

There is no such word as "jeopardize;" the word is "jeopard."

"Woman" is Anglo-Saxon, "lady" is Anglo-Saxon and "female" is French.

"Lurid" means ghastly pale, gloomy or dismal.

"Restive" must not be confounded with "restless."

"Say," "speak," "tell," "answer"—all Anglo-Saxon; "state," "recite," "narrate," "allege," "declare," "affirm," "respond"—all Latin, "remark," "reply," "recount"—all French.

"Indices" are algebraic signs; "indexes" are tables of contents.

Never say "in this connection" when you mean "in connection with this."

That is complete which has all its parts; entire which has not been divided; whole from which nothing has been taken. Total refers to the aggregate of the parts.

"With" denotes an instrument and "by" a cause. "He killed with a sword; he died by an arrow."

"Dead," Anglo-Saxon; "deceased," old English; "demised," French; "defunct," Latin.

Never separate the infinitive; example, "He promised to speedily comply."

"Proceed" is French, "go on" is Anglo-Saxon.

Do not suffer Mr. Addison or anybody else to bluff you out of the use of that noble word, "that."

Never use, except in a humorous way, those hackneyed phrases and hoary words of which notorious specimens are: "Light fantastic toe," "mine host," "his good lady," "beautiful and accomplished," "wee smee hours," "groaned with the delicacies of the season," "speckled beauties," "creme de la creme," "dull, sickening thud" and "recherche."

A ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER.

Editor Deseret News:—

Another column of this paper contains an "open letter" from myself to the "alleged and actual" owners and editors of the Salt Lake *Tribune* in answer to a scurrilous attack upon me by that paper. Friday, February 13, the aforesaid *Tribune* contained an editorial in reference to my letter in the NEWS. I said that one of the *Tribune* men, who had made a very vicious report of my lecture on "47 to '70," told me that he had to make his reports to suit his employers. The *Tribune* editorial of the 13th is headed "He Lies." That means me evidently, for in the first sentence I am referred to as "the rotten-hearted Ellis." The editor then proceeds to refer to my statement of its reporter to the effect that if he had reported my lecture as he would have liked to do, he would have lost his position, and says:—"That much of it we brand as entirely false, as false as the heart of Charles Ellis is by nature and by education, and shall hold to that belief until he tells me who the reporter was who made such a statement to him. It does not amount to much, for everyone who knows anything about the *Tribune* and how it has always been run, knows that no reporter on this paper would be permitted to remain in the employ of the

Tribune one minute if he ever gave a false report of anything."

That is rich! As I read that in the silence of Friday's lovely morning up on the North Bench I fancied I could hear the genii of the mountains roaring with uncontrollable laughter. The dear old granny, does he not know that every man and woman in Utah knows that if that statement were true, if it were applied to his paper and its paid prevaricators "one minute," the *Tribune* would not appear again until it had found a new crew from "devil" down to "managing editor" and "space"-writing Hollister?

In reference to the *Tribune* editor's challenge that I give the name of the reporter alluded to, I wish to say that I gave the name in my "open letter" and you cut it out. I used the name again in a first draft of this communication and again the name was cut out and you positively refused to publish the name on the ground that it would be an injury to a newspaper man. That is the reason the name does not appear, and I put it down as a remarkable manifestation of Mormon charity, for you know very well how little claim that reporter has upon your forbearance. That what I gave as the language of that reporter is true, the editor of the *Tribune* knows as well as I do, because he knows, without my naming him, just who the man was, and he keeps him because of his known ability to misrepresent anything and everything that is Mormon, or just to the Mormon people.

Then the *Tribune* editor proceeds to say: "The best possible caricature of Charles Ellis is to publish him as he is, for in his native state he is simply a moral and intellectual monstrosity." How does the *Tribune* editor arrive at his conclusions? Why does he not give some evidence? Who is his authority? I really enjoy the above coruscation of the opium-fed genius of the *Tribune*. It puts me into the list of many famous and worthy men. The same hand that wrote the above wrote C. I. Broadhead "a ruffian" and the offspring of "banditti;" called him "a brute and a blackguard," it wrote George Ticknor Curtis down—"a liar and knave or a drivelling idiot," "a scoundrel by instinct;" ex-Senator McDonald it called "a male prostitute," an "old hired procurer." Belva Lockwood was written down by this same *Tribune* editor "a female monstrosity." Now he has written me "a moral and intellectual monstrosity." I am placed in such good company that I can only rejoice that I have at last struck the *Tribune* pirate below the water-line.

The *Tribune* proceeds: "He (Ellis) came here with a tainted reputation; he was picked up by some good men and clung to until they were convinced that his heart was as rotten as a rotten mackerel." Those "good men" must have been afflicted with moral catarrh to the extent of brain-sloughing, or they would have detected the "rotten-mackerel" effluvia. Were they dogs that they wanted something to roll on? Who are those "good men" and how did they "pick up" Ellis? Half a dozen atheists hired B. F. Underwood to lecture in Salt Lake a month. They asked him to recommend a man who

might be induced to remain several months to lecture. He recommended me, having known me for over twenty years. Those atheists asked me to lecture and having heard me wanted more. I was not an atheist and was considered so far weak, but otherwise I was reported to be "a gold mine." I was hired to lecture three months at a fixed remuneration. I was told that, while they all hated the evangelical churches, it would not do to "pitch into them," because "everything not Mormon is Liberal," but I could become a power by giving the Mormons "hell." My fourth lecture was on Utah. I gave the Mormons credit where they deserved it and spoke of the utter impossibility of having anything truly liberal in such a curious conglomeration as "Utah Liberalism." They called me a Jack-Mormon. They refused to pay me and yet owe me \$267. One of them took \$20 from me to pay for the hall, kept it six months and declared he had to pay for the hall himself. It therfore appears that Belva and I are "monstrosities" because we have never denounced the Mormons. The *Tribune* knows of "Liberals" who are as guilty as any Mormon "cohab" in the "pen." If it is so pure in heart that it would not keep a lying reporter "one minute," why does it not have such men exposed and brought to justice?

The *Tribune* goes on: "Then he (Ellis) went over to the Saints, and they are using him precisely as a drug store keeps assafetida, or a German restaurant keeps limburger cheese." That is a little obscure, but if it is true I suppose "the Saints" are using me to "stink out" the *Tribune*. Well, that would be so good a work for Utah that I am willing to be used in that way; and judging from the excited condition of the inhabitants of "the *Tribune* pole-cat's nest" it would seem that I am getting in my work in a very effective manner.

I have many times challenged the *Tribune* to produce its proofs of all the innuendoes it uses on my name and I now make it a further proposition. It shall tell all it knows of Ellis, and Ellis shall tell all he knows of its editors, managers, owners and backers, both sides to be published in the *Tribune*, for the benefit of the *Tribune* readers. The *Tribune* being a lover of dirt, here is an opportunity for it to revel in "rotten mackerel," "assafetida and limburger cheese" to its heart's content. Will it accept the challenge?

It is said to be a fact that when the rattlesnake gets real mad and cannot strike its venom into anything else it will bite and poison itself. I have been tormenting the *Tribune* rattlers until they have evidently taken to biting themselves with such effect as is seen in the editorial from which I have quoted above. That its editors have lost all sense of justice, all regard for truth is seen in every line it publishes in reference to the Mormon people or to any man or woman who tells the truth in regard to the situation in Utah.

When the poor State of Nevada became so sick in stomach with the "rotten-mackerel-assafetida-and-limburger cheese" humanity that had been playing tape-worm in her intestines for years and living like the parasite it was, she (that is Nevada) took