

William Cobbett

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You never know what you can do till you try.

~William Cobbett

It is by attempting to reach the top at a single leap that so much misery is caused in the world.

~William Cobbett

The truth is that the fall of Napoleon is the hardest blow that our taxing system ever felt. It is now impossible to make people believe that immense fleets and armies are necessary.

~William Cobbett

Sit down to write what you have thought, and not to think what you shall write.

~William Cobbett

If the people of Sheffield could only receive a tenth part of what their knives sell for by retail in America, Sheffield might pave its streets with silver.

~William Cobbett

Men fail much oftener from want of perseverance than from want of talent.

~William Cobbett

Never esteem men on account of their riches or their station. Respect goodness, find it where you may.

~William Cobbett

Nothing is so well calculated to produce a death-like torpor in the country as an extended system of taxation and a great national debt.

~William Cobbett

The power which money gives is that of brute force; it is the power of

the bludgeon and the bayonet.

~William Cobbett

I defy you to agitate any fellow with a full stomach.

~William Cobbett

Men of integrity are generally pretty obstinate, in adhering to an opinion once adopted.

~William Cobbett

I was a countryman and a father before I was a writer on political subjects... Born and bred up in the sweet air myself, I was resolved that my children should be bred up in it too.

~William Cobbett

Praise the child, and you make love to the mother.

~William Cobbett

A full belly to the labourer was, in my opinion, the foundation of public morals and the only source of real public peace.

~William Cobbett

From a very early age I had imbibed the opinion that it was every man's duty to do all that lay in his power to leave his country as good as he had found it.

~William Cobbett

It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent, so much as the smallness of his wants.

~William Cobbett

Dancing is at once rational & healthful: it gives animal spirits; it is the natural amusement of young people, & such it has been from the days of Moses.

~William Cobbett

The smallness of our desires may contribute reasonably to our wealth.

~William Cobbett

To be poor and independent is very nearly an impossibility.

~William Cobbett

Norwich is a very fine city, and the castle, which stands in the middle of it, on a hill, is truly majestic.

~William Cobbett

The tendency of taxation is, to create a class of persons, who do not labour: to take from those who do labour the produce of that labour, and to give it to those who do not labour.

~William Cobbett

Give me, Lord, neither poverty nor riches.

~William Cobbett

A couple of fitches of bacon are worth fifty thousand Methodist sermons and religious tracts. They are great softeners of temper and promoters of domestic harmony.

~William Cobbett

But what is to be the fate of the great wen of all? The monster, called, by the silly coxcombs of the press, "the metropolis of the empire"?

~William Cobbett

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Canada are the horns, the head, the neck, the shins, and the hoof of the ox, and the United States are the ribs, the sirloin, the kidneys, and the rest of the body.

~William Cobbett

Happiness, or misery, is in the mind. It is the mind that lives.

~William Cobbett

Women are a sisterhood. They make common cause in behalf of the sex; and, indeed, this is natural enough, when we consider the vast power that the law gives us over them.

~William Cobbett

Learning consists of ideas, and not of the noise that is made by the mouth.

~William Cobbett

All Middlesex is ugly, notwithstanding the millions upon millions which it is continually sucking up from the rest of the kingdom.

~William Cobbett

DEAL is a most villainous place. It is full of filthy-looking people. Great desolation of abomination has been going on here.

~William Cobbett

WESTBURY, a nasty odious rotten-borough, a really rotten place.

~William Cobbett

Protestations of impartiality I shall make none. They are always useless and are besides perfect nonsense, when used by a news-monger.

~William Cobbett

However roguish a man may be, he always loves to deal with an honest man.

~William Cobbett

He who writes badly thinks badly

~William Cobbett

Please your eye and plague your heart.

~William Cobbett

Without bread all is misery.

~William Cobbett

But I do not remember ever having seen a newspaper in the house; and, most certainly, that privation did not render us less industrious, happy, or free.

~William Cobbett

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