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Extravagance is the pervading sin of modern society. It is not confined to the rich and moneyed classes, but extends also to the middle or working classes. There never was such a burning desire to be rich, or to seem to be rich. People are no longer satisfied with the earnings of honest industry, but they must aim at becoming rich by speculation, gambling, betting, swindling, or cheating. General extravagance is to be seen everywhere. It is especially the characteristic of town life. You see it in the streets, in the parks, in the churches. The extravagance of dress is only one of its signs. There is a general prodigality in social display. People live in a style, beyond their means and the results are observed in commercial failures, in lists of bankrupts, and in criminal courts where businessmen are so often convicted of dishonesty and fraud. Appearances must be kept up. Men must seem to be rich. Hypocrites can easily impose upon those who are willing to be convinced. People must now live in a certain style, inhabit handsome houses, give good dinners, drink fine wines and have handsome equipage. Perhaps they are only able to accomplish this by overreaching or by dishonesty. Everybody wondered at the generosity and style of Redpatch and Robson; but there are hundreds, if not thousands, of Redpaths and Robsons now.

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Vocabulary

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Extravagance is a Sin

Extravagance is the common sin of a modern society. It is not ~~only~~ found in upper class but it also in middle or lower class. People are not satisfied with their earning, ^{They want to look} so they starts fraudulent activities to meet their needs. Extravagance ^{4/20} is everywhere. People now live in luxurious life style. Which they can achieve ^{Try to reflect ideas of original passage} by dishonesty or by fraudulent activities. Now there are ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~hundreds~~ ^{thousands} of Redpath and Robson. (75)