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Frank Moore Colby (1865 1925) was an American educator and writer, born in Washington, D. C.. From 1893 to 1895 he was a member of the editorial staff of Johnson's Cyclopedia in the department of history and political science, and in 1898 he became editor of the International Year Book and one of the editors of the International Cyclopedia. He was one of the editors of the first edition (1900-1903) of the New International Encyclopedia and of the second edition (1913-15).

Minds do not act together in public; they simply stick together; and when their private activities are resumed, they fly apart again.

- Colby, Frank Moore

I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Clever people seem not to feel the natural pleasure of bewilderment, and are always answering questions when the chief relish of a life is to go on asking them.

- Colby, Frank Moore

I know of no more disagreeable situation than to be left feeling generally angry without

anybody in particular to be angry at.

- Colby, Frank Moore

One learns little more about a man from his feats of literary memory than from the feats of his alimentary canal.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Averageness is a quality we must put up with. Men march toward civilization in column formation, and by the time the van has learned to admire the masters the rear is drawing reluctantly away from the totem pole.

- Colby, Frank Moore

That is the consolation of a little mind; you have the fun of changing it without impeding the progress of mankind.

- Colby, Frank Moore

The New York playgoer is a child of nature, and he has an honest and wholesome regard of whatever is atrocious in art.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Politics is a place of humble hopes and strangely modest requirements, where all are good who are not criminal and all are wise who are not ridiculously otherwise.

- Colby, Frank Moore

If a large city can, after intense intellectual efforts, choose for its mayor a man who merely will not steal from it, we consider it a triumph of the suffrage.

- Colby, Frank Moore

By rights, satire is a lonely and introspective occupation, for nobody can describe a fool to the life without much patient self-inspection.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Men will confess to treason, murder, arson, false teeth, or a wig. How many of them will own up to a lack of humor?

- Colby, Frank Moore

Sin in this country has been always said to be rather calculating than impulsive.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Many people lose their tempers merely from seeing you keep yours.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Persecution was at least a sign of personal interest. Tolerance is composed of nine parts of apathy to one of brotherly love.

- Colby, Frank Moore

We always carry out by committee anything in which any one of us alone would be too reasonable to persist.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Every improvement in communication makes the bore more terrible.

- Colby, Frank Moore

We do not mind our not arriving anywhere nearly so much as our not having any company on the way.

- Colby, Frank Moore

Talk ought always to run obliquely, not nose to nose with no chance of mental escape.

- Colby, Frank Moore





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