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Adam's ale is the best brew

Advice when most needed is least heeded

An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding

All is fair in love and war

All that glitters is not gold

All truth is not always to be told

Anger is a short madness

Art is long life is short

An ass is known by his ears

Avoid a questioner for he is also a tattler

A bad excuse is better than none at all

Be always in time too late is a crime

The beaten road is the safest

Beauty is but skin deep

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Beauty when unadorned is adorned the most

The beginning of rain is one drop

Best is cheapest

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Birth is the messenger of death

The biter is sometimes bit

Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed

Blood is thicker than water

A blow from a lover is as sweet as the eating of raisins

A book that is shut is but a block

The borrower is the servant to the lender

Brevity is the soul of wit

A bully is always a coward

The burial is attended by crowds of people the deceased is a dog

Business is business

Calamity is the touchstone of a brave mind

Call no man happy till he is dead

Charity misplaced is inequity

The child is father of the man

Cleanliness is next to godliness

Confidence is the companion of success

Conscience is a thousand witnesses

A constant guest is never welcome

A contented mind is a perpetual feast

Contentment is above wealth

Correspondence is half a presence

Counsel is no command

Crooked by nature is never made straight by education

Cross the stream where it is shallowest

A crow is never the whiter for washing itself often

Custom is a second nature

Custom without reason is but ancient error

A deceitful peace is more harmful than open war

A disarmed peace is weak

A disease known is half cured

A dog's tail is always crooked

Death is a glass everyone will drink it

Death is the great leveller

Despondency in misfortune is another misfortune

Destroy the lion while he is yet but a whelp

Discontent is the first step in progress

Discretion is the better part of valour

Dying is as natural as living

The darkest hour is that before the dawn

The dearer it is the cheaper

The devil is not so black as he is painted

East or west home is best

An englishman's house is his castle

Enough is enough

Enquire not what is in other's pot

Every beginning is hard

Every couple is not a pair

Every day in thy life is a leaf in thy history

Every extremity is a fault

Every good scholar is not a good master

Every hour out of bed after midnight is a nail in your coffin

Every man is a king in his own house

Every man is best known to himself

Every man is his own worst enemy

Every man is mad on some point

Every man is the architect of his own fortune

Every man is the son of his own work

Every new is fine

Every one acts as he is brought up

Every slip is not a fall

Every stranger is the relative of every other stranger

Everybody's business is nobody's business

Everyone is held to be innocent until he is proved guilty

Everyone is his own doctor

Everything is good in its season

Example is better than precept

Exchange is no robbery

Expectation is better than realization

Experience is good if not bought too dear

Experience is the mother of wisdom

Experience is the teacher of fools

Experience without learning is better than learning without experience

The eye is bigger than the belly

The eye is the window of the heart

The face is the index of the heart

A fair face is half a fortune

The fairest rose is at last withered

A faithful friend is hard to find remember man and keep in mind

The falling out of lovers is the renewing of love

Fame is a magnifying glass

A father is a treasure a brother is a comfort but a friend is both

A fault confessed is half redressed

Fear of death is worse than death itself

The first blow is half the battle

The first step is the hardest

The first step to virtue is to abstain from vice

A fool's tongue is long enough to cut his own throat

Forbidden fruit is sweetest

Forewarned is forearmed

Fortune's wheel is never stopped

A friend in need is a friend indeed

A friend is easier lost than found

A friend is never known till needed

A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step

A gift with a kind face is double grace

Give credit where credit is due

God comes at last when we think he is furthest off

God's hand is with the united community

Good advice is beyond all price

A good book is a great friend

Good company on the road is the shortest cut

Good management is better than good income

A good name is sooner lost than won

Good nature is the proper soil upon which virtue grows

A good tongue is a good weapon

A good wife is a godly prize

The good you do is not lost though ill-placed

Goodness is not tied to greatness

Goodness is the supreme beauty

The grace of god is enough

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls

The greatest wealth is contentment with little

A guest is the captive of the host

Half a loaf is better than no bread

Half the truth is often a great lie

Handsome is as handsome does

Happy is he born who serves not another's will

Happy is he that is happy in his children

Happy is she who marries the son of a dead mother

Haste is from the devil

Hatred is blind as well as love

He cannot be virtuous that is not rigorous

He is a fool that forgets himself

He is above his enemies that despises their injuries

He is idle that might be better employed

He is lifeless that is faultless

He is never alone that is in the company of noble thoughts

He is not a wise man who cannot play the fool on occasion

He is not poor that has little but he that desires much

He is rich enough who lacks not bread

He is rich that has few wants

He is unworthy to live who lives only for himself

He that always complains is never pitied

He that defends an injury is next to him that commits it

He that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well

He that falls into the dirt the longer he stays there the fouler he is

He that has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it

He that has been bitten by a serpent is afraid of the rope

He that has no children knows not what is love

He that is afraid of wounds must not come nigh a battle

He that is born a fool is never cured

He that is down need fear no fall

He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody

He that is not handsome at twenty nor strong at thirty nor rich at forty nor wise at fifty will never be handsome strong rich or wise

He that is of all religion is of no religion

He that once deceives is ever suspected

He that tells his secret is another's servant

He that tells his wife news is but newly married

He who handles a nettle tenderly is soonest stung

He who has good health is young and he is rich who owes nothing

He who hesitates is lost

He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount

He who risks his life is blameworthy even if he escapes with it

He who seeks for wealth without previous wealth is like him who carries water in a sieve

He who seeks to do good is like the one who did it

He whose father is judge goes safe to his trial

He will never have a good thing cheap that is afraid to ask the price

Health is better than wealth

Health is not valued till sickness comes

Hearsay is not like ocular evidence

The highest branch is not the safest roost

Hoist your sail when the wind is fair

Home is home be it ever so homely

An honest man's word is as good as his bond

Honesty in little things is not a little thing

Honesty is the best policy

Hope is the poor man's bread

An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening

An hour of pain is as long as a day of pleasure

The house of the oppressor is destroyed though it should happen in distant times

Hunger is the best sauce

A hungry man is an angry man

Hypocrisy is a homage that vice pays to virtue

An idle brain is the devil's shop

Idleness is the key of beggary

If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well

Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune

Ill gotten wealth is not lasting

An ill marriage is a spring of ill fortune

Ill news is too often true

An ill wound is cured not an ill name

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery

In a calm sea every man is a pilot

In the country of the blind the one-eyed man is king

In union is strength

In wine there is truth

Injury is to be measured by malice

It is a dangerous fire that begins in the bed straw

It is a foolish bird that soils its own nest

It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor

It is a fraud to borrow what we are not able to repay

It is a great point of wisdom to find out one's own folly

It is a long lane that has no turning

It is a sad heart that never rejoices

It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock

It is as well to know which way the wind blows

It is best to be on the safe side

It is better to be safe than sorry

It is better to give than to take

It is better to wear out than to rust out

It is easier to pull down than to build

It is easy to be wise after the event

It is easy to bear the misfortunes of others

It is good fishing in troubled water

It is hard to please all parties

It is ill jesting with edged tools

It is ill manners to laugh without cause

It is ill striving against the stream

It is ill waiting for the dead man's shoes

It is love that makes the world go round

It is never too late to mend

It is no use crying over spilt milk

It is not the beard that makes the philosopher

It is the height of merit in a man that his faults can be numbered

It is the unexpected that always happens

It is too late to lock the stable when the horse has been stolen

It is useless to flog a dead horse

A jack of all trades is master of none

Knowledge is a treasure but practice is the key to it

Knowledge is power

Knowledge is the off-spring of experience

The labourer is worthy of his hire

Learning is an ornament in prosperity a refuge in adversity and provision in old age

A liar is not believed when he tells the truth

A liar is worse than a thief

Liberty is more worth than gold

Liberty is not licence

Life is a shadow

Life is not all bear and skittles

Life is short and time is swift

Life is sweet

A little help is worth a deal of pity

A little learning is a dangerous thing

The longest way round is the nearest way home

Lost time is never found again

Love is blind

The love of money is the root of all evil

A man is a lion in his own cause

A man is as old as he feels and a woman is as old as she looks

Man is blind in his own cause

A man is known by the books he reads

A man is known by the company he keeps

Man is not so soon healed as hurt

A man is the architect of his own fortunes

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds

The man who does not demand his right is buried alive

A man without reason is a beast in season

A man's destiny is always dark

A man's house is his castle

Marriage is a lottery

Men leap over where the hedge is lowest

A merry companion is a music in a journey

Might is right

A mill cannot grind with the water that is past

A miss is as good as a mile

More than enough is too much

The mouse that has but one hole is quickly taken

My son is my son till he has got him a wife but my daughter is my daughter all the days of her life

Necessity is the mother of invention

Ninety per cent of inspiration is perspiration

No answer is also an answer

No man is a hero to his valet

No man is born wise or learned

No man is content with his lot

No man is indispensable

No man is infallible

No one is care-free

The noblest vengeance is to forgive

A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse

Not good is it to harp on the frayed string

Nothing is as good as it seems beforehand

Nothing is easy to the unwilling

Nothing is given so freely as advice

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart

Nothing is secret under the sun

Nothing is so certain as the unexpected

Nothing is to be got without pains

Of all wars peace is the end

Old age is sickness of itself

One foot is better than two crutches

One is never too old to learn

One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad

One man's meat is another man's poison

One of these days is none of these days

One pair of heels is often worth two pairs of hands

One volunteer is worth two pressed men

The only way to keep a secret is to say nothing

Open confession is good for the soul

An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit

An ounce of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow

Pain is forgotten when gain follows

Patience is a key to relief

Patience is a virtue

Patience is the best remedy

The pen is mightier than the sword

The pitcher goes so often to the well that it is broken at last

The pleasure of what we enjoy is lost by coveting more

Possession is nine points of the law

Pouring oil on the fire is not the way to quench it

Poverty is no sin

Poverty is not a shame but the being ashamed of it is

Prevention is better than cure

Procrastination is the thief of time

A promise delayed is justice deferred

A promise is debt that we must not forget

The promise of the night is rubbed with butter which melts away when the day shines on it

The proof of the pudding is in the eating

The proper study of mankind is man

A prophet is not without honour save in his own country and in his own house

Providence is always on the side of the big battalions

Punctuality is the politeness of kings

Punctuality is the soul of business

Quality is better than quantity

Queen ann is dead

The receiver is as bad as the thief

The remedy for injuries is not to remember them

Repetition is beneficial

Respect is greater from a distance

Revenge is sweet

A rich man's joke is always funny

The road to hell is paved with good intentions

Saying is one thing and doing another

A secret is too little for one enough for two too much for three

A secret spread between more than two is exposed

Seeing is believing

Self-praise is no recommendation

Self-preservation is the first law of nature

Sickness is felt but health not at all

Silence is the best answer to the stupid

Sometimes clemency is cruelty and cruelty is clemency

Speech is silver silence is golden

Speech is the index of the mind

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak

Step after step the ladder is ascended

The stick is the surest peace-maker

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it

The stomach is the home of maladies

The strength of the chain is in the weakest link

Strike while the iron is hot

Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof

The sun is never the worse for shining on a dunghill

Talk of the devil and he is sure to appear

There is a remedy for all things but death

There is a sin of omission as well as of commission

There is a tide in the affairs of men

There is a time to speak and a time to be silent

There is honour among thieves

There is no darkness like ignorance

There is no disputing about tastes

There is no garden without its weeds

There is no peace for the wicked

There is no pleasure without pain

There is no rose without a thorn

There is no royal road to learning

There is no smoke without fire

There is no time like the present

There is no wheat without chaff

There is nothing new under the sun

There is nothing permanent except change

There is nothing that costs less than civility

There is safety in numbers

There is something wise in every proverb

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever

A thing you don't want is dear at any price

Thy secret is thy prisoner if thou let it go thou art a prisoner to it

Time is money

To deceive a deceiver is no deceit

To deceive oneself is very easy

To err is human

To err is to learn

To fall into sin is human to remain in sin is devilish

To frighten a bird is not the way to catch it

Tomorrow is another day

The tongue is not steel yet it cuts

A tree is known by its fruit

Truth is mighty and will prevail

Truth is stranger than fiction

Two is company three is none

Union is strength

Unity is strength

Unprofitable knowledge is like ineffective remedy

Unreasonable silence is folly

Variety is the spice of life

Virtue is its own reward

Want is the mother of industry

Water is a boon in the desert but the drowning man curses it

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach

Wealth is an enemy to health

Wealth is not his who gets it but his who enjoys it

Wedlock is padlock

Well begun is half done

What costs little is little esteemed

What is a workman without his tools

What is bred in the bone will never come out of the flesh

What is not right must be wrong

What is the good of a sundial in the shade

What is worth doing is worth doing well

What may be done at any time is done at no time

What's yours is mine and what's mine is my own

When a thing is done advice comes late

When ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise

When one sits for examination one is either treated with honour or held in low esteem

When sorrow is asleep wake it not

When the cat is away the mice will play

When the tree is fallen every one runs to it with his axe

Where there is smoke there is fire

Whether the pitcher strikes the stone or the stone the pitcher it is bad for the pitcher

While there is life there is hope

Who is worse shod than the shoemaker's wife

Wisdom is to the soul as health is to the body

A wise man is never less alone than when alone

Without wisdom wealth is worthless

The woman that loves two is not worthy of one

A woman's chastity is a beautiful garment which never wears out

A word is enough to the wise

A word spoken is past recalling

The world is a ladder for some to go up and some down

The worth of a thing is best known by the want of it

Zeal is fit only for wise men but is found mostly in fools

Zeal without knowledge is a runaway horse

Zeal without knowledge is madness

He who is absent is always in the wrong

There is no accounting for tastes

An ape is an ape a varlet is a varlet though they be clad in silk or scarlet

An apple-pie without some cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze

Art is long and life is short

Attack is the best form of defence

A bad excuse is better than none

There is no such thing as bad weather only the wrong clothes

Beauty is only skin-deep

Where bees are there is honey

All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds

The best is the enemy of the good

Better a dinner of herbs than a stalled ox where hate is

It is better to be born lucky than rich

It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church

Brag is a good dog but holdfast is better

Happy is the bride that the sun shines on

It is good to make a bridge of gold to a flying enemy

Business is war

If candlemas day be sunny and bright winter will have another flight if candlemas day be cloudy with rain winter is gone and won't come again

Where the carcass is there shall the eagles be gathered together

The caribou feeds the wolf but it is the wolf who keeps the caribou strong

A carpenter is known by his chips

It doesn't matter if a cat is black or white as long as it catches mice

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link

A change is as good as a rest

It is as cheap sitting as standing

Monday's child is fair of face

The child is the father of the man

The church is an anvil which has worn out many hammers

From clogs to clogs is only three generations

Common fame is seldom to blame

He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still

Confess and be hanged confession is good for the soul

A clean conscience is a good pillow

Happy is the country which has no history

Why buy a cow when milk is so cheap

The customer is always right

The darkest hour is just before the dawn

The best defense is a good offense

The devil is in the details

The difficult is done at once the impossible takes a little longer

Diligence is the mother of good luck

Every dog is allowed one bite

A dog is for life not just for christmas

Dogs look up to you cats look down on you pigs is equal

East is east and west is west

When elephants fight it is the grass that suffers

The enemy of my enemy is my friend

England is the paradise of women the hell of horses and the purgatory of servants

England's difficulty is ireland's opportunity

An englishman's word is his bond

Enough is as good as a feast

To err is human (to forgive divine)

There is an exception to every rule

A fair exchange is no robbery

Experience is the best teacher

Experience is the father of wisdom

Fact is stranger than fiction

Far-fetched and dear-bought is good for ladies

The female of the species is more deadly than the male

Fire is a good servant but a bad master

The first duty of a soldier is obedience

It is the first step that is difficult

There is always a first time

All is fish that comes to the net

A fool at forty is a fool indeed

When the furze is in bloom my love's in tune

Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains

Give and take is fair play

God is high above and the tsar is far away

He is a good dog who goes to church

The only good indian is a dead indian

The good is the enemy of the best

When the gorse is out of bloom kissing's out of fashion

What is got over the devil's back is spent under his belly

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence

A great book is a great evil

The grey mare is the better horse

All is grist that comes to the mill

The half is better than the whole

Half the truth is often a whole lie

When all you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail

Hang a thief when he is young and he'll no' steal when he is old

Home is home as the devil said when he found himself in the court of session

Home is home though it's never so homely

Home is where the heart is

The post of honour is the post of danger

Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper

One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after

When house and land are gone and spent then learning is most excellent

The husband is always the last to know

An idle brain is the devil's workshop

Idleness is the root of all evil

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise

Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it

He that has an ill name is half hanged

Jack is as good as his master

Justice delayed is justice denied

A king's chaff is worth more than other men's corn

There is always one who kisses and one who turns the cheek

To know all is to forgive all

It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back

When the last tree is cut down the last fish eaten and the last stream poisoned you will realize that you cannot eat money

Laughter is the best medicine

A man who is his own lawyer has a fool for his client

Learning is better than house and land

There is nothing like leather

Less is more

A lie is halfway round the world before the truth has got its boots on

There is no little enemy

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing

A little pot is soon hot

If you have to live in the river it is best to be friends with the crocodile

A live dog is better than a dead lion

The longest way round is the shortest way home

One man's loss is another man's gain

There is no great loss without some gain

There is luck in leisure

There is luck in odd numbers

Where macgregor sits is the head of the table

A man is as old as he feels and a woman as old as she looks

Man is the measure of all things

Man's extremity is god's opportunity

Because a man is born in a stable that does not make him a horse

Never marry for money but marry where money is

What matters is what works

There is measure in all things

It is merry in hall when beards wag all

The mill cannot grind with the water that is past

The age of miracles is past

Money is power

Money is the root of all evil

Money like manure does no good till it is spread

The mother of mischief is no bigger than a midge's wing

The mountains are high and the emperor is far away

A nation without a language is a nation without a heart

Near is my kirtle but nearer is my smock

Near is my shirt but nearer is my skin

What a neighbour gets is not lost

In vain the net is spread in the sight of the bird

Never is a long time

It is never too late to learn

What is new cannot be true

There is always something new out of africa

Nothing is certain but death and taxes

Nothing is certain but the unforeseen

Nothing is for ever

There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse

When the oak is before the ash then you will only get a splash when the ash is before the oak then you may expect a soak

It is best to be off with the old love before you are on with the new

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of precept

It is the pace that kills

A peck of march dust is worth a king's ransom

A penny saved is a penny earned

One picture is worth ten thousand words

Pity is akin to love

There is no place like home

It is a poor dog that's not worth whistling for

It is a poor heart that never rejoices

Poverty is no disgrace but it is a great inconvenience

Poverty is not a crime

Pretty is as pretty does

A prophet is not without honour save in his own country

Any publicity is good publicity

It is easier to pull down than to build up

Punctuality is the politeness of princes

The quarrel of lovers is the renewal of love

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

It is easier to raise the devil than to lay him

There is reason in the roasting of eggs

There is a remedy for everything except death

Revenge is a dish that can be eaten cold

There is always room at the top

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander

What you see is what you get

A short horse is soon curried

Silence is a woman's best garment

Silence is golden

It is ill sitting at rome and striving with the pope

Small is beautiful

Something is better than nothing

My son is my son till he gets him a wife but my daughter's my daughter all the days of her life

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is

Speech is silver but silence is golden

It is not spring until you can plant your foot upon twelve daisies

It is too late to shut the stable-door after the horse has bolted

A stern chase is a long chase

It is easy to find a stick to beat a dog

Stolen fruit is sweet

One story is good till another is told

The style is the man

From the sublime to the ridiculous is only a step

Success has many fathers while failure is an orphan

It is idle to swallow the cow and choke on the tail

A swarm in may is worth a load of hay a swarm in june is worth a silver spoon but a swarm in july is not worth a fly

Talk is cheap

Talk of the devil and he is bound to appear

Thought is free

Thrift is a great revenue

There is a time and place for everything

There is a time for everything

Time is a great healer

The tree is known by its fruit

A trouble shared is a trouble halved

Many a true word is spoken in jest

There is truth in wine

Truth is the first casualty of war

Turn about is fair play

As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined

Two is company but three is none

The voice of the people is the voice of god

There is more than one way to skin a cat

Wedlock is a padlock

When the wind is in the east 'tis neither good for man nor beast

When the wine is in the wit is out

It is a wise child that knows its own father

The wish is father to the thought

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle

A woman's place is in the home

A woman's work is never done

Happy's the wooing that is not long a-doing

A word to the wise is enough

It is not work that kills but worry

The worth of a thing is what it will bring

A young man married is a young man marred

No news is good news.

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