

Elizabeth Gaskell

Quotes

*Men, Thinking, Heart, Mother, Father, Believe, People, Two, Strong, Care, Eye,
Morning, Girl, Ideas, Passion, Giving, Way, Hands, Women, Character*

To be sure a stepmother to a girl is a different thing to a second wife to a man!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

But the cloud never comes in that quarter of the horizon from which we watch for it.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He had not an ounce of superfluous flesh on his bones, and leanness goes a great way towards gentility.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A wise parent humors the desire for independent action, so as to become the friend and advisor when his absolute rule shall cease.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I look at [books] as a child looks at cakes - with glittering eyes and a watering mouth, imagining the pleasure that awaits him.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Those who are happy and successful themselves are too apt to make light of the misfortunes of others.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

There is nothing like wounded affection for giving poignancy to anger.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Anticipation was the soul of enjoyment.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I dare not hope. I never was fainthearted before; but I cannot believe such a creature cares for me.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

But the future must be met, however stern and iron it be.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

One may be clogged with honey and unable to rise and fly.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I would far rather have two or three lilies of the valley gathered for me by a person I like, than the most expensive bouquet that could be bought!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He shrank from hearing Margaret's very name mentioned; he, while he blamed her--while he was jealous of her--while he renounced her--he loved her sorely, in spite of himself.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Margaret was not a ready lover, but where she loved she loved passionately, and with no small degree of jealousy.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I'll not listen to reason... reason always means what someone else has got to say.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I know you despise me; allow me to say, it is because you don't understand me.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Sometimes one likes foolish people for their folly, better than wise people for their wisdom.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

But the trees were gorgeous in their autumnal leafiness - the warm odours of flowers and herb came sweet upon the sense.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A little credulity helps one on through life very smoothly.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

How easy it is to judge rightly after one sees what evil comes from judging wrongly!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I won't say she was silly, but I think one of us was silly, and it wasn't me.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

It is bad to believe you in error. It would be infinitely worse to have known you a hypocrite.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Take care. -If you do not speak- I shall claim you as my own in some presumptuous way. -Send me away at once, if I must go; -Margaret!-

~Elizabeth Gaskell

And so she shuddered away from the threat of his enduring love. What did he mean? Had she not the power to daunt him? She would see. It was more daring than became a man to threaten her.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Oh, Mr. Thornton, I am not good enough! 'Not good enough! Don't mock my own deep feeling of unworthiness.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

That kind of patriotism which consists in hating all other nations.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Really it is very wholesome exercise, this trying to make one's words

represent one's thoughts, instead of merely looking to their effect on others.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

. . . it seemed to me that where others had prayed before to their God, in their joy or in their agony, was of itself a sacred place.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He shook hands with Margaret. He knew it was the first time their hands had met, though she was perfectly unconscious of the fact.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

What other people may think of the rightness or wrongness is nothing in comparison to my own deep knowledge, my innate conviction that it was wrong.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Margaret the Churchwoman, her father the Dissenter, Higgins the Infidel, knelt down together. It did them no harm.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Every mile was redolent of associations, which she would not have missed for the world, but each of which made her cry upon 'the days that are no more' with ineffable longing.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Oh, I can't describe my home. It is home, and I can't put its charm into words

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Don't think to come over me with th' old tale, that the rich know nothing of the trials of the poor; I say, if they don't know, they ought to know.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Waiting is far more difficult than doing.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Of all faults the one she most despised in others was the want of bravery; the meanness of heart which leads to untruth.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

As she realized what might have been, she grew to be thankful for what was.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Trust a girl of sixteen for knowing well if she is pretty; concerning her plainness she may be ignorant.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

She never called her son by any name but John; 'love' and 'dear', and such like terms, were reserved for Fanny.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Out of the way! We are in the throes of an exceptional emergency! This is no occasion for sport- there is lace at stake!" (Ms. Pole)

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Nay, nay!" said the Squire. "It's not so easy to break one's heart. Sometimes I've wished it were. But one has to go on living" "all the appointed days,' as is said in the Bible.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

The French girls would tell you, to believe that you were pretty would make you so.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He is my first olive: let me make a face while I swallow it.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Oh dear! A drunken infidel weaver! said Mr. Hale to himself.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

..still to have loved her without return would have lifted you higher than all those, be they who they may, that have ever known her to love.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

How am I to dress up in my finery, and go off and away to smart parties, after the sorrow I have seen today?

~Elizabeth Gaskell

She freshens me up above a bit. Who'd ha thought that face - as bright and as strong as the angel I dream of - could have known the sorrow she speaks on? I wonder how she'll sin. All on us must sing.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

It seems strange to think, that what gives us most hope for the future should be called Dolores, said Margaret.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Come! Poor little heart! Be cheery and brave. We'll be a great deal to one another, if we are thrown off and left desolate.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Only you're right in saying she's too good an opinion of herself to think of you. The saucy jade! I should like to know where she'd find a better!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Did I ever say an engagement was an elephant, madam?

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Similarity of opinion is not always "I think not often" needed for fullness and perfection of love.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I don't believe there's a man in Milton who knows how to sit still; and it is a great art.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Don't be afraid,â€• she said, coldly, â€œ as far as love may go she may be worthy of you. It must have taken a good deal to overcome her pride. Don't be afraid, John.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I could wish there were a God, if it were only to ask him to bless thee.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

She had a fierce pleasure in the idea of telling Margaret unwelcome truths, in the shape of performance of duty.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Margaret found that the indifferent, careless conversations of one who, however kind, was not too warm and anxious a sympathizer, did her good.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I am the mother that bore you, and your sorrow is my agony; and if you don't hate her, i do' Then, mother, you make me love her more. She is unjustly treated by you, and I must make the balance even.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A girl in love will do a good deal.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

How different men were to women!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Look back. Look back at me." Richard Armitage spoke this line in the movie North and South as he watched Miss Hale drive away in a

carriage.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I dare say there's many a woman makes as sad a mistake as I have done, and only finds it out too late.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Thinking has, many a time, made me sad, darling; but doing never did in all my life....My precept is, do something, my sister, do good if you can; but at any rate, do something.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Yet it was very difficult to separate her interpretation, and keep it distinct from his meaning.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

There is always a pleasure in unravelling a mystery, in catching at the gossamer clue which will guide to certainty.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

If they came sorrowing, and wanting sympathy in a complicated trouble like the present, then they would be felt as a shadow in all these houses of intimate acquaintances, not friends

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Your husband this morning! Mine tonight! What do you take him for?' 'A man' smiled Cynthia. 'And therefore, if you won't let me call him changeable, I'll coin a word and call him consolable.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I wanted to see the place where Margaret grew to what she is, even at the worst time of all, when I had no hope of ever calling her mine.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I do not look on self-indulgent, sensual people as worthy of my hatred; I simply look upon them with contempt for their poorness of character.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

But I was right. I think that must be an hereditary quality, for my father says he is scarcely ever wrong.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Nothing like the act of eating for equalizing men. Dying is nothing to it.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He loved her, and would love her; and defy her, and this miserable bodily pain.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

It is odd enough to see how the entrance of a person of the opposite sex into an assemblage of either men or women calms down the little discordances and the disturbance of mood.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

But Mr. Hale resolved that he would not be disturbed by any such nonsensical idea; so he lay awake, determining not to think about it.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I would not trust a mouse to a woman if a man's judgment could be had.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Mr. Thornton love Margaret! Why, Margaret would never think of him, I'm sure! Such a thing has never entered her head." "Entering her heart would do.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

I never did write a biography, and I don't exactly know how to set about

it; you see I have to be accurate and keep to the facts, a most difficult thing for a writer of fiction.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

He could not - say rather, he would not - deny himself the chance of the pleasure of seeing Margaret. He had no end in this but the present gratification.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A great matter calls her son with terms like deal, and love.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Oh, my Margaret--my Margaret! no one can tell what you are to me! Dead--cold as you lie there you are the only woman I ever loved! Oh, Margaret--Margaret!

~Elizabeth Gaskell

All the earth, though it were full of kind hearts, is but a desolation and desert place to a mother when her only child is absent.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

If you dare to injure her in the least, I will await you where no policeman can step in between. And God shall judge between us two.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Loyalty and obedience to wisdom and justice are fine; but it is still finer to defy arbitrary power, unjustly and cruelly used--not on behalf of ourselves, but on behalf of others more helpless.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A solitary life cherishes mere fancies until they become manias.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

No one loves me, - no one cares for me, but you, mother.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Nevertheless, his moustachios are splendid.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Were all men equal to-night, some would get the start by rising an hour earlier to-morrow.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

A man is so in the way in the house.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Opportunities are not often wanting where inclination goes before.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

In all disappointments sympathy is a great balm.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Th' longest lane will have a turning.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

Wearily she went to bed, wearily she arose in four or five hours' time. But with the morning came hope, and a brighter view of things.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

What's the use of watching? A watched pot never boils.

~Elizabeth Gaskell

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