

And it isn't the care and the wear and tear
That rush like a steel-gloved hand,
It's coming to know that they never cared
(Seeing at last that they never care.)
And would not understand.

—Charlotte West, American Primary Teacher.

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"She's very studious," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other.

"And doesn't seem to care for gossiping in the least."

"Oh, I don't know about that," answered the other with a sniff, "she merely prefers to talk about Helen of Troy and Romeo and Juliet, to paying attention to what is going on in her own neighborhood."—Washington Star.

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Father: "What! You a soldier? Why, don't you know the enemy would shoot at you?"

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Is it entirely safe to assume that the pulse is the pulse of the people, though the wrist be the wrist of the fourth-class postmasters?—Puck.

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