

"Sayings", pithy and otherwise, used by my mother and father. Compiled by the son, Frank I. Pickering.

1. Hard and sharp as man-cried razors.
2. Might as well be hung for an old sheep as a lamb.
3. Don't go around Robin Hood's barn
4. They want to be carried on a shingle (referring to touchy people)
5. ~~'is elbows's out, 'is at's upspout, nay leg a stocking, and tother without~~
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6. When whiskey is in the wit is out.
7. She (or he) is a whole team, a horse to let and a big dog under the wagon.
8. They are all clam kin.
9. Don't drag your feet, get a move on you.
10. Hurry, or you will be behind the light house.
11. Once a man and twice a boy. (father's)
12. You'll be a man now before your mother will. (Mother to her son)
13. You are slower than the seven year itch.
14. Don't eat the dish for the sake of what's been in it.
15. Come day, go day, God send Sunday. (Description of a lazy person)
16. He's like a singed cat, better than he looks.
17. You can't get blood out of a turnip.
18. Honey will catch more flies than vinegar. (Father's)
19. Yes, they are all honey and muck.
20. It is good to have an anchor to the windward. (Father's)
21. He (or she) looked like a bob-tailed rooster on a rickety hen roost.
22. Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may.
23. Any port in a storm. (Father's)
24. Hold your horses - keep your shirt on.
25. Make hay while the sun shines.
26. Butter would not melt in her mouth. (Nasty nice people)
27. Make them 'toe the line'.
28. It does not amount to a hill of beans.
29. About as good as a tow string.
30. I'm as independent as a hog on ice, if I can't stand up, I'll lik down. (Mother's)
31. Beauty is only skin deep.
32. Hell is paved with good intentions
33. He has "three sheets in the wind and another a fluttering. (Meaning drunk)
34. A burned child dreads the fire.
35. Handsome is as handsome does.
36. All wool and a yard wide.
37. Ripped, reveled, and run down at the heel.
38. Don't ride a free horse to death.
39. Keep a stiff upper lip.
40. It would be like carrying coals to Newcastle.
41. All's well that ends well.
42. Still water runs deep.
43. A chip off the old block. Like father, like son.
44. There's bound to be some fire where there is so much smoke.
45. The pot calling the kettle black.
46. Like hunting for a needle in a haystack.
47. Your guts will be your ruin. (Eating too much)
48. Haste makes waste.
49. There's a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.
50. If you give them an inch, they'll take a mile.
51. It's a poor house that can't afford one lady.
52. Gay as a lark and fine as a peacock.
53. Let'er rip. Catch as catch can. (Father)
54. Root hog or die - sink or swim.
55. Push on the lines. A later one: Give it the gun.
56. A stitch in time saves nine.

- 57. Penny wise and pound foolish.
- 58. (he) let the cat out of the bag.
- 59. A short horse is soon carried.
- 60. It shines like a brass knob on a clapboard door.
- 61. Laziness is good for nothing unless ^{well} followed up.
- 62. You can't touch them with a forth rod pole. (referring to the high & mighty)
- 63. He is too "high and mighty".
- 64. Grin and bear it.
- 65. There's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip.
- 66. Dear me suz, a dead horse kicking a blind man's eyes out. (Used by mother when a child was making a big fuss over some little thing.)
- 67. Come easy, go easy.
- 68. If it had been a snake it would have bitten you. (When I could not find something near me)
- 69. Forty ways for Sunday.
- 70. It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks. (Father's)
- 71. The fat's in the fire.
- 72. The good will of a dog is better than the ill will. (Very much father's)
- 73. Make yourself useful as well as ornamental.
- 74. Your head never saves your heels.
- 75. Not enough to sware by.
- 76. Three moves are as good as a fire.
- 77. I'll skin you alive and hang your hide on the fence.
- 78. A burned child dreads the fire.

79. *Get a ten cent wiggle on you,*
 Miscellaneous quotes

- 1. Eat it up, wear it out, make it do, and go without. - A New Englander's code
- 2. O consistency, thou art a jewel - Shakespeare.
- 3. Up high like a tree. (Used by a sawed-off Englishman bossing a bridge building job in Boulder, Colol)
- 4. When I became a man, I put away childish things. (Bible, ~~quoted by my paternal grand-~~ used by father)
- 5. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not, -Bible, (used by my paternal grand-father)
- 6. "Those near and dear to us by the ties of love and consanguinity" used by father in speaking.