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le Cocon du Papillon (French) :

THE COCOON OF THE BUTTERFLY

One day, an opening appeared in a cocoon. A man sat down and looked at the young butterfly struggling lengthily to burst her shelter and force the small hole to **expand**. But soon the man was under the impression that the insect would not progress further. This incipient butterfly had gone as far as it was able, but now it did not move any more.

The man then took a pair of scissors and gently delicately cut the cocoon to help the butterfly emerge. The Butterfly emerged from the cocoon easily but her body was weak and she had atrophied and ruffled wings. The man said "It's not serious, it will develop" and continued to watch the butterfly at length waiting until it spread its wings to fly .

But this never arrived. The butterfly was left to spent the rest of her life crawling with her little body, unable to use her stunted wings. What the man had not understood in his dash of kindness is that the too narrow cocoon is a trick of nature to force the butterfly to bore it with its wings... Through this condition only, can it fly.

If we advance in life without ever meeting obstacles we would also be as weak as the butterfly with its withered wings. Freedom requires drive!

"It is necessary that desire be engaged by obstacles. Man who has nothing to be desired is certainly more unfortunate that those who suffer."

Baron D'Olbach

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