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It often takes pains to allow us to see all that our friends know, while they have still the advantage of not knowing to the full when we have penetrated the depth of the heart. His widow, Anne de Polignac, entertained Charles V.

Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims by Francois Duc De La Rochefoucauld

The coalition forced Napoleon to abdicate in April 1814, exiling him to the island of Elba. This constancy is merely inconstancy fixed, and limited to the same person. We feel as confident of them as of ourselves, and we are reduced to the hard fate of losing their friendship, which is dear to us, or of being faithless as regards a secret.

Les pensées, maximes, et réflexions morales de m. le duc ***. 1754

The mind has a great part to do in so great a work, but it is not merely sufficient for us to guide it in the different courses it should hold.

François de la Rochefoucault

The bad qualities become effaced, the good ones appear with a redoubled advantage; we even summon all our indulgence to justify the war she has made upon us. A cunning spirit never goes straight, it endeavours to secure its object by byeways and short cuts.

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The necessity of revenging an injury or of recompensing a benefit seems a slavery to which they are unwilling to submit. After there depicting a man who fancied himself one of the most lovely in the world, and who complained he always found all mirrors untrustworthy, at last discovered his real image reflected in the water.

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Book illustrated with an allegorical frontispiece Contents: Famous book punctuated by philosophical aphorisms. He wishes to find in vice a motive

for all our actions, but this does not suffice him; he is obliged to call other passions to the help of his system and to confound pride, vanity, interest and egotism with self love.

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Few persons have sufficient tact and good sense fairly to appreciate many matters that are essential to maintain society. Can grey hairs make folly venerable, and is there no period to be reserved for meditation or retirement. Sainte Beuve divides his life into four periods, first, from his birth till he was thirty-five, when he became mixed up in the war of the Fronde; the second period, during the progress of that war; the third, the twelve years that followed, while he recovered from his wounds, and wrote his maxims during his retirement from society; and the last from that time till his death.

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