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Charles Horace Mayo (July 19, 1865 – May 26, 1939) was an American medical practitioner and a co-founder of the Mayo Clinic.

The one who prosperity takes too much delight in will be the most shocked by reverses.

- Horace

As a rule, adversity reveals genius and prosperity hides it.

- Horace

Adversity reveals genius, prosperity conceals it.

- Horace

A heart well prepared for adversity in bad times hopes, and in good times fears for a change in fortune.

- Horace

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.

- Horace

Whatever advice you give, be short.

- Horace

A good scare is worth more than good advice.

- Horace

He who has made it a practice to lie and deceive his father, will be the most daring in deceiving others.

- Horace

When things are steep, remember to stay level-headed.

- Horace

How great, my friends, is the virtue of living upon a little!

- Horace

If you would have me weep, you must first of all feel grief yourself.

- Horace

He will be loved when dead, who was envied when he was living.

- Horace

What fugitive from his country can also escape from himself.

- Horace

Life is largely a matter of expectation.

- Horace

What we learn only through the ears makes less impression upon our minds than what is presented to the trustworthy eye.

- Horace

The lofty pine is oftenest shaken by the winds; High towers fall with a heavier crash; And the lightning strikes the highest mountain.

- Horace

While fools shun one set of faults they run into the opposite one.

- Horace

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.

- Horace

Fortune makes a fool of those she favors too much.

- Horace

If a man's fortune does not fit him, it is like the shoe in the story; if too large it trips him up,

if too small it pinches him.

- Horace

We are free to yield to truth.

- Horace

Who then is free? The one who wisely is lord of themselves, who neither poverty, death or captivity terrify, who is strong to resist his appetites and shun honors, and is complete in themselves smooth and round like a globe.

- Horace

Who then is free? The wise man who can govern himself.

- Horace

He gains everyone's approval who mixes the pleasant with the useful.

- Horace

Help a man against his will and you do the same as murder him.

- Horace

Nothing is too high for the daring of mortals: we storm heaven itself in our folly.

- Horace

I shall strike the stars with my unlifted head.

- Horace

Begin, be bold and venture to be wise.

- Horace

Gold will be slave or master.

- Horace

Avoid inquisitive persons, for they are sure to be gossips, their ears are open to hear, but they will not keep what is entrusted to them.

- Horace

To have a great man for a friend seems pleasant to those who have never tried it; those who have, fear it.

- Horace

The avarice person is ever in want; let your desired aim have a fixed limit.

- Horace

You traverse the world in search of happiness, which is within the reach of every man. A contented mind confers it on all.

- Horace

It is the false shame of fools to try to conceal wounds that have not healed.

- Horace

A jest often decides matters of importance more effectual and happily than seriousness.

- Horace

In the word of no master am I bound to believe.

- Horace

Undeservedly you will atone for the sins of your fathers.

- Horace

He is armed without who is innocent within, be this thy screen, and this thy wall of brass.

- Horace

I teach that all men are mad.

- Horace

He who is upright in his way of life and free from sin.

- Horace

A good and faithful judge ever prefers the honorable to the expedient.

- Horace

Knowledge without education is but armed injustice.

- Horace

Life gives nothing to man without labor.

- Horace

You must avoid sloth, that wicked siren.

- Horace

Refrain from asking what going to happen tomorrow, and everyday that fortune grants you, count as gain.

- Horace

He has not lived badly whose birth and death has been unnoticed by the world.

- Horace

The one who cannot restrain their anger will wish undone, what their temper and irritation prompted them to do.

- Horace

Anger is a brief lunacy.

- Horace

Anger is a momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.

- Horace

Anger is short madness

- Horace

My liver swells with bile difficult to repress.

- Horace

Subdue your passion or it will subdue you.

- Horace

Remember, when life's path is steep, to keep your mind even.

- Horace

He will always be a slave who does not know how to live upon a little.

- Horace

Usually the modest person passes for someone reserved, the silent for a sullen person

- Horace

Does he counsel you better who bids you, Money, by right means, if you can: but by any means, make money ?

- Horace

You may drive out nature with a pitchfork, yet she'll be constantly running back.

- Horace

Your own safety is at stake when your neighbor's house is in flames.

- Horace

It is your business when the wall next door catches fire.

- Horace

Let us my friends snatch our opportunity from the passing day.

- Horace

Clogged with yesterday's excess, the body drags the mind down with it.

- Horace

It is a sweet and seemly thing to die for one's country.

- Horace

Sad people dislike the happy, and the happy the sad; the quick thinking the sedate, and the careless the busy and industrious.

- Horace

I hate the irreverent rabble and keep them far from me.

- Horace

Why harass with eternal purposes a mind too weak to grasp them?

- Horace

The man is either mad, or he is making verses.

- Horace

No poems can please for long or live that are written by water-drinkers.

- Horace

Every old poem is sacred.

- Horace

Poets wish to profit or to please.

- Horace

No verse can give pleasure for long, nor last, that is written by drinkers of water.

- Horace

A picture is a poem without words.

- Horace

One wanders to the left, another to the right. Both are equally in error, but, are seduced by different delusions.

- Horace

How does it happen, Maecenas, that no one is content with that lot of which he has chosen or which chance has thrown his way, but praises those who follow a different course?

- Horace

Believe that each day that shines on you is your last.

- Horace

Seize the day.

- Horace

Tear thyself from delay.

- Horace

Take away the danger and remove the restraint, and wayward nature runs free.

- Horace

The power of daring anything their fancy suggest, as always been conceded to the painter and the poet.

- Horace

There is nothing assured to mortals.

- Horace

This is a fault common to all singers, that among their friends they will never sing when they are asked; unasked, they will never desist.

- Horace

Be ever on your guard what you say of anybody and to whom.

- Horace

He who has begun has half done. Dare to be wise; begin.

- Horace

He has half the deed done who has made a beginning

- Horace

Nothing's beautiful from every point of view.

- Horace

Many heroes lived before Agamemnon; but all are unknown and unwept, extinguished in everlasting night, because they have no spirited chronicler.

- Horace

I strive to be brief, and I become obscure.

- Horace

Those who cross the sea change only the climate, not their character.

- Horace

If a better system is thine, impart it; if not, make use of mine.

- Horace

When you introduce a moral lesson, let it be brief.

- Horace

If you wish me to weep, you must first show grief yourself.

- Horace

Those that are little, little things suit.

- Horace

Make a good use of the present.

- Horace

He that has given today may, if he so please, take away tomorrow.

- Horace

They change their climate, not their soul, who rush across the sea.

- Horace

A portion of mankind take pride in their vices and pursue their purpose; many more waver between doing what is right and complying with what is wrong.

- Horace

The disgrace of others often keeps tender minds from vice.

- Horace

It is of no consequence of what parents a man is born, as long as he be a man of merit.

- Horace

Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone.

- Horace

Words will not fail when the matter is well considered.

- Horace

A word once uttered can never be recalled.

- Horace

A shoe that is too large is apt to trip one, and when too small, to pinch the feet. So it is with those whose fortune does not suit them.

- Horace

Labor diligently to increase your property.

- Horace

You who write, choose a subject suited to your abilities and think long and hard on what your powers are equal to and what they are unable to perform.

- Horace

You must often make erasures if you mean to write what is worthy of being read a second time; and don't labor for the admiration of the crowd, but be content with a few choice

readers.

- Horace

The secret of all good writing is sound judgment.

- Horace

One gains universal applause who mingles the useful with the agreeable, at once delighting and instructing the reader.

- Horace

Good sense is both the first principal and the parent source of good writing.

- Horace

Let your literary compositions be kept from the public eye for nine years.

- Horace

Youth is unduly busy with pampering the outer person.

- Horace

What do sad complaints avail if the offense is not cut down by punishment.

- Horace

Let your character be kept up the very end, just as it began, and so be consistent.

- Horace

Live as brave men and face adversity with stout hearts.

- Horace

The human race afraid of nothing, rushes on through every crime.

- Horace

We are often deterred from crime by the disgrace of others.

- Horace

Pale death with an impartial foot knocks at the hovels of the poor and the palaces of king.

- Horace

I shall not wholly die, and a great part of me will escape the grave.

- Horace

Sweet and glorious it is to die for our country.

- Horace

The poets aim is either to profit or to please, or to blend in one the delightful and the useful. Whatever the lesson you would convey, be brief, that your hearers may catch quickly what is said and faithfully retain it. Every superfluous word is spilled from the

too-full memory.

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