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As you make your bed so you must lie in it
Cross the stream where it is shallowest
Death is a glass everyone will drink it
Destroy the seed of evil or it will grow up to your ruin
Do good and cast it into the sea
Don't cross a bridge till you come to it
Dress a stick and it does not appear to be a stick
The dearer it is the cheaper
Every doubtful accusation leaves a stain behind it
Give a lie twenty-four hours' start and you can never overtake it
Give neither counsel nor salt till you are asked for it
He bears poverty best who hides it most
He doubles his gift who gives it in time
He that commits a fault thinks everyone speaks of it
He that defends an injury is next to him that commits it
He that does the damage must pay for it
He that has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it
He that has done ill once will do it again
He that protects and ill-doer may live to repent it
He who risks his life is blameworthy even if he escapes with it
He who seeks to do good is like the one who did it
Home is home be it ever so homely

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

I will not pull the thorn out of your foot and put it into my own

If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well

If it were not for hope the heart would break

If money be not thy servant it will be thy master

If the cap fits wear it

If the counsel be good no matter who gave it

If you do not like it you may lump it

If you want a thing well done do it yourself

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

It takes all sorts to make a world

It takes three generations to make a gentleman

It takes two to make a quarrel

It will be all the same a hundred years hence

Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it

Knowledge is a treasure but practice is the key to it

Never lay sorrow to your heart when others lay it to their heels

Never spend your money before you have it

Not good is it to harp on the frayed string

Nothing is as good as it seems beforehand

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

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

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

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

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it

There are as many good fish in the sea as ever came out of it

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

To frighten a bird is not the way to catch it

The tongue is not steel yet it cuts

Tread on a worm and it will turn

Unless you see it do not believe it

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

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

Were it not for tears the ribs would have burnt

When sorrow is asleep wake it not

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

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

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

You cannot have it both ways

You must grin and bear it

If anything can go wrong it will

It is better to be born lucky than rich

It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive

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

If it ain't broke do not fix it

Be careful what you pray for you might get it

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

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

It is as cheap sitting as standing

Do not cross the bridge till you come to it

Be the day weary or be the day long at last it ringeth to evensong

Easy does it

When elephants fight it is the grass that suffers

Never do evil that good may come of it

February fill dyke be it black or be it white

It is the first step that is difficult

There are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it

You cannot have your cake and eat it

Hear all see all say nowt tak' all keep all gie nowt and if tha ever does owt for nowt do it for thysen

Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it

Keep a thing seven years and you'll always find a use for it

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

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

No matter how long a log stays in the water it doesn't become a crocodile

As you make your bed so you must lie upon it

It is merry in hall when beards wag all

Money like manure does no good till it is spread

If you gently touch a nettle it'll sting you for your pains grasp it like a lad of mettle an' as soft as silk remains

It is never too late to learn

Nothing so bad but it might have been worse

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

It is the pace that kills

See a pin and pick it up all the day you'll have good luck see a pin and let it lie bad luck you'll have all the day

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

It is easier to pull down than to build up

It never rains but it pours

It is easier to raise the devil than to lay him

If saint paul's day be fair and clear it will betide a happy year

Saint swithun's day if thou be fair for forty days it will remain saint swithun's day if thou bring rain for forty days it will remain

You cannot shift an old tree without it dying

If the shoe fits wear it

It is ill sitting at rome and striving with the pope

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is

A sow may whistle though it has an ill mouth for it

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

It is easy to find a stick to beat a dog

The more you stir it the worse it stinks

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

It takes one to know one

As a tree falls so shall it lie

While two dogs are fighting for a bone a third runs away with it

It takes two to make a bargain

It takes two to tango

Use it or lose it

It takes a whole village to bring up a child

If you want a thing done well do it yourself

There are more ways of killing a cat than choking it with cream

There are more ways of killing a dog than choking it with butter

There are more ways of killing a dog than hanging it

It is a wise child that knows its own father

It is not work that kills but worry

The worth of a thing is what it will bring

It's dogged as does it

Beware of an oak it draws the stroke avoid an ash it counts the flash creep under the thorn it can save you from harm