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A man never sees all that his mother has been to him until it's too late to let her know he sees it.

- Howells, William Dean

He who sleeps in continual noise is wakened by silence.

- Howells, William Dean

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.

- Howells, William Dean

I know, indeed, of nothing more subtle satisfying and cheering than a knowledge of the real good will and appreciation of others. Such happiness does not come with money, nor does it flow from a fine physical state. It cannot be bought. But it is the keenest joy, after all; and the toiler's truest and best reward.

- Howells, William Dean

Inequality is as dear to the American heart as liberty itself.

- Howells, William Dean

An acre of performance is worth a whole world of promise.

- Howells, William Dean

The mortality of all inanimate things is terrible to me, but that of books most of all.

- Howells, William Dean

What the American public wants in the theater is a tragedy with a happy ending.

- Howells, William Dean

It is the still, small voice that the soul heeds, not the deafening blasts of doom.

- Howells, William Dean



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