

Maria Edgeworth

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Those who are animated by hope can perform what would seem impossibilities to those who are under the depressing influence of fear.

~Maria Edgeworth

The human heart, at whatever age, opens to the heart that opens in return.

~Maria Edgeworth

Surely it is much more generous to forgive and remember, than to forgive and forget.

~Maria Edgeworth

If young women were not deceived into a belief that affectation pleases, they would scarcely trouble themselves to practise it so much.

~Maria Edgeworth

Nature knows best, and she says, roar!

~Maria Edgeworth

In real friendship the judgment, the genius, the prudence of each party become the common property of both.

~Maria Edgeworth

According to the Asiatics, Cupid's bow is strung with bees which are apt to sting, sometimes fatally, those who meddle with it.

~Maria Edgeworth

wit is often its own worst enemy.

~Maria Edgeworth

Love occupies a vast space in a woman's thoughts, but fills a small portion in a man's life.

~Maria Edgeworth

A love-match was the only thing for happiness, where the parties could any way afford it.

~Maria Edgeworth

An orator is the worse person to tell a plain fact.

~Maria Edgeworth

I've a great fancy to see my own funeral afore I die.

~Maria Edgeworth

Beauty is a great gift of heaven; not for the purpose of female vanity, but a great gift for one who loves, and wishes to be beloved.

~Maria Edgeworth

Remember, we can judge better by the conduct of people towards others than by their manner towards ourselves.

~Maria Edgeworth

Fortune's wheel never stands still the highest point is therefore the most perilous.

~Maria Edgeworth

half the good intentions of my life have been frustrated by my unfortunate habit of putting things off till to-morrow.

~Maria Edgeworth

The bore is usually considered a harmless creature, or of that class of irrational bipeds who hurt only themselves.

~Maria Edgeworth

when driven to the necessity of explaining, I found that I did not myself understand what I meant.

~Maria Edgeworth

A man who sells his conscience for his interest will sell it for his pleasure. A man who will betray his country will betray his friend.

~Maria Edgeworth

Justice satisfies everybody.

~Maria Edgeworth

Let the sexes mutually forgive each other their follies; or, what is much better, let them combine their talents for their general advantage.

~Maria Edgeworth

tyranny and injustice always produce cunning and falsehood.

~Maria Edgeworth

Business was his aversion; Pleasure was his business.

~Maria Edgeworth

Some people talk of morality, and some of religion, but give me a little snug property.

~Maria Edgeworth

Confidence is the best proof of love.

~Maria Edgeworth

It sometimes requires courage to fly from danger.

~Maria Edgeworth

Promises are dangerous things to ask or to give.

~Maria Edgeworth

Those who have lived in a house with spoiled children must have a lively recollection of the degree of torment they can inflict upon all who are within sight or hearing.

~Maria Edgeworth

The unaffected language of real feeling and benevolence is easily understood, and is never ridiculous.

~Maria Edgeworth

how impossible it is not to laugh in some company, or to laugh in others.

~Maria Edgeworth

The everlasting quotation-lover dotes on the husks of learning.

~Maria Edgeworth

Young ladies who think of nothing but dress, public amusements, and forming what they call high connexions, are undoubtedly most easily managed, by the fear of what the world will say of them.

~Maria Edgeworth

When one illusion vanishes, another shall appear, and, still leading me forward towards an horizon that retreats as I advance, the happy prospect of futurity shall vanish only with my existence.

~Maria Edgeworth

How is it that hope so powerfully excites, and fear so absolutely depresses all our faculties?

~Maria Edgeworth

Our pleasures in literature do not, I think, decline with age; last 1st of January was my eighty-second birthday, and I think that I had as much enjoyment from books as I ever had in my life.

~Maria Edgeworth

there is no reasoning with imagination.

~Maria Edgeworth

Beauties are always curious about beauties, and wits about wits.

~Maria Edgeworth

Hope can produce the finest and most permanent springs of action.

~Maria Edgeworth

Health can make money, but money cannot make health.

~Maria Edgeworth

It is not so easy to do good as those who have never attempted it may imagine.

~Maria Edgeworth

We perfectly agreed in our ideas of traveling; we hurried from place to place as fast as horses and wheels, and curses and guineas, could carry us.

~Maria Edgeworth

Habit is, to weak minds, a species of moral predestination, from which they have no power to escape.

~Maria Edgeworth

Idleness, ennui, noise, mischief, riot, and a nameless train of mistaken notions of pleasure, are often classed, in a young man's mind, under the general head of liberty.

~Maria Edgeworth

Come when you're called; And do as you're bid; Shut the door after you; And you'll never be chid.

~Maria Edgeworth

Man is to be held only by the slightest chains; with the idea that he can break them at pleasure, he submits to them in sport.

~Maria Edgeworth

you've always been living on prospects; for my part, I'd rather have a mole-hill in possession than a mountain in prospect.

~Maria Edgeworth

The Irish sometimes make and keep a vow against whiskey; these vows are usually limited to a short time.

~Maria Edgeworth

Nor elves, nor fays, nor magic charm, Have pow'r, or will, to work us harm; For those who dare the truth to tell, Fays, elves, and fairies, wish them well.

~Maria Edgeworth

Illness was a sort of occupation to me, and I was always sorry to get well.

~Maria Edgeworth

every man who takes a part in politics, especially in times when parties run high, must expect to be abused; they must bear it; and their friends must learn to bear it for them.

~Maria Edgeworth

Home! With what different sensations different people pronounce and hear that word pronounced!

~Maria Edgeworth

Books only spoil the originality of genius. Very well for those who can't think for themselves - But when one has made up one's opinions, there is no use in reading.

~Maria Edgeworth

It is quite fitting that charity should begin at home ... but then it should not end at home; for those that help nobody will find none to help them in time of need.

~Maria Edgeworth

why will friends publish all the trash they can scrape together of celebrated people?

~Maria Edgeworth

How success changes the opinion of men!

~Maria Edgeworth

Politeness only teaches us to save others from unnecessary pain....
You are not bound by politeness to tell any falsehoods.

~Maria Edgeworth

Obtain power, then, by all means; power is the law of man; make it yours.

~Maria Edgeworth

We may make our future by the best use of the present. There is no moment like the present.

~Maria Edgeworth

We are all apt to think that an opinion that differs from our own is a prejudice.

~Maria Edgeworth

Artificial manners vanish the moment the natural passions are touched.

~Maria Edgeworth

No man ever distinguished himself who could not bear to be laughed at.

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sometimes the very faults of parents produce a tendency to opposite virtues in their children.

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a straight line is the shortest possible line between any two points - an axiom equally true in morals as in mathematics.

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Let menot, even inmyownmind, committheinjustice of taking a speck for the whole.

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Nature's hasty conscience.

~Maria Edgeworth

There are two sorts of content; one is connected with exertion, the other with habits of indolence. The first is a virtue; the other, a vice.

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Bishop Wilkins prophesied that the time would come when gentlemen, when they were to go on a journey, would call for their wings as regularly as they call for their boots.

~Maria Edgeworth

Sir Patrick Rackrent lived and died a monument of old Irish hospitality.

~Maria Edgeworth

Did the Warwickshire militia, who were chiefly artisans, teach the Irish to drink beer, or did they learn from the Irish how to drink whiskey?

~Maria Edgeworth

Now flattery can never do good; twice cursed in the giving and the receiving, it ought to be.

~Maria Edgeworth

I ... practiced all the arts of apology, evasion, and invisibility, to which

procrastinators must sooner or later be reduced.

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