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The Mind and Miscellany

A coin has a head but never thinks
A river has a mouth but never speaks
A table has legs, but cannot kick
A tree has a trunk, but cannot bark

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link
Beware that magicians are quite enchanting folk
Some people think by the inch and talk by the yard
During corona time alcohol is a virus security guard

The ring that is hard to understand is muttering
The word ring that is soft-spoken is whispering
Hope is life, and the messy ring is unnecessary cluttering
Get a new lease of life by the courageous ring daring

Music for the soul is an excellent, sublime thought
What an internal peace the spiritual life has brought
The commonplace truth is that the tree is known by its
fruit

The chimney wants to give up smoking will not bear fruit

A word to the wise is enough, while a nod is as good as a wink

A leak may be small but good enough to make a great ship sink

Look before you leap as a splash of ink can spoil the entire artwork

If it is not one thing, it is another, different strokes for different folks

All people are equal, but some are more equal than others

It is never too late to mend as one right turn deserves another

Train your temper and do not talk the talk if you cannot walk the talk

Where there is life, there is hope, so use the mind before you speak



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