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is the builder ; for thoughts are forces, — subtle,  
vital, irresistible, omnipotent, — and according  
as used do they bring power or impotence, peace  
or pain, success or failure.*

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