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Finley Peter Dunne (1867 - 1936) was a Chicago-based U.S. author, writer and humorist. He wrote Mr. Dooley in Peace and War in 1898. "Mr. Dooley" became one of the first nationally syndicated newspaper features. Set in a South Side Chicago Irish pub, Mr. Dooley, the owner and bartender, would expound upon political and social issues of the day, using the thick verbiage and accent of an Irish immigrant. Dunne's sly humor and political acumen won the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, a frequent target of Mr. Dooley's barbs.

It don't make much difference what you study, so long as you don't like it.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks the Lord would do if He knew the facts of the case.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Alcohol is necessary for a man so that he can have a good opinion of himself, undisturbed by the facts.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A lie with a purpose is one of the worst kind, and the most profitable.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A man's idea in a game of cards is war, cruel, devastating, and pitiless. A lady's idea of it is a combination of larceny, embezzlement and burglary.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

The past always looks better than it was because it isn't here.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

The only good husbands stay bachelors: They're too considerate to get married.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

One of the strangest things about life is that the poor, who need the money the most, are the ones that never have it.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Trust everybody, but cut the cards.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Most vegetarians I ever see looked enough like their food to be classed as cannibals.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Vice is a creature of such hideous mien... that the more you see it the better you like it.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

The world is not growing worse and it is not growing better -- it is just turning around as usual.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Don't jump on a man unless he is down.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

No, sir, th dimmycratic party aint on speakin terms with itsilf. Whin ye see two men with white neckties go into a sthreet car an set in opposite corners while wan mutthers Thraiter an th other hisses Miscreent ye can bet theyre two dimmycratic leaders thryin to reunite th gran ol party.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A rayformer thinks he was ilted because he was a rayformer, whin th thruth iv th matther is he was ilted because no wan knew him.

- Dunne, Finley Peter



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