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"Yes," admitted the girl, in rather an unwilling tone. "But the only one I've got is purple, and it looks horrid with this blue." Noting dissent in her companion's face, she added: "We poor girls can't have a rap for every dress, like rich ladies do." "No," said Miss Sydney, gently, "I know it. I never attempt to have a different dress for each day. I wear one and don't change it." "Cary" stared. "How queer!" she began, then changed it to "But you and we are quite different ma'am."

through thin slugs of cloud. Cary followed her to the window. Her cheeks were pale and red, but there was a frank and grateful look in her eyes as she said: "I must be going now, ma'am. You've been ever so kind to let me stay. I shan't forget it, and I guess you're about right." "I wonder if I said the right thing, or have done the least good?" queried Miss Sydney, as she watched her guest depart.

in time, these are problems of daily, of hourly occurrence in the West End. The whole of modern life, whether in the centers of pleasure, or the centers of business, is dominated by the desire to do too much, and the consequent necessity of doing it with precipitation. It is a horrible habit—a detrimental habit. We had almost said a vulgar habit. The whole world is in a conspiracy to double, to triple the pace. And what is gained by it? Loss of temper, deterioration of manners, injury to digestion, increase of nervous diseases—these are the naturally inevitable results of that high pressure to which we nearly all expose ourselves and subject each other. Who is made happier by it, who wiser, who even richer? Everything is relative in this world, and if everybody gallops nobody is better off than if everybody walked. But who will consent to alter it? It would require a universal consensus, and this is not attainable.—London Standard.

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