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It is a good thing to be able to face life with a certain gay philosophy — it helps take the sting out of the hard things and gives an added zest to the good things. It is more worth while to discover a new joy or a new beauty in life than to master a science or discover a planet.

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When we have once loved deeply there is no longer that in our hearts which makes it possible or desirable to love again.

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Sometimes a woman's reputation for virtue is merely a matter of her having been discreet.

It is absurd to talk of making men and women equal — it is not in nature and they can never be made so; women are as infinitely above men in some things as men are above women in others.

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They who have not shed tears have not lived.

Very little credit is due the woman who remains virtuous who has never had temptations or the opportunities for temptations. The one who deserves the crown is she who resists the besieging of temptations from without and within.

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Even a stupid woman — when she is in love develops cunning, cleverness and wit, and grows in actual beauty.