

Jerome K. Jerome

Quotes

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Rivers, Play, Sea, Weather, Baby, Night, Girl, Children, Mistake*

It is always the best policy to speak the truth, unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.

~Jerome K. Jerome

People who have tried it, tell me that a clear conscience makes you very happy and contented; but a full stomach does the business quite as well, and is cheaper, and more easily obtained.

~Jerome K. Jerome

A good woman's arms round a man's neck is a lifebelt thrown out to him from heaven.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Opportunities flit by while we sit regretting the chances we have lost, and the happiness that comes to us we heed not, because of the happiness that is gone.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Love is like the measles; we all have to go through it.

~Jerome K. Jerome

What I am looking for is a blessing not in disguise.

~Jerome K. Jerome

They [dogs] never talk about themselves but listen to you while you talk about yourself, and keep up an appearance of being interested in the conversation.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.

~Jerome K. Jerome

If there is one person I do despise more than another, it is the man who does not think exactly the same on all topics as I do.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The weather is like the government, always in the wrong.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is so pleasant to come across people more stupid than ourselves. We love them at once for being so.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Some people are under the impression that all that is required to make a good fisherman is the ability to tell lies easily and without blushing; but this is a mistake.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It seems to me so shocking to see the precious hours of a man's life - the priceless moments that will never come back to him again - being wasted in a mere brutish sleep.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The shy man does have some slight revenge upon society for the torture it inflicts upon him.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Time is but the shadow of the world upon the background of Eternity.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Life will always remain a gamble, with prizes sometimes for the imprudent, and blanks so often to the wise.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The advantage of literature over life is that its characters are clearly defined, and act consistently.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Splendid cheeses they were, ripe and mellow, and with a two hundred horse-power scent about them that might have been warranted to carry three miles, and knock a man over at two hundred yards.

~Jerome K. Jerome

A glass of wine often makes me a better man than hearing a sermon.

~Jerome K. Jerome

A cat's got her own opinion of human beings. She don't say much, but you can tell enough to make you anxious not to hear the whole of it.

~Jerome K. Jerome

One we discover how to appreciate the timeless values in our daily experiences, we can enjoy the best things in life.

~Jerome K. Jerome

If you are foolish enough to be contented, don't show it, but grumble with the rest; and if you can do with a little, ask for a great deal. Because if you don't you won't get any.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I could not conjure up one melancholy fancy upon a mutton chop and a glass of champagne.

~Jerome K. Jerome

There is no more thrilling sensation I know of than sailing. It comes as near to flying as man has got to yet - except in dreams.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Fox-terriers are born with about four times as much original sin in them

as other dogs.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I respect the truth too much to drag it out on every occasion.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I can see the humorous side of things and enjoy the fun when it comes; but look where I will, there seems to me always more sadness than joy in life.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I attribute the quarrelsome nature of the Middle Ages young men entirely to the want of the soothing weed.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The odour of Burgundy, and the smell of French sauces, and the sight of clean napkins and long loaves, knocked as a very welcome visitor at the door of our inner man.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is very strange, this domination of our intellect by our digestive organs. We cannot work, we cannot think, unless our stomach wills so. It dictates to us our emotions, our passions.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is easy enough to say that poverty is no crime. No; if it were men wouldn't be ashamed of it. It is a blunder, though, and is punished as such. A poor man is despised the whole world over.

~Jerome K. Jerome

We drink [to] one another's health and spoil our own.

~Jerome K. Jerome

There may be a better land where bicycle saddles are made of rainbow,

stuffed with cloud; in this world the simplest thing is to get used to something hard.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Idling has always been my strong point.

~Jerome K. Jerome

There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The world must be rather a rough place for clever people. Ordinary folk dislike them, and as for themselves, they hate each other most cordially.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Life is a thing to be lived, not spent; to be faced, not ordered. Life is not a game of chess, the victory to the most knowing; it is a game of cards, one's hand by skill to be made the best of.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Cheese, like oil, makes too much of itself.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Think of the man who first tried German sausage.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I had walked into that reading-room a happy, healthy man. I crawled out a decrepit wreck.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Being poor is a mere trifle. It is being known to be poor that is the sting.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I don't know why it should be, I am sure; but the sight of another man asleep in bed when I am up, maddens me.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I don't understand German myself. I learned it at school, but forgot every word of it two years after I had left, and have felt much better ever since.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Man, if he would live, must worship. He looks around, and what to him, within the vision of his life, is the greatest and the best, that he falls down and does reverence to.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Too much of anything is a mistake, as the man said when his wife presented him with four new healthy children in one day. We should practice moderation in all matters.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Conceit is the finest armour a man can wear.

~Jerome K. Jerome

We must not think of the things we could do with, but only of the things that we can't do without.

~Jerome K. Jerome

We are so bound together that no man can labor for himself alone. Each blow he strikes in his own behalf helps to mold the universe.

~Jerome K. Jerome

But who wants to be foretold the weather? It is bad enough when it

comes, without our having the misery of knowing about it beforehand.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I want a house that has got over all its troubles; I don't want to spend the rest of my life bringing up a young and inexperienced house.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I plodded conscientiously through the twenty-six letters, and the only malady I could conclude I had not got was housemaid's knee.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I should never make anything of a fisherman. I had not got sufficient imagination

~Jerome K. Jerome

We like, we cherish, we are very, very fond ofâ€”but we never love again.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Cultivate a sense of humour. From a humorous point of view this lunch is rather good.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The facts of life are the impossibilities of fiction.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Evil thought is a dangerous pet. It is safer to play with it from behind the iron bars of circumstance.

~Jerome K. Jerome

There are many families where the whole interest of life is centered upon the dog.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Ambition is only vanity ennobled.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Life works upon a compensating balance, and the happiness we gain in one direction we lose in another.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Let us play the game of life as sportsmen, pocketing our winnings with a smile, leaving our losings with a shrug.

~Jerome K. Jerome

A boy's muscles move quicker than his thoughts.

~Jerome K. Jerome

If he were a man of strong mind, it only gave him fits; but a person of mere average intellect it usually sent mad.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is in our faults and failings, not in our virtues, that we touch one another and find sympathy. We differ widely enough in our nobler qualities. It is in our follies that we are at one.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The proverbial Englishman, we know from old chronicler Froissart, takes his pleasures sadly, and the Englishwoman goes a step further and takes her pleasures in sadness itself.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Swearing relieves the feelings - that is what swearing does. I explained this to my aunt on one occasion, but it didn't answer with her. She said I had no business to have such feelings.

~Jerome K. Jerome

"Not sure," he retorted; "you call yourself a journalist, and admit there is

a subject under Heaven of which you are not sure!"

~Jerome K. Jerome

We are but the veriest, sorriest slaves of our stomach. Reach not after morality and righteousness, my friends; watch vigilantly your stomach, and diet it with care and judgment.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It's really extraordinary what a variety of ways of loving there must be. We all do it as it was never done before.

~Jerome K. Jerome

When a man or woman loves to brood over a sorrow and takes care to keep it green in their memory, you may be sure it is no longer a pain to them.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Love is too pure a light to burn long among the noisome gases that we breathe, but before it is choked out we may use it as a torch to ignite the cozy fire of affection.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Weather in towns is like a skylark in a counting-house-out of place and in the way.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It takes 3 girls to tow always; two to hold the rope, and the other one runs round and round, and giggles.

~Jerome K. Jerome

When you forget to take the sail at all, then the wind is constantly in your favour both ways. But there! this world is only a probation, and man was born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Among all nations there should be vast temples raised where people might worship in silence and listen to it, for it is the voice of God

~Jerome K. Jerome

I love the chill October days, when the brown leaves lie thick and sodden underneath your feet.

~Jerome K. Jerome

All is vanity and everybody's vain. Women are terribly vain. So are men - more so, if possible.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is only the first baby that takes up the whole of a woman's time. Five or six do not require nearly so much attention as one.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Love is woman's business, and in "business" we all lay aside our natural weaknesses.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Oh, give me back the good old days of fifty years ago,â€œ has been the cry ever since Adam's fifty-first birthday.

~Jerome K. Jerome

What the eye does not see, the stomach does not get upset over

~Jerome K. Jerome

Cassivelaunus had prepared the river for Caesar, by planting it full of stakes (and had, no doubt, put up a notice-board).

~Jerome K. Jerome

Five thousand people in one society might do something, but five thousand societies of one member each would be a holy trouble.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Better to work and fail than to sleep one's life away.

~Jerome K. Jerome

We shall never be content until each man makes his own weather and keeps it to himself.

~Jerome K. Jerome

A Spaniard will seek to persuade you that the bull-ring is an institution got up chiefly for the benefit of the bull.

~Jerome K. Jerome

There are the goods; if you want them, you can have them. If you do not want them, they would almost rather that you did not come and talk about them.

~Jerome K. Jerome

What readers ask nowadays in a book is that it should improve, instruct, and elevate. This book wouldn't elevate a cow.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Nature, always inartistic, takes pleasure in creating the impossible.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It always does seem to me that I am doing more work than I should do. It is not that I object to the work, mind you; I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Angels may be very excellent sort of folk in their way, but we, poor mortals, in our present state, would probably find them precious slow company.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is well we cannot see into the future. There are few boys of fourteen

who would not feel ashamed of themselves at forty.

~Jerome K. Jerome

1lb beefstak, with 1pt bitter beer every 6 hours. 1 ten-mile walk every morning. 1 bed at 11 sharp every night. And don't stuff your head with things you don't understand.

~Jerome K. Jerome

It is no more effort for a man to be a saint than to be a sinner; it becomes a mere matter of habit.

~Jerome K. Jerome

I often arrive at quite sensible ideas and judgements, on the spur of the moment. It is when I stop to think that I become foolish.

~Jerome K. Jerome

The less taste a person has in dress, the more obstinate he always seems to be.

~Jerome K. Jerome

Give an average baby a fair chance, and if it doesn't do something it oughtn't to a doctor should be called in at once.

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