *Organ-grinder*; he toots his reed, his roundelay is perpetually kept up notwithstanding the jostling of the numerous passers-by. An ornamentally-decked *Monkey* is perched on the box, he holds out his master's hat to take in the offered gifts, while he jerks, jumps and squirms with the utmost cuteness. Yet strange to say we failed to catch in him the faintest note of the human voice, after all the so-called wonderful discoveries of science, and despite his denoted advocates, Spencer, Darwin, Tyndall and Huxley. But yet the organ grinds; yet the shackles are gathered, yet this mean custom is tolerated, able-bodied men are permitted to ply such an idle trade; and as we watched the Italian tramp, strutting along and taking up a penny or two from some tender-hearted lady we could not help calmly remarking—"Yes, our fat man certainly uttered a practical truth, and Shakespeare very aptly said what fools we mortals be." Once more our gaze is riveted upon the rag-covered, cold-footed newsboy with a bundle of papers under his arm. Clamorously the cry of "Evening news" is sung out as he skips along, little dreaming that he is a mere waif cast about the world's glittering society, that cares little for his needs, little for his wants, that answers his questions "A paper this evening?" with an ironical snarl devoid of human sympathy. And the poor mother, the orphan babe sitting on her lap! What suffering in the midst of such wealth, in the midst of such pomp and display of fashion! And yet we talk of philanthropists, of christians, of hearts full of tenderness and compassion, bursting for the woes of suffering humanity! It is a satire upon the name of charity to utter such remarks.

Charity is certainly an abstraction in this century.

The early christians divided their goods amongst one another; but modern christians do not give even a mite out of their surplus funds which they squander and lavish upon the gayeties and flippancies of the hour. And yonder comes the noble son of toil. His dress, his cheerful looks, his gait, all indicate his hard day's labor, his fulfilling the dictum of God to fallen man; "Thou shalt earn thy bread by the sweat of thy brow." Homeward now he plods his way, with the earnings of his hands to cheer the fireside circle that gladly await his return. Ten hours has he toiled for \$1.00 or 1.50, thereby enriching his employer, such as Vanderbilt, who a few days since spent \$200,000 on a *fancy family ball*. Is this justice, is this equality, thought we? In this land of boasted freedom does not this seem like planting the seeds of future revolutions, of laying the foundations of "*Socialism*," so pregnant with evil in our times? Does not this lead to those continual wars and jags that exist between *Labor* on the one hand and *Capital* on the other. And thus they advance, each one drifting towards his own destination. And whither all? Down towards the rocks and shoals that lie at the verge of the grave, and soon they shall hear the roar of the last wave that shall dash them into eternity. Of those and many other such, the world to-day is composed. The earth is a sandy arena whose gladiators engage in deadly combat and the weakest fall. It is a race course filled by so many men who rush headlong towards wealth, influence, power, popularity and fame. The rich care not for the poor, nor the strong for the weak, each rushing forward heedlessly over the bleeding corpse or his victim chasing an empty Phantom, *will-o-the-wisp-like*, and whirls on towards that dark and dismal region, the grave, which, like the fabled cerberus must soon open up its jaws to receive him; never looking up to Him, who reigns above the strifes and contentions of life's battles and administers justice to everyone according to his works, and who has declared, "seek first the Kingdom of God, and all things else shall be added unto you."

THE SPANIARDS IN AMERICA.

I remarked the other day in an educational work of wide circulation these passages:—"It is fortunate for our country that the Spaniards (who discovered the New World) first landed at the South—leaving the Atlantic coast of North America to be settled chiefly by the English. The Spaniards were cruel and avaricious: they did not come to America to till the soil, and follow honest labor, but with extravagant hopes of becoming rich from mines of gold and silver. The people of the Spanish colonies, therefore, became idle, ignorant and

"corrupt and their descendants retain that character to this day. But the English were an industrious people who loved liberty, and earned success by energetic toil in the field and on the sea.... After the conquests (of Mexico) the cruelty of the Spaniards drove the Indians back into barbarism,"

If these were the assertions of only one writer, or of one who was not likely to be read much, we might pass them over in silence; but when we see them openly made or covertly implied in the works of many of those authors who have pretended to put truthful outlines of history into the hands of our young people, I think it is but just that we should call attention to those mistakes, made through ignorance; or distortions of truth, made through prejudice. We shall admit that the portion of the New World first colonized by the British is more prosperous than that settled by the Spaniards. We will not, however, admit that this is owing to the causes which the author assigns.

The Spaniards were not "cruel and avaricious." Their wars of conquest were not more cruel than wars always are; not one tenth so atrocious as the *holy wars* of Cromwell in Ireland, nor one tenth so inhuman as the exterminating wars waged against the Indians by the liberty-loving English colonists in North America. Those wars, moreover, did not continue long. And, although the conquerors, elated with victory and far away from the over-seeing authority of the mother country, assumed, for a short time, almost absolute power, and treated the natives with cruelty and extortion, the home government soon called them to account, had their conduct investigated, and finally replaced them by wiser governors. Spanish authority being once firmly established, measures were taken to recompense the natives for the imaginary loss of their laws, customs and religious practices. The natives, who had been enslaved by the soldiers of the conquest, were emancipated. Then all the Indians in the colonies were given the title of Spanish subjects with all the rights and privileges of the Spaniards themselves. Although these measures were at first odious to the colonists, the government persisted, and to this day, Cuba is the only place of all that territory colonized by the Spaniards, in which slavery is tolerated. Even there it is quite certain that slavery will cease to exist before the advent of another generation.

The next step following the emancipation of the Indians, was the sending over of a great number of missionaries, and what they did for the poor native has elicited the admiration of all impartial historians. The tribute of praise which Prescott, in his "*Conquest of Peru*," pays to them is a sufficient refutation of the false statements of some prejudiced writers, and will

remain a lasting monument to the disinterested zeal of the Spanish government. Through the efforts of the missionaries, he says, "schools were erected, magnificent churches arose, and where these could not be established, we see the zealous priest gathering the savages about him in communities, like Las Casas in Cumana, Father Claver in Carthagena, or the Jesuits in California and Paraguay. These beneficent measures show that the Spaniards were not *cruel and avaricious*.

Our author says that the Spaniards did not come to America to till the soil and follow honest labor, but with extravagant hopes of becoming rich from mines of gold and silver. Agriculture, manufacturing and commerce, it is true, have not been carried out extensively in Mexico and South America, when we compare those countries with the United States; but it does not follow that the cause must be attributed to the indolence of the Spaniards and to their shunning honest labor. Let us consider Mexico first. Though native productions grow wild in abundance, foreign trees and plants cannot be cultivated to any great extent in that tropical region because in the wet season there is too much rain, and in the dry season there is absolute drought. Very little clothing and shelter is required by the people, so that much manufacturing is unnecessary and foreign trade is not a sufficient incentive to start the manufacturing powers of any nation. There are, moreover, very few navigable rivers in Mexico. Good harbors are also very scarce, for in the East, the coast is low, swampy and pestilential and great sand bars extend into the sea; and again from the autumnal to the vernal equinox are rendered inaccessible by violent tempests, caused by North-West winds and effectually preventing all navigation. Considering that the Western coast is as bad as the Eastern, these things are true of South America. Therefore, taking into consideration these obstacles to agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, can we censure the people for having devoted their chief attention to mining and grazing, when their savannas abounded in herds of wild horses and cattle, and their mountains teemed with all the precious and useful ores?

The Spanish colonists did not "become idle, ignorant and corrupt," nor are "their descendants so characterized." For when we consider that most of the people are of Indian descent, that the climate forbids great exertion, that the country is rich in natural productions, and that manufacturing and commerce are almost impossible from the very nature of the country; we cannot say that the people deserve to be called idle. When we consider, furthermore, that, in spite of all those disadvantages, agriculture and manufacturing have been extensively carried on, that a large foreign

and domestic commerce has been established, that numberless cities have been built, that grand cathedrals which are the admiration of the age, have been erected, and that hospitals, public libraries, art galleries and educational institutions of all kinds have been founded, we are forced to acknowledge that the State of Society in those countries is very far removed from ignorance and corruption.

(To be continued.)

PERSONALS.

J. J. Powers grows opulent and corpulent in Emmett, Mich.

Dan Conway '79 is now located in the Normal at Dixon, Ill.

Mr. James Kirby '72 has charge of a fine Drug-Store in Momence, Ill.

Mr. Ehrich '72 commands an extensive Grocery trade in Kankakee, Ill.

Rev. P. Murtaugh '78 has charge of the congregation in Waterford, Texas.

Rev. Jno. Hermerling '79 was lately appointed Pastor of Big Stone City, Dakota.

Mr. E. Wilstach '74 is now a prosperous Wall-paper merchant in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Thos. Shields '77 is proprietor of a fine Dry-Goods house in Wilmington, Ill.

Mr. R. Lefourneau '80 has recently engaged in the Drug trade at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Rev. G. U. A. Magnan '73 is the present Pastor of Notre Dame de Lourdes Ont., Canada.

Mr. A. A. Canavan '73 is gaining quite a reputation as a practitioner in the court of Chicago.

F. Parish '72 owns a very good farm near Momence, Ill. Frank is regarded as a model agriculturist.

Our athlete S. Theriault of last year is numbered among the students of the Metropolitan College, Chicago.

We received a letter last week from our pleasant friend Jas. Hynes '82, who pursues his Theological course at Suspension Bridge, N. Y.

It will be interesting for all those who enjoyed the comic stories, songs and dances of O. K. Mooney last year, to learn that he lives, moves and is in Mossville, Ill.

Those who know A. Brady '79, of B. B. fame, will be happy to learn that he became a Benedict last week and has taken up his residence in Ransom, Ill. May joy be yours, Gus.

By a letter lately received from Verona, Ill. we are informed that our old friend N. Walsh '78, of that place, was married to Miss Hinch on the 25th ult. Nick is the very essence of good nature, knows how to enjoy life and has our best wishes.

"OUR EXCHANGE."

The "Kewanee Courier," a neatly printed and well edited newspaper, has been gladdly added to the list of our exchanges.

We thank Mr. E. D. Conley, editor of the "Wilmington Advocate," for his kind notice of us on the 9th ult. The Advocate under his able management holds a first place among the papers of Will County.

The "Kankakee Herald," of recent date, contains a favorable notice of the "Journal." Mr. Buck, the genial editor of the Herald, is a man of no small erudition, and we are pleased to merit his approbation.

Words of encouragement are a great incentive to us, no matter whence their source, and they certainly lose none of their power coming from the columns of the "Western Catholic." The Western Catholic is one of the most influential papers in the West, and its Editor, Rev. J. H. O'Brien, is a man whose consideration is most gratifying to us.

The 2nd. of April brought us a welcome visitor, the "Notre Dame Scholastic." The columns of the number which we have received, are replete with histrionic and critical matter, and contain much that interests the student. The Scholastic is one of the finest college journals in the Union, and it is a pleasure to number it among our exchanges.

LOCALS.

Here we are again!

Who painted that red hat?

It is said we are soon to have a uniform.

Some of the boys are becoming very *chicken* hearted.

John E., pay your lawful bets and give every man his own.

This is the kind of weather that makes the Infirmary a quiet place.

Messrs Gleason and Allen called to see their brothers on Monday last.

For Phrenological explanations to your entire satisfaction call upon F. E. McAuliffe.

"Doc." Grimes dreads the approach of warm weather. You have our sympathy, Doc, we are corpulent ourselves.

Question for the next debate; Resolved that those feet should be taxed as real estate rather than personal property.

The members of the old reliable "Active" nine are now prepared to meet any antagonists the broad campus can muster.

At the last reading of the notes William Hart was first in the class of Phonography.

P. C. Conway says dried apples should not be used for making pies unless they are green.

A new story entitled "The man with a steam arm" will appear in some future issue of the Journal.

Miss M. M. Desjardins of Aurora, formerly a pupil of the Academy, is visiting friends and old class-mates in the Grove.

The senior's ball-alley has been repaired, and now the athletic contestants produce great excitement by their interesting games.

John Morrissey, who has been suffering for some time with facial neuralgia, is able to talk as fluently as ever on all political topics of the day.

Early as it seems, M. Clinton has received a special request from Elgin, to orate there on July 4th. We dare say it will be a private lecture.

We are sorry to see that Gibbons has abandoned his good resolutions, and is now endeavoring to sustain himself by an extensive traffic in watches.

"Curious are the ways of printers," mused Bresser, the other day when our patent machine had thrown him from the Sanctum to the recreation hall.

"The Imitator" edited formerly by V. Morrisson and Co. has been suppressed, and consequently Gus Mossett, the local editor is out of employment.

Base-ball has again become the most attractive feature of the season, and in match games Pat Sullivan can be seen behind the bat "taking in the Curves."

Frank Mosely has a parental appearance since he was appointed to be the custodian of Patsy John Welsh, who lately arrived from Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland.

Rev. P. A. McGair gratified us with his visit this morning. Father McGair is blooming with health and overflowing with good humor; he wishes us all the compliments of the Season which we heartily return.

P. L. McGrath of Lincoln, Ill. spent a few days last week visiting his brother. He was very uneasy and suspicious at first, but when assured that no college trick would terminate on him, he enjoyed the time hugely.

The new park is rapidly assuming a most beautiful appearance. When completed, it will be the main entrance to the college grounds. The design is indeed most perfect and reflects with credit upon those who formed the plan.

Since our last issue, we are called upon to acknowledge the receipt of several liberal donations, viz: Rev. T. O'Garra, Wilmington, Ill. Five dollars; Rev. Fr. Gorman, Chebuse, Ill. Two dollars; Rev. A. Bergeron, Monteno, Ill. Five dollars; and Rev. M. Letellier, Five dollars. These contributions are most thankfully received and are an indication of that kindness and generosity of the Rev. Gentlemen, which, on other occasions have been similarly manifested.

Last Friday, as is customary on the first Friday of the month, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed during the entire day. The students received Holy Communion, in a body, wearing their society emblems of the Sacred Heart, thereby presenting a spectacle highly edifying in every particular.

On Tuesday last, all the arrangements were made for the grand public debate, to be held in the college hall, May 22nd., for the purpose of deciding who is to wear the Gold Medal for excellence in debating, donated by Rev. Fr. Hagan of Chicago. The contestants were chosen by ballot from the Rhetoric classes, as follows: affirmative, Messrs. A. McGavie and T. J. McKinnery, Negative, Messrs. P. C. Conway and R. J. Sadlier, subject, resolve; that the patriotism of the Ancients surpasses that of the moderns. Fr. Hagan is manifesting great interest in the matter, and the enthusiasm of the debaters shows their high appreciation of the Rev. Gentlemen, for thus aiding them in a work of such importance.

We are sorry to state that J. P. Murphy was called to his home in Toledo, last week, by a telegram bearing the sad news that his father was dangerously sick. We sincerely hope that the danger has passed away, and that ere long we may have the happiness of seeing Mr. Murphy within the college walls.

The new wing of the Notre Dame Academy is being built very rapidly. The structure will be 45x85, three stories high, so built as to match the south wing, and will cost upwards of ten thousand dollars. This will render the appearance of the Academy very beautiful and is a visible manifestation of that success and prosperity due to those whose every action is for the honor and greater glory of God.

Last week, Rev. Jno. McKune of Leavenworth Cathedral, Kansas, added twenty five dollars to the many donations already given by him, to St. Patrick Literary association.

The "McKune Library" already contains a choice selection of modern writers. The liberality of Fr. McKune is highly appreciated by the members of the society, and his name will live in the hearts of all for generations to come.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Michael Mullen.....Gold med 1.
James O'Callaghan.....1st. Silver med 1.
Patrick Byrnes.....2nd. " "
James Cusack.....3rd. " "

Distinguished.—Joseph Kelly, Ambrose Granger, Paul Wilsch, James Donahoe, Charles Fay, Thomas Hughes, Jos. Lamb, Richard Sadlier, Alex. McGavie, Patrick Conway, Patrick Tierney, Thomas McKinnery, Florence McAuliffe.

Jos. Lamb.....Guilfoyle Med 1 for English Composition.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Edward Galiet.....Gold Med 1.
Thomas Gibbons.....1st. Silver Med 1.
Edward O'Milly.....2nd. " "

Distinguished; Charles Bell, Charles Cameron, Joseph Dandurand, John Byrnes, William Convey, William Hart.

Lesage Gold Medal for French Composition, awarded by Philip Lesage and Ambrose Granger, drawn by Philip Lesage.

GOOD CONDUCT.

William Moreau.....Gold Med 1.

POLITENESS.

Augustine Frizer.....Gold Med 1.

Distinguished in Deportment.—Alex. McGavie, Philip Lesage, Richard Sadlier, James O'Callaghan, Ambrose Granger, James Cusack, Horace Mathieu, Jos. Kelley, Patrick Byrnes.

LITERARY NOTES.

Messrs Henry Holt & Co. will soon publish "Outlines of the Constitutional History of the United States," by Luther H. Porter.

"Living English Poets," which has lately created a great literary sensation in London, will soon appear in an American Edition from the press of Roberts Brothers.

"Patron Saints," by Eliza Starr, is a work recently published and deserves unqualified praise. It is a good and useful book and is written in such a simple and attractive manner that every Catholic child will find pleasure in its perusal.

Father Joseph Riess, a member of the Jesuit order, and known for his literary abilities, died a short time ago in the College of Fiddkirch, in the Tyrol. All his writings, which are very numerous, are highly valued by the friends and foes of the Church alike. He was one of the best and noblest men of Germany, and his death is universally lamented.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Right Rev. Bishop Keane set sail for Europe on the 2nd inst.

The diocese of Boston has 150 Catholic churches and 260 priests.

New Jersey has 142 Catholic churches, 184 priests, and 175,000 catholics.

Right Rev. Bishop Spalding, of Peoria has left Rome for a tour in the Holy Land.

Mgr. Vannutelli, the Papal Nuncio at Brazil, will represent the Pope at the Czar's coronation.

During the floods in Cincinnati, Bishop Elder had all the Catholic churches thrown open to the homeless.

Archbishop Croke declares himself in favor of compulsory education in Ireland, particularly among the Catholic youth.

According to the "Household Library of catholic poets," the catholic poets of distinction are nearly one hundred and fifty in number.

A dispatch from Rome announces the death of Cardinal Pietro Francesco Meglia, in the seventy-third year of his age. *Requiescat in pace.*

It is rumored that the Holy See has appointed Rev. James Rademacher of the diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind. to the See of Nashville Tenn., vacant by the promotion of Archbishop Feehan to Chicago.

The Church of our Saviour, at Vienna, which has been in course of construction for twenty-six years, will cost, when finished, \$1,874,000. The foundation stone is a block of marble which was quarried on the Mount of Olives.

Rev. Felix Verreydt, the oldest member of the Society of Jesus in the United States, and one of the first founders of that order in the West, died at St. Xavier's College, Cincinnati, on the 22nd inst; in the 85th year of his age.—*Requiescat in pace.*

A Catholic Bishop for Parliament.—The Australian papers state that the catholic Bishop of Dunedin, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Moran, has announced himself as candidate for a seat in Parliament, with a view to promote denominational education in the colony.

Cardinal Manning's house at Westminster is to be pulled down at once to make room for the new Cathedral to be erected by the munificence of Sir Tatton Sykes. The cathedral is to be built from the design of the Commemorative church in Vienna.

Bishop Quinlan's Funeral.—The remains of the late Bishop Quinlan were interred at Mobile, Ala. on the 13th inst. with great solemnity. Eight bishops and forty priests assisted at the ceremony Rt. Rev. H. Elder D.D. of Cincinnati acting as celebrant of the Mass.

The celebrated painting of "Paul in Chains," by

Maurille, which many years ago cost \$25,000, and was placed in St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, has been lately ruined. The sexton in trying to place a screen over it, slipped from the scaffolding and fell through the picture, ruining it entirely.

On the 22nd. next, the consecration of Right Rev. Richter, the first Bishop of Grand Rapids, will take place in St. Andrew's church in that city. The consecrating bishop will be Right Rev. Elder of Cincinnati; the first assistant, bishop Borgess of Detroit; the second assistant Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville.

MUSICAL.

Mr. Alfred DeSeve, a favorite violinist in Canada, assisted Albani in concerts at Montreal last week.

The remains of John Howard Payne arrived in Washington on the 24th ult. It is recorded that when quite young he was introduced to master Samuel Woodworth, then about 20 years of age. The friendship thus formed strengthened as the boys grew older. They were at this time associated together in the publication of a little weekly paper of four pages called "The Fly."

That these two boy-editors, thus brought together on the same work, should afterwards become the authors of two of the most popular songs in the English language; the one, of "Home, Sweet Home," the other of "The Old Oaken Bucket,"—was a remarkable coincidence.

The musical event of the season was the presentation of S. G. Pratt's opera, Zenobia, produced at McVicker's Theatre Chicago last week, for the first time, on any stage. The production reflected great credit upon the author and management. From the good feeling which prevailed through the audience and repeated rounds of applause manifesting their hearty appreciation, its favorable reception and assured success may well be inferred. It is to be hoped that Zenobia might be the commencement of fair play for Americans in the world of music. Mr. Pratt is deserving of much praise for his exertions in the cause of American music.

MARCH.

ROLL OF HONOR.

- 1st. Degree—Misses C. Magnan, Katie O'Rielly, K. Cleary, A. Sullivan, A. Mallon, M. Cain.
- 2nd. Degree—Misses M. McGair, R. Keegan, A. Blackstone, M. L. Palement, C. Lesveque, E. Howell, E. Pepin.

Notre Dame Academy

Bourbonnais Grove April 6th. '83.

AVOID ALL THIS.

In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibility, a coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of statulent garrulity, jejune babblement and assinine affections. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquistia, verbosity and vaniloquent rapidity. Shun double entendres, purulent jocosity and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from "slang;" don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say. And don't use big words.

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