

Theophile Gautier

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It is difficult to obtain the friendship of a cat. It is a philosophical animal... one that does not place its affections thoughtlessly.

~Theophile Gautier

Eyes so transparent that through them the soul is seen.

~Theophile Gautier

Who can believe that there is no soul behind those luminous eyes!

~Theophile Gautier

The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals

~Theophile Gautier

To love is to admire with the heart; to admire is to love with the mind.

~Theophile Gautier

Yes I have loved, as no one on earth ever loved, with an insensate and furious love, so violent that I wonder it did not break my heart

~Theophile Gautier

The cat makes himself the companion of your hours of solitude, melancholy and toil.

~Theophile Gautier

The most fitting occupation for a civilized man is to do nothing.

~Theophile Gautier

Modesty was made for the ugly.

~Theophile Gautier

Books follow morals, and not morals books.

~Theophile Gautier

Art is beauty, the perpetual invention of detail, the choice of words, the exquisite care of execution.

~Theophile Gautier

Sometimes he sits at your feet looking into your face with an expression so gentle and caressing that the depth of his gaze startles you.

~Theophile Gautier

The cat is a dilettante in fur.

~Theophile Gautier

Any man who does not have his inner world to translate is not an artist.

~Theophile Gautier

If you are worthy of its affection, a cat will be your friend but never your slave.

~Theophile Gautier

[A cat] will make itself the companion of your hours of work, of loneliness, or of sadness.

~Theophile Gautier

I was born to travel and write verse.

~Theophile Gautier

No one is truly dead until they are no longer loved.

~Theophile Gautier

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Once [a cat] has given its love, what absolute confidence, what fidelity of affection!

~Theophile Gautier

The arts teach and moralise by their beauty alone, not by translating a philosophical or social formula. For the truly artistic person, painting has itself as it's purpose, which is quite enough.

~Theophile Gautier

Brevity never fatigues; therefore, brevity is always a welcome guest.

~Theophile Gautier

To extract beauty from one's own milieu is one of the most difficult tasks of art.

~Theophile Gautier

Critical lice are like body lice, which desert corpses to seek the living.

~Theophile Gautier

The word poet literally means maker: anything which is not well made doesn't exist.

~Theophile Gautier

I am a man for whom the outside world exists.

~Theophile Gautier

[Great artists] do not copy what they see, but what they desire.

~Theophile Gautier

[A cat] will lie the whole evening on your knee, purring and happy in your society.

~Theophile Gautier

Sooner barbarity than boredom.

~Theophile Gautier

High art alone is eternal and the bust outlives the city.

~Theophile Gautier

It may well be that the pictures of Courbet, Manet, Monet and their like contain beauties which escape the notice of such old romantic heads as ours, already streaked with silver threads.

~Theophile Gautier

What I write is not for little girls.

~Theophile Gautier

Yes, the work comes out more beautiful from a material that resists the process, verse, marble, onyx, or enamel.

~Theophile Gautier

When we love - we grow

~Theophile Gautier

Fortune loves to give bedroom slippers to people with wooden legs, and gloves to those with no hands.

~Theophile Gautier

It is gentle manners which prove so irresistible in women.

~Theophile Gautier

I am one of those for whom superfluity is a necessity.

~Theophile Gautier

Literature has nothing to do with usefulness; the most useful place in any house is the toilet.

~Theophile Gautier

Good heavens! what a foolish thing is this pretended perfectibility of the human race which is continually being dinned into our ears!

~Theophile Gautier

With all women gentleness is the most persuasive and powerful

argument.

~Theophile Gautier

What well-bred woman would refuse her heart to a man who had just saved her life? Not one; and gratitude is a short cut which speedily leads to love.

~Theophile Gautier

Our busy age does not always have time to read, but it always has time to look.

~Theophile Gautier

Cats are the tigers of us poor devils.

~Theophile Gautier

Only that which serves no end is beautiful; everything useful is ugly.

~Theophile Gautier

You do not become a critic until it has been completely established to your own satisfaction that you cannot be a poet.

~Theophile Gautier

White men should exhibit the same insensibility to moral tortures that red men do to physical torments.

~Theophile Gautier

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