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JANE AUSTEN

Emma



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Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever, and rich, with a comfortable home and happy disposition, seemed to unite some of the best blessings of existence; and had lived nearly twenty-one years in the world with very little to distress or vex her.

(page 3)

Matrimony, as the origin of change, was always disagreeable.

(page 5)

“Success supposes endeavour.”

(page 9)

“The attentions of a certain person can hardly be among the tittle-tattle of Highbury yet. Hitherto I fancy you and I are the only people to whom his looks and manners have explained themselves.”

(page 48)

“One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other.”

(page 73)

“I shall not be a poor old maid; and it is poverty only which makes celibacy contemptible to a generous public!”

(page 76)

There are people, who the more you do for them, the less they will do for themselves.

(page 82)

“The truth is, that in London it is always a sickly season. Nobody is healthy in London, nobody can be.”

(page 92)

It was a delightful visit;—perfect, in being much too short.

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“There is, I believe, in many men, especially single men, such an inclination—such a passion for dining out; a dinner engagement is so high in the class of their pleasures, their employments, their dignities, almost their duties, that any thing gives way to it—and this must be the case with Mr. Elton: a most valuable, amiable, pleasing young man undoubtedly, and very much in love with Harriet; but still he cannot refuse an invitation, he must dine out wherever he is asked.”

(page 99)

Human nature is so well disposed towards those who are in interesting situations, that a young person, who either marries or dies, is sure of being kindly spoken of.

(page 164)

“I cannot separate Miss Fairfax and her complexion.”

(page 181)

Perfect happiness, even in memory, is not common.

(page 208)

“Business, you know, may bring money, but friendship hardly ever does.”

(page 263)

“If other children are at all like what I remember to have been myself, I should think five times the amount of what I have ever yet heard named as a salary on such occasions dearly earned.”

(page 346)

Seldom, very seldom, does complete truth belong to any human disclosure; seldom can it happen that something is not a little disguised, or a little mistaken.

(page 391)

“I always deserve the best treatment, because I never put up with any other.”

(page 428)

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