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Humorist and lecturer Josh Billings

Advice is like castor oil, easy to give, but dreadful to take.

- Billings, Josh

Most people when they come to you for advice, come to have their own opinions strengthened, not corrected.

- Billings, Josh

I have never known a person to live to be one hundred and be remarkable for anything else.

- Billings, Josh

In youth we run into difficulties. In old age difficulties run into us.

- Billings, Josh

Always live within your income, even if you have to borrow money to do so.

- Billings, Josh

Never run into debt, not if you can find anything else to run into.

- Billings, Josh

When a man gets talking about himself, he seldom fails to be eloquent and often reaches the sublime.

- Billings, Josh

There are some people so addicted to exaggeration that they can't tell the truth without lying.

- Billings, Josh

Experience is a school where a man learns what a big fool he has been.

- Billings, Josh

Experience increases our wisdom but doesn't reduce our follies.

- Billings, Josh

If there was no faith there would be no living in this world. We could not even eat hash with any safety.

- Billings, Josh

Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt, not swallowed.

- Billings, Josh

There are two kinds of fools: those who can't change their opinions and those who won't.

- Billings, Josh

Take all the fools out of this world and there wouldn't be any fun living in it, or profit.

- Billings, Josh

The best way to convince a fool that he is wrong is to let him have his way.

- Billings, Josh

There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.

- Billings, Josh

A puppy plays with every pup he meets, but an old dog has few associates.

- Billings, Josh

The miser and the glutton are two facetious buzzards: one hides his store, and the other stores his hide.

- Billings, Josh

A good way I know to find happiness, is to not bore a hole to fit the plug.

- Billings, Josh

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did her lost

spectacles. Safe on her own nose all the time.

- Billings, Josh

There's lots of people who spend so much time watching their health, they haven't got time to enjoy it.

- Billings, Josh

Honesty is the rarest wealth anyone can possess, and yet all the honesty in the world ain't lawful tender for a loaf of bread.

- Billings, Josh

The more humble a man is before God the more he will be exalted; the more humble he is before man, the more he will get rode roughshod.

- Billings, Josh

Incredulity is the wisdom of the fool.

- Billings, Josh

I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.

- Billings, Josh

Knowledge is like money: the more he gets, the more he craves.

- Billings, Josh

The trouble with most folks ain't so much their ignorance as knowing so many things that ain't so.

- Billings, Josh

Threescore years and ten is enough; if a man can't suffer all the misery he wants in that time, he must be numb.

- Billings, Josh

Life is short, but it's long enough to ruin any man who wants to be ruined.

- Billings, Josh

Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.

- Billings, Josh

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.

- Billings, Josh

The thinner the ice, the more anxious is everyone to see whether it will bear.

- Billings, Josh

Love is said to be blind, but I know some fellows in love who can see twice as much in their sweethearts as I do.

- Billings, Josh

As a general thing, when the woman wears the pants in the family, she has a good right to them.

- Billings, Josh

The best medicine I know for rheumatism is to thank the Lord it ain't the gout.

- Billings, Josh

Men mourn for what they have lost; women for what they ain't got.

- Billings, Josh

I haven't got as much money as some folks, but I've got as much impudence as any of them, and that's the next thing to money.

- Billings, Josh

Be kind to your mother-in-law, but pay for her board at some good hotel.

- Billings, Josh

Music hath the charm to soothe a savage beast, but I'd try a revolver first.

- Billings, Josh

If a man should happen to reach perfection in this world, he would have to die

immediately to enjoy himself.

- Billings, Josh

Consider the postage stamp, my son. It secures success through its ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.

- Billings, Josh

To enjoy a good reputation give publicly, and steal privately.

- Billings, Josh

Pity cost nothing and ain't worth nothing.

- Billings, Josh

A good place to visit, but a poor place to stay.

- Billings, Josh

About the most originality that any writer can hope to achieve honestly is to steal with good judgment.

- Billings, Josh

Don't mistake pleasure for happiness. They are a different breed of dogs.

- Billings, Josh

It is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.

- Billings, Josh

Poverty is the step-mother of genius.

- Billings, Josh

Remember the poor, it costs nothing.

- Billings, Josh

I am a poor man, but I have this consolation: I am poor by accident, not by design.

- Billings, Josh

Woman's influence is powerful, especially when she wants something.

- Billings, Josh

Don't put off till tomorrow what can be enjoyed today.

- Billings, Josh

Don't ever prophesy; for if you prophesy wrong, nobody will forget it; and if you prophesy right, nobody will remember it.

- Billings, Josh

One of the rarest things that a man ever does, is to do the best he can.

- Billings, Josh

It is much easier to repent of sins that we have committed than to repent of those that we intend to commit.

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Most people repent their sins by thanking God they ain't so wicked as their neighbors.

- Billings, Josh

Old maids sweeten their tea with scandal.

- Billings, Josh

The best time for you to hold your tongue is the time you feel you must say something or bust.

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It's not only the most difficult thing to know one's self, but the most inconvenient.

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Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.

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I don't care how much a person talks, if they only say it in a few words.

- Billings, Josh

As long as we are lucky we attribute it to our smartness; our bad luck we give the gods credit for.

- Billings, Josh

Wisdom has never made a bigot, but learning has.

- Billings, Josh

There's a great power in words, if you don't hitch too many of them together.

- Billings, Josh

The happiest time in a man's life is when he is in the red hot pursuit of a dollar with a reasonable prospect of overtaking it.

- Billings, Josh

I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am the most certain of the first time.

- Billings, Josh

There is no greater evidence of superior intelligence than to be surprised at nothing.

- Billings, Josh

Time is like money, the less we have of it to spare the further we make it go.

- Billings, Josh

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.

- Billings, Josh

To bring up a child in the way he should go -- travel that way yourself.

- Billings, Josh

There is a significant Latin proverb; to wit: Who will guard the guards?

- Billings, Josh

It ain't so much trouble to get rich as it is to tell when we have got rich.

- Billings, Josh

It is a statistical fact that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.

- Billings, Josh

Some folks are wise and some otherwise.

- Billings, Josh

Never work before breakfast. If you have to work before breakfast, get your breakfast first.

- Billings, Josh

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

- Billings, Josh

Adversity has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the pugilist -- it reduces him to his fighting weight.

- Billings, Josh

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.

- Billings, Josh

Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does.

- Billings, Josh

Don't take the bull by the horns, take him by the tail; then you can let go when you want to.

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