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People may flatter themselves just as much by thinking that their faults are always present to other people's minds, as if they believe that the world is always contemplating their individual charms and virtues.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

Sometimes one likes foolish people for their folly, better than wise people for their wisdom.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

How easy it is to judge rightly after one sees what evil comes from judging wrongly!

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

To be sure a stepmother to a girl is a different thing to a second wife to a man!

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

A wise parent humors the desire for independent action, so as to become the friend and advisor when his absolute rule shall cease.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

My heart burnt within me with indignation and grief; we could think of nothing else. All night long we had only snatches of sleep, waking up perpetually to the sense of a great shock and grief. Every one is feeling the same. I never knew so universal a feeling.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

I'll not listen to reason. Reason always means what someone else has got to say.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

He had not an ounce of superfluous flesh on his bones, and leanness goes a great way towards gentility.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

Madam your wife and I didn't hit it off the only time I ever saw her. I won't say she was silly, but I think one of us was silly, and it wasn't me.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth

A little credulity helps one on through life very smoothly.

- Gaskell, Elizabeth



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