

ORACLE

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Fond of pithy proverbs, he
Frequently would introduce
One or more in colloquy
With the least or no excuse:
“No man’s valet is a hero,”
“Needy bakers can’t be choosers,”
“Nothing measures up to zero,”
“Winners always end as losers,”
“Sheep look down their nose at fleece,”
“Fame and riches win the fair,”
“Understanding passes peace,”
“Daniel gets the lion’s share,”
“Spare the freeze and spoil the cheese,”
“Labor wore out Hercules.”

To his disappointment, churls
Flouted and dismissed his pearls.

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