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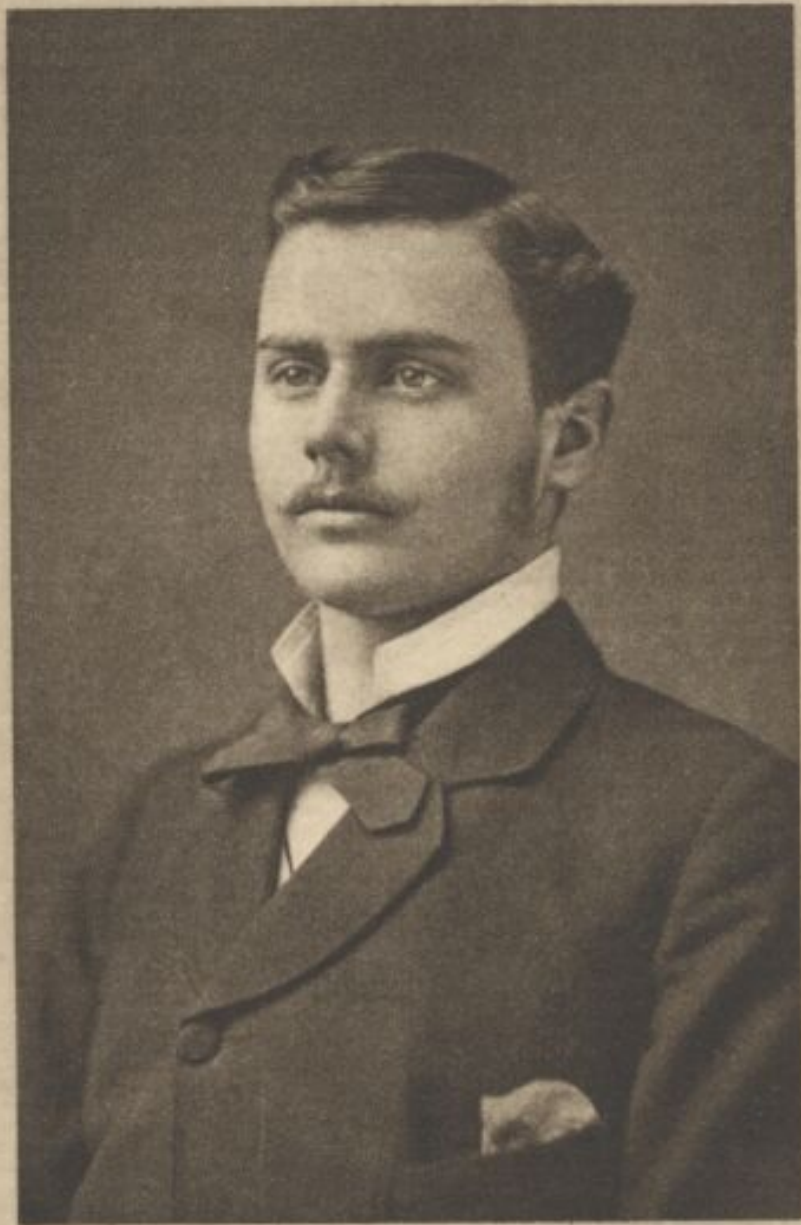
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Edwin Parker



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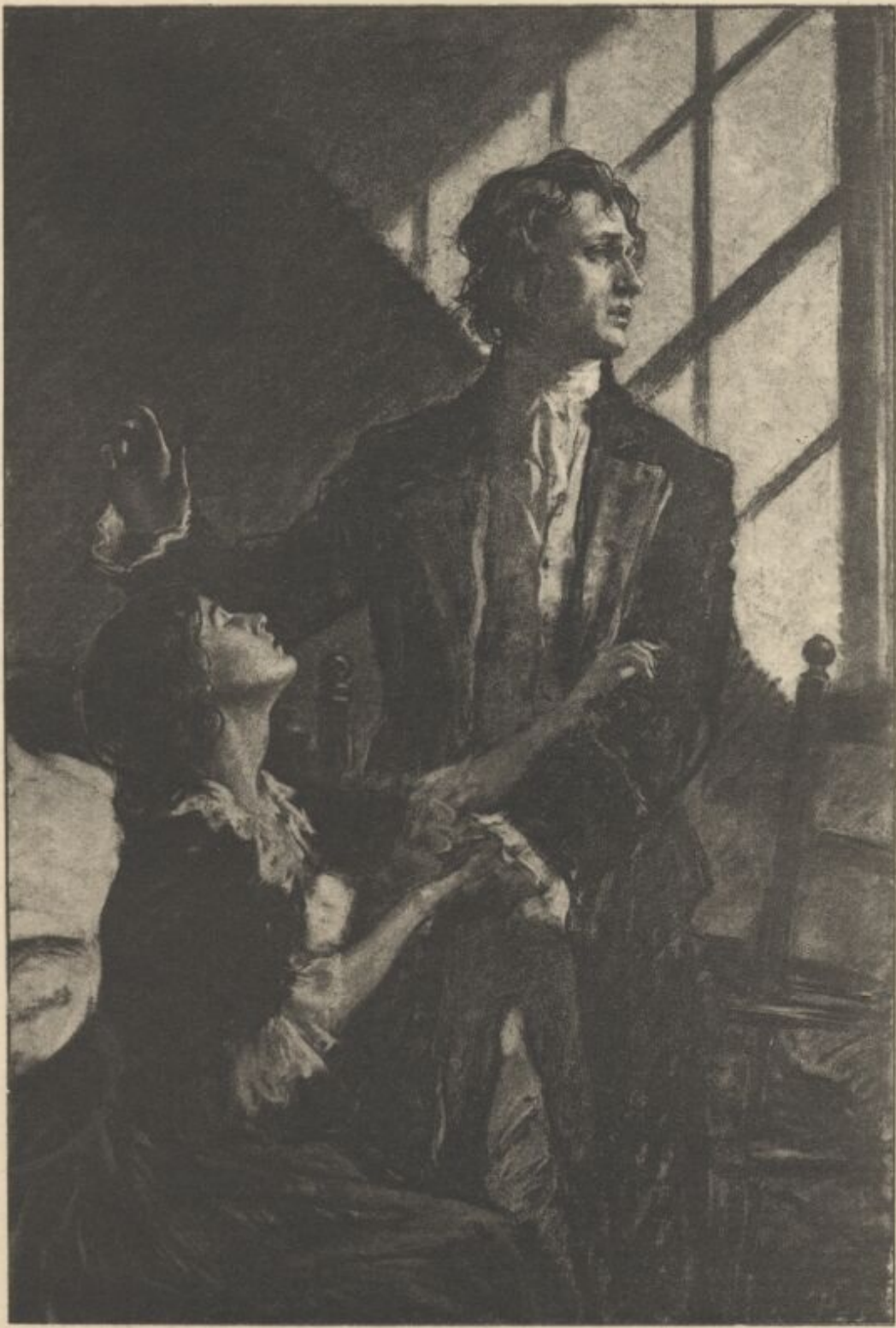


*Sir Gilbert Parker  
At eighteen years of age*





*Never in the years that had gone had there  
been such silence between them*



*He felt her hand grasp his arm*





*The unveiled dancers came and went*

*A human life he held to be a trifle in  
the big sum of time*

*A heart-break for that kind is their  
salvation*

*A man may be forgiven for a sin, but  
the effect remains*

*A look too bright for joy, too intense  
for despair*

*A sort of chuckle not entirely pleasant*

*A man you could bank on, and draw your  
interest reg'lar*

*A left-handed boy is all right in the world*

*A cloak of words to cover up the real thought behind*

*Aboriginal in all of us, who must have a sign for an emotion*

*Aboriginal dispersion*

*Adaptability was his greatest weapon in life*

*Advantage to live where nothing was required of her but truth*

*After which comes steady happiness or the devil to pay (wedding)*

*Agony in thinking about the things we're never going to do*

*Ah, let it be soon! Ah, let him die soon!*

*Air of certainty and universal comprehension*

*All humour in him had a strain of the sardonic*

*All genius is at once a blessing or a curse*

*All the world's mad but thee and me*

*All men are worse than most women*

*All is fair where all is foul*

*All he has to do is to be vague, and look prodigious (Scientist)*

*All are hurt some time*

*Always hoping the best from the worst of us*

*Always calling to something, for something outside ourselves*

*An inner sorrow is a consuming fire*

*And even envy praised her*

*Anger was the least injurious of all grounds for separation*

*Answered, with the indifference of despair*

*Antipathy of the lesser to the greater nature*

*Antipathy of the man in the wrong to the man in the right*

*As if our penalties were only paid by ourselves!*

*At first—and at the last—he was kind*

*Ate some coffee-beans and drank some cold water*

*Audience that patronisingly listens outside a room or window*

*Awkward for your friends and gratifying to your enemies*

*Babbling covers a lot of secrets*



*Bad turns good sometimes, when you know  
the how*

*Begin to see how near good is to evil*

*Beginning of a lifetime of experience,  
comedy, and tragedy*

*Being tired you can sleep, and in sleep  
you can forget*

*Being generous with other people's  
money*

*Being young, she exaggerated the  
importance of the event*

*Being a man of very few ideas, he  
cherished those he had*

*Beneath it all there was a little touch  
of ridicule*

*Boldness without rashness, and hope  
without vain thinking*

*But I don't think it is worth doing  
twice*

*But to pay the vulgar penalty of  
prison—ah!*

*But a wounded spirit who can bear*

*But the years go on, and friends have  
an end*

*Came of a race who set great store by  
mothers and grandmothers*

*Carrying with him the warm atmosphere  
of a good woman's love*

*Cherish any alleviating lie*

*Clever men are trying*

*Cling to beliefs long after conviction  
has been shattered*

*Confidence in a weak world gets  
unearned profit often*

*Conquest not important enough to  
satisfy ambition*

*Counsel of the overwise to go jolting  
through the soul*

*Courage which awaits the worst the  
world can do*

*Courage; without which, men are as the  
standing straw*

*Credulity, easily transmutable into  
superstition*

*Damnably propinquity*

*Dangerous man, as all enthusiasts are*

*Death is not the worst of evils*

*Death is a magnificent ally; it  
untangles knots*

*Delicate revenge which hath its hour  
with every man*

*Did not let him think that she was  
giving up anything for him*

*Do what you feel you've got to do, and  
never mind what happens*

*Does any human being know what he can  
bear of temptation*

*Don't go at a fence till you're sure of  
your seat*

*Don't be a bigger fool than there's any  
need to be*

*Don't be too honest*

*Down in her heart, loves to be mastered*

*Duplicity, for which she might never  
have to ask forgiveness*

*Each of us will prove himself a fool  
given perfect opportunity*

*Egotism with which all are diseased*

*Egregious egotism of young love there  
are only two identities*

*Engrossed more, it seemed, in the  
malady than in the man*

*Enjoy his own generosity*

*Even bad company's better than no  
company at all*

*Every true woman is a mother, though  
she have no child*

*Every man should have laws of his own*

*Every shot that kills ricochets*

*Evil is half-accidental, half-natural*

*Face flushed with a sort of pleasurable  
defiance*

*Fascinating colour which makes evil  
appear to be good*

*Fear a woman are when she hates, and  
when she loves*

*Fear of one's own wife is the worst  
fear in the world*

*Flood came which sweeps away the rust  
that gathers in the eyes*

*Follow me; if I retreat, kill me; if I  
fall, avenge me*

*For a man having work to do, woman,  
lovely woman, is rocks*

*Freedom is the first essential of the  
artistic mind*

*Frenchman, volatile, moody, chivalrous,  
unreasonable*

*Frenchman, slave of ideas, the victim  
of sentiment*

*Friendship means a giving and a getting*

*Futility of goodness, the futility of  
all*

*Future of those who will not see,  
because to see is to suffer*

*Good fathers think they have good daughters*

*Good is often an occasion more than a condition*

*Good thing for a man himself to be owed kindness*

*Grove of pines to give a sense of warmth in winter*

*Grow more intense, more convinced, more thorough, as they talk*

*Had the luck together, all kinds and all weathers*

*Had the slight flavour of the superior and the paternal*

*Had got unreasonably old*

*Have not we all something to hide—with or without shame?*

*Have you ever felt the hand of your own child in yours*

*He had neither self-consciousness nor fear*

*He admired, yet he wished to be admired*

*He hated irony in anyone else*

*He was not always sorry when his teasing hurt*

*He felt things, he did not study them*

*He was in fact not a philosopher, but a sentimentalist*

*He had only made of his wife an incident in his life*

*He didn't always side with the majority*

*He does not love Pierre; but he does not pretend to love him*

*He was strong enough to admit ignorance*

*He has wheeled his nuptial bed into the street*

*He had had acquaintances, but never friendships, and never loves*

*He had no instinct for vice in the name of amusement*

*He left his fellow-citizens very much alone*

*He never saw an insult unless he intended to avenge it*

*He had tasted freedom; he was near to license*

*He borrowed no trouble*

*He wishes to be rude to some one, and is disappointed*

*He's a barber-shop philosopher*

*Heaven where wives without number awaited him*

*Her sight was bounded by the little*



*field where she strayed*

*Her voice had the steadiness of despair*

*Her stronger soul ruled him without his  
knowledge*

*Her own suffering always set her  
laughing at herself*

*Highsterics, they call it*

*His courtesy was not on the same  
expansive level as his vanity*

*His duties were many, or he made them  
so*

*His gift for lying was inexpressible*

*Honesty was a thing he greatly  
desired—in others*

*How little we can know to-day what we  
shall feel tomorrow*

*How can one force one's heart? No, no!  
One has to wait*

*How many sons have ever added to their  
father's fame?*

*How many conquests have been made in  
the name of God*

*How can you judge the facts if you  
don't know the feeling?*

*Hugging the chain of denial to his  
bosom*

*Hunger for happiness is robbery*

*I love that love in which I married him*

*I was never good at catechism*

*I said I was not falling in love—I am  
in love*

*I am only myself when I am drunk*

*I have a good memory for forgetting*

*I don't wish to fit in; things must fit  
me*

*I like when I like, and I like a lot  
when I like*

*I always did what was wrong, and liked  
it—nearly always*

*I should remember to forget it*

*I don't believe in walking just for the  
sake of walking*

*I don't think. I'm old enough to know*

*I can't pay you for your kindness to  
me, and I don't want to*

*I had to listen to him, and he had to  
pay me for listening*

*I was born insolent*

*I—couldn't help it*

*If you have a good thought, act on it*

*If one remembers, why should the other*

*forget*

*If women hadn't memory, she answered,  
they wouldn't have much*

*If fumbling human fingers do not meddle  
with it*

*Illusive hopes and irresponsible  
deceptions*

*Imagination is at the root of much that  
passes for love*

*Importunity with discretion was his  
motto*

*In all secrets there is a kind of guilt*

*In her heart she never can defy the  
world as does a man*

*Inclined to resent his own  
insignificance*

*Instinct for detecting veracity, having  
practised on both sides*

*Interfere with people who had a trade  
and didn't understand it*

*Irishmen have gifts for only two  
things—words and women*

*Is the habit of good living mere habit  
and mere acting*

*It is hard to be polite to cowards*

*It is not Justice that fills the gaols,  
but Law*

*It is not the broken heart that kills,  
but broken pride*

*It is good to live, isn't it?*

*It is difficult to be idle—and  
important too*

*It is not much to kill or to die—that  
is in the game*

*It isn't what they do, it's what they  
don't do*

*It ain't for us to say what we're goin'  
to be, not always*

*It is easy to repent when our pleasures  
have palled*

*It's the people who try to be clever  
who never are*

*It's no good simply going—you've got  
to go somewhere*

*Jews everywhere treated worse than the  
Chinaman*

*Joy of a confessional which relieves  
the sick heart*

*Kissed her twice on the cheek—the  
first time in fifteen years*

*Knew the lie of silence to be as evil  
as the lie of speech*

*Knew when to shut his eyes, and when to  
keep them open*

*Know how bad are you, and doesn't mind*

*Knowing that his face would never be  
turned from me*

*Lacks a balance-wheel. He has brains,  
but not enough*

*Law. It is expensive whether you win  
or lose*

*Learned what fools we mortals be*

*Learned, as we all must learn, that we  
live our dark hour alone*

*Let others ride to glory, I'll shoe  
their horses for the gallop*

*Liars all men may be, but that's wid  
wimmin or landlords*

*Life is only futile to the futile*

*Lighted candles in hollowed pumpkins*

*Likenesses between the perfectly human  
and the perfectly animal*

*Lilt of existence lulling to sleep  
wisdom and tried experience*

*Liquor makes me human*

*Live and let live is doing good*

*Lonely we come into the world, and  
lonely we go out of it*

*Longed to touch, oftener than they did,  
the hands of children*

*Lose their heads, and be so absurdly  
earnest*

*Love can outlive slander*

*Love, too, is a game, and needs playing*

*Love knows not distance; it hath no  
continent*

*Love has nothing to do with ugliness  
or beauty, or fortune*

*Lyrical in his enthusiasms*

*Man who tells the story in a new way,  
that is genius*

*Man grows old only by what he suffers,  
and what he forgives*

*Man or woman must not expect too much  
out of life*

*May be more beautiful in uncertain  
England than anywhere else*

*Meditation is the enemy of action*

*Memory is man's greatest friend and  
worst enemy*

*Men and women are unwittingly their own  
executioners*

*Men feel surer of women than women feel  
of men*

*Men do not steal up here: that is the  
unpardonable crime*



*Men must have their bad hours alone*

*Men are like dogs—they worship him who  
beats them*

*Men are shy with each other where their  
emotions are in play*

*Miseries of this world are caused by  
forcing issues*

*Missed being a genius by an inch*

*Monotonously intelligent*

*More idle than wicked*

*Most honest thing I ever heard, but  
it's not the most truthful*

*Most important lessons of life—never  
to quarrel with a woman*

*Mothers always forgive*

*My excuses were making bad infernally  
worse*

*Mystery is dear to a woman's heart*

*Nature twists in back, or anywhere,  
gets a twist in's brain too*

*Nervous legs at a gallop*

*Never believed that when man or woman  
said no that no was meant*

*Never looked to get an immense amount  
of happiness out of life*

*Never to be content with superficial  
reasons and the obvious*

*Never give up your soul to things only,  
keep it for people*

*No note of praise could be pitched too  
high for Elizabeth*

*No, I'm not good—I'm only beautiful*

*No news—no trouble*

*No virtue in not falling, when you're  
not tempted*

*No past that is hidden has ever been a  
happy past*

*No man so simply sincere, or so  
extraordinarily prejudiced*

*Noise is not battle*

*Not good to have one thing in the head  
all the time*

*Not content to do even the smallest  
thing ill*

*Not to show surprise at anything*

*Nothing so good as courage, nothing so  
base as the shifting eye*

*Nothing is futile that is right*

*Nothing so popular for the moment as  
the fall of a favourite*

*Of those who hypnotize themselves, who  
glow with self-creation*

*Of course I've hated, or I wouldn't be  
worth a button*

*Often called an invention of the devil  
(Violin)*

*Often, we would rather be hurt than  
hurt*

*One does the work and another gets paid*

*One always buys back the past at a  
tremendous price*

*One doesn't choose to worry*

*One favour is always the promise of  
another*

*Only the supremely wise or the deeply  
ignorant who never alter*

*Oriental would think not less of him  
for dissimulation*

*Paradoxes which make for laughter—and  
for tears*

*Passion to forget themselves*

*Pathetically in earnest*

*People who are clever never think of  
trying to be*

*Philosophers are often stupid in human  
affairs*

*Philosophy which could separate the  
petty from the prodigious*

*Political virtue goes unrewarded*

*Prepared for a kiss this hour and a  
reproach the next*

*Preserved a marked unconsciousness*

*Protest that it is right when it knows  
that it is wrong*

*Put the matter on your own hearthstone*

*Queer that things which hurt most can't  
be punished by law*

*Rack of secrecy, the cruelest  
inquisition of life*

*Reading a lot and forgetting everything*

*Reconciling the preacher and the  
sinner, as many another has*

*Religion to him was a dull recreation  
invented chiefly for women*

*Remember the sorrow of thine own wife*

*Remember your own sins before you  
charge others*

*Rewarded for its mistakes*

*Romance is an incident to a man*

*Sacrifice to the god of the pin-hole*

*Sardonic pleasure in the miseries of  
the world*

*Saw how futile was much competition*

*Saying uncomfortable things in a  
deferential way*

*Scoundrel, too weak to face the  
consequences of his sin*

*Secret of life: to keep your own  
commandments*

*Self-will, self-pride, and  
self-righteousness were big in him*

*She lacked sense a little and  
sensitiveness much*

*She was not to be forced to answer his  
arguments directly*

*She knew what to say and what to leave  
unsaid*

*She was beginning to understand that  
evil is not absolute*

*She valued what others found useless*

*She wasn't young, but she seemed so*

*She had not suffered that sickness,  
social artifice*

*She had provoked love, but had never  
given it*

*She had never stooped to conquer*

*Should not make our own personal  
experience a law unto the world*

*Shure, if we could always be 'about the  
same,' we'd do*

*Simply to have death renewed every  
morning*

*Slander ever scorches where it touches*

*Slow-footed hours wandered by, leaving  
apathy in their train*

*Smiling was part of his equipment*

*So say your prayers, believe all you  
can, don't ask questions*

*Solitude fixes our hearts immovably on  
things*

*Some people are rough with the  
poor—and proud*

*Some wise men are fools, one way or  
another*

*Some are hurt in one way and some in  
another*

*Sometimes the longest way round is the  
shortest way home*

*Soul tortured through different degrees  
of misunderstanding*

*Spurting out little geysers of other  
people's cheap wisdom*

*Still the end of your existence, I  
rejoined—to be amused?*

*Strike first and heal after—"a kick  
and a lick"*



*Struggle of conscience and expediency*

*Surely she might weep a little for  
herself*

*Suspicion, the bane of sick old age*

*Sympathy, with curiousness in their  
eyes and as much inhumanity*

*Sympathy and consolation might be much  
misplaced*

*Thanked him in her heart for the things  
he had left unsaid*

*That anxious civility which beauty can  
inspire*

*That iceberg which most mourners carry  
in their breasts*

*That he will find the room empty where  
I am not*

*The Government cherish the Injin much  
in these days*

*The Injin speaks the truth,  
perhaps—eye of red man multiplies*

*The blind tyranny of the just*

*The soul of goodness in things evil*

*The higher we go the faster we live*

*The gods made last to humble the pride  
of men—there was rum*

*The world never welcomes its deserters*

*The furious music of death and war was  
over*

*The tender care of a woman—than many  
pharmacopoeias*

*The beginning of the end of things was  
come for him*

*The ravings of a sick man are not  
always counted ravings*

*The friendship of man is like the shade  
of the acacia*

*The sea is a great breeder of  
friendship*

*The vague pain of suffered indifference*

*The soul is a great traveller*

*The happy scene of the play before the  
villain comes in*

*The threshold of an acknowledged love*

*The Barracks of the Free*

*The real business of life is trying to  
understand each other*

*The world is not so bad as is claimed  
for it*

*The temerity and nonchalance of despair*

*There is nothing so tragic as the  
formal*

*There are things we repent of which*

*cannot be repaired*

*There is something humiliating in even  
an undeserved injury*

*There should be written the one word,  
"Wait"*

*There is no refuge from memory and  
remorse in this world*

*There was never a grey wind but there's  
a greyer*

*There is no influence like the  
influence of habit*

*There is no habit so powerful as the  
habit of care of others*

*There's no credit in not doing what you  
don't want to do*

*These little pieces of art make life  
possible*

*They think that if a vote's worth  
having it's worth paying for*

*They whose tragedy lies in the capacity  
to suffer greatly*

*Things in life git stronger than we are*

*Things that once charmed charm less*

*Think with the minds of twelve men, and  
the heart of one woman*

*Think that a woman gives the heart for  
pleasant weather only?*

*Think of our position*

*Thou wouldst not think how ill all's  
here about my heart*

*Time when she should and when she  
should not be wooed*

*Time is the test, and Time will have  
its way with me*

*Time a woman most yearns for a man is  
when she has refused him*

*To die without whining*

*To be popular is not necessarily to be  
contemptible*

*To sorrow may their humour be a foil*

*To-morrow is no man's gift*

*Touch of the fantastic, of the  
barbaric, in all genius*

*Training in the charms of  
superficiality*

*Tricks played by Fact to discredit the  
imagination*

*Triumph of Oriental duplicity over  
Western civilisation*

*Truth waits long, but whips hard*

*Tyranny of the little man, given a  
power*

*Undisciplined generosity*

*Untamed by the normal restraints of a  
happy married life*

*Uses up your misery and makes you tired  
(Work)*

*Vanity is the bane of mankind*

*Vanity of successful labour*

*Vanity; and from this much feminine  
hatred springs*

*Very severe on those who do not pretend  
to be good*

*Visions of the artistic  
temperament—delight and curse*

*War is cruelty, and none can make it  
gentle*

*Was not civilisation a mistake*

*We don't live in months and years, but  
just in minutes*

*We want to get more out of life than  
there really is in it*

*We want every land to do as we do; and  
we want to make 'em do it*

*We grow away from people against our  
will*

*We are only children till we begin to  
make our dreams our life*

*We care so little for real justice*

*We do what we forbid ourselves to do*

*We suffer the shames we damn in others*

*We must live our dark hours alone*

*We speak with the straight tongue; it  
is cowards who lie*

*We'll lave the past behind us*

*What fools there are in the world*

*What is gone is gone. Graves are  
idolatry*

*What is crime in one country, is virtue  
in another*

*What a nice mob you press fellows  
are—wholesale scavengers*

*What'll be the differ a hundred years  
from now*

*Whatever has been was a dream; whatever  
is now is real*

*When a child is born the mother also is  
born again*

*When you strike your camp, put out the  
fires*

*When God permits, shall man despair?*

*When a man laugh in the sun and think  
nothing of evil*

*Where the light is darkness*

*Where I should never hear the voice of  
the social Thou must*

*Who knows!*

*Who can understand a woman?*

*Who get a morbid enjoyment out of  
misery*

*Who say 'God bless you' in New York!  
They say 'Damn you!'*

*Who never knew self-consciousness*

*Wit is always at the elbow of want*

*Without the money brains seldom win  
alone*

*Woman's deepest right and joy and pain  
in one—to comfort*

*Women only admitted to Heaven by the  
intercession of husbands*

*Women are half saints, half fools*

*Women may leave you in the bright days*

*Women don't go by evidence, but by  
their feelings*

*World was only the size of four walls  
to a sick person*

*Worth while to have lived so long and  
to have seen so much*

*Would look back and not remember that  
she had a childhood*

*You went north towards heaven and south  
towards hell*

*You have lost your illusions*

*You never can really overtake a  
newspaper lie*

*You can't take time as the measure of  
life*

*You cannot live long enough to atone  
for that impertinence*

*You do not shout dinner till you have  
your knife in the loaf*

*You never can make a scandal less by  
trying to hide it*

*You've got blind rashness, and so you  
think you're bold*

*You've got to be ready, that's all*

*You—you all were so ready to suspect*

*Youth hungers for the vanities*

*Youth is the only comrade for youth*

*Youth's a dream, middle age a delusion,  
old age a mistake*

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