Autobiography: Security versus Liberty:

I see quite clearly how ~~that~~ at each change in my life I sacrificed security to liberty. I did that when I left the Chautauquan. I compromised when I joined McClures; I returned when I left McClures for the American, and when I left the American to go on my own. Repeatedly since I have / tried and refused tying myself where there would have been security for the sake of liberty.

It has not been intellectual liberty - the right to say what I pleased. It has been something more personal and selfish perhaps - a right to do what I pleased.

That is, I would rather do anything that appealed to me to do than to be tied down to doing the things that were necessary to do in the scheme to which I was committed. I was utterly sympathetic with that scheme as in the case of McClures.

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