

Nay, there is freedom of action as well as Time and Chance both for the backgammon player and the man. The throws of dice can be played more ways than one. Unskilful play will often make a good throw useless, and skilful turn a bad one to good account.

And if we do not say *always*, that is because we are speaking of backgammon as well as life. Of life we might say *always*. As far as this world goes, however, the simile is a correct one, and the Emblem would bear two mottoes—"Such is the Life of Man," and "Unlucky accidents are to be borne and made the best of:" for that is what may be called the very beauty of the game.

