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OF BLINDNESS.

life. Missing both the effect and the responses we sometimes become forgetful of visible manners. We would be wiser if, instead of allowing ourselves to grow more careless, we were to cultivate the visibly amiable with greater assiduity. The value of fine manners and a good address can hardly be overestimated. A bright smile and a pleased expression help to gain friends. There are no better passports in this world.

However, this visible language has aspects other than :

“If you love me darling,
Tell me with your eyes.”

A sighted friend once congratulated me upon this loss. “You,” he said, “don’t have to close your eyes to shut out this distressing spectacle. The sight of these streets and people hurts my eyes and wearies me.” Evidently, he failed to find pleasure in the beaming countenance, and looked upon the glad smile as an illusion or a snare. He was rather a pessimistic sort of