

## Happiness.

What makes us prosperous, wealthy, and rich is happiness. It is to be desired and hoped by all mankind, yet no human law can make a man happy and wealthy. It can only put him on the road to make himself so. All human beings <sup>are</sup> equally <sup>created</sup> ~~at~~, having the same power, and it is universally known that the same creature, only differing <sup>according to</sup> the accident. Nature also bestows equally, this great gift, happiness, <sup>on</sup> each person whether a prince or a peasant, and the fortunateness of the one and the <sup>mis</sup>fortunateness of another arise from the manner by which he obtains the knowledge by means of the education, or not. We cannot know where that gift may fall, ~~but~~ perhaps on an educated man who is very industrious and diligent. For those who are lazy and idle, and never receive

the education - the great treasure of our mind, are invariably poor and miserable. But those who are very studious and attentive, and obey their teachers and parents, and receive ~~the~~ education, can never fail to become a useful and a happy man living in a cheerful and sweet home, surrounded by a beautiful and handsome garden, adorned with many flowers of different colors and the trees bearing brilliant blossoms of every hue. Hence, the first duty of men <sup>in order</sup> to acquire ~~the~~ happiness is education or in other words, it is the first duty <sup>of a man</sup> to educate himself to become a happy and prosperous man.

of Aristotle.

A Morning walk in the Country.

One fine morning in a lovely spring month, I was walking in the country, and I came to the place where a wood and meadow are joined. It was delightfully situated that is often attracted me. I stood for a few moments

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