

Finley Peter Dunne Quotes

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Trust everybody, but cut the cards.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

The past always looks better than it was; it's only pleasant because it isn't here.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Swearing was invented as a compromise between running away and fighting.

~Finley Peter Dunne

That is, no matter whether th' constitution follows th' flag or not, th' supreme court follows th' iliction returns.

~Finley Peter Dunne

What is instinct? It is the natural tendency in one when filled with dismay to turn to his wife.

~Finley Peter Dunne

An appeal is when you ask one court to show its contempt for another court.

~Finley Peter Dunne

I niver knew a pollytician to go wrong ontill he's been contaminated by contact with a business man.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Most vegetarians look so much like the food they eat that they can be classified as cannibals.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

If Christian scientists had more science and doctors more Christianity, it wouldn't make any difference which you called in - if you had a good nurse.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Stories are meant to comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

There are no friends at cards or world politics

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

it.

~Finley Peter Dunne

It is more comfortable to feel that we are a slight improvement on a monkey than such a fallin' off from the angels.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

I wonder why you can always read a doctor's bill and you can never read his prescription.

~Finley Peter Dunne

High finance isn't burglary or obtaining money by false pretenses, but rather a judicious selection from the best features of those fine arts.

~Finley Peter Dunne

When the American people get through with the English language, it will look as if it had been run over by a musical comedy.

~Finley Peter Dunne

There aint any news in being good. You might write the doings of all the convents of the world on the back of a postage stamp, and have room to spare.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Meditation is a gift confined to unknown philosophers and cows. Others don't begin to think till they begin to talk or write.

~Finley Peter Dunne

You can lade a man up to th' university, but ye can't make him think.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

Continued focus on (employee) turnover is of critical importance, because of the direct relation of turnover to improvements in labor costs and guest satisfaction.

~Finley Peter Dunne

A firm belief attracts facts. They come out iv holes in the ground an' cracks in th' wall to support belief, but they run away fr'm doubt.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

A man that'd expict to thrain lobsters to fly in a year is called a loonytic; but a man that thinks men can be tur-rned into angels by an iliction is called a rayformer an' remains at large.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

When 'tis an aven thing in th' prayin', may th' best man win ... an' th' best man will win.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Th' first thing to have in a libry is a shelf. Fr'm time to time this can be decorated with lithrature. But th' shelf is th' main thing.

~Finley Peter Dunne

I care not who makes th' laws iv a nation, if I can get out an injunction.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Freedom is like drink. If you take any at all, you might as well take enough to make you happy for a while.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Drink never made a man better, but it has made many a man think he was better.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Work is work if you're paid to do it, and it's a pleasure if you pay to be allowed to do it.

~Finley Peter Dunne

The wise people are in New York because the foolish went there first, that's the way the wise men make a living.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Trust ivrybody-but cut th' cards.

~Finley Peter Dunne

A man's idee in a card game is war

~Finley Peter Dunne

A man never becomes an orator if he has anything to say.

~Finley Peter Dunne

The American nation in the sixth ward is a fine people; they love the eagle - on the back of a dollar.

~Finley Peter Dunne

A game you play with your own worst enemy-yourself.

~Finley Peter Dunne

What's wan man's news is another man's throubles.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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

~Finley Peter Dunne

Many a man that could rule a hundred million strangers with an iron hand is careful to take off his shoes in the front hallway when he comes home late at night.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Vice goes along way towards making life bearable. A little vice now and then is relished by the best of men.

~Finley Peter Dunne

A man can be right and president, but he can't be both at the same time.

~Finley Peter Dunne

If a man is wise, he gets rich and if he gets rich, he gets foolish, or his wife does. That's what keeps the money moving around.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Histroy is a post-mortem examination. It tells you what a country died in. But I'd like to know what it lived in.

~Finley Peter Dunne

A Mormon is a man that has the bad taste and the religion to do what a good many other people are restrained from doing by conscientious scruples and the police.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Politics ain't beanbag: 'tis a man's game, and women, children 'n' pro-hy-bitionists had best stay out of it.

~Finley Peter Dunne

No matter whether the Constitution follows the flag or not, the Supreme Court follows the election returns.

~Finley Peter Dunne

There's always wan encouragin' thing about th' sad scientific facts that come out ivrv week in th' pa-apers. They're usually not thru.

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The last man that makes a joke owns it.

~Finley Peter Dunne

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If ye live enough before thirty ye won't care to live at all after fifty.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Even an Englishman was niver improved by bein' blown up.

~Finley Peter Dunne

To most people a savage nation is wan that doesn't wear oncomf'rtable clothes.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Many a man that couldn't direct ye to th' drug store on th' corner when he was thirty will get a respectful hearin' when age has further impaired his mind.

~Finley Peter Dunne

It [Thanksgiving] was founded by the Puritans to give thanks for bein' preserved from the Indians, an' we keep it to give thanks we are preserved from the Puritans.

~Finley Peter Dunne

Th' dead ar-re always pop'lar. I knowed a society wanst to vote a monyment to a man an' refuse to help his fam'ly, all in wan night.

~Finley Peter Dunne

It must be a good thing to be good or ivrybody wudden't be pretendin' he was.

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