

GRAINS OF GOLD.

The bread of life is love; the salt of life is work; the sweetness of life, poetry; the water of life, faith.

Wit loses its respect with the good when seen in company with Malice; and to smile at a jest which plants a thorn in another's breast is to become a principal in the mischief.

"What will people say?" This question makes the mind homeless. Do right, and fear no one. You may be sure, with all consideration for the world, you will never satisfy the world.

I think it is the most beautiful and humane thing in the world so to mingle gravity with pleasure that the one may not sink into melancholy and the other rise up into wantonness.—[Pliny]

Enjoy the present, whatever it may be, and be not solicitous for the future; for if you take your foot from the present standing, and thrust it forward to to-morrow's event, you are in a restless condition.

The courage we desire and prize is not the courage to die decently, but to live manfully. This—when, by God's grace, it has been given—lies deep in the soul; like genial heat it fosters all other virtues and gifts. Without it, they could not live.

No man is nobler than another, unless he is born with better abilities and a more amiable disposition. They who make such a parade with their family pictures and pedigrees are, properly speaking, rather to be called noted, or noxious, than noble persons.

An English officer at Boston thus wrote of our Revolutionary sires: "In this army (the British) are many of noble family, many very respectable, virtuous and amiable characters, and it grieves one that gentlemen, brave British soldiers, should fall by the hands of such despicable wretches as compose the banditti of the country, among whom there is not one that has the least pretension to be called a gentleman. They are a most, rude depraved, degenerated race, and it is a mortification to us that they speak English and can trace themselves from that stock."

God demands greatness of us all, and not goodness merely. There is not a person so humble or so feebly gifted that the call is not to him or her. If we have few qualities that influence, and but a narrow sphere to fill, still we have ourselves to develop and ourselves to rule.—[Starr King]

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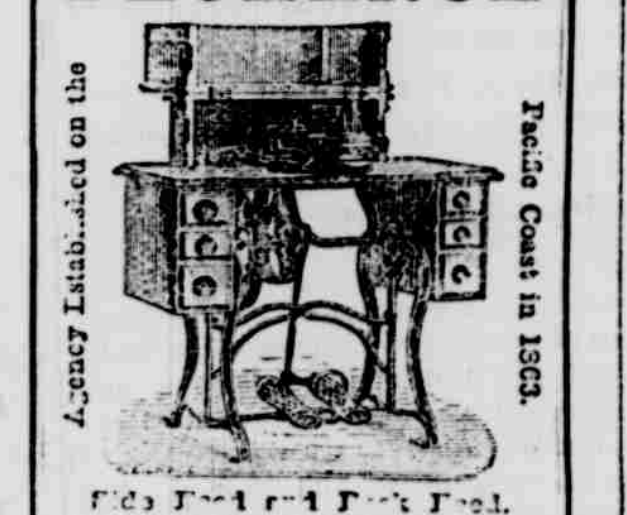
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