

Hector Hugh Munro

Quotes

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It's no use growing older if you only learn new ways of misbehaving yourself.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Children with Hyacinth's temperament don't know better as they grow older; they merely know more.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Find yourself a cup; the teapot is behind you. Now tell me about hundreds of things.

~Hector Hugh Munro

He spends his life explaining from his pulpit that the glory of Christianity consists in the fact that though it is not true it has been found necessary to invent it.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Addresses are given to us to conceal our whereabouts.

~Hector Hugh Munro

A little inaccuracy sometimes saves a ton of explanation.

~Hector Hugh Munro

The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Women and elephants never forget an injury.

~Hector Hugh Munro

The cat is domestic only as far as suits its own ends.

~Hector Hugh Munro

You needn't tell me that a man who doesn't love oysters and asparagus

and good wines has got a soul, or a stomach either. He's simply got the instinct for being unhappy highly developed.

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Poverty keeps together more homes than it breaks up.

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To be clever in the afternoon argues that one is dining nowhere in the evening.

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On horseback he seemed to require as many hands as a Hindu god, at least four for clutching the reins, and two more for patting the horse soothingly on the neck.

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It is one of the consolations of middle aged reformers that the good that they inculcate must live after them if it is to live at all.

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People may say what they like about the decay of Christianity the religious system that produced green Chartreuse can never really die.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Hating anything in the way of ill-natured gossip ourselves, we are always grateful to those who do it for us and do it well.

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Think how many blameless lives are brightened by the blazing indiscretions of other people.

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The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go, she went.

~Hector Hugh Munro

The people of Crete unfortunately make more history than they can consume locally.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Children are given us to discourage our better emotions.

~Hector Hugh Munro

In baiting a mousetrap with cheese, always leave room for the mouse.

~Hector Hugh Munro

But, good gracious, you've got to educate him first. You can't expect a boy to be vicious till he's been to a good school.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Oysters are more beautiful than any religion... There's nothing in Christianity or Buddhism that quite matches the sympathetic unselfishness of an oyster.

~Hector Hugh Munro

He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.

~Hector Hugh Munro

All decent people live beyond their incomes; those who aren't respectable live beyond other people's; a few gifted individuals manage to do both.

~Hector Hugh Munro

A woman who takes her husband about with her everywhere is like a cat that goes on playing with a mouse long after she's killed it.

~Hector Hugh Munro

I love Americans, but not when they try to talk French. What a blessing it is that they never try to talk English.

~Hector Hugh Munro

It was one thing to go to the end of the world; it was quite another thing to make oneself at home there. Even respectability seemed to lose some of its virtue when one practiced it in a tent.

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He seems the incarnation of everything soft and silky and velvety, without a sharp edge in his composition, a dreamer whose philosophy is sleep and let sleep.

~Hector Hugh Munro

I believe I once considerably scandalized her by declaring that clear soup was a more important factor in life than a clear conscience.

~Hector Hugh Munro

No one can be an unbeliever nowadays. The Christian apologists have left one nothing to disbelieve.

~Hector Hugh Munro

We all know that Prime Ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other wedded couples they sometimes live apart.

~Hector Hugh Munro

You evidently feel that brevity is the soul of widowhood.

~Hector Hugh Munro

I hate babies. They're so human.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Great Socialist statesmen aren't made, they're still-born.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Life is full of its disappointments, and I suppose the art of being happy is to disguise them as illusions.

~Hector Hugh Munro

The fashion just now is a Roman Catholic frame of mind with an Agnostic conscience: you get the mediaeval picturesqueness of the one with the modern conveniences of the other.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Romance at short notice was her speciality.

~Hector Hugh Munro

I hate posterity - it's so fond of having the last word.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Monogamy is the Western custom of one wife and hardly any mistresses.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Every reformation must have its victims. You can't expect the fatted calf to share the enthusiasm of the angels over the prodigal's return.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Mother, may I go and maffick, Tear around and hinder traffic?

~Hector Hugh Munro

The censorious said she slept in a hammock and understood Yeats's poems, but her family denied both stories.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Sherard Blaw, the dramatist who had discovered himself, and who had given so ungrudgingly of his discovery to the world.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Sophie Chattel-Monkheim was a Socialist by conviction and a Chattel-Monkheim by marriage.

~Hector Hugh Munro

A beautifully constructed borshch, such as you are going to experience presently, ought not only to banish conversation but almost to annihilate thought.

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The man is a common murderer. A common murderer, possible, but a very uncommon cook.

~Hector Hugh Munro

It is an admitted fact that the ordinary tomtit of commerce has a sounder aesthetic taste than the average female relative in the country.

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I think she must have been very strictly brought up, she's so desperately anxious to do the wrong thing correctly.

~Hector Hugh Munro

His socks compelled one's attention without losing one's respect.

~Hector Hugh Munro

And the vagueness of his alarm added to its terrors; when once you have taken the Impossible into your calculations its possibilities become practically limitless.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Why are women so fond of raking up the past? They're as bad as tailors, who invariably remember what you owe them for a suit long after you've ceased to wear it.

~Hector Hugh Munro

Once a female, always a female. Nature is not always infallible but she always abides by her mistakes.

~Hector Hugh Munro

A relative of mine ... spends his time producing improved breeds of sheep and pigs and chickens. So patronising and irritating to teh Almighty, I should think.

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Her frocks are built in Paris, but she wears them with a strong English accent.

~Hector Hugh Munro

The revenge of an elder sister may be long in coming, but, like a South-Eastern express, it arrives in its own good time.

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To be among people who are smothered in furs when one hasn't any oneself makes one want to break most of the Commandments.

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There is no easy in the world neither hard everything is the same in a way.

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Never be a pioneer. It's the early Christian that gets the fattest lion.

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People talk vaguely about the innocence of a little child, but they take mighty good care not to let it out of their sight for twenty minutes.

~Hector Hugh Munro

I always say beauty is only sin deep.

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It occurred to me that I would like to be a poet. The chief qualification, I understand is that you must be born. Well, I hunted up my birth certificate, and found that I was all right on that score.

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