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Covetousness is not natural to man—generosity is; but covetousness must be excited by a special cause, as a given disease, by a given miasma; and the essential nature of a material for the excitement of covetousness is, that it shall be a beautiful thing which can be retained without a use. The moment we can use our possessions to any good purpose ourselves, the instinct of communicating that use to others rises side by side with our powers.—J. Ruskin.

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