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Habit is thus the enormous fly-wheel of society, its most precious conservative agent. It alone is what keeps us all within the bounds of ordinance and saves the children of fortune from the envious uprisings of the poor. It alone prevents the hardest and the most repulsive walks of life from being deserted by those brought up to tread therein. It keeps the fisherman and the deck-hand at sea through the winter, it holds the miner in his darkness and nails the countryman to his log-cabin and his lonely farm through all the months of snow; it protects us from invasion by the natives of the desert, and of the frozen zone. It dooms us all to fight out the battle of life upon the lines of our nurture or our early choice and to make the best of a pursuit that disagrees, because there is no other for which we are fitted, and it is too late to begin again. It keeps different society strata from mixing. Already at twenty-five, you have the professional mannerism settling down on the young commercial traveller, on the young doctor, on the young counsellor at law. You see the little lines of cleavage running through the character, the tricks of thought and prejudices, the way of the "shop" in a word, all from which man can by no means escape than his coat sleeve can suddenly fall into a new set of folds.



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## Habit; The Conservative Agent

Habit brings out balance in the society by keeping everyone in their limits, and protecting the future generations. It strengthens the fisherman, the captain, the miner, and the farmer in dark winters. It prepares us to tackle the hardships of life. It ensures segmentation in the community by limiting a person to a job of his choice and ability. It produces a businessman, a physician and a lawyer in youth. In a nutshell, nobody can deviate from these ideals and manners (80)

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