

# Gelett Burgess Quotes

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Imagination is like a lofty building reared to meet the sky; whereas fancy is a balloon that soars at the wind's will.

~Gelett Burgess

To appreciate nonsense requires a serious interest in life.

~Gelett Burgess

There is work that is work and there is play that is play; there is play that is work and work that is play. And in only one of these lies happiness.

~Gelett Burgess

Love is only chatter, friends are all that matter.

~Gelett Burgess

I never saw a purple cow; I never hope to see one; But I can tell you, anyhow, I'd rather see than be one.

~Gelett Burgess

The fear of women is the beginning of knowledge.

~Gelett Burgess

Old friends, we say, are best, when some sudden disillusionment shakes our faith in a new comrade.

~Gelett Burgess

If in the last few years you have not discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You may be dead.

~Gelett Burgess

The temptation to vivify the tale and make it walk abroad on its own legs is hard to deny.

~Gelett Burgess

Our bodies are apt to be our autobiographies.

~Gelett Burgess

To make fun of a person to his face is a brutal way of amusing one's self; be delicate and cunning, and keep your laugh in your sleeve, lest you frighten away your game.

~Gelett Burgess

Most women have all other women as adversaries; most men have all other men as their allies.

~Gelett Burgess

It was Matisse who took the first step into the undiscovered land of the ugly.

~Gelett Burgess

When the waitress puts the dinner on the table, the old men look at the dinner. The young men look at the waitress.

~Gelett Burgess

Without bigots, eccentrics, cranks and heretics the world would not progress.

~Gelett Burgess

If thou makest a statement concerning women, lo, she shall immediately try to disprove it straightway. She goeth by contraries.

~Gelett Burgess

Men like to pursue an elusive woman like a cake of wet soap - even men who hate baths.

~Gelett Burgess

Her heart is older than her head; yea, her emotion is the mother of her reason

~Gelett Burgess

A good woman would rather be the mother of a genius than the wife of a hero

~Gelett Burgess

My feet, they haul me Round the House, They hoist me up the Stairs; I only have to steer them, and They Ride me Everywheres.

~Gelett Burgess

Count no matron happy until she hath passed thirty, and hath not waxed fat.

~Gelett Burgess

To take the world as one finds it

~Gelett Burgess

Repeat not the manner of a flirtation; for lo, all the world shall hear of it, and women will taunt thee.

~Gelett Burgess

Maxims are like lawyers who must need to see but one side of the case.

~Gelett Burgess

A woman findeth in her last lover much of her first love; but a man seeth his next-to-the-last love, alway.

~Gelett Burgess

Love endeth like the chianti flask, its drops are bitter.

~Gelett Burgess

Verily, men do foolish things thoughtlessly, knowing not why; but no woman doeth aught without a reason.

~Gelett Burgess

Tell not thy previous loves to a woman, lest she also telleth thee hers.

~Gelett Burgess

A maiden's first kiss cometh hard, yea, it is as the first olive out of a bottle, requiring much skill; but the rest are easy.

~Gelett Burgess

The old say, "I remember when." The young say, "What's the news?"

~Gelett Burgess

In the mind of a woman, to give birth to a child is the short cut to omniscience.

~Gelett Burgess

A reproof entereth more into a woman of sense than an hundred compliments into a fool.

~Gelett Burgess

A woman and a mouse, they carry a tale wherever they go.

~Gelett Burgess

Woo her not till thou hast seen her mother, for a score of years worketh wonders.

~Gelett Burgess

Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful.

~Gelett Burgess

Style is doing things not in any way but in the best way.

~Gelett Burgess

If you wish to be positive, which means youthful, never speak of the

past any more than you can help.

~Gelett Burgess

As the cat lapses into savagery by night, and barbarously explores the dark, so primal and titanic is a woman with the love madness.

~Gelett Burgess

Some women are to be captured by storm and some taken by siege; yet if there be not a traitor in her heart that shall deliver up the garrison, thou shalt not prevail over her.

~Gelett Burgess

No man knoweth how another man maketh his love, for women tell not.

~Gelett Burgess

Can a woman entertain a man and a pet at the same time? I say unto thee, one of the twain shall suffer jealousy.

~Gelett Burgess

It is in the blood of genius to love play for its own sake, and whether one uses one's skill on thrones or women, swords or pens, gold or fame, the game's the thing.

~Gelett Burgess

Many a maid have I won by a quarrel, when flattery was in no wise helpful; but take heed that thou art in the wrong, so that thou mayest acknowledge thine error.

~Gelett Burgess

As the dog becomes thoroughbred in the laws of clan and caste; obedient, fraternal and loyal; so is the man who accepts the gentleman's code.

~Gelett Burgess

Ah, yes! I wrote the "Purple Cow" - I'm sorry, now, I wrote it! But I can tell you anyhow, I'll kill you if you quote it!

~Gelett Burgess

My son, beware of a plain damsel who charmeth thee, for she needeth much wile, and useth diverse weapons.

~Gelett Burgess

Son, heed my instruction, and apply thyself to know women; let thine eyes observe her when she is with another, for what she doeth with him, she will do with thee, also.

~Gelett Burgess

Beware of a woman who signeth not her name to her letters; she will bear watching, aye, she hath a past.

~Gelett Burgess

A wedding in haste is worth two at leisure.

~Gelett Burgess

There are no roads in all Bohemia !

~Gelett Burgess

The world is full of women, and the women full of wile; so that a man, if he goeth not warily withal, shall surely fall a prey thereunto.

~Gelett Burgess

Every person has some splendid traits and if we confine our contacts so as to bring those traits into action, there is no need of ever being bored or irritated or indignant.

~Gelett Burgess

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