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good advice: What is the test of good manners? Being able to bear patiently with bad ones. Some of the stories are a dozen or even twenty pages long, and they are a delight to read.

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