
Epigrams of Merit

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- Books are better than beer.
- Selfishness is moral suicide.
- Character should count for more than cash.
- Beneath a ragged coat may be a noble soul.
- If you are not well dressed, society is against you.
- Excessive wealth is as demoralizing as extreme poverty.
- Many a man who is poor in money is rich in principle.
- Our children are becoming mere cogs in the wheels of industry.
- The millionaire has as much too much as the tramp has too little.
- Capitalism makes criminals of men. I would make men even of criminals.
- I would rather be right with the minority than wrong with the majority.
- The present day rule of business is might against right — cunning against conscience.
- Government ownership of railroads is better than railroad ownership of government.

- It does not pay to be mean. Pullman died amidst riches, but his shroud had no pockets.
- People are asking what we can do for the workingman. I ask what he can do for himself.
- If the arm of corporate greed could reach Old Sol there would be a meter on every sunbeam.
- A mortgage works 24 hours every day, and never suffers from indigestion or lack of appetite.
- The competitive struggle has often been called the survival of the fittest. It is more often the survival of the slickest.
- With all my heart I protest against a system in which the lapdogs of the rich are the social superiors of the children of the poor.

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