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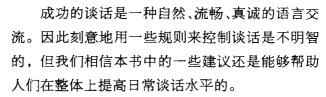
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前言



另外,还有许多人不得不参加社交活动、进行 商贸谈判、或者必须在公开场合发表演讲,那么我 们就应该更加严肃认真地对待"怎样说话"这个 问题了。真诚地希望这本小册子能给那些急于提 高谈话水平的人以切实的帮助。

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前 盲 故话的艺术

Preface

Good conversation implies naturalness, spontaneity, and sincerity of utterance. It is not advisable, therefore, to lay down arbitrary rules to govern talking, but it is believed that the suggestions offered here will contribute to the general elevation and improvement of daily speech.

Considering the large number of persons who are obliged to talk in social, business, and public life, the subject of correct speech should receive more serious consideration than is usually given to it. It is earnestly hoped that this volume will be of practical value to those who are desirous of developing and improving their conversational powers.

Appreciative thanks are expressed to the Editors of the *Homiletic Review* for permission to reprint some of the extracts.

Grenville Kleiser



放风筝的孩子可以将纸鸢收回身边,却无人能收回信口之言。 人皆知"用火须谨慎"是有用的忠告,而"话语须谨慎"却是更为有用的指教。 没说出的想法有时会湮灭在心头,可一旦说出口便似覆水难收!

——威尔·卡尔顿

说话是人的重要行为,也是他在世间的第一要务;而谈话则是两人或多人的和谐的语言交流,人们最容易从中获得快乐。谈话是一件无本而万利的事,它帮助人们完善所受的教育,为人们种下友谊的种子,培育出友谊之花。仅仅通过谈话我们就可以了解我们所处的时代和我们自己。

——罗伯特·路易斯·史帝文森

听人夸夸其谈常让我痛苦不堪,

那夸夸其谈的人又总是自以为所说的是至理 名言。

我只好绕动着大拇指,仰靠在椅子里,

苦恼地瞅着对面的墙板。

虽然希望他那些谬论早点结束,

嘴上却谨慎地应酬道:"没错——真是高见!"

——阿侬

Boys flying kites haul in their white-wing'd birds:

You can't do that way when you're flying words.

"Careful with fire," is good advice we know; "Careful with words," is ten times doubly so.

Thoughts unexpress'd may sometimes fall back dead,

But God Himself can't kill them once they're said!

-Will Carleton

The first duty of a man is to speak; that is his chief business in this world; and talk, which is the harmonious speech of two or more, is by far the most accessible of pleasures. It costs nothing; it is all profit; it completes our education; it founds and fosters our friendships; and it is by talk alone that we learn our period and ourselves.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Vociferated logic kills me quite;
A noisy man is always in the right—
I twirl my thumbs, fall back into my chair,
Fix on the wainscot a distressful stare;
And when I hope his blunders all are out,
Reply discreetly, "To be sure—no doubt!"
—Anon





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●谈话不是平常事

自然

流 畅

真诚的交流



谈话的艺术

谈话的魅力主要在于谈话者之间的相互理解。温柔体贴地关心别人的感受,感同身受地体察他人的心情,并且欣然地谦让对方,这样才会使谈话顺利地进行。

谈话的心态往往比谈话的内容还重要。我们的人格和魅力比我们说的内容更能影响周围的人,因此在人们聚首谈话的场合,每个人的人格特征都会无形中影响谈话场合的气氛。

应该努力提高个人修养,使自己具有亲和力和同情心,以便在谈话中随时都能表现出这些特点。尽管只有极少数的人具备这样的素质,但这些都是愉快而成功的谈话所必备的条件。

伯克认为礼貌比法律还重要。西德尼·史密斯 把礼貌描述成美德的影子。迪安·斯威夫特把礼貌

The Art of Talking

The charm of conversation chiefly depends upon the adaptability of the participants. great accomplishment to be able to enter gently and agreeably into the moods of others, give way to them with grace and readiness.

The spirit of conversation is oftentimes more important than the ideas expressed. What we are rather than what we say has the most permanent influence upon those around us. Hence it is that where a group of persons are met together in conversation, it is the inner life of each which silently though none the less surely imparts tone and character to the occasion.

It requires vigorous self -discipline so cultivate the feelings of kindness and sympathy that they are always in readiness for use. These qualities are essential to agreeable and profitable intercourse, though comparatively few people possess them.

Burke considered manners of more importance than laws. Sidney Smith described manners as the shadows of virtues. Dean Swift defined manners as

定义为让谈话者感到轻松、愉快的艺术。切斯特菲 尔德说应该用礼貌来装饰知识,以使其在世界上 畅通无阻。埃默森觉得礼貌是由一些细微的牺牲 组成的。

我们都已经意识到,令人折服的举止与谈吐 是由看似普通的、谦虚有礼的行为和对人体察入 微的关爱构成的。一个有魅力的人总是远离怨恨 和悲观情绪,而且不爱打听别人的隐私。

人们的个性在妙趣横生的谈话中起重要作 用。确切地说,同样的话由两个不同的人说出来会 产生完全不同的两种效果, 这就是由于这两个人 的不同个性导致的。

一个人的日常精神状态会不可避免地在他的 脸上留下痕迹、别人则可以从他的脸上准确无误 地看出他的心态。一个人的声音、态度和举止会自 然地、习惯性地,或者下意识地表现出他到底是个 什么样的人, 世人最终是会对一个人做出确切的 评价的。

聪明的谈话者不会轻易地发表武断的看法, 他很少批评别人,而且尽量避免使用结论式的语 调和字眼。有人说:"在谈话中自己滔滔不绝,不容 别人插嘴的人会让大家讨厌:说话者如果不是根 据听众的兴趣而是根据自己的喜好选择话题的 话,那他真的应该学习一些谈话的基本技巧了。日 常谈话就像打网球一样,它需要得到对方愉快的 回应,而且回应的力度至少要和发球者的力度差 不多。妙言慧语、新奇的词组搭配和精心斟酌的措

