



PROVERBS AND OLD SAYINGS.

Scriptural Proverbs.



FALSE balance is an abomination to the Lord ; but a just weight is his delight.
 A fool uttereth all his mind ; but a wise man keepeth it till afterwards.
 A fool's wrath is presently known ; but a prudent man covereth shame.
 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.
 A man that has friends must show himself friendly ; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
 A man of understanding holdeth his peace.
 A man's pride shall bring him low ; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.
 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine ; but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast ; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
 A soft answer turneth away wrath ; but grievous words stir up anger.
 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband ; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
 A wise son maketh a glad father ; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.
 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.
 As a jewel of gold on a swine's snout, so is a fair woman who is without discretion.
 As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, so is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport ?
 As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool.
 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more ; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.
 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds ; for riches are not forever.
 Before honor is humility.
 Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.
 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right.
 Blessings are upon the head of the just ; but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow ; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
 By much slothfulness the building decayeth ; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.
 By pride cometh contention.
 Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it *after many days*.
 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise ; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.
 Faithful are the wounds of a friend ; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain ; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
 Fear God, and keep his commandments ; for this is the whole duty of man.
 For men to search their own glory * is not glory.
 Go from the presence of the foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.
 Go to the ant, thou sluggard ; consider her ways and be wise.
 God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.
 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand ; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
 He that observeth the wind shall not sow, and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.
 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man : he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house ; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
 He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.
 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just ; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him.
 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.
 He that spareth the rod hateth his son ; but he that loveth him chasteneth betimes.
 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son ; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causes shame.
 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely ; but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
 He that is surety for a stranger, shall smart for it ; and he that hateth suretyship is sure.

* To talk of their own doings.

He that keepeth [silent] his mouth, keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant of the wise of heart.

Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad.

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his own sins.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct.*

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink; for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

If ye cast pearls before swine, they will turn again and rend you.

In all labor there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

It is nought, it is nought, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

It is better to dwell in a corner of the house-top, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty: open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Much food is in the tillage of the poor; but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Remove not the old land mark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless.

Reprove not a scorner lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man and he will love thee.

Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.

Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business: he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.†

Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words: there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

The curse causeless shall not come.

The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful shall be under tribute.

The labor of the righteous tendeth to life, the fruit of the wicked to sin.

The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot.

The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.

The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

The rich ruleth over the poor; and the borrower is servant to the lender.

The simple believeth every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

* Knowledge is power.—*Bacon*.

† Anciently, in the East, it was an honor to be permitted to stand in the presence of kings, as it is to sit before them in our own times.

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

The slothful man saith, There is a lion without; I shall be slain in the streets.

The poor is hated even of his neighbor; but the rich hath many friends.

The profit of the earth is for all; the king himself is served by the field.

The upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it; but the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressor shall be rooted out of it.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth;* but the righteous are bold as a lion.

The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that holdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

To all the living there is hope: a living dog is better than a dead lion.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death.

Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest.

When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes.

Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Where no wood is, then the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house, lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do.

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

ENGLISH PROVERBS.



BAD workman quarrels with his tools.
A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.
A happy heart makes a blooming visage.
Absence cools moderate passions, and inflames violent ones.

A burden which one chooses is not felt.
A cat may look at a king.
Aching teeth are ill tenants.
A chip of the old block.
A clear conscience fears no accusation.
A contented mind is a continual feast.
A creaking door hangs long on the hinges.
A day after the feast.

* Conscience makes cowards of us all.—*Shakespeare*.

A drowning man will catch at a straw.
 Adversity flattereth no man.
 A fat kitchen makes a lean will.
 A fault confessed is half redressed.
 A fool and his money are soon parted.
 A fool can make money ; it requires a wise man to spend it.
 A fool may give a wise man counsel.
 A fool's bolt is soon shot.
 After death the doctor.
 After dinner sit a while, after supper walk a mile.
 After meat, mustard.
 A friend in need is a friend indeed.
 A full purse never lacks friends.
 A gentleman without a living is like a pudding without suet.
 A good layer-up is a good layer-out.
 A good maxim is never out of season.
 A good name keeps its luster in the dark.
 A good servant makes a good master.
 A good word is as soon said as an ill one.
 A goose cannot graze after him.
 A great dowry is a bed full of troubles.
 Agues come on horseback, but go away on foot.
 A guilty conscience needs no accuser.
 A hair of the dog that bit him.
 A handful of good life is better than a bushel of learning.
 A hungry man's an angry man.
 A king's favor is no inheritance.
 A libertine's life is not a life of liberty.
 A lie has no legs, but scandal has wings.
 A light-heeled mother makes a heavy-heeled daughter.
 A light purse is a heavy curse.
 A little body doth often harbor a great soul.
 A little leak will sink a great ship.
 A little pot is soon hot.
 All are not friends that speak us fair.
 All are not hunters that blow the horn.
 All are not thieves that dogs bark at.
 All feet tread not in one shoe.
 All gone to sixes and sevens [confusion and ruin].
 All is fish that comes to the net.
 All is not gain that is got into the purse.
 All is not gold that glitters.
 All lay hold on the willing horse.
 All the honesty is in the parting.
 All the fat's in the fire.
 All things are soon prepared in a well-ordered house.
 All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
 Almost and very nigh, save many a lie.
 Always put the saddle on the right horse.
 A man forewarned is forearmed.
 A man may buy gold too dear.
 A man may cause his own dog to bite him.
 A man may hold his tongue in an ill time.
 A man may lose his goods for want of demanding them.
 A man must ask his wife leave to thrive.
 A man never surfeits of too much honesty.
 A man without reason is a beast in season.
 A miss is as good as a mile.
 An apple, an egg, and a nut, you may eat after a slut.
 An empty purse fills the face with wrinkles.
 An evil lesson is soon learned.
 Anger dieth quickly with a good man.
 An honest man's word is as good as his bond.
 An hour in the morning is worth two in the afternoon.
 A nice wife and a backdoor often make a rich man poor.
 An idle brain is the devil's workshop.
 An oak is not felled with one blow.
 An obedient wife commands her husband.
 A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.
 An old knave is no babe.
 An old sack asketh much patching.
 An ounce of mother wit is worth a pound of clergy.

Antiquity is not always a mark of verity.
 An unlawful oath is better broke than kept.
 Anything for a quiet life.
 A penny saved is a penny earned.
 A pin a day is a groat a year.
 A pitcher goes often to the well, but is broken at last.
 A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder.
 A quiet tongue shows a wise head.
 A rolling stone gathers no moss.
 A rotten apple injures its companions.
 A rotten sheep infects the whole flock.
 A single fact is worth a ship-load of argument.
 A small pack becomes a small peddler.
 A small spark makes a great fire.
 A smart reproof is better than smooth deceit.
 A spur in the head is worth two in the heel.
 As the bell is, so is the clapper.
 As the crow is, the egg will be.
 As the fool thinks the bell clinks.
 As the old cock crows, the young cock learns.
 A stitch in time saves nine.
 As welcome as flowers in May.
 As you make your bed, so must you lie on it.
 As you sow, so you shall reap.
 A tree is known by its fruit.
 A wager is a fool's argument.
 A willful man will have his way.
 A willing mind makes a light foot.
 A word before is worth two behind.
 Aye be as merry as you can.
 Bachelors' wives and maids' children are always well taught.
 Beauty is a blossom.
 Beauty is no inheritance.
 Before thou marry, be sure of a house wherein to tarry.
 Beggars have no right to be choosers.
 Be it for better, or be it for worse, be ruled by him that beareth the purse.
 Be not too hasty to outbid another.
 Be slow to promise, and quick to perform.
 Better do it than wish it done.
 Better go around than fall into the ditch.
 Better known than trusted.
 Better late than never.
 Better ride on an ass that carries me, than a horse that throws me.
 Better to be alone than in bad company.
 Better to be beaten than to be in bad company.
 Better to bend than to break.
 Better to go to bed supperless than to rise in debt.
 Between two stools we come to the ground.
 Birds of a feather flock together.
 Birth is much, but breeding is more.
 Borrowed garments never fit well.
 Brag is a good dog, but Holdfast is better.
 Bread at pleasure, drink by measure.
 Brevity is the soul of wit.
 Building and marrying of children are great wasters.
 Burning the candle at both ends.
 Business is the salt of life.
 Buy at a market, but sell at home.
 By others' faults wise men correct their own.
 "Can do," is easily carried.
 Care killed a cat.
 Carrying coals to Newcastle.
 Catch not at the shadow, and lose the substance.
 Catch the bear before you sell his skin.
 Change of fortune is the lot of life.
 Charity begins at home, but does not end there.
 Cheating play never thrives.
 Children and chickens must be always picking.
 Children are uncertain comforts.
 Children suck the mother when they are young, and the father when they are old.

Climb not too high, lest the fall be the greater.
 Confession of a fault makes half amends for it.
 Confine your tongue, lest it confine you.
Conscience is never dilatory in her warnings.
 Conscience is the chamber of justice.
 Constant occupation prevents temptation.
 Content is the true philosopher's stone.
 Contentment to the mind is as light to the eye.
 Conviviality should ever be free from intemperance.
 Courtesy on one side never lasts long.
 Covet not that which belongs to others.
 Craft bringeth nothing home.
 Custom is a second nature.
 Cut and come again.
 Cut your coat according to your cloth.
 Daub yourself with honey, and you will have plenty of flies.
 Death is deaf, and hears no denial.
 Death keeps no calendar.
 Debt is the worst kind of poverty.
 Deeds are fruits, words are but leaves.
 Deep rivers move with silent majesty, shallow brooks are noisy.
 Defer not till the evening what the morning may accomplish.
 Delays are dangerous.
 Deliberate slowly, execute promptly.
 Depend not on fortune, but on conduct.
 Dependence is a poor trade to follow.
 Deride not any man's infirmities.
 Desires are nourished by delays.
 Deserve success, and you shall command it.
 Despise none, despair of none.
 Diligence is the mistress of success.
 Diseases are the interests paid for pleasures.
 Do as the most do, and fewest will speak evil of you.*
 Do as you would be done by.
 Dogs wag their tails not so much in love to you as to your bread.
 Doing nothing is doing ill.
 Do not burn daylight upon it.
 Do not halloo till you are out of the wood.
 Do not make fish of one and flesh of another.
 Do not rip up old sores.
 Do not spur a free horse.
 Do not throw your opinions in everybody's teeth.
 Don't be all your days trotting in a cabbage leaf.
 Don't buy a pig in a poke.
 Don't measure other people's corn by your bushel.
 Don't neglect to feather your nest.
 Don't run away with more than you can carry.
 Don't value a gem by what it is set in.
 Do what thou oughtest, and come what can.
 Down with the dust [pay with the money].
 Drunkenness is a pair of spectacles to see the devil and all his works.
 Drunkenness reduces a man below the standard of a brute.
 Eagles fly alone, but sheep flock together.
 Early to bed and early to rise,
 Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
 Eat what you like, but pocket nothing.
 Empty vessels make the greatest sound.
 Enough is as good as a feast.
 Entertain honor with humility, and poverty with patience.
 Evening oats are good morning's fodder.
 Ever drunk ever dry.
 Ever spare and ever have.
 Every bean has its black.
 Every dog hath his day.
 Everybody's business is nobody's business.
 Every couple is not a pair.
 Every herring must hang by its own head.
 Every Jack has his Jill.
 Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

* In most cases this would be a bad advice.

Every one for himself, and God for us all.
 Every one puts his fault on the times.
 Every one to his liking, as the old woman said when she kissed her cow.
 Every path hath a puddle.
 Every shoe fits not every foot.
 Everything hath an end, and a pudding hath two.
 Everything is good in its season.
 Everything is the worse for wearing.
 Example teaches more than precept.
 Experience is the mother of science.
 Experience teaches fools.
 Evil communications corrupt good manners.
 Evil gotten, evil spent.
 Faint heart never won fair lady.
 Fair and softly go far in a day.
 Fair words make fools fain.
 Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.
 False friends are worse than open enemies.
 Fancy may bolt bran and think it flour.
 Far-fetched and dear-bought is good for ladies.
 Fat paunches make lean pates.
 Fat sorrow is better than lean sorrow.
 Few take care to live well, but many to live long.
 Fiddler's fare—meat, drink, and money.
 Fine feathers make fine birds.
 Fine words butter no parsnips.
 Fire and water are good servants, but bad masters.
 Fire is not to be quenched with tow.
 First deserve and then desire.
 Fly pleasure and it will follow thee.
 Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them.
 Fools should never see half-done work.
 Fools tie knots, and wise men loose them.
 Fools will be meddling.
 Forebearance is no acquittance.
 Forgive and forget.
 Forgive any sooner than thyself.
 Fortune favors the brave.
 Fortune has no power over discretion.
 Fortune knocks once at least at every man's gate.
 For want of company, welcome trumpery.
 From fame to infamy is a beaten road.
 Gather thistles except prickles.
 Gentry sent to market will not buy one bushel of corn.
 Get thy spindle and distaff ready, and God will send flax.
 Give a dog an ill name and hang him.
 Give a rogue rope enough, and he will hang himself.
 Give it plenty of elbow grease [hard rubbing].
 Give the devil his due.
 God help the rich, the poor can beg.
 God helps those who help themselves.
 God send you more wit, and me more money.
 God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.
 Go farther and fare worse.
 Good counsel is above all price.
 Good harvests make men prodigal, bad ones provident.
 Good to be merry at meat.
 Good ware makes quick markets.
 Good wine needs no bush.
 Good words cost nothing, but are worth much.
 Goods are not theirs who enjoy them.
 Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.
 Grasp all, lose all.
 Great barkers are no biters.
 Great cry and little wool.
 Great gain and little pain make a man soon weary.
 Half a loaf is better than no bread.
 Handsome is that handsome does.
 Happy is he whose friends were born before him.
 Happy is he who knows his follies in his youth.
 Happy is the wooing that is not long in doing.

Harm watch, harm catch.
 Hasty resolutions seldom speed well.
 Have not thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.
 Hear twice before you speak once.
 He dances well to whom fortune pipes.
 He doubles his gift who gives in time.
 He fights with his own shadow.
 He giveth twice that gives in a trice.
 He has a bee in his bonnet.
 He has brought his noble to ninepence.
 He has had a bit upon his bridle.
 He is a wise man who speaks little.
 He is proper that hath proper conditions.
 He knows not a B from a bull's foot.
 He knows not a hawk from a hand-saw.
 He lacks most that longs most.
 Hell is paved with good intentions.
 Help the lame dog over the stile.
 He liveth long that liveth well.
 He'll find some hole to creep out at.
 He loses nothing for the asking.
 He loseth his thanks who promiseth and delayeth.
 He loseth nothing that keeps God for his friend.
 He loves roast meat well that licks the spit.
 He may well be contented who needs neither borrow nor flatter.
 He must needs run whom the devil drives.
 He must stoop that hath a low door.
 He plays well that wins.
 He's a Jack in office.
 He's gone upon a sleeveless errand.
 He that always complains is never pitied.
 He that blows in the dust fills his eyes.
 He that falls in an evil cause, falls in the devil's frying-pan.
 He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.
 He that has no shame has no conscience.
 He that has no silver in his purse should have silver on his tongue.
 He that hath a good harvest may be content with some thistles.
 He that is angry is seldom at ease.
 He that is warm thinks all are so.
 He that lendeth looseth double. [Loses both his money and his friend.]
 He that licks honey from thorns pays too dear for it.
 He that lies down with dogs, must expect to rise with fleas.
 He that lives not well one year sorrows for it seven.
 He that liveth wickedly can hardly die honestly.
 He that reckons without his host must reckon again.
 He that runs fast will not run long.
 He that runs in the night stumbles.
 He that plants not corn sows thistles.
 He that stays in the valley will never get over the hill.
 He that will not be saved needs no preacher.
 He that will not be counseled cannot be helped.
 He that will steal an egg will steal an ox.
 He that would thrive must rise at five; he that has thriven may lie till seven.
 He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
 He who is hasty fishes in an empty pond.
 He who knows himself best esteems himself least.
 He who lies long in bed his estate feels it.
 He who marries for wealth doth sell his liberty.
 He who rises late never does a good day's work.
 He who runs after a shadow has a wearisome race.
 He who sows brambles must not go barefoot.
 He who spends all he gets is in the highroad to beggary.
 He who swims in sin will sink in sorrow.
 He who would catch fish must not mind getting wet.
 He who would reap well must sow well.
 Hiders are good finders.
 His bread is buttered on both sides.
 His eye is bigger than his belly.
 His tongue's no slander.
 Home is home though it be ever so homely.
 Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.

Hot love is soon cold.
 Hot sup, hot swallow.
 Humility is the foundation of all virtue.
 Hunger is the best sauce.
 Hungry dogs eat dirty puddings.
 I can see as far into a millstone as the picker.
 Idle folks have the most labor.
 Idle folks have the least leisure.
 Idleness is the greatest prodigality.
 Idleness is the parent of want and shame.
 Idleness is the root of all evil.
 Idleness is the sepulchre of a living man.
 If every one would mend one, all would be amended.
 If the brain plants not corn, it sows thistles.
 If the cap fit, wear it.
 If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain.
 If things were to be done twice, all would be wise.
 If we subdue not our passions, they will subdue us.
 If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.
 If you give an inch, he will take an ell.
 If you have too many irons in the fire, some of them will burn.
 If you would enjoy the fruit, pluck not the flower.
 Ignorance is the parent of many injuries.
 I have a crow to pluck with you.
 I have lived too near a wood to be frightened by owls.
 I have other fish to fry.
 I'll trust him no farther than I can fling him.
 Ill examples are like contagious diseases.
 Ill gotten goods seldom prosper.
 Ill news travel apace.
 Ill wedding and ill wintering tame both man and beast.
 Ill weeds grow apace.
 In a calm sea every man is a pilot.
 In at one ear and out at the other.
 In vain he craves advice that will not follow it.
 Inconstancy is the attendant of a weak mind.
 It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.
 It cuts both ways, like a two-edged sword.
 It is a bad horse that refuses to carry his provender.
 It is a long road that has no turning.
 It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
 It is better to do well than to say well.
 It is good to begin well, but better to end well.
 It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.
 It is never too late to learn.
 It is no small conquest to overcome yourself.
 It is not the cowl that maketh the friar.
 It's a bad cause that none dare speak in.
 It's a bad sack will abide no clouting.
 It's a good horse that never stumbles.
 It's poor sport that's not worth the candle.
 It's a sad heart that never rejoices.
 It's a wise child that knows its own father.
 It's an ill procession where the devil holds the candle.
 It's easy to bowl down hill.
 It's ill healing an old sore.
 It's ill shaving against the wool.
 It's merry in the hall when beards wag all.
 It's more painful to do nothing than something.
 It's not the gay coat makes the gentleman.
 It's possible for a ram to kill a butcher.
 It's wit to pick a lock and steal a horse, but wisdom to let them alone.
 Jack Nokes and Tom Stiles.
 Jack of all trades and master of none.
 Jesting lies bring serious sorrows.
 Judge not of a ship as she lies on the stocks.
 Judge not of men or things at first sight.
 Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it.
 Keep counsel thyself first.
 Keep good men company, and you shall be of the number.
 Keep no more cats than will catch mice.

- Keep the bowels open, the head cool, and the feet warm, and a fig for physicians.
- Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.
- Keep your tongue within your teeth.
- Kill two birds with one stone.*
- Kindness is lost upon an ungrateful man.
- Kindness, like grain, increases by sowing.
- Kissing goes by favor.
- Knavery may serve a turn, but honesty is best in the end.
- Land was never lost for want of an heir.
- Lazy folks take the most pains.
- Least said is soonest mended.
- Lend thy horse and thou mayest have back his skin.
- Let every peddler carry his own burden.
- Let every tub stand on its own bottom.
- Let not your tongue cut your throat.
- Let sleeping dogs lie.
- Let the cobbler stick to his last.
- Let them laugh that win.
- Life is half spent before we know what it is.
- Life without a friend is death without a witness.
- Light come, light go.
- Lips however rosy must be fed.
- Little and often fills the purse.
- Little boats must keep near shore.
- Little pitchers have great ears.
- Little sticks kindle the fire, but great ones put it out.
- Live and let live.
- Live not to eat, but eat to live.
- Lowly set, richly worn.
- Lock the stable door when the steed is stolen.
- Long looked-for comes at last.
- Look before you leap.
- Look to the main chance.
- Look twice ere you determine once.
- Lookers-on see more than players.
- Losers are always in the wrong.
- Love asks faith, and faith asks firmness.
- Love me, love my dog.
- Lovers live by love as larks by leeks. [Ironical.]
- Lucky men need little counsel.
- Make a virtue of necessity.
- Make hay while the sun shines.
- Make not your sail too large for your ship.
- Make the best of a bad bargain.
- Making a toil of a pleasure.
- Man doth what he can and God what he will.
- Man proposes, God disposes.
- Manners often make fortunes.
- Many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip.
- Many a true word is spoken in jest.
- Many can pack the cards that cannot play.
- Many go out for wool and come home shorn.
- Many hands make light work.
- Many words will not fill the bushel.
- Marry in haste and repent at leisure.
- Marry your sons when you will, your daughters when you can.
- Mills and wives are ever wanting.
- Mischiefs come by the pound and go away by the ounce.
- Misfortunes seldom come alone.
- Misreckoning is no payment.
- Modesty is the handmaid of virtue.
- Money makes the mare to go.
- Money will do more than my lord's letter.
- More afraid than hurt.
- Much is expected where much is given.
- Much water goes by the mill the miller knows not of.
- Much would have more and lost all.
- Muffled cats are bad mousers.
- Murder will out.
- My son is my son till he gets him a wife,
But my daughter's my daughter all the days of her life.
- Necessity is the mother of invention.
- Neither praise nor dispraise thyself; thine actions serve the turn.
- Never carry two faces under one hood.
- Never fall out with your bread and butter.
- Never find anything before it is lost.
- Never fish in troubled waters.
- Never light your candle at both ends.
- Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
- Never make a mountain of a mole-hill.
- Never quit certainty for hope.
- Never ride a free horse to death.
- Never sound the trumpet of your own praise.
- Never split against the grain.
- Never tread on a sore toe.
- Never trust to a broken staff.
- Never venture out of your depth till you can swim.
- Never wade in unknown waters.
- New brooms sweep clean.
- New lights often come through cracks in the ceiling.
- New lords, new laws.
- Next to love, quietness.
- No alchemy is equal to saving.
- No man can serve two masters.
- No man should live like a toad under a harrow.
- No mill, no meal.
- None are so deaf as those that will not hear.
- None knows the weight of another's burden.
- None so blind as those who will not see.
- No pot is so ugly as not to find a cover.
- No receiver, no thief.
- No rose without a thorn.
- Nothing comes out of the sack but what was in it.
- Nothing dries sooner than tears.
- Nothing down nothing up.
- Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.
- Nothing venture nothing win.
- Of all studies, study your present condition.
- Of all the crafts to be an honest man is the master craft.
- Of all prodigality, that of time is the worst.
- Of two evils choose the least.
- Old bees yield no honey.
- Old birds are not to be caught with chaff.
- Old friends and old wines are best.
- Old friends to meet, old wine to drink, and old wood to burn.
- Old reckonings breed new disputes.
- One bad example spoils many good precepts.
- One barber shaves not so close but another finds work.
- One eye-witness is better than ten hearsays.
- One flower makes no garland.
- One good turn deserves another.
- One half the world knows not how the other half lives.
- One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after.
- One is not so soon healed as hurt.
- One man may steal a horse, when another may not look over the hedge.
- One man's meat is another's poison.
- One nail drives out another.
- One never loses by doing a good turn.
- One ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.
- One scabbed sheep will mar a flock.
- One swallow makes not a spring, nor one woodcock a winter.
- One tale is good till another is told.
- Open rebuke is better than secret hatred.
- Opportunity makes the thief.
- Opportunities neglected are irrecoverable.
- Our own opinion is never wrong.
- Out of debt, out of danger.
- Out of sight, out of mind.
- Out of the frying-pan into the fire.
- Passion is a fever that leaves us weaker than it finds us.
- Passion is ever the enemy of truth.
- Patience and time run through the longest day.
- Patience is a flower that grows not in every one's garden.

Patience is a plaster for all sores.
 Pay as you go.
 Penny wise and pound foolish.
 People who live in glass houses should never throw stones.
 Perfection is the point at which all should aim.
 Petulant contentions engender malice.
 Plain dealing's a jewel.
 Positive men are most often in error.
 Possession is nine points of the law.
 Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bedfellows.
 Poverty parts friends.
 Praise a fair day at night.
 Praise the sea but keep on land.
 Prevention is better than cure.
 Prettiness dies quickly.
 Pride of heart foreruns destruction.
 Pride will have a fall.
 Procrastination is the thief of time.
 Promise little and do much.
 Promises are too much like pie-crust.
 Provide for the worst ; the best will save itself.
 Pry not into the affairs of others.
 Pull hair and hair, and you'll make the carle bald.
 Put no faith in tale-bearers.
 Quick at meat, quick at work.
 Quick resentments are often fatal.
 Quick returns make rich merchants.
 Quit not certainty for hope.
 Raise no more spirits than you can conjure down.
 Ratify promises by performances.
 Ready money will away.
 Reckless youth makes rueful age.
 Remove an old tree and it will wither.
 Rome was not built in a day.
 Rule the appetite and temper the tongue.
 Safe bind, safe find.
 Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
 Saving at the spigot and spending at the bung.
 Say no ill of the year till it be past.
 Saying and doing are two things.
 Search others for their virtues, thyself for thy faults.
 See a beggar and catch a louse.
 Seeing is believing.
 Seek till you find, and you'll not lose your labor.
 Seldom seen, soon forgotten.
 Self-preservation is the first law of nature.
 Set a thief to take a thief.
 Shameless craving must have shameless way.
 Sharp stomachs make short graces.
 She shows many more airs than graces.
 Show me a liar, and I will show you a thief.
 Short reckonings make long friends.
 Silence does seldom any harm.
 Silks and satins put out the fire in the kitchen.
 Sit in your place and none will make you rise.
 Sleep without supper and wake without owing.
 Sloth is the mother of poverty.
 Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.
 Soon ripe, soon rotten.
 Soon well, long ill.
 Sooner said than done.
 Sorrow will pay no debt.
 Sour grapes, as the fox said when he could not reach them.
 Spare well and spend well.
 Spare when you are young, and spend when you are old.
 Speak the truth and shame the devil.
 Speech is the gift of all, but thought of few.
 Stars are not seen by sunshine.
 Stick your opinions on no person's sleeve.
 Stretch your legs according to your coverlet.
 Strike while the iron is hot.
 Study to be worthy of your parents.

Such a welcome, such a farewell.
 Such as the tree is, such is the fruit.
 Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves.
 Take heed of an ox before, an ass behind, and a knave on all sides.
 Take heed will surely speed.
 Take the will for the deed.
 Take time by the forelock.
 Talk of the devil and he'll appear.
 Talking pays no toll.
 Tell me the company you keep, and I'll tell you what you are.
 Temperance is the best physic.
 That is well spoken that is well taken.
 That penny is well spent that saves a groat.
 That's placing the cart before the horse.
 That was laid on with a trowel.
 The absent party is still faulty.
 The ass that brays most eats least.
 The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.
 The better day, the better deed.
 The blind man's wife needs no painting.
 The cobbler's wife is the worst shod.
 The comforter's head never aches.
 The covetous man is his own tormentor.
 The crow thinks her own bird the fairest.
 The devil is not as black as he is painted.
 The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be ;
 The devil grew well, the devil a monk was he.
 The end of a feast is better than the beginning of a fray.
 The eye of the master does more work than both his hands.
 The farthest way about is often the nearest way home.
 The faulty stands on his guard.
 The foremost dog catches the hare.
 The galled jade will wince.
 The goodness of a pudding is known in the eating.
 The gray mare is the better horse.
 The greatest burdens are not the gainfullest.
 The greatest strokes make not the best music.
 The greatest wealth is contentment with little.
 The groat is ill saved that shames the master.
 The guilty mind needs no accuser.
 The handsomest flower is not the sweetest.
 The hasty hand catches frogs for fish.
 The hastiest man that is must wait while his drink is drawing.
 The highway is never about.
 The highest branch is not the safest roost.
 The hotter war the sooner peace.
 The last drop makes the cup run over.
 The last suitor wins the maid.
 The lion's skin is never cheap.
 The longest day must have an end.
 The market is the best garden.
 The married man must turn his staff into a stake.
 The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.
 The mob has many heads but no brains.
 The more noble the more humble.
 The more the merrier, the fewer the better cheer.
 The more you heap, the worse you keep.
 The nearer the church the farther from God.
 The offender never pardons.
 The path of virtue is the path of peace.
 The rat which has but one hole is soon caught.
 The receiver is as bad as the thief.
 The still sow sucks the most wash.
 The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.
 There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.
 There is luck in leisure.
 There is reason in roasting eggs.
 There's a salve for every sore.
 There's no compassion like the penny.
 There's no fool like an old fool.
 There's no general rule without an exception.

There's no joy without alloy.
 The table robs more than the thief.
 The truest jests sound worst in guilty ears.
 The truth may be blamed but not shamed.
 The weakest must go to the wall.
 The wearer best knows where the shoe pinches him.
 There would be no ill language if it were not ill taken.
 There would not be great ones if there were no little.
 They love too much that die for love.
 They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.
 They need much whom nothing will content.
 Think of ease, but work on.
 Those who live longest will see most.
 Those who play with edged tools must expect to be cut.
 Threatened folks live long.
 Time and tide stay for no man.
 Time is a file that wears and makes no noise.
 Timely blossom, timely fruit.
 'Tis the second blow that makes the fray.
 To a child all weather is cold.
 To a crazy ship all winds are contrary.
 To be hail fellow well met with one. [In good fellowship.]
 To be in a merry pin.
 To dine with Duke Humphry. [To go without dinner.]
 To err is human, to forgive divine.
 To find a mare's nest. [To discover something already well known.]
 To give and keep there is need of wit.
 To go through thick and thin. [Stick at nothing.]
 To go to pot.
 To have nothing but one's labor for one's pains.
 To have the law in one's own hand.
 To have two strings to one's bow.
 To kill two birds with one stone.
 To laugh in one's sleeve.
 To leave a morsel for the Duke of Rutland. [That is—to leave it for the sake of *manners*, Manners being the family surname of the Duke of Rutland.]
 Too many cooks spoil the broth.
 Too much familiarity breeds contempt.
 To play the dog in the manger. [Not to eat yourself nor let anybody else.]
 To put one's nose out of joint.
 To rob Peter to pay Paul.
 To seek a needle in a bottle of hay.
 To send one away with with a flea in his ear. [In a state of trepidation and astonishment.]
 To set up one's staff of rest. [To propose to abide in a place.]
 To stand in one's own light.
 To starve in a cook-shop.
 To strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.
 To take a wrong sow by the ear.
 To tell tales out of school.
 To throw the helve after the hatchet. [Giving up a thing in despair.]
 To twist a rope of sand.
 Trade is the mother of money.
 Tread on a worm and it will turn.
 Trim-tram, like master, like man.
 True praise takes root and spreads.
 Truth has always a fast bottom.
 Two heads are better than one.
 Two of a trade seldom agree.
 Two swallows do not make a summer.
 Unknown, unmissed.
 Unminded, unmoved.
 Use the means and God will give the blessing.
 Valor is worth little without discretion.
 Valor that parleys is near yielding.
 Venture a small fish to catch a great one.
 Venture not all in one bottom.
 War is death's feast.
 Waste not, want not.
 Wealth makes worship.

Welcome is the best cheer.
 We must eat a peck of salt with a man before we know him.
 We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.
 What cannot be cured must be endured.
 What is bred in the bone will not come out of the flesh.
 What is got over the devil's back is spent under his belly.
 What the eye sees not the heart rues not.
 What the good wife spares the cat eats.
 When a dog is drowning every one offers him water.
 When all is consumed, repentance comes too late.
 When fortune smiles on thee, take the advantage.
 When many strike on an anvil, they strike by measure.
 When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out at the window.
 When rogues fall out, honest men get their own.
 When sorrow is asleep, wake it not.
 When the cat's away the mice play.
 When the goodman's from home the goodwife's table is soon spread.
 When wine's in wit's out.
 When two Sundays meet. [Never.]
 When you are at Rome, do as they do at Rome.
 When we have gold we are in fear, when we have none we are in danger.
 When drink enters, wisdom departs.
 Where much smoke is there must be some fire.
 Where the carcass is, there the ravens will collect together.
 Where the king is, there is the court.
 Where the will is ready the feet are light.
 Where there is a will there is always a way.
 Write injuries in dust, but kindnesses in marble.
 While the grass grows the cow starves.
 While there's life there's hope.
 Who dainties love shall beggars prove.
 Who loseth his due getteth no thanks.
 Who perisheth in needless danger is the devil's martyr.
 Who spends more than he should, shall not have to spend when he would.
 Who spits against the wind spits in his own face.
 Wide will wear, but narrow will tear.
 Wilful waste makes woful want.
 Wise men care not for what they cannot have.
 Wisely and slow: they stumble who run fast.
 Wool sellers know wool buyers.
 Words may pass, but blows fall heavy.
 Wranglers never want words.
 York—every man pay his share.
 You are busy as a hen with one chick.
 You come like a godfather after the christening.
 You can look at teeth and not be bitten.
 You can't see green cheese but your teeth must water.
 You cannot catch old birds with chaff.
 You cannot eat your cake and have it also.
 You cannot have blood out of a stone.
 You cannot hide an eel in a sack.
 You cannot kill a dog with a bone.
 You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.
 You cannot wash the blackamore white.
 You need not grease a fat sow.
 You taste the broth as soon as the meat is put in.





Scots Proverbs.



BEGUN turn is half ended.

A bit is often better gi'en than eaten.

A blate cat makes a proud mouse.

A black hen lays a white egg.

A borrowed len' should gae laughing hame.

A fidging mare should be weel girded.

Affront your friend in daffin', and tine him in earnest.

A fou man and a hungry horse aye mak haste hame.

A friend's dinner's soon dished.

Aft ettle, whiles hit.

After a storm comes a calm.

A gi'en horse shouldna be looked i' the mouth.

A gi'en piece is soon eaten.

A greedy e'e ne'er gat a gude pennyworth.

A green Yule makes a fat kirk-yard.

A gude cause maks a strong arm.

A handfu' o' trade is worth a gowpen o' gowd.

A hantle cry murder, yet are aye uppermost.

A hasty man never wanted wae.

A hunger and a burst.

A kiss and a drink o' water mak but a poor breakfast.

A man's weel or wae as he thinks himself sae.

Ane cannot wive and thrive baith in ae year.

Ane may lo'e a haggis, that wadna hae the bag thrown in his teeth.

Ane ne'er tines by doing guide.

An ilka-day braw makes a sabbath-day daw.

An ill shearer never got a gude huek.

An ill wife and a new-kindled candle should hae their heads hadden down.

An inch o' gude fortune is worth a fathom o' forecast.

An inch o' a miss is as gude as a span.

A nod o' honest men is enough.

A pound o' care winna pay an ounce o' debt.

A rough bane makes a fou wame.

As dark as a Yule midnight.

As gude fish in the sea as e'er came out o't.

As gude may haud the stirrup as he that loupes on.

A Scotch mist will wet an Englishman to the skin.

A sillerless man gangs fast through the marke'

A sorrowfu' heart is aye dry.

A' Stewarts are no sib to the king.

A tale never tines in the telling.

A tarrowing hen was never fat.

A tocherless dame sits lang at hame.

At open doors dogs gae ben.

A wee mouse can creep under a great corn stack.

A wee thing puts your beard in a bleeze.

A wight man ne'er wanted a weapon.

A wilfu' man should be unco wise.

Auld men are twice bairns.

Auld sparrows are ill to tame.

Auld springs gie nae price.

Bairns speak in the field what they hear in the ha'.

Bargain is bargain.

Be a friend to yoursel, and others will.

Bear and forbear is gude philosophy.

Bear wealth weel, poortith will bear itself.

Be aye the same thing you would be ca'd.

Be lang sick that ye may be soon hale.

Best to be off with the old love before we be on with the new.

Be thou weel, be thou wae, thou wilt not be aye sae.

Better a bit in the morning than fast a' day.

Better a finger off than aye wagging.

Better a tocher in her than on her.

Better a toom house than an ill tenant.

Better a wee bush than nae bield.

Better a wee fire to warm you than a big fire to burn you

Better be blithe wi' little than sad wi' naething.

Better buy than borrow.

Better lang something than soon naething.

Better skaith saved than mends made.

Better sma' fish than nane.

Better to haud than draw.

Better wear shoon than wear sheets.

Blind men shouldna judge o' colors.

Bode for a silk gown and ye'll get a sleeve o't.

Broken bread makes hale bairns.

Burning a halfpenny candle seeking a farthing.

Burnt bairns dread the fire.

By chance a cripple may catch a hare.

Cadgers have aye mind of lade saddles.

Canny stretch, soon reach.

Carrying saut to Dysart.

Cast a bane in a diel's teeth.

Cast not a clout till May be out.

Castna out the dowed water till ye get the fresh.

Cauld cools the love that kindles ower het.

Change your friend ere you hae need.

Cheatery kythes.

Cleanliness is nae pride, dirt's nae honesty.

Come unca, d sits unreserved.

Come wi' the wind and gang wi' the water.

Confess and be hanged.

Confess debt and crave days.

Corn him weel, he'll work t' better.

Count again is not forbidden.

Count siller after a' your kin.

Courtesy is cumbersome to him who kens it.

Covetousness brings naething hame.

Craft maun hae claes, but truth gaes naked.

Credit is better than ill luck.

Credit is better than ill-won gear.

Credit keeps the crown o' the causy.

Credit lost is like a broken glass.

Daffin and want o' wit maks auld wives donart.

Dame, deem warily, yet watna wha wytes yoursel.

Daming and laving is good sure fishing.

Daughters and dead fish are nae keeping ware.

Dawted bairns dow bear little.

Daylight will peep through a sma' hole.

Deal sma' an' serve a'.

Death and marriage break term-day.

Death at ae door and hardship at the othe.

Deil be in the house that ye're beguiled in.

Deil stick pride, for my dog died o't.

Ding down the nest, and the rooks will flee away.

Dinna cast awa' the cog when the cow flings.

Dirt bodes luck.

Dinna gut your fish till ye get them.

Do as the lasses do, say Na, an' tak it.

Dogs bark as they are bred.

Dogs an' bairns are aye fond o' fools.

Do not meddle wi' the diel an' the laird's bairns.

Do not touch him on the sair heel.

Dool an' ill life soon make an auld wife.

Double drinks are aye good for drowth.

Do weel an' doubt nae man, do ill an' doubt a' men.

Do weel an' hae weel.

Dows an' dominies leave aye a foul house.

Do your turn weel, an' nane will speer what time ye took.

Draff he sought, but drink was his errand.

Dree out the inch when ye have tholed the span.

Drink and drowth come nae aye thegither.

Drink little that ye may drink lang.

- Drive a cow to the ha', she'll run to the byre.
 Early birds catch the worms.
 Early master, soon knave.
 East or west, hame is best.
Easy learned, soon forgotten.
 Easy learning the cat the road to the kirn.
 Easy to that thine ain heart wills.
 Easily working when will's at hame.
 Eat in measure, an' defy the doctor.
 Eat peas wi' a prince, an' cherries wi' a chapman.
 Eat-weel's Drink-weel's brither.
 Eating an' cleaning only require a beginning.
 Eating and drinking puts awa the stamach.
 Ell and tell is good merchandise.
 Envy is the rack of the soul and torture of the body.
 Envy ne'er does a good turn but when it means an ill ane.
 Even as you won it sae may you wear it.
 Ever busy ever bear.
 Every ane louns the dyke where it's laigest.
 Every one to his trade, quoth the browster to the bishop.
 Every bird thinks its ain nest best.
 Every cock craws crousest on his ain midden head.
 Every day's no Yule-day—cast the cat a castock.
 Every fault has its fore.
 Every flow has its ebb.
 Every inch of joy has an ell of annoy.
 Every man bows to the bush he gets bield frae.
 Every man buckles his belt his ain gate.
 Every man can guide an ill wife weel but him that has her.
 Every man can tout best on his ain horn.
 Every man has his ain draff pock.
 Every man's tale's gude till anither's be tauld.
 Every May-be hath a May-not be.
 Every miller wad weise the water to his ain mill.
 Every play maun be played, an' some maun be the players.
 Fair words brake na banes, foul words mony.
 Fancy flees before the wind.
 Far-awa fowls hae fair feathers.
 Farther east the shorter west.
 Fause folk should hae mony witnesses.
 Fausehood makes ne'er a fair hinder-end.
 Favor unused is favor abused.
 Fill fu' an' haud fu', that makes a man stark.
 Flaes an' a girning wife are waukrife bed-fellows.
 Flee ne'er so fast, your fortune will be at your tail.
 Fleeing a bird is not the way to grip it.
 Fling-at-the-goat was ne'er a gude ox.
 Flitting o' farms mak mailens dear.
 Fools are aye fond o' flittin'.
 Fools are aye seeing ferlies.
 Fool's haste is nae speed.
 Fools laugh at their ain sport.
 Fools set far trysts.
 Fools shouldna hae chappin'-sticks.
 For fashion's sake, as dogs gang to the marke.
 For want of a steek a shoe may be tint.
 Forbid a fool a thing, an' that he will do.
 Frae saving comes having.
 Fresh fish and poor friends grow soon ill-faured.
 Friends are like fiddle strings, they maunna be screwed ower tight.
 Friends gree best at a distance.
 Friendship canna stand aye on ae side.
 Fry stanes wi' butter, and the broe will be gude.
 Gathering gear is a pleasant pain.
 Gaily wad be better.
 Gear is easier gotten than guided.
 Gentle partans hae lang taes.
 Gentle servants are poor men's tinsel.
 Get weel, keep weel.
 Gie a bairn its will an' a whelp its fill, and neither will do weel.
 Gie your tongue mair holidays than your head.
 Giff-gaff maks gude friends.
 Glasses and lasses are brittle ware.
 Glowering's no gainsaying.
 God ne'er sent the mouth but he sent the meat wi't.
 God send water to that well that folk think will ne'er rin dry.
 God shapes the back for the burden.
 Good wine makes a bad head and a lang story.
 Gratitude is a heavy burden.
 Great comfort is like ready gold in need.
 Greedy folks hae lang arms.
 Griening wives are aye greedy.
 Guessed work's best if weel done.
 Gude advice is ne'er out o' season.
 Gude ale needs nae wisp.
 Gude bairns are eith to lear.
 Gude breeding and siller mak our sons gentlemen.
 Gude claes open a' doors.
 Gude company on a journey is worth a coach.
 Gude gear's not to be gapped.
 Gude fishing in drumly water.
 Gude folk are scarce, take care o' ane.
 Gude forecast fathers the wark.
 Gude health is better than wealth.
 Gude kail is half meat.
 Gude watch prevents harm.
 Gude will ne'er wants time to show itsel.
 Gude will should be ta'en in part payment.
 Gudely cow, gawsy calf.
 Hae, gars a deaf man hear.
 Hand-in-use is father o' lear.
 Hang a thief when he's young, an' he'll no steal when he's auld.
 Hang hunger an' drown drouth.
 Hankering an' hinging-on is a poor trade.
 Happy the wife that's married to a motherless son.
 He can hide his meat and seek mair.
 He can say Jo, and think it no.
 He can see an inch before his nose.
 He cares na wha's bairns greet if his laugh.
 He comes oftener wi' the rake than the shool.
 He complains early that complains of his kain.
 He doesna ken what end o' him's uppermost.
 He doesna aye ride when he saddles.
 He doesna like his wark that says *now* when it's done.
 He eats the calf i' the cow's wame.
 He gangs awa in an ill time that ne'er comes again.
 He gangs lang barefoot that wears dead men's shoon.
 He girns like a sheep-head in a pair o' tangs.
 He has a coup for a' corn.
 He has a gude judgment that doesna lippen to his ain.
 He has a hearty hand for gieing a hungry mealthit.
 He has a slid grip that has an eel by the tail.
 He has been rowed in his mither's sark tail.
 He has brought his pocket to a braw market.
 He has come to gude by misguiding.
 He has coosten his cloak on his ither shoulder.
 He has coupit the meikle pot into the little.
 He has faut o' a wife that marries mam's pet.
 He has feathered his nest, he may flee when he likes.
 He has gotten the whip hand of him.
 He has lain on his wrang side.
 He has licked the butter off my bread.
 He has mair wit in his little finger than ye hae in a' your bouk.
 He has muckle prayer but little devotion.
 He has some wit, but a fool hath the grinding o't.
 He has the best end of the string.
 He has wit at will that wi' an angry heart can sit still.
 He has't o' kind, he coft it not.
 He hears wi' his heel, as geese do in harvest.
 He kens his ain goats among ither folk's kail.
 He kens whilk side his cake is buttered on.
 He'll gie you the whistle o' your goat.
 He'll have enugh some day, when his mouth's fu' o' mools.
 He'll mak an ill runner that canna gang.

He'll mend when he grows better, like sour ale in summer.
 He'll neither dance nor haud the candle.
 He'll no gie an inch o' his will for a span o' his thrift.
 He'll no let grass grow at his heels.
 He'll no sel his hen on a rainy day.
 He'll soon be a beggar that canna say No.
 He'll tell it to nae mair than he meets.
 He lo'ed mutton weel that licked where the ewe lay.
 He lo'es me for little that hates me for nought.
 He looks like the far end of a French fiddle.
 He maun be soon up that cheats the tod.
 He maun hae leave to speak that canna haud his tongue.
 He may find fault that canna mend.
 He needs a long spoon that sups wi' the deil.
 He ne'er did a gude darg that gaed grumbling about it.
 He reads his sin in his punishment.
 He rides sicker that never fa's.
 He's a fool that forgets himsel.
 He's a fool that marries at Yule; for when the bairn's to bear, the corn's to shear.
 He's a hawk of a right nest.
 He's a man of a wise mind that of a foe can mak a friend.
 He's a proud cook that maunna lick his ain fingers.
 He's a proud fox that winna scrape his ain hole.
 He's a silly chiel that can neither do nor say.
 He's a worthless guidman that's no miss'd.
 He's as welcome as water in a riven ship.
 He's horn deaf on that side o' the head.
 He should sit close that has riven breeks.
 He sleeps as dogs do when wives sift meal.
 He's like a flae in a blanket.
 He's like the singet cat, better than he's likely.
 He's no the best wright that casts maist spails.
 He's no sae daft as he lets on.
 He's ower soon up that's hanged e'er noon.
 He's poor enough that's ill lo'ed.
 He's sairest dung that's paid wi' his ain wand.
 He starts at straes, and lets windlins gae.
 He's the gear that winna traik.
 He's unco fu' in his ain house that canna pick a bane in his neighbor's.
 He's weel worthy o' sorrow that buys it.
 He's weel boden there ben, that will neither borrow nor len'.
 He's wise that's timely wary.
 He's worth nae weel that can bide nae wae.
 He that blows best let him beat the horn.
 He that buys nuts buys shells, but he that buys gude ale buys naething else.
 He that canna mak sport should mar nane.
 He that cheats me ance, shame fa' him; if he cheat me twice, shame fa' me.
 He that counts a' costs will ne'er put plough i' the ground.
 He that deals in dirt has aye foul fingers.
 He that does you an ill turn will ne'er forgie you.
 He that forcasts a' perils will win nae worship.
 He that fa's a gutter, the langer he lies the dirtier he is.
 He that fishes before the net, fishes lang or he fish get.
 He that gets, forgets, but he that wants thinks on.
 He that gets gear before he gets wit, will die e'er he thrive.
 He that has a mickle nose thinks ilk ane speaks o't.
 He that has but ae e'e maun tent that weel.
 He that has mickle wad aye hae mair.
 He that has nae gear to time may hae shins to pine.
 He that has twa hoards will get a third.
 He that keeks through a hole may see what will vex him.
 He that lends his pot may soethe his kail in his loof.
 He that looks to freets, freets will follow him.
 He that rides or he be ready, wants aye some o' his graith.
 He that's aught the cow gangs nearest the tail.
 He that's ill to himsel will be gude to naebody.
 He that seeks motes gets motes.
 He that shows his purse bribes the thief.
 He that speers all opinions comes ill speed.

He that steals can hide too.
 He that tholes overcomes.
 He that will cheat in play winna be honest in earnest.
 He that will not tole maun flit mony a hole.
 He that will to Cupar maun to Cupar.
 He that winna when he may, shanna when he wad.
 He that would eat the kernal maun crack the nut.
 He wad gang a mile to flit a sow.
 He wad gar you throw that the moon's made o' green cheese.
 He wad tine his lugs if they were not tacked to him.
 He was mair fleyed than hurt.
 He was scant o' news that tauld his father was hanged.
 He was the bee that made the honey.
 He winna send you awa' wi' a sair heart.
 Highlanders—shoulder to shoulder.
 I canna sell the cow an' sup the milk.
 I hae mair to do than a dish to wash.
 I ken by my cog my cow's milked.
 If ae sheep loup the dyke, aye the rest will follow.
 If the deil be laird, ye'll be tenant.
 If the deil find you idle, he'll set you to wark.
 If the lift fa' the laverocks will be smooered.
 If you win at that, you'll lose at naething.
 If ye sell your purse to your wife, gie her your breeks to the bargain.
 Ill bairns are aye best heard at hame.
 Ill bairns aye get broken brows.
 Ill beef ne'er made gude broe.
 Ill comes upon waur's back.
 Ill counsel will gar a man stick his ain mare.
 Ill doers are aye idle dreaders.
 Ill getting het water frae 'neath cauld ice.
 Ill hearing maks wrang rehearsing.
 Ill herds mak fat foxes.
 Ill laying up maks mony thieves.
 Ill payers are aye gude cravers.
 Ill will ne'er spak weel.
 Ill-won gear winna enrich the third heir.
 Ill workers are aye gude onlookers.
 I'll ne'er brew drink to treat drunkards.
 I'll ne'er keep a cow when I can get milk sae cheap.
 I'll ne'er keep a dog and bark mysel.
 I'll ne'er lout sae laigh and lift sae little.
 I'll ne'er put the rogue aboon the gentleman.
 I'll rather strive wi' the lang rigg than the ill neighbor.
 I'll serve ye when ye hae least to do.
 I'll tak the best first, as the priest did o' the plums.
 I might bring a better speaker frae hame than you.
 I'm no every man's dog that whistles on me.
 I'm no obliged to summer an' winter it wi' you.
 I'm no sae blind as I'm blear-eyed.
 I'm no sae scant o' clean pipes as to blow wi' a burnt cutty.
 I'm o'er auld a cat to draw a strae before.
 I'm speaking o' hay and you o' horse corn.
 I ne'er sat on your coat-tail.
 I think mair o' your kindness than it's a' worth.
 It maun be true what a' folks says.
 It's a far cry to Lochaw.
 It's a hard task to be poor and leal.
 It's a mean mouse that has but ae hole.
 It's a nasty bird that files it's ain nest.
 It's a silly hen that canna scrape for ae bird.
 It's an ill pack that's no worth the custom.
 It's better to sup wi' a cutty than want a spoon.
 It's by the head that the cow gies milk.
 It's far to seek and ill to find.
 It's gude baking beside the meal.
 It's gude sleeping in a hale skin.
 It's gude to be sib to siller.
 It's gude gear that pleases the merchant.
 It's gude to be in your time, ye kenna how lang it may last.
 It's gude to dread the warst, the best will be the welcomer.
 It's hard both to have and want.

It's hard for a greed ye'e to have a leal heart.
 It's hard to sit in Rome and strive wi' the pope.
 It's ill bringing butt what's no ben.
 It's ill speaking between a fu' man and a fasting.
 It's ill wared that wasters want.
 It's kittle for the cheeks when the hurlbarrow gaes o'er the brig o' the nose.
 It's kittle shooting at corbies and clergy.
 It's kittle to waken sleeping dogs.
 It's lang before the deil be found dead at the dyke-side.
 It's lang ere the deil dee.
 It's nae laughing to girn in a widdy.
 It's nae play when aye laughs and anither greets.
 It's needless to pour water on a drowned mouse.
 It's no lost what a friend gets.
 It's not what is she but what has she.
 It's ower far between the kitchen an' the ha'.
 It's ower late to spare when the back's bare.
 It's past jinking when the head's aff.
 It's stinking praise that comes out o' ane's ain mouth.
 It's the best spoke in your wheel.
 It's well that our faults are not written in our faces.
 It was never for naething that the gleg whistled.
 It will be feathered out o' your wing.
 It will be lang ere ye wear to the knee lids.
 I wad be scant o' claith to sole my hose wi' dock
 I would rather see't than hear tell o't.
 I wadna be deaved wi' ye're keckling for a' your eggs.
 I wadna ca' the king my cousin.
 I wish you readier meat than a rinnin hare.
 Joke at leisure, you kenna wha may jibe yoursel.
 Jouk and let the jaw gang by.
 Keep out o' his company that cracks o' his cheaterie.
 Keep something for a sore foot.
 Keep the feast till the feast day.
 Keep the staff in your ain hand.
 Keep your ain fish guts to your ain sea-maws.
 Keep your breath to cool your own porridge.
 Keep your mouth shut and your e'en open.
 Ken when to spend and when to spare, and ye needna be busy, and ye'll ne'er be bare.
 Ken yoursel, and your neighbor winna misken you.
 Kend folk's nae company.
 Kings and bears aft worry their keepers.
 Kings' chaff's worth other folk's corn.
 Kings' cheese gaes half way in parings.
 Kings hae lang hands.
 Kindle a candle at baith ends, it will soon be done.
 Kindness comes o' will, it canna be coft.
 Kindness will creep where it canna gang.
 Kiss a carle and clap a carle, that's the way to tine a carle.
 Kytie in your ain colors, that folk may ken you.
 Laith to bed and laith to rise.
 Lang fasting gathers wind.
 Lang fasting hains nae meat.
 Lang standing and little offering maks a poor priest.
 Lang straes are nae motes.
 Laugh at leisure, ye may greet ere night.
 Law's costly, tak a pint and gree.
 Law makers shouldna be law breakers.
 Lay the head o' the sow to the tail of the grice.
 Lay your wame to your winning.
 Leal heart never lied.
 Learn the cat the road to the kirk, and she'll aye be lickin.
 Learn you to an ill habit, and ye'll ca't custom.
 Learn young, learn fair.
 Let a' trades live, quoth the wife, when she brunt her bosom.
 Let alane, maks mony a loon.
 Let byganes be byganes.
 Let him cool in the skin he het in.
 Let him tak a spring on his ain fiddle.
 Let his ain wand ding him.

Let ilka ane soop before their ain door.
 Let ilka sheep hang by its ain shank.
 Let na the plough stand to kill a mouse.
 Let the horns gang wi' the hide.
 Let the mickle horse get the mickle windlin.
 Let the tow gang wi' the bucket.
 Let them care that come behind.
 Let your meat dit your mouth.
 Light burdens break nae banes.
 Like a cow on an unco loan.
 Like a sow playing on a trump.
 Like butter in the black dog's hause.
 Like hens, ye rin aye to the heap.
 Like the bairns o' Falkirk, ye mind naething but mischief.
 Like the cat, fain fish wad ye eat, but ye are laith to weet your feet.
 Like the wife that aye took what she had, and never wanted.
 Like the wife that ne'er cries for the ladle till the pot rins o'er.
 Like the wife wi' the mony daughters, the best comes hindmost.
 Like's an ill mark.
 Lippen to me, but look to yoursel.
 List to meat's gude kitchen.*
 Little dogs hae lang tails.
 Little folk are soon angry.
 Little Jock gets the little dish, and that hauds him lang little.
 Little kennel the less cared for.
 Little meddling maks fair parting.
 Little wats the ill-willy wife what a dinner may haud in.
 Little wit in the head maks mickle travel to the feet.
 Little mense to the cheeks to bite aff the nose.
 Living at heck and manger.
 Lock your door that you may keep your neighbors honest.
 Lo'e me little, an' lo'e me lang.
 Love and lairdships like nae marrows [equals].
 Love is as warm among cottars as among courtiers.
 Love o'erlooks mony faults.
 Maidens should be mild and meek, quick to hear and slow to speak.
 Mair by luck than good guideing.
 Mair haste the waur speed, quoth the tailor to the lang thread.
 Mair than enough is ower mickle.
 Mak a kirk an' a mill o't.
 Mak nae toom ruse.
 Malice is aye mindfu'.
 Marriage and hanging go by destiny.
 Marry a beggar, and get a louse for your tocher.
 Marry aboon your match, and get a master.
 Marry for love, and work for siller.
 Master's will is gude wark.
 Mastery maws the meadows down.
 Maun-do is a fell fallow.
 May-be's are no aye honey-bees.
 Measure twice, but cut ance.
 Meat feeds, claith cleads, but manners mak the man.
 Mickle musing mars the memory.
 Mickle power maks mony faes.
 Mickle about ane, quoth the deil to the collier.
 Mickle gifts mak beggars bauld.
 Mickle head, little wit.
 Mickle maun a gude heart thole.
 Mickle meat, mony maladies.
 Mess and meat ne'er hinder'd wark.
 Mettle's dangerous in a blind mare.
 Money is like the muck midden, it does nae good till it be spread.
 Money is welcome any way.
 Money maks a man free ilka where.
 Mony an honest man needs help that hasna the face to seek it.
 Mony ane kisses the bairn for love o' the nurse.
 Mony ane lacks what they would fain hae in their pack.
 Mony ane serves a thankless master.
 Mony ane speers the gate they ken fu' weel.
 Mony ane's gear is mony ane's death.

* Hunger is the best sauce.

Mony gude-nights is laith away.
 Mony kinsfolk, but few friends.
 Mony littles mak a mickle.
 Mony purses haud friends lang thegither.
 Mony ways to kill a dog, though you dinna hang him.
 Mony wyte their wife for their ain thriftless life.
 Nae fleeing without wings.
 Nae man can live langer in peace than his neighbors like.
 Nae man can mak his ain han.
 Nae man has a tak o' his life.
 Nae wonder to see wasters want.
 Naething but fill and fetch mair.
 Naething is a man's truly but what he comes by duly.
 Naething is got without pains but dirt and lang nails.
 Naething is sae difficult but we may overcome by perseverance
 Naething sae bauld as a blind mare.
 Naething to be done in haste but gripping flaes.
 Naething to do but draw in your stool and sit down.
 Nane are sae weel but they hope to be better.
 Nane can play the fool sae weel as a wise man.
 Need maks greed.
 Need will gar an auld wife trot, and a naked man rin.
 Ne'er draw your dirk when a dunt will do.
 Ne'er fash your thoom.
 Ne'er let on, but laugh in your ain sleeve.
 Ne'er lippen ower mickle to a new friend or an auld enemy.
 Ne'er marry a widow unless her first man was hanged.
 Ne'er owre auld to learn.
 Ne'er put a sword in a madman's hand.
 Ne'er put the plough before the owsen.
 Ne'er put your hand farther out than your sleeve will reach.
 Ne'er rax aboon your reach.
 Ne'er sca'd your lips in other folk's kale.
 Ne'er seek a wife till ye ken what to do wi' her.
 Ne'er shaw me the meat but the man.
 Ne'er shaw your teeth unless ye can bite.
 Ne'er speak ill o' them whase bread ye eat.
 Ne'er strive against the stream.
 Ne'er tak a forehammer to break an egg.
 Ne'er tell your fae when your foot sleeps.
 Neither to haud nor to bind.
 Neithersae sinfu' as to sink nor sae haly as to swim.
 Next to nae wife, a gude wife is the best.
 Nobility without ability is like a pudding without suet.
 O' a' sorrow, a fu' sorrow's the best.
 Owre braw a purse to put a plack in.
 Owre reckless may repent.
 Owre sicker, owre loose.
 Owre strong meat for your weak stamach.
 Of a' flatterers, self love is the greatest.
 Of ae ill comes mony.
 Of ill debtors men get aiths.
 Ony thing for you about an honest man's house but a day's work.
 Open confession is gude for the soul.
 Our sins and debts are often mair than we think.
 Out o' the peat pot into the gutter.
 Owre mony grieves only hinder the wark.
 Pay him in his ain coin.
 Placks and bawbees grow pounds.
 Play's good while it's play.
 Please your kimmer, and you'll easily guide your gossip.
 Plenty maks dainty.
 Poor folk's friends soon misken them.
 Poverty is the mother o' a' arts.
 Pride and grace ne'er dwell in ae place.
 Pride finds nae cauld.
 Pride ne'er leaves its master till he gets a fa'.
 Pride that dines wi' vanity sups wi' contempt.
 Provision in season makes a bien house.
 Put a coward to his metal and he'll fight the deil.
 Put on your spurs and be at your speed.
 Put twa pennies in a purse and they'll keep thegither.

Put your finger in the fire, and say it was your fortune.
 Put your hand twice to your bonnet for ance to your pouch.
 Quality without quantity is little thought of.
 Quey calves are dear veal.
 Quick, for you'll ne'er be cleanly.
 Quietness is best.
 Rather spoil your joke than tine your friend.
 Raw dads mak fat lads.
 Raw leather raxes weel.
 Reckon up your winning at your bed-stock.
 Red wood maks good spindles.
 Reputation is often got without merit and lost without crime.
 Rich folk hae routh o' friends.
 Rich mixture maks gude mortar.
 Riches are got wi' pain, kept wi' care, and tint wi' grief.
 Ride fair and jap nane.
 Right wrangs nae man.
 Rob Gib's contract—stark love and kindness.
 Roose the fair day at e'en.
 Rue and thyme grow baith in ae garden.
 Rule youth weel, for eild will rule itsel.
 Saut, quoth the souter, when he had eaten a cow a' but the tail
 Saw thin, shear thin.
 Say still No, and ye'll ne'er be married.
 Scanty cheeks mak a lang nose.
 Scart-the-cog wad sup mair.
 Send your gentle bluid to the market, and see what it will buy.
 Serve yoursel till your bairns come of age.
 Set a stout heart to a stey brae.
 Shame fa' them that think shame to do themselves a gude turn
 She brak her elbow at the kirk door.
 She hauds up her head like a hen drinking water.
 She looks as if butter wadna melt in her mouth.
 She looks like a lady in a landward kirk.
 She that gangs to the well wi' an ill will, either the pig breaks or the
 water will spill.
 She'll keep her ain side o' the house, and gang up and down yours.
 She'll wear like a horseshoe, aye the langer the clearer.
 She's better than she's bonny.
 Show me the man, and I'll show you the law.
 Sic as ye gie, sic will ye get.
 Silence grips the mouse.
 Slander leaves a sair behind.
 Smooth waters run deep.
 Soon enough's if weel enough.
 Soon enough to cry Chuck, when it's out o' the shell.
 Sorrow and ill weather come unsent for.
 Sorrow is soon enough when it comes.
 Speak good of pipers, your father was a fiddler.
 Spilt ale is waur than water.
 Stay nae langer in a friend's house than you're welcome.
 Stuffing hauds out storming.
 Tak a man by his word and a cow by her horn.
 Tak the bit and the buffet wi't.
 Tak time ere time be tint.
 Tak wit wi' your anger.
 Tak your ain will, and ye'll no die o' the pet.
 Tak your thanks to feed your cat.
 Tak your venture, as mony a gude ship has done.
 That's Halkerston's cow.*
 The black ox ne'er trod on his foot.†
 The book o' maybes is very braid.
 The cost owergangs the profit.
 The deil aye drives his hogs to an ill market.
 The deil doesna aye show his cloven cloots.
 The deil gaes awa when he finds the door steekit against him.
 The deil's bairns have aye their daddy's luck.
 The deil's aye gude to his kin.

* A story told the reverse of the real occurrences.

† Death never gave him sorrow.

The deil's gane ower Jock Wabster.*
 The deil will take little ere he want a'.
 The deil's aye busy wi' his ain.
 The first fuf o' a fat haggis is the bauldest.
 The foot at the cradle and the hand at the reel, is a sign that a woman means to do weel.
 The grace o' a gray bannock's in the baking o't.
 The head for the washing.
 The higher the hill the laigher the grass.
 The hurt man writes wi' steel on marble stane.
 The king may come in the cadger's gate.
 The kirk's mickle, but you may say mass in the end o't.
 The laird may be laird, and yet need his hind's help.
 The master's foot's the best measure.
 The o'ercome only fashes folk to keep.
 There is an act in the Laird o' Grant's court, that no aboon eleven speak at ance.
 There was a wife that kept her supper for her breakfast, and she was dead ere day.
 There was ne'er a gude town but there was a dub at the end o't.
 There was never a silly Jocky but there was as silly a Jenny.
 There was ne'er a thrifty wife wi' a sheet about her head.
 There's a dub before every door.
 There's a tough sinew in an auld wife's heel.
 There's a whaup i' the raip. †
 There's aye some water where the stirkie drowns.
 There's beild aneath an auld man's beard.
 There's steel in the needle point, though little o't.
 There's the end o' an auld sang.
 The simple man's the beggar's brither.
 The smith's mare and the souter's wife are aye the warst shod.
 The tod ne'er sped better than when he gaed his ain errand.
 The thing that lies na in your gate breaks na your shins.
 The thrift o' you and the woo o' a dog wad mak a brow web.
 The worn o' a thing is best kened by the want o't.
 The wife's aye welcome that comes wi' a crooked oter. ‡
 They'll gree better when they gang in by different kirk doors.
 They that board wi' cats maun count upon scarts.
 They that burn you for a witch lose a' their coals.
 They that gie you hinder you to buy.
 They that lie down for love should rise up for hunger.
 They that love maist speak least.
 They were scant o' bairns that brought you up.
 They are sad rents that come in wi' tears.
 They hae need o' a canny cook that hae but ae egg to their dinner.
 They may ken by your beard what has been on your board.
 They ne'er saw great dainties that think a haggis a feast.
 They should kiss the guidwife that wad win the guidman.
 They speak o' my drinking, but ne'er think o' my drouth.
 They that get a word o' soon rising may lie a' day.
 They that see you a' day winna break the house for you at night.
 Three can keep a secret when twa are away.
 Thrift is a guide revenue.
 Time tint is ne'er to be found.
 Time and thinking tame the strongest grief.
 'Time tries a'.
 Tine heart and a's gane.
 Tine thimble, tine thrift.
 Tit for tat's fair play.
 To him that wills, ways are seldom wanting.
 Toom stalls mak biting horses.
 Truth will aye stand without a prop.
 Try your friend ere you need him.
 Twa words maun gang to that bargain.
 Virtue never grows auld.
 Waes the wife that wants the tongue, but weel's the man that gets her.
 Want o' wit is waur than want o' wealth.

* All things are gone wrong.

† Something amiss.

‡ Bringing something under her arm.

War maks thieves, and peace hangs them.
 We are aye to learn as lang as we live.
 We are bound to be honest and no to be rich.
 Wealth has made mair men covetous than covetousness has made men wealthy.
 Wealth makes wit waver.
 Weans maun creep ere they gang.
 We canna baith sup and blaw.
 Wedding and ill wintering tame baith man and beast.
 Weel kens the mouse when the cat's out o' the house.
 Weel is that weel does.
 We'll never ken the worth o' water till the well gae dry.
 We maun live by the living and no by the dead.
 Wha can haud what will be away.
 Wha can help misluck.
 Wha can helpsickness, quoth the wife when she lay in the gutter.
 Wha comes oftener and brings you less.
 Wha daur bell the cat.
 Wha invited you to the feast.
 Wha wad misca' a Gordon on the raws of Strathbogan.
 What better's the house when the daw rises soon.
 What may be done at any time will be done at nae time.
 What put that i' your head, that didna put the sturdy will.
 What's my case the day may be yours the morn.
 What's waur than ill-luck.
 What we first learn we best ken.
 What winna do by might do by flight.
 What ye do when you're drunk ye may pay for when you're dry
 What ye want up and down ye hae hither and yont.
 When a' man speaks, nae man hears.
 When ae door steeks, anither ane opens.
 When friends meet, hearts wam.
 When he dies of age ye may quake for fear.
 When ilka ane gets his ane, the thief will get the widdy.
 When my head's down my house is theiked.
 When petticoats woo, breeks come speed.
 When the barn's fu' ye may thresh before the door.
 When the cap's fu', carry't even.
 When the cow's in the clout she soon runs out.
 When the guidman drinks to the guidwife, a' wad be weel.
 When the guidwife drinks to the guidman a's weel.
 When the heart's fu' o' lust, the mouth's fu' o' leasing.
 When the tod preaches, tak tent o' the lambs.
 When the tod wins to the wood, he caesna how many keek at his tail.
 When the wame's fu', the banes wad be at rest.
 When the well's fu' it will rin owre.
 When wine sinks, words swim.
 When ye're gaun an' comin' the gate's no toom.
 When ye are weel, haud yoursel sae.
 When ye win at that, ye may lick aff a het girdle.
 When you're served, a' the geese are watered.
 When drums beat, laws are dumb.
 Where the buck's bound there he maun bleet.
 Wrang has nae warrant.
 Ye're like auld maidens, ye look sae high.
 Ye're like gude maut, ye're lang o' coming.
 Ye're like Macfarlane's geese, ye hae mair mind o' your play than your meat.
 Ye're like the chapman, ye're aye to handsel.
 Ye're like the miller's dog, ye lick your lips ere the pock be opened.
 Ye'r like the cow's tail, ye grow backward.
 Ye're like the tod, ye grow gray before ye grow gude.
 Ye fand it where the Highlandman fand the tangs.
 Ye hae fasted lang and worried on a midge.
 Ye hae gotten the chapman's drowth.*
 Ye hae gotten a ravelled hesp o't.
 Ye hae ower foul feet to come sae far ben.
 Ye hae put a toom spoon in my mouth.
 Ye hae stayed lang and brought little wi' ye.

* Hunger.

Ye hae taen the measure o' his foot.
 Ye hae tint the tongue o' the trump.
 Ye'll get nae mair o' the cat but the skin.
 Ye'll hae baith your meat and your mense.*
 Ye'll sit till ye sweat, and work till ye freeze.
 Ye'll worry i' the hand, like M'Ewan's calf.
 Ye look as sharp as a Lochaber axe new come frae the grindstane.
 Ye look like Let-me-be.
 Yelping curs will raise mastiffs.
 Ye maun have it simmered and wintered.
 Ye're a gude seeker, but an ill finder.
 Ye're best when ye're sleeping.
 Ye're bonny enough to them that lo'e ye, and ower bonny to them that lo'e ye and canna get ye.
 Ye're busy seeking the thing that's no tint.
 Ye're come o' bluid, and sae's a pudding.
 Yer een's yer merchant.
 Ye're feared for the day ye never saw.
 Ye're gear will ne'er ower gang ye.
 Ye're never pleased, fu' nor fasting.
 Ye're of sae mony minds, ye'll never be married.
 Ye're sair fashed hauding naething thegither.
 Ye're teeth's langer than yer beard.
 Ye shape shoon by your ain shachled feet.
 Ye wad be a gude piper's dog, for smelling out brida's.
 Ye wad be gude to fetch the deil a drink.
 Ye wanta where a blessing may light.
 Ye are a sweet nut, if ye were weel cracked.
 Young folk *may* die, and auld folk *maun* die.
 Your head will never fill your father's bonnet.
 Your purse was steekit when that was paid for.
 Your tongue rins aye before your wit.

Latin Proverbs and Phrases.



B initio. From the beginning.
 Ab uno disce omnes. From a single instance you may infer the whole.
 Ad captandum vulgus. To catch the rabble.
 Ad finem esto fidelis. Be faithful to the end.
 Ad Græcas kalendas. Never.
 Ad infinitum. To infinity.
 A fortiori. With stronger reason.
 Alias. Otherwise; as Allen *alias* Thompson.
 Alibi. Elsewhere.
 Alma mater. A benign mother; applied to a college or university.
 A mensa et thoro. Divorced from bed and board.
 Amor patriæ. The love of our country.
 Animus conscius se remordet. A guilty mind punishes itself.
 Anno Domini (A.D.). In the year of our Lord.
 Anno Mundi (A.M.). In the year of the world.
 A posteriori. From the effect to the cause.
 A priori. From the cause to the effect.
 Arbitrator elegantiarum. Master of the ceremonies.
 Argumentum ad hominem. An argument to the man.
 Ars est celare artem. True art is to conceal art.
 Audi alteram partem. Hear the other part.
 Audito multa, sed loquere pauca. Hear much but say little.
 Auri sacra fames. The accursed appetite for gold.
 Aut Cæsar aut nullus. Either Cæsar or nobody.
 Basis virtutis constantia. Constancy is the foundation of virtue.

* Offer a person a thing, and, as he will not take it, you will at least have the credit of having made the offer.

Beati illi qui procul negotiis. Blessed are they who retire from toil.
 Bona fide. In good faith; in reality.
 Brutum fulmen. A harmless thunderbolt.
 Cacoethes. An evil custom. Thus, cacoethes loquendi—scribendi. A rage for talking—scribbling.
 Casus belli. The cause or reason for war.
 Caput mortuum. The worthless remains.
 Cede Deo. Submit to God.
 Cede magnis. Give way to the powerful.
 Cedant arma togæ. Let arms yield to eloquence.
 Certum pete finem. Aim at a sure end.
 Communia proprie dicere. To express common things with propriety.
 Compos mentis. In a state of sane mind.
 Concordia res parvæ crescunt. Small things increase by union.
 Confide recte agens. Fear not while acting justly.
 Contra bonos mores. Against good morals.
 Corpus delicti. The body of the crime.
 Credat Judæus apella. Let the circumcised Jew believe that.
 Cui bono? To what good.
 Currente calamo. With a running pen.
 Data. Things given or granted.
 De facto—de jure. From the fact—from the law.
 Delectando pariterque monendo. By imparting at once pleasure and instruction.
 Delenda est Carthago. Carthage must be destroyed. (The words of Cato.)
 De mortuis nil nisi bonum. Of the dead say nothing except what is good.
 Deo favente—juvante—volente. With God's favor—help—will.
 Desideratum. The thing desired.
 Desipere in loco. To play the fool at the right time.
 Desunt cætera. The remainder is wanting.
 Deum cole, regem serva. Worship God, serve the king.
 Deus protector noster. God is our protector.
 Dilige amicos. Love your friends.
 Divide et impera. Divide and govern.
 Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country.
 Dum vivimus vivamus. Let us live while we live.
 Est modus in rebus. There is a medium in all things.
 Esto perpetua. Be thou perpetual.
 Esto quod videris. Be what you seem to be.
 Ex cathedra. From the chair; authoritatively.
 Exempli gratia (E. g. and Ex. gr.). By way of example.
 Ex nihilo nihil fit. Nothing produces nothing.
 Ex officio. By virtue of his office.
 Ex parte. On one part.
 Ex pede Herculeum. Judge of the size of the statue of Hercules by the foot.
 Experto crede. Believe an experienced man.
 Extempore. Without premeditation.
 Fac simile. Do the like: an engraved resemblance of handwriting.
 Fama semper viret. A good name will shine for ever.
 Familias firmat pietas. Devotion strengthens families.
 Fas est et ab hoste doceri. It is allowable to derive instruction even from an enemy.
 Felo de se. A suicide.
 Fiat justitia, ruat cælum. Let justice be done, though the heavens should fall.
 Fortuna favet fortibus. Fortune favors the bold.
 Fruges consumere nati. Men born only to consume food.
 Haud passibus æquis. With unequal steps.
 Hinc illæ lachrymæ. Hence proceed these tears.
 Id est (i. e.). That is.
 Id genes omne. All persons of that description.
 Imprimatur. Let it be printed.
 Impromptu. Without study.
 In forma pauperis. In the form of a poor man.
 In propria persona. In person.
 In re. In the matter of.
 In terrorem. In terror.
 In transitu. In passing.

- Ipse dixit.* He himself said it : dogmatism.
Judex damnatur cum nocens absolvitur. Guilt attaches to a judge when the guilty are suffered to escape.
Jure divino—humano. By divine—by human law.
Labor omnia vincit. Labor conquers every thing.
Lapsus linguæ. A slip of the tongue.
Lex talionis. The law of retaliation.
Locum tenens. A deputy or substitute.
Magna est veritas, et prævalebit. The truth is powerful, and will ultimately prevail.
Materiam superabat opus. The workmanship surpassed the materials.
Medio tutissimus ibis. A medium course will be the safest.
Memento mori. Remember death.
Mens sibi conscia recti. A mind conscious of rectitude.
Mirabile dictu. Wonderful to tell.
Multum in parvo. Much in little.
Mutatis mutandis. After making the necessary changes.
Necessitas non habet leges. Necessity has no law.
Nem. con. An abbreviation of *nemine contradicente.* Without dissent or opposition.
Ne plus ultra. Nothing beyond—the utmost point.
Ne quid nimis. Too much of one thing is good for nothing.
Ne sutor ultra crepidam. Let not the shoemaker go beyond his last.
Nisi Dominus frustra. Unless the Lord assist you, all your efforts are in vain.
Noscitur ex sociis. He is known by his companions.
Nota Bene (N. B.). Mark well.
Obiter dictum. A thing said by the way or in passing.
Onus probandi. The weight of proof ; the burden of proving.
O si sic omnia! Oh that he had always done, or spoken thus!
O tempora, O mores! Oh the times, oh the manners!
Otium cum dignitate. Ease with dignity.
Palmarum qui meruit ferat. Let him who has won bear the palm.
Pari passu. By a similar gradation.
Par nobile fratrum. A pair of noble brothers.
Particeps criminis. An accomplice.
Passim. Everywhere.
Per fas et nefas. Through right and wrong.
Per se. By itself.
Poeta nascitur non fit. Nature, not study, must form a poet.
Primâ facie. On the first view, or appearance.
Primæ viæ. The first passages : the upper part of the intestinal canal.
Primum mobile. The main spring ; the first impulse.
Principiis obsta. Oppose the first appearance of evil.
Pro aris et focis. For our altars and fireplaces.
Pro bono publico. For the public good.
Pro et con. For and against.
Pro re nata. For a special business.
Pro tempore. For the time.
Quid nunc? What now?—applied to a news-hunter.
Quid pro quo. What for what ; tit for tat.
Quoad hoc. To this extent.
Quod erat demonstrandum. Which was meant to be shown.
Rara avis in terris, nigroque similissima cygno. A rare bird in the earth very like a black swan.
Reductio ad absurdum. A reducing to an absurdity.
Re infecta. Without attaining his end.
Requiescat in pace. May he rest in peace.
Res angusta domi. Narrow circumstances at home.
Respicere finem. Look to the end.
Seriatim. In order.
Sic itur ad astra. Such is the way to immortality.
Sic passim. So everywhere.
Sic transit gloria mundi. Thus the glory of the world passes away.
Sine die. To an indefinite time.
Sine qua non. An indispensable condition.
Status quo antè bellum. The state in which both parties were before the war.
Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re. Gentle in the manner, but vigorous in the deed.
Sub silentio. In silence.
Summum bonum. The chief good.
Suum cuique. Let every man have his own.
Tabula rasa. A smoothed tablet.
Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis. The times change, and we change with them.
Toties quoties. As often as.
Ubi suprâ. Where above mentioned.
Vade mecum. Go with me : a constant companion. (Usually applied to a pocket-book.)
Veluti in speculum. As if in a mirror.
Veni, vidi, vici. I came, I saw, I conquered.
Vis inertiae. Force or property of inanimate matter.
Versus (v.). Against.
Vice versa. The terms or cases being changed.
Vi et armis. By main force.
Viva voce. By or with the living or loud voice.
Viz. (videlicet). Namely.
Vox et præterea nihil. A voice and nothing more.
Vox populi, vox Dei. The voice of the people is the voice of God

