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Don Marquis (July 29, 1878 - December 29, 1937) was a writer, poet, and artist; best known for creating the characters "Archy" and "Mehitabel". Archy was a cockroach who left poems on Marquis's typewriter by jumping on the keys, and Mehitabel was both a cat and a friend of Archy.

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

- Marquis, Don

Every cloud has its silver lining but it is sometimes a little difficult to get it to the mint

- Marquis, Don

A fierce unrest seethes at the core, of all existing things:, it was the eager wish to soar, that gave the gods their wings.

- Marquis, Don

I would rather start a family than finish one.

- Marquis, Don

Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes.

- Marquis, Don

Happiness is the interval between periods of unhappiness.

- Marquis, Don

Some persons are likable in spite of their unswerving integrity.

- Marquis, Don

Honesty is a good thing, but it is not profitable to its possessor unless it is kept under control.

- Marquis, Don

An idea is not responsible for the people who believe in it.

- Marquis, Don

An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all.

- Marquis, Don

We pay for the mistakes of our ancestors, and it seems only fair that they should leave us the money to pay with.

- Marquis, Don

a man thinks he amounts to a great deal but to a flea or a mosquito a human being is

merely something good to eat

- Marquis, Don

I get up in the morning with an idea for a three-volume novel and by nightfall it's a paragraph in my column.

- Marquis, Don

now and then there is a person born who is so unlucky that he runs into accidents which started out to happen to somebody else.

- Marquis, Don

There is nothing so habit-forming as money.

- Marquis, Don

An optimist is a man who has never had much experience.

- Marquis, Don

In order to influence a child, one must be careful not to be that child's parent or grandparent.

- Marquis, Don

A pessimist is a person who has had to listen to too many optimists.

- Marquis, Don

Writing a book of poetry is like dropping a rose petal down the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo.

- Marquis, Don

Poetry is what Milton saw when he went blind.

- Marquis, Don

Did you ever notice that when a politician does get an idea he usually gets it all wrong.

- Marquis, Don

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

- Marquis, Don

prohibition makes you want to cry into your beer and denies you the beer to cry into

- Marquis, Don

Punctuality is one of the cardinal business virtues: always insist on it in your subordinates.

- Marquis, Don

Science has always been too dignified to invent a good backscratcher.

- Marquis, Don

Successful people are the ones who think up things for the rest of the world to keep busy at.

- Marquis, Don

Ours is a world where people don't know what they want and are willing to go through hell to get it.

- Marquis, Don

Blood will tell, but often it tells too much.

- Marquis, Don

Bores bore each other too; but it never seems to teach them anything.

- Marquis, Don

Persian pussy from over the sea demure and lazy and smug and fat none of your ribbons and bells for me ours is the zest of the alley cat

- Marquis, Don

If you make people think they're thinking they'll love you: but if you really make them think, they'll hate you.

- Marquis, Don

When you can't have anything else, you can have virtue.

- Marquis, Don

He worked like hell in the country so he could live in the city, where he worked like hell so he could live in the country.

- Marquis, Don

When a man tells you that he got rich through hard work, ask him whose?

- Marquis, Don

I never think when I write. Nobody can do two things at the same time and do them well.

- Marquis, Don

what man calls civilization always results in deserts
man is never on the square
he uses up the fat and greenery of the earth
each generation wastes a little more of the future with greed and lust for riches

- Marquis, Don

Between the years of ninety-two and a hundred and two, however, we shall be the ribald, useless, drunken, outcast person we have always wished to be. We shall have a long white beard and long white hair; we shall not walk at all, but recline in a wheel chair and bellow for alcoholic beverages; in the winter we shall sit before the fire with our feet in a bucket of hot water, a decanter of corn whiskey near at hand, and write ribald songs against organized society; strapped to one arm of our chair will be a forty-five calibre

revolver, and we shall shoot out the lights when we want to go to sleep, instead of turning them off; when we want air we shall throw a silver candlestick through the front window and be damned to it; we shall address public meetings in a vein of jocund malice. We shall but we dont wish to make any one envious of the good time that is coming to us We look forward to a disreputable, vigorous, unhonoured, and disorderly old age.

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