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Do we realize the extent to which the modern world relies for its opinions on public utterances and the Press? Do we realize how completely we are all in the power of report? Any little lie or exaggerated sentiment uttered by one with a bee in his bonnet, with a principle or an end to serve, can, if cleverly expressed and

distributed, distort the view of thousands, sometimes of millions. Any willful suppression of truth for party or personal ends can so falsify our vision of things as to plunge us into endless cruelties and follies. Honesty of thought and speech and written word is a jewel and they who curb prejudice and seek honourably to know and speak the truth are the only true builders of a better life. But what a dull world (if we can't chatter and write irresponsibly) can't slop over with hatred or pursue our own ends without scruple! To be tied to the apron strings of truth, or coiffed with the nightcap of silence; who in this age of cheap ink and oratory, will submit to such a fate?

Report, I would almost say, now rules the world and holds the face of man on the sayings of its many tongues. If the good sense of mankind cannot somehow restrain utterance and cleanse report, democracy, so highly vaunted, will not save us; and all the glib words of promise spoken might as well have lain unuttered in the throats of orators. We are always in peril under Democracy of taking the line of least resistance and immediate material profit. The gentlemen, for instance, whoever he was, who first discovered that he could sell his papers better by undercutting the standard of his rivals, and appealing to the lower tastes of the public under the flag of that convenient expression 'what the public wants' made a most evil discovery. The Press is for the most part in the hands of men who know what is good and right. It can be a great agency for levelling up. But whether it is so or not, one continually hears is doubted. There ought to be no room for doubt in any of our minds that the Press is on the side of the angels.

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The world is expressed in public words. A false statement can shake millions of souls and will bring threat to the truth leads to unending tyranny. On the contrary, honest expressions of the Press are diamonds of life because these put down business and explore the truth existing in the world. Today, the world is regulated by people's spoken words. Even when good sentiments can not support good press i.e. democracy nothing will be safe and such flow of words may lose their essence in the tongue of reporters. Moreover, democracy is always used as quick approach to maximum output. The best writer brings an unexpected, sudden change by valuing public in the world versus a hypocritical ruler in his personal hostility. In fact, the Press is man-made with beauty of right performance. Thus, suspicion has no place in Press as it is true-sided.