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The general public are quite familiar with the wit, wisdom, and eloquence of the well-known statesman, orator and patriotic citizen, Col. R. G. Ingersoll. He certainly ranks among the first of living orators, and many of his sayings are as remarkable for terseness, pungency, and truthfulness, as can be found, perhaps, in the English tongue.

Certainly concerning home life—the mother and “dimpled babe”—and all social and domestic life, as well as every-day civil and political philosophy, Col. Ingersoll's utterances are grandly sublime and beautifully true.

The Compiler presents in this volume what he has selected with great care, and what he believes to be the wittiest, wisest, most eloquent and instructive words of this noted man.

The reader will also find a number of the Colonel's most eloquent and celebrated speeches given in full, including the remarkable funeral oration at his brother's grave.

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