

Wilkie Collins

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Our words are giants when they do us an injury, and dwarfs when they do us a service.

~Wilkie Collins

The evening advanced. The shadows lengthened. The waters of the lake grew pitchy black. The gliding of the ghostly swans became rare and more rare.

~Wilkie Collins

My hour for tea is half-past five, and my buttered toast waits for nobody.

~Wilkie Collins

The books - the generous friends who met me without suspicion - the merciful masters who never used me ill!

~Wilkie Collins

Let the music speak to us of tonight, in a happier language than our own.

~Wilkie Collins

We had our breakfasts--whatever happens in a house, robbery or murder, it doesn't matter, you must have your breakfast.

~Wilkie Collins

Any woman who is sure of her own wits, is a match, at any time, for a man who is not sure of his own temper.

~Wilkie Collins

I have always held the old-fashioned opinion that the primary object of work of fiction should be to tell a story.

~Wilkie Collins

Your tears come easy, when you're young, and beginning the world.

Your tears come easy, when you're old, and leaving it. I burst out crying.

~Wilkie Collins

Pedants, who have the least knowledge to be proud of, are impelled most by vanity.

~Wilkie Collins

I have always maintained that the one important phenomenon presented by modern society is - the enormous prosperity of Fools.

~Wilkie Collins

Some of us rush through life, and some of us saunter through life. Mrs Vesey sat through life.

~Wilkie Collins

We neither know nor judge ourselves; others may judge, but cannot know us. God alone judges and knows us.

~Wilkie Collins

I am not against hasty marriages where a mutual flame is fanned by an adequate income.

~Wilkie Collins

Women can resist a man's love, a man's fame, a man's personal appearance, and a man's money, but they cannot resist a man's tongue when he knows how to talk to them.

~Wilkie Collins

The law will argue any thing, with any body who will pay the law for the use of its brains and its time.

~Wilkie Collins

I never paid you a compliment, Rachel, in my life. Successful love may

sometimes use the language of flattery, I admit. But hopeless love, dearest, always speaks the truth.

~Wilkie Collins

The horrid mystery hanging over us in this house gets into my head like liquor, and makes me wild.

~Wilkie Collins

This is the story of what a Woman's patience can endure, and what a Man's resolution can achieve.

~Wilkie Collins

And earth was heaven a little the worse for wear. And heaven was earth, done up again to look like new.

~Wilkie Collins

Husbands and wives talk of the cares of matrimony, and bachelors and spinsters bear them.

~Wilkie Collins

Well may your heart believe the truths Well may your heart believe the truths I tell; 'Tis virtue makes the bliss, where'er we dwell.

~Wilkie Collins

It is one of my rules in life, never to notice what I don't understand.

~Wilkie Collins

I am a bundle of nerves dressed up to look like a man!

~Wilkie Collins

The woman who first gives life, light, and form to our shadowy conceptions of beauty, fills a void in our spiritual nature that has remained unknown to us till she appeared.

~Wilkie Collins

What lurking temptations to forbidden tenderness find their finding-places in a woman's dressing-gown, when she is alone in her room at night!

~Wilkie Collins

I roused myself from the book which I was dreaming over rather than reading, and left my chambers to meet the cool night air in the suburbs.

~Wilkie Collins

It is the nature of truth to struggle to the light.

~Wilkie Collins

The best men are not consistent in good-- why should the worst men be consistent in evil.

~Wilkie Collins

There are three things that none of the young men of the present generation can do. They can't sit over their wine; they can't play at wist; and they can't pay a lady a compliment.

~Wilkie Collins

My business in life is to eat, drink, sleep, and die. Everything else is superfluity and I will have none of it.

~Wilkie Collins

No sensible man ever engages, unprepared, in a fencing match of words with a woman.

~Wilkie Collins

I haven't much time to be fond of anything. But when I have a moment's fondness to bestow, most times the roses get it.

~Wilkie Collins

Men little know when they say hard things to us how well we remember them, and how much harm they do us.

~Wilkie Collins

I am (thank God) constitutionally superior to reason.

~Wilkie Collins

I am an average good Christian, when you don't push my Christianity too far. And all the rest of youâ€™”which is a great comfortâ€™”are, in this respect, much the same as I am.

~Wilkie Collins

She looked so irresistibly beautiful as she said those brave words that no man alive could have steel his heart against her.

~Wilkie Collins

Tears are scientifically described as a Secretion. I can understand that a secretion may be healthy or unhealthy, but I cannot see the interest of a secretion from a sentimental point of view.

~Wilkie Collins

I have heard, as everybody else has, of a spirit's haunting a house ; but I have had my own personal experience of a house's haunting a spirit.

~Wilkie Collins

If I ever meet with the man who fulfills my ideal, I shall make it a condition of the marriage settlement, that I am to have chocolate under the pillow.

~Wilkie Collins

But, ah me! where is the faultless human creature who can persevere in a good resolution, without sometimes failing and falling back?

~Wilkie Collins

Men ruin themselves headlong for unworthy women.

~Wilkie Collins

But I am a just man, even to my enemy - and I will acknowledge, beforehand, that they are cleverer brains than I thought them

~Wilkie Collins

The mystery which underlies the beauty of women is never raised above the reach of all expression until it has claimed kindred with the deeper mystery in our own souls.

~Wilkie Collins

I sadly want a reform in the construction of children. Nature's only idea seems to be to make them machines for the production of incessant noise.

~Wilkie Collins

The fool's crime is the crime that is found out and the wise man's crime is the crime that is not found out.

~Wilkie Collins

I am a citizen of the world, and I have met, in my time, with so many different sorts of virtue, that I am puzzled, in my old age, to say which is the right sort and which is the wrong.

~Wilkie Collins

Except in this ignorant and material century, men have always worn precious stuffs and beautiful colours as well as women.

~Wilkie Collins

I am thinking,' he remarked quietly, 'whether I shall add to the disorder in this room, by scattering your brains about the fireplace.

~Wilkie Collins

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