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Base de données des proverbes et sagesses populaires

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All are not saints that go to church
All good things come to an end
All's fish that comes to the net
All roads lead to rome
All truth is not always to be told
Be slow to promise but quick to perform
Better go to bed supperless than to rise in debt
Better say nothing than not to the purpose
Better starve free than to be a fat slave
Better to ask the way than to go astray
Better to know things than to be ignorant
Better to seek learning than to seek gold
Between two stools you fall to the ground
The borrower is the servant to the lender
Burn not your house to fright the mouse away
The camel going to seek horns lost his ears
Cleanliness is next to godliness
Curses like chickens come home to roost
Custom reconciles us to everything
Customs are hard to break
Cut your coat according to your cloth
A discontented man knows not where to sit easy

A donkey asked to a wedding either to carry water or bring wood

Despair gives courage to a coward

Destroy the seed of evil or it will grow up to your ruin

Distance lends enchantment to the view

Do all you can to be good and you will be so

Don't cross a bridge till you come to it

Don't cut off your nose to spite your face

Do not listen to one to judge two

Don't speak to the man at the wheel

Don't teach your grandmother to suck eggs

Dogs wag their tails no so much in love to you as to your bread

Dress a stick and it does not appear to be a stick

The devil finds work for idle hands to do

The dog returns to his vomit

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy and wise

Every ass likes to hear himself bray

Every difficulty slurred over will be a ghost to disturb your repose later on

Every man is best known to himself

Everyone is held to be innocent until he is proved guilty

Everyone to his taste

Everything comes to him who waits

Evil be to him who evil thinks

Face to face the truth comes out

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

The first step to virtue is to abstain from vice

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

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread

A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step

Give the bow to its maker

Go not for every grief to the physician for every quarrel to the lawyer nor for every thirst to the pot

Go not to the extreme in your love and hate

God never expects you to do more than you can

God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb

Good to begin well better to end well

Goodness is not tied to greatness

He does not believe who does not live according to his belief

He is unworthy to live who lives only for himself

He that brings up his son to nothing breeds a thief

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

He that fights and runs away may live to fight another day

He that has nothing need fear to lose nothing

He that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune

He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody

He that protects an ill-doer may live to repent it

He that stumbles twice over one stone deserves to break his shins

He who forgets to thank man will not thank god

He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount

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

Hitch your wagon to a star

Hypocrisy is a homage that vice pays to virtue

I taught you to swim and now you'd drown me

I would like to fly but i have no wings

If all days were feasts to feast would be tedious

If fools went not to market bad wares would not be sold

If the lad go to the well against his will either the can will break or the water will spell

If we are bound to forgive an enemy we are not bound to trust him

If you wish to be obeyed do not ask the impossible

In the world who knows not to swim goes to the bottom

Injury is to be measured by malice

Insult gives birth to insult

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 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 hard to please all parties

It is ill manners to laugh without cause

It is never too late to mend

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

Keep aloof from quarrels be neither a witness nor a party to them

Knowledge is a treasure but practice is the key to it

Learn to live and live to learn

Let the cobbler stick to his last

Light not a candle to the sun

Like will to like

A lion may come to be beholden to a mouse

Live not to eat but eat to live

Make not a fool of yourself to make others merry

A man will never change his mind if he has no mind to change

Many kiss the hand they wish to cut off

Medicines are not meat to live by

Men are not to be measured in inches

Merit belongs to the beginner should even the successor do better

The misfortunes of some bring benefits to others

The more women look in their glass the less they look to their house

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

Never too late to learn

No man is a hero to his valet

No man ought to be judge in his own cause

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 easy to the unwilling

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart

Nothing is to be got without pains

One is never too old to learn

One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad

One must draw back in order to leap better

The only way to keep a secret is to say nothing

Patience is a key to relief

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

Promises are like pie-crust made to be broken

The remedy for injuries is not to remember them

The road to hell is paved with good intentions

Seek learning form the cradle to the grave

Set a beggar on a horseback and he'll ride to the devil

Set a thief to catch a thief

Silence is the best answer to the stupid

Stretch your legs according to your coverlet

Submitting to one wrong brings on another

Take not a musket to kill a butterfly

Talk of the devil and he is sure to appear

There are two sides to every question

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

There is no royal road to learning

Through hardship to the stars

Through obedience learn to command

Throw out a sprat to catch a mackerel

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

To a grateful man give money when he asks

To blind men don't talk about colours

To deceive a deceiver is no deceit

To deceive oneself is very easy

To err is human

To err is to learn

To every malady a remedy save ignorance

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

To frighten a bird is not the way to catch it

Tomorrow isn't too long to wait

The tongue ever turns to the aching tooth

Venture a small fish to catch a great one

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

The way to babylon will never bring you to jerusalem

Wealth is an enemy to health

Whatever comes from the heart goes to the heart

When ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise

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

Who chatters to you will chatter of you

Who keeps company with the wolf will learn to howl

Wisdom is to the soul as health is to the body

A word is enough to the wise

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

You are not the first to be fooled by mirage

You can lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

You may lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

You must cut your coat according to your cloth

Adventures are to the adventurous

All good things must come to an end

All things come to those who wait

Good americans when they die go to paris

Be what you would seem to be

Set a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil

It is better to be born lucky than rich

Better to die on your feet than live on your knees

Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all

Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness

Better to live one day as a tiger than a thousand years as a sheep

Better to marry than to burn

It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive

Better to wear out than to rust out

Between two stools one falls to the ground

Big fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite them and little fleas have lesser fleas and so ad infinitum

Little birds that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing

If you're born to be hanged then you'll never be drowned

Never send a boy to do a man's job

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

Do not care was made to care

From clogs to clogs is only three generations

The cobbler to his last and the gunner to his linstock

Common fame is seldom to blame

Corporations have neither bodies to be punished nor souls to be damned

Do not cross the bridge till you come to it

Crosses are ladders that lead to heaven

He that will to cupar maun to cupar

Do not cut off your nose to spite your face

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

The dog returns to its vomit

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

Eat to live not live to eat

To err is human (to forgive divine)

Every man to his taste

Every man to his trade

Evil to him who evil thinks

He who fights and runs away may live to fight another day

On the first of march the crows begin to search

All is fish that comes to the net

Give a thing and take a thing to wear the devil's gold ring

God makes the back to the burden

The gods send nuts to those who have no teeth

He is a good dog who goes to church

All is grist that comes to the mill

You can take a horse to the water but you can not make him drink

The husband is always the last to know

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise

To know all is to forgive all

A liar ought to have a good memory

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

If you want to live and thrive let the spider run alive

He that lives in hope dances to an ill tune

There goes more to marriage than four bare legs in a bed

Money makes the mare to go

If the mountain will not come to mahomet mahomet must go to the mountain

It is never too late to learn

Never too old to learn

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

One for the mouse one for the crow one to rot one to grow

Parsley seed goes nine times to the devil

Do not throw pearls to swine

The pitcher will go to the well once too often

Pity is akin to love

He who plants thorns should not expect to gather roses

Praise the child and you make love to the mother

Promises like pie-crust are made to be broken

It is easier to pull down than to build up

To the pure all things are pure

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

It is easier to raise the devil than to lay him

Rules are made to be broken

Help you to salt help you to sorrow

He that would go to sea for pleasure would go to hell for a pastime

It's a sin to steal a pin

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is

Spare well and have to spend

Speak not of my debts unless you mean to pay them

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

Put a stout heart to a stey brae

Everyone stretches his legs according to the length of his coverlet

From the sublime to the ridiculous is only a step

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

It takes one to know one

Talk of the devil and he is bound to appear

Do not teach your grandmother to suck eggs

When things are at the worst they begin to mend

Three things are not to be trusted a cow's horn a dog's tooth and a horse's hoof

The tongue always returns to the sore tooth

It takes two to make a bargain

It takes two to tango

It takes a whole village to bring up a child

We must learn to walk before we can run

Do not go near the water until you learn how to swim

There is more than one way to skin a cat

The weakest go to the wall

The wish is father to the thought

Do not call a wolf to help you against the dogs

A word to the wise is enough

Work expands so as to fill the time available

Young folks think old folks to be fools but old folks know young folks to be fools

There is an exception to every rule

From shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations

A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse