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**by The Earl of Chesterfield**



LETTERS TO HIS SON


BY THE  
EARL OF CHESTERFIELD

on the Fine Art of becoming a  
MAN OF THE WORLD

and a  
GENTLEMAN

IN TWO VOLUMES  
VOLUME I

WITH TOPICAL HEADINGS AND  
A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BY  
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## QUOTATIONS

*A little learning is a dangerous thing*

*A joker is near akin to a buffoon*

*A favor may make an enemy, and an injury may make a friend*

*Ablest man will sometimes do weak things*

*Above all things, avoid speaking of yourself*

*Above the frivolous as below the important and the secret*

*Above trifles, he is never vehement and eager about them*

*Absolute command of your temper*

*Abstain from learned ostentation*

*Absurd term of genteel and fashionable vices*

*Absurd romances of the two last centuries*

*According as their interest prompts them to wish*

*Acquainted with books, and an absolute stranger to men*

*Advice is seldom welcome*

*Advise those who do not speak elegantly, not to speak*

*Advocate, the friend, but not the bully of virtue*

*Affectation of singularity or superiority*

*Affectation in dress*

*Affectation of business*

*All have senses to be gratified*

*Always made the best of the best, and never made bad worse*

*Always does more than he says*

*Always some favorite word for the time being*

*Always look people in the face when you speak to them*

*Am still unwell; I cannot help it!*

*American Colonies*

*Ancients and Moderns*

*Anxiety for my health and life*

*Applauded often, without approving*

*Apt to make them think themselves more necessary than they are*

*Argumentative, polemical conversations*

*Arrogant pedant*

*Art of pleasing is the most necessary*

*As willing and as apt to be pleased as anybody*

*Ascribing the greatest actions to the most trifling causes*

*Assenting, but without being servile and abject*

*Assertion instead of argument*

*Assign the deepest motives for the most trifling actions*

*Assurance and intrepidity*

*At the first impulse of passion, be silent till you can be soft*

*Attacked by ridicule, and, punished with contempt*

*Attend to the objects of your expenses, but not to the sums*

*Attention to the inside of books*

*Attention and civility please all*

*Attention*

*Author is obscure and difficult in his own language*

*Authority*

*Avoid cacophony, and, what is very near as bad, monotony*

*Avoid singularity*

*Awkward address, ungraceful attitudes and actions*

*Be neither transported nor depressed by the accidents of life*

*Be silent till you can be soft*

*Being in the power of every man to hurt him*

*Being intelligible is now no longer the fashion*

*Better not to seem to understand, than to reply*

*Better refuse a favor gracefully, than to grant it clumsily*

*Blindness of the understanding is as much to be pitied*

*Bold, but with great seeming modesty*

*Borough-jobber*

*Business must be well, not affectedly dressed*

*Business now is to shine, not to weigh*

*Business by no means forbids pleasures*

*BUT OF THIS EVERY MAN WILL BELIEVE AS HE THINKS PROPER*

*Can hardly be said to see what they see*

*Cannot understand them, or will not desire to understand them*

*Cardinal Mazarin*

*Cardinal Richelieu*

*Cardinal de Retz*

*Cardinal Virtues, by first degrading them into weaknesses*

*Cautious how we draw inferences*

*Cease to love when you cease to be agreeable*

*Chameleon, be able to take every different hue*

*Characters, that never existed, are insidiously displayed*

*Cheerful in the countenance, but without laughing*

*Chit-chat, useful to keep off improper and too serious subjects*

*Choose your pleasures for yourself*

*Civility, which is a disposition to accommodate and oblige others*

*Clamorers triumph*

*Close, without being costive*

*Command of our temper, and of our countenance*

*Commanding with dignity, you must serve up to it with diligence*

*Committing acts of hostility upon the Graces*

*Common sense (which, in truth, very uncommon)*

*Commonplace observations*

*Company is, in truth, a constant state of negotiation*

*Complaisance*

*Complaisance to every or anybody's opinion*

*Complaisance due to the custom of the place*

*Complaisant indulgence for people's weaknesses*

*Conceal all your learning carefully*

*Concealed what learning I had*

*Conjectures pass upon us for truths*

*Conjectures supply the defect of unattainable knowledge*

*Connections*

*Connive at knaves, and tolerate fools*

*Consciousness of merit makes a man of sense more modest*

*Consciousness and an honest pride of doing well*

*Consider things in the worst light, to show your skill*

*Content yourself with mediocrity in nothing*

*Conversation-stock being a joint and common property*

*Conversation will help you almost as much as books*

*Converse with his inferiors without insolence*

*Dance to those who pipe*

*Darkness visible*

*Decides peremptorily upon every subject*

*Deep learning is generally tainted with pedantry*

*Deepest learning, without good-breeding, is unwelcome*

*Defended by arms, adorned by manners, and improved by laws*

*Deserve a little, and you shall have but a little*

*Desire to please, and that is the main point*

*Desirous of praise from the praiseworthy*

*Desirous to make you their friend*

*Desirous of pleasing*

*Despairs of ever being able to pay*

*Dexterity enough to conceal a truth without telling a lie*

*Dictate to them while you seem to be directed by them*

*Difference in everything between system and practice*

*Difficulties seem to them, impossibilities*

*Dignity to be kept up in pleasures, as well as in business*

*Disagreeable to seem reserved, and very dangerous not to be so*

*Disagreeable things may be done so agreeably as almost to oblige*

*Disputes with heat*

*Dissimulation is only to hide our own cards*

*Distinction between simulation and dissimulation*

*Distinguish between the useful and the curious*

*Do as you would be done by*

*Do not become a virtuoso of small wares*

*Do what you are about*

*Do what you will but do something all day long*

*Do as you would be done by*

*Do not mistake the tinsel of Tasso for the gold of Virgil*

*Does not give it you, but he inflicts it upon you*

*Doing, 'de bonne grace', what you could not help doing*

*Doing what may deserve to be written*

*Doing nothing, and might just as well be asleep*

*Doing anything that will deserve to be written*

*Done under concern and embarrassment, must be ill done*

*Dress like the reasonable people of your own age*

*Dress well, and not too well*

*Dressed as the generality of people of fashion are*

*Ears to hear, but not sense enough to judge*

*Easy without negligence*

*Easy without too much familiarity*

*Economist of your time*

*Either do not think, or do not love to think*

*Elegance in one language will reproduce itself in all*

*Employ your whole time, which few people do*

*Endeavor to hear, and know all opinions*

*Endeavors to please and oblige our fellow-creatures*

*Enemies as if they may one day become one's friends*

*Enjoy all those advantages*

*Equally forbid insolent contempt, or low envy and jealousy*

*ERE TITTING YOUTH SHALL SHOVE YOU FROM THE STAGE*

*Establishing a character of integrity and good manners*

*Even where you are sure, seem rather doubtful*

*Every numerous assembly is MOB*

*Every virtue, has its kindred vice or weakness*

*Every man knows that he understands religion and politics*

*Every numerous assembly is a mob*

*Every man pretends to common sense*

*EVERY DAY IS STILL BUT AS THE FIRST*

*Everybody is good for something*

*Everything has a better and a worse side*

*Exalt the gentle in woman and man--above the merely genteel*

*Expresses himself with more fire than elegance*

*Extremely weary of this silly world*

*Eyes and the ears are the only roads to the heart*

*Eyes and ears open and mouth mostly shut*

*Feed him, and feed upon him at the same time*

*Few things which people in general know less, than how to love*

*Few people know how to love, or how to hate*

*Few dare dissent from an established opinion*

*Fiddle-faddle stories, that carry no information along with them*

*Fit to live--or not live at all*

*Flattering people behind their backs*

*Flattery of women*

*Flattery*

*Flexibility of manners is necessary in the course of the world*

*Fools, who can never be undeceived*

*Fools never perceive where they are ill-timed*

*Forge accusations against themselves*

*Forgive, but not approve, the bad.*

*Fortune stoops to the forward and the bold*

*Frank without indiscretion*

*Frank, but without indiscretion*

*Frank, open, and ingenuous exterior, with a prudent interior*

*Frequently make friends of enemies, and enemies of friends*

*Friendship upon very slight acquaintance*

*Frivolous, idle people, whose time hangs upon their own hands*

*Frivolous curiosity about trifles*

*Frivolous and superficial pertness*

*Full-bottomed wigs were contrived for his humpback*

*Gain the heart, or you gain nothing*

*Gain the affections as well as the esteem*

*Gainer by your misfortune*

*General conclusions from certain particular principles*

*Generosity often runs into profusion*

*Genteel without affectation*

*Gentlemen, who take such a fancy to you at first sight*

*Gentleness of manners, with firmness of mind*

*Geography and history are very imperfect separately*

*German, who has taken into his head that he understands French*

*Go to the bottom of things*

*Good manners*

*Good reasons alleged are seldom the true ones*

*Good manners are the settled medium of social life*

*Good company*

*Good-breeding*

*Graces: Without us, all labor is vain*



*Gratitude not being universal, nor even common*

*Grave without the affectation of wisdom*

*Great learning; which, if not accompanied with sound judgment*

*Great numbers of people met together, animate each other*

*Greatest fools are the greatest liars*

*Grow wiser when it is too late*

*Guard against those who make the most court to you*

*Habit and prejudice*

*Habitual eloquence*

*Half done or half known*

*Hardened to the wants and distresses of mankind*

*Hardly any body good for every thing*

*Haste and hurry are very different things*

*Have no pleasures but your own*

*Have a will and an opinion of your own, and adhere to it*

*Have I employed my time, or have I squandered it?*

*Have but one set of jokes to live upon*

*Have you learned to carve?*

*He that is gentil doeth gentil deeds*

*He will find it out of himself without your endeavors*

*Heart has such an influence over the understanding*

*Helps only, not as guides*

*Herd of mankind can hardly be said to think*

*Historians*

*Holiday eloquence*

*Home, be it ever so homely*

*Honest error is to be pitied, not ridiculed*

*Honestest man loves himself best*

*Horace*

*How troublesome an old correspondent must be to a young one*

*How much you have to do; and how little time to do it in*

*Human nature is always the same*

*Hurt those they love by a mistaken indulgence*

*I hope, I wish, I doubt, and fear alternately*

*I shall never know, though all the coffeehouses here do.*

*I shall always love you as you shall deserve.*

*I know myself (no common piece of knowledge, let me tell you)*

*I CANNOT DO SUCH A THING*

*I, who am not apt to know anything that I do not know*

*Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds*

*If free from the guilt, be free from the suspicion, too*

*If you would convince others, seem open to conviction yourself*

*If I don't mind his orders he won't mind my draughts*

*If you will persuade, you must first please*

*If once we quarrel, I will never forgive*

*Ignorant of their natural rights, cherished their chains*

*Impertinent insult upon custom and fashion*

*Improve yourself with the old, divert yourself with the young*

*Inaction at your age is unpardonable*

*Inattention*

*Inattentive, absent; and distrait*

*Inclined to be fat, but I hope you will decline it*

*Incontinency of friendship among young fellows*

*Indiscriminate familiarity*

*Indiscriminately loading their memories with every part alike*

*Indolence*

*Indolently say that they cannot do*

*Infallibly to be gained by every sort of flattery*

*Information is, in a certain degree, mortifying*

*Information implies our previous ignorance; it must be sweetened*

*Injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult*

*Inquisition*

*Insinuates himself only into the esteem of fools*

*Inspid in his pleasures, as inefficient in everything else*

*Insist upon your neither piping nor fiddling yourself*

*Insolent civility*

*INTOLERATION in religious, and inhospitality in civil matters*

*Intrinsic, and not their imaginary value*

*It is a real inconvenience to anybody to be fat*

*It is not sufficient to deserve well; one must please well too*

*Jealous of being slighted*

*Jog on like man and wife; that is, seldom agreeing*

*Judge of every man's truth by his degree of understanding*

*Judge them all by their merits, but not by their ages*

*Judges from the appearances of things, and not from the reality*

*Keep your own temper and artfully warm other people's*

*Keep good company, and company above yourself*

*Kick him upstairs*

*King's popularity is a better guard than their army*

*Know their real value, and how much they are generally overrated*

*Know the true value of time*

*Know, yourself and others*

*Knowing how much you have, and how little you want*

*Knowing any language imperfectly*

*Knowledge is like power in this respect*

*Knowledge: either despise it, or think that they have enough*

*Knowledge of a scholar with the manners of a courtier*

*Known people pretend to vices they had not*

*Knows what things are little, and what not*

*Labor is the unavoidable fatigue of a necessary journey*

*Labor more to put them in conceit with themselves*

*Last beautiful varnish, which raises the colors*

*Laughing, I must particularly warn you against it*

*Lay down a method for everything, and stick to it inviolably*

*Lazy mind, and the trifling, frivolous mind*

*Learn to keep your own secrets*

*Learn, if you can, the WHY and the WHEREFORE*

*Leave the company, at least as soon as he is wished out of it*

*Led, much oftener by little things than by great ones*

*Less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in*

*Let me see more of you in your letters*

*Let them quietly enjoy their errors in taste*

*Let nobody discover that you do know your own value*

*Let nothing pass till you understand it*

*Let blockheads read what blockheads wrote*

*Life of ignorance is not only a very contemptible, but tiresome*

*Listlessness and indolence are always blameable*

*Little minds mistake little objects for great ones*

*Little failings and weaknesses*

*Loud laughter is the mirth of the mob*

*Love with him, who they think is the most in love with them*

*Loved without being despised, and feared without being hated*

*Low company, most falsely and impudently, call pleasure*

*Low buffoonery, or silly accidents, that always excite laughter*

*Luther's disappointed avarice*

*Machiavel*

*Made him believe that the world was made for him*

*Make a great difference between companions and friends*

*Make himself whatever he pleases, except a good poet*

*Make yourself necessary*

*Make every man I met with like me, and every woman love me*

*Man is dishonored by not resenting an affront*

*Man or woman cannot resist an engaging exterior*

*Man of sense may be in haste, but can never be in a hurry*

*Man who is only good on holydays is good for very little*

*Mangles what he means to carve*

*Manner is full as important as the matter*

*Manner of doing things is often more important*

*Manners must adorn knowledge*

*Many things which seem extremely probable are not true*

*Many are very willing, and very few able*

*Mastery of one's temper*

*May you live as long as you are fit to live, but no longer!*

*May you rather die before you cease to be fit to live*

*May not forget with ease what you have with difficulty learned*

*Mazarin and Lewis the Fourteenth riveted the shackles*

*Meditation and reflection*

*Mere reason and good sense is never to be talked to a mob*

*Merit and good-breeding will make their way everywhere*

*Method*

*Mistimes or misplaces everything*

*Mitigating, engaging words do by no means weaken your argument*

*MOB: Understanding they have collectively none*

*Moderation with your enemies*

*Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise*

*Money, the cause of much mischief*

*More people have ears to be tickled, than understandings to judge*

*More one sees, the less one either wonders or admires*

*More you know, the modester you should be*

*More one works, the more willing one is to work*

*Mortifying inferiority in knowledge, rank, fortune*

*Most people enjoy the inferiority of their best friends*

*Most long talkers single out some one unfortunate man in company*

*Most ignorant are, as usual, the boldest conjecturers*

*Most people have ears, but few have judgment; tickle those ears*

*Much sooner forgive an injustice than an insult*

*My own health varies, as usual, but never deviates into good*

*Mystical nonsense*

*Name that we leave behind at one place often gets before us*

*National honor and interest have been sacrificed to private*

*Necessity of scrupulously preserving the appearances*

*Neglect them in little things, they will leave you in great*

*Negligence of it implies an indifference about pleasing*

*Neither know nor care, (when I die) for I am very weary*

*Neither abilities or words enough to call a coach*

*Neither retail nor receive scandal willingly*

*Never would know anything that he had not a mind to know*

*Never read history without having maps*

*Never affect the character in which you have a mind to shine*

*Never implicitly adopt a character upon common fame*

*Never seek for wit; if it presents itself, well and good*

*Never to speak of yourself at all*

*Never slattern away one minute in idleness*

*Never quit a subject till you are thoroughly master of it*

*Never maintain an argument with heat and clamor*

*Never seem wiser, nor more learned, than the people you are with*

*Never saw a froward child mended by whipping*

*Never to trust implicitly to the informations of others*

*Nipped in the bud*

*No great regard for human testimony*

*No man is distrait with the man he fears, or the woman he loves*

*No one feels pleasure, who does not at the same time give it*

*Not tumble, but slide gently to the bottom of the hill of life*

*Not to communicate, prematurely, one's hopes or one's fears*

*Not only pure, but, like Caesar's wife, unsuspected*

*Not make their want still worse by grieving and regretting them*

*Not making use of any one capital letter*

*Not to admire anything too much*

*Not one minute of the day in which you do nothing at all*

*Notes by which dances are now pricked down as well as tunes*

*Nothing in courts is exactly as it appears to be*

*Nothing much worth either desiring or fearing*

*Nothing so precious as time, and so irrecoverable when lost*

*Observe, without being thought an observer*

*Often more necessary to conceal contempt than resentment*

*Often necessary, not to manifest all one feels*

*Often necessary to seem ignorant of what one knows*

*Oftener led by their hearts than by their understandings*

*Old fellow ought to seem wise whether he really be so or not*

*One must often yield, in order to prevail*

*Only doing one thing at a time*

*Only because she will not, and not because she cannot*

*Only solid and lasting peace, between a man and his wife*

*Our understandings are generally the DUPES of our hearts*

*Our frivolous dissertations upon the weather, or upon whist*

*Out of livery; which makes them both impertinent and useless*

*Outward air of modesty to all he does*

*Overvalue what we do not know*



*Oysters, are only in season in the R months*

*Passes for a wit, though he hath certainly no uncommon share*

*Patience is the only way not to make bad worse*

*Patient toleration of certain airs of superiority*

*Pay your own reckoning, but do not treat the whole company*

*Pay them with compliments, but not with confidence*

*People never desire all till they have gotten a great deal*

*People lose a great deal of time by reading*

*People will repay, and with interest too, inattention*

*People angling for praise*

*People hate those who make them feel their own inferiority*

*Perfection of everything that is worth doing at all*

*Perseverance has surprising effects*

*Person to you whom I am very indifferent about, I mean myself*

*Pettish, pouting conduct is a great deal too young*

*Petty jury*

*Plain notions of right and wrong*

*Planted while young, that degree of knowledge now my refuge*

*Please all who are worth pleasing; offend none*

*Pleased to some degree by showing a desire to please*

*Pleased with him, by making them first pleased with themselves*

*Pleasing in company is the only way of being pleased in yourself*

*Pleasure and business with equal inattention*

*Pleasure is necessarily reciprocal*

*Pleasure is the rock which most young people split upon*

*Pleasures do not commonly last so long as life*

*Pocket all your knowledge with your watch*

*Polite, but without the troublesome forms and stiffness*

*POLITICIANS NEITHER LOVE NOR HATE*

*Prefer useful to frivolous conversations*

*Prejudices are our mistresses*

*Pride remembers it forever*

*Pride of being the first of the company*

*Prudent reserve*

*Public speaking*

*Put out your time, but to good interest*

*Quarrel with them when they are grown up, for being spoiled*

*Quietly cherished error, instead of seeking for truth*

*Read my eyes out every day, that I may not hang myself*

*Read with caution and distrust*

*Real merit of any kind will be discovered*

*Real friendship is a slow grower*

*Reason ought to direct the whole, but seldom does*

*Reason, which always ought to direct mankind, seldom does*

*Receive them with great civility, but with great incredulity*

*Reciprocally profess wishes which they seldom form*

*Recommend (pleasure) to you, like an Epicurean*

*Recommends self-conversation to all authors*

*Refuge of people who have neither wit nor invention of their own*

*Refuse more gracefully than other people could grant*

*Repeating*

*Represent, but do not pronounce*

*Reserve with your friends*

*Respect without timidity*

*Respectful without meanness, easy without too much familiarity*

*Return you the ball 'a la volee'*

*Rich man never borrows*

*Richelieu came and shackled the nation*

*Rochefoucault, who, I am afraid, paints man very exactly*

*Rochefoucault*

*Rough corners which mere nature has given to the smoothest*

*Ruined their own son by what they called loving him*

*Same coolness and unconcern in any and every company*

*Scandal: receiver is always thought, as bad as the thief*

*Scarce any flattery is too gross for them to swallow*

*Scarcely any body who is absolutely good for nothing*

*Scrupled no means to obtain his ends*

*Secret, without being dark and mysterious*

*Secrets*

*See what you see, and to hear what you hear*

*Seem to like and approve of everything at first*

*Seeming frankness with a real reserve*

*Seeming inattention to the person who is speaking to you*

*Seeming openness is prudent*

*Seems to have no opinion of his own*

*Seldom a misfortune to be childless*

*Self-love draws a thick veil between us and our faults*

*Sentiment-mongers*

*Sentiments that were never felt, pompously described*

*Serious without being dull*

*Settled here for good, as it is called*

*Shakespeare*

*She has all the reading that a woman should have*

*She who conquers only catches a Tartar*  
*She has uncommon, sense and knowledge for a woman*  
*Shepherds and ministers are both men*  
*Silence in love betrays more woe*  
*Singularity is only pardonable in old age*  
*Six, or at most seven hours sleep*  
*Smile, where you cannot strike*  
*Some complaisance and attention to fools is prudent*  
*Some men pass their whole time in doing nothing*  
*Something or other is to be got out of everybody*  
*Something must be said, but that something must be nothing*  
*Sooner forgive an injury than an insult*  
*Sow jealousies among one's enemies*  
*Spare the persons while you lash the crimes*  
*Speaking to himself in the glass*  
*Stamp-act has proved a most pernicious measure*  
*Stamp-duty, which our Colonists absolutely refuse to pay*  
*State your difficulties, whenever you have any*  
*Steady assurance, with seeming modesty*  
*Studied and elaborate dress of the ugliest women in the world*  
*Style is the dress of thoughts*  
*Success turns much more upon manner than matter*  
*Sure guide is, he who has often gone the road which you want to*  
*Suspicion of age, no woman, let her be ever so old, ever forgive*  
*Swearing*  
*Tacitus*  
*Take the hue of the company you are with*  
*Take characters, as they do most things, upon trust*  
*Take, rather than give, the tone of the company you are in*  
*Take nothing for granted, upon the bare authority of the author*  
*Taking up adventitious, proves their want of intrinsic merit*  
*Talent of hating with good-breeding and loving with prudence*  
*Talk often, but never long*  
*Talk sillily upon a subject of other people's*  
*Talk of natural affection is talking nonsense*  
*Talking of either your own or other people's domestic affairs*  
*Tell me whom you live with, and I will tell you who you are*  
*Tell stories very seldom*  
*The longest life is too short for knowledge*  
*The present moments are the only ones we are sure of*  
*The best have something bad, and something little*

*The worst have something good, and sometimes something great*

*There are many avenues to every man*

*They thought I informed, because I pleased them*

*Thin veil of Modesty drawn before Vanity*

*Think to atone by zeal for their want of merit and importance*

*Think yourself less well than you are, in order to be quite so*

*Thinks himself much worse than he is*

*Thoroughly, not superficially*

*Those who remarkably affect any one virtue*

*Those whom you can make like themselves better*

*Three passions that often put honesty to most severe trials*

*Timidity and diffidence*

*To be heard with success, you must be heard with pleasure*

*To be pleased one must please*

*To govern mankind, one must not overrate them*

*To seem to have forgotten what one remembers*

*To know people's real sentiments, I trust much more to my eyes*

*To great caution, you can join seeming frankness and openness*

*Too like, and too exact a picture of human nature*

*Trifle only with triflers; and be serious only with the serious*

*Trifles that concern you are not trifles to me*

*Trifling parts, with their little jargon*

*Trite jokes and loud laughter reduce him to a buffoon*

*Truth, but not the whole truth, must be the invariable principle*

*Truth leaves no room for compliments*

*Unaffected silence upon that subject is the only true medium*

*Unguarded frankness*

*Unintelligible to his readers, and sometimes to himself*

*Unopened, because one title in twenty has been omitted*

*Unwilling and forced; it will never please*

*Use palliatives when you contradict*

*Useful sometimes to see the things which one ought to avoid*

*Value of moments, when cast up, is immense*

*Vanity, interest, and absurdity, always display*

*Vanity, that source of many of our follies*

*Warm and young thanks, not old and cold ones*

*Water-drinkers can write nothing good*

*We love to be pleased better than to be informed*

*We have many of those useful prejudices in this country*

*We shall be feared, if we do not show that we fear*

*Well dressed, not finely dressed*

*What pleases you in others, will in general please them in you*

*What displeases or pleases you in others*

*What you feel pleases you in them*

*What have I done to-day?*

*What is impossible, and what is only difficult*

*Whatever pleases you most in others*

*Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well*

*Whatever one must do, one should do 'de bonne grace'*

*Whatever real merit you have, other people will discover*

*When well dressed for the day think no more of it afterward*

*Where one would gain people, remember that nothing is little*

*Who takes warning by the fate of others?*

*Wife, very often heard indeed, but seldom minded*

*Will not so much as hint at our follies*

*Will pay very dear for the quarrels and ambition of a few*

*Wish you, my dear friend, as many happy new years as you deserve*

*Wit may create any admirers but makes few friends*

*Witty without satire or commonplace*

*Woman like her, who has always pleased, and often been pleased*

*Women are the only refiners of the merit of men*

*Women choose their favorites more by the ear*

*Women are all so far Machiavelians*

*Words are the dress of thoughts*

*World is taken by the outside of things*

*Would not tell what she did not know*

*Wrapped up and absorbed in their abstruse speculations*

*Writing anything that may deserve to be read*

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*Wrongs are often forgiven; but contempt never is*

*Yielded commonly without conviction*

*You must be respectable, if you will be respected*

*You had much better hold your tongue than them*

*Young people are very apt to overrate both men and things*

*Young fellow ought to be wiser than he should seem to be*

*Young men are as apt to think themselves wise enough*

*Your merit and your manners can alone raise you*

*Your character there, whatever it is, will get before you here*

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