

The use of the word \_person\_ in every European language to signify a human individual is unintentionally appropriate; \_persona\_ really means a player's mask, and it is quite certain that no one shows himself as he is, but that each wears a mask and plays a \_r?le\_. In general, the whole of social life is a continual comedy, which the worthy find insipid, whilst the stupid delight in it greatly.

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It often happens that we blurt out things that may in some kind of way be harmful to us, but we are silent about things that may make us look ridiculous; because in this case effect follows very quickly on cause.