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To the man with an ear for verbal delicacies —
the man who searches painfully for the perfect word,
and puts the way of saying a thing above the thing said—
there is in writing the constant joy of sudden
discovery, of happy accident.

— Henry Louis Mencken
A Book of Prefaces, 1917



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