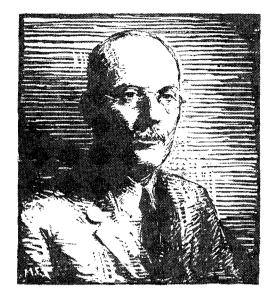
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"When I see Folly that has pawned its wings
Hating itself because it cannot fly,
I'd rather turn my eyes the other way."

"Half the grief Of living is our not seeing what's not to be Before we see too well."

"Your God, if you may still believe in Him, Created you so wrapped in rectitude That even your eyes are filmed a little with it, Like a benignant sort of cataract.

"He married me and put me in a case
To look at and to play with and was
happy—

Being sure of finding me when he came home,
With my face washed and purring."

"Read a few years of history, and you'll see The stuff is not so pliable as all that. If it were so, we should all be like each other

So great that nature would be on her knees, Which is not nature's natural attitude."

"There is no cure for self; There's only an occasional revelation, Arriving not infrequently too late."

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