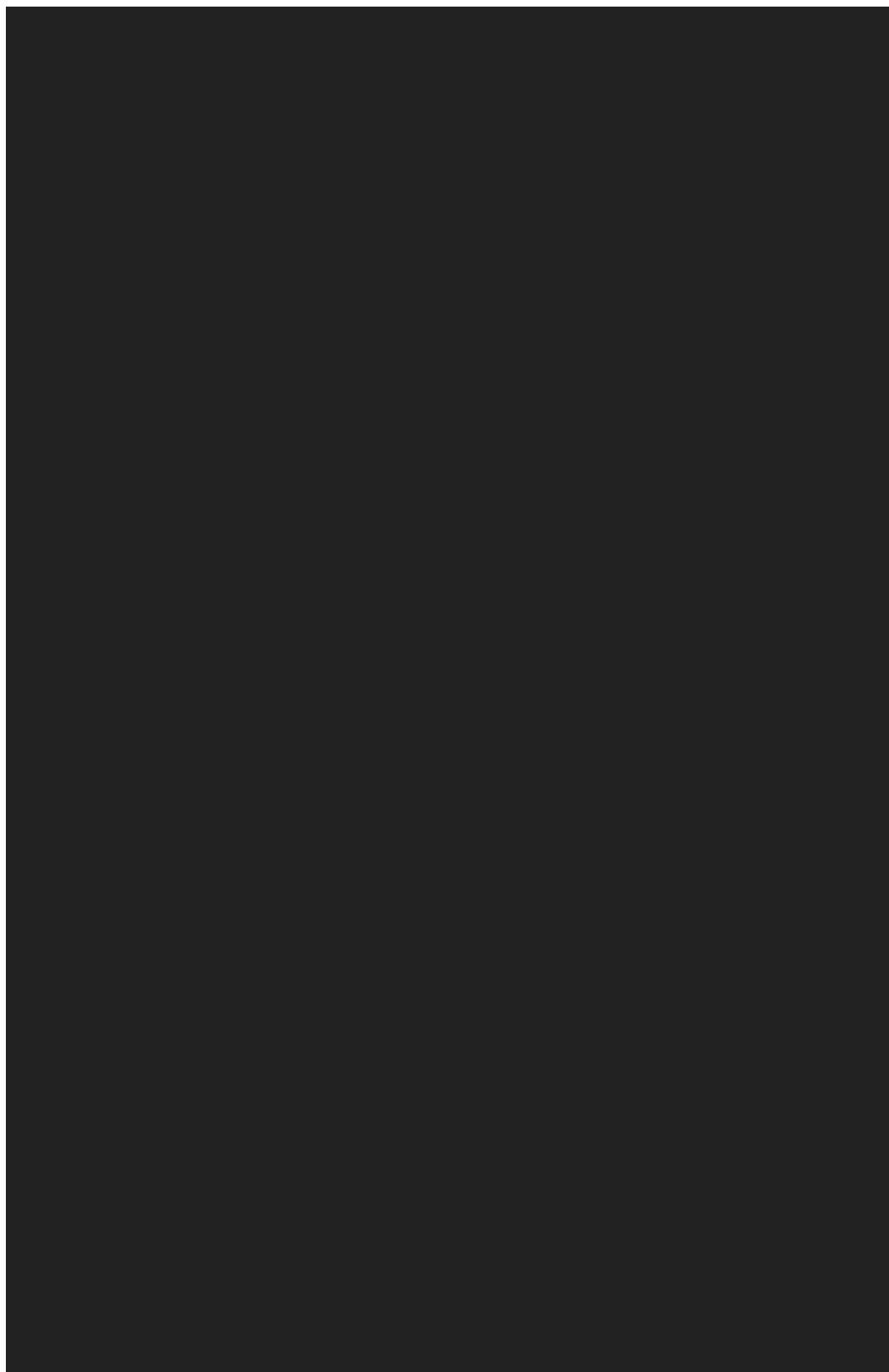


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Jane Austen







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‘Give a girl an education, and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one but she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody.’ (page 6)

‘An engaged woman is always more agreeable than a disengaged. She is satisfied with herself. Her cares are over, and she feels that she may exert all her powers of pleasing without suspicion. All is safe with a lady engaged; no harm can be done.’

(page 40)

The politeness which she had been brought up to practise as a duty made it impossible for her to escape; while the want of that higher species of self-command, that just consideration of others, that knowledge of her own heart, that principle of right which had not formed any essential part of her education, made her miserable under it. (page 80)

‘Oh, do not attack me with your watch. A watch is always too fast or too slow. I cannot be dictated to by a watch.’ (page 84)

‘A clergyman has nothing to do but to be slovenly and selfish—read the newspaper, watch the weather, and quarrel with his wife. His curate does all the work, and the business of his own life is to dine.’ (page 97)

‘Where an opinion is general, it is usually correct.’ (page 97)

‘There seems something more speakingly incomprehensible in the powers, the failures, the inequalities of memory, than in any other of our intelligences. The memory is sometimes so retentive, so serviceable, so obedient; at others, so bewildered and so weak; and at others again, so tyrannic, so beyond control!’ (pages 180-181)

‘A large income is the best recipe for happiness I ever heard of. It certainly may secure all the myrtle and turkey part of it.’ (page 184)

‘Human nature needs more lessons than a weekly sermon can convey.’ (page 215)

To her, the cares were sometimes almost beyond the happiness; for, young and inexperienced, with small means of choice, and no confidence in her own taste—the “how she should be dressed” was a point of painful solicitude. (page 220)

‘A sermon, well delivered, is more uncommon even than prayers well read.’ (page 295)

She saw nobody in whose favour she could wish to overcome her own shyness and reserve. The men appeared to her all coarse, the women all pert, everybody underbred. (page 343)

The indignities of stupidity, and the disappointments of selfish passion, can excite little pity. (page 403)

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